The *Pillars of MASCA: Memorial Legacy Recognition Award* honors school counseling colleagues who have been career-long, active members serving both their local MASCA affiliate and MASCA, contributing decades of leadership, participation, assistance, and support for Massachusetts school counselors and the school counseling profession.

**Pillars of MASCA**

*Memorial Legacy Recognition Award*

- **P =** Pride, passion and integrity representing MA School Counselors
- **I =** Initiatives and efforts promoting the mission and organization of MASCA
- **L =** Leadership in MASCA and a local MASCA affiliate
- **L =** Long-time dedicated service to MA School Counselors
- **A =** Assisting, advocating for and actively promoting MASCA initiatives
- **R =** Respect for school counselors and the school counseling profession in MASCA

Pillars Award established by MASCA Governing Board 2016
PILLARS OF MASCA

The Governing Board of the MA School Counseling Association has voted to recognize and honor the 2016 Inaugural Cohort:

Ed Bryant
Sally Connolly
Carol Ryan-Tarka
Edward Curtis Bryant

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Captain Edward Curtis Bryant died peacefully in the Merrimack Valley Hospice in Haverhill, MA, at the age of 89. A MASCA Past President (1979), Ed was a career school counselor and an important contributing member of MASCA. Born in Albany, NY, Ed’s family moved to Massachusetts when he was young. After graduating from Winthrop High School, he served in the US Navy from 1943-1946. A graduate of Boston University, Ed worked at BU for several years before beginning his school counseling career at Masconomet High School. Moving to Rockport, he continued his career as a guidance counselor at Rockport High School. In 1958, Capt Bryant joined the Coast Guard Reserve until he retired as a Captain in 1992. His professional associations were many, including North Shore Guidance Director President, MA Career Development Association, MA School Counselors Association, National Career Development Association, and American Vocational Association. He is survived by his wife Mary Lou Ellis Bryant of Ipswich, MA, his sister Bertha Murphy of Bethlehem, PA, his children Ellen Anson of Lusby, MD, Curt Bryant of Rowley, MA, and Kim Watson of Montpelier, VT, his two step-children Carrie Burns of Farmington, CT, and Daron Jacobs of Pembroke, MA, 11 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter Diane in 1968.
MASCA mourns the passing of the Counselor’s Notebook editor

MASCA mourns the passing of the Counselor’s Notebook editor, Sally Ann (Freedman) Connolly on September 9, 2015. A retired school counselor, Sally was the valedictorian and a magna cum laude graduate of Merrimack College (1961). She continued studying Sociology at Catholic University of America and later received her graduate degree in Guidance and Counseling from Salem State College. She began her career in education at Peabody High School and also taught at Mount Wachusett Community College and North Shore Community College. For 21 years, until her retirement, Sally was a school counselor at North Shore Technical High School in Beverly and Middleton. Besides serving as editor of the Counselor’s Notebook, Sally was a past president and an active member of Northeast Counselors Association.

An elegant, creative woman, Sally will be sadly missed. The wife of the late Dr. Eugene Connolly, she is survived by her children, Kathleen Connolly and her longtime boyfriend Sean Degan of Groveland, Sean Michael Connolly, Esq. of Marblehead and his fiancée Jojo, Jennifer Connolly of Danvers and Kelly Ann Colby and her husband David of Merrimac, her seven grandchildren: Sommerlyn, Jacquelyn, and Brendan Jones of Danvers and Kaitlyn, Olivia, Jack and Emma Colby of Merrimac, her sister, Janice Lomas and her husband Fred of West Peabody, her niece, Heather Magner of West Peabody and her nephew, Eric Lomas of Danvers and her sister-in-law, Margaret Connolly of Newburyport. ■
Carol A. Ryan-Tarka, 73, of Leominster died Monday, September 21, 2015 in Life Care Center of Leominster. Carol was born August 1, 1942 in Fitchburg, daughter of Edmund B. and Hazel M. (Lister) Ryan and was a lifelong resident. She taught in the elementary schools in Fitchburg for several years, and then became a Guidance Counselor in the elementary and secondary schools in Fitchburg. She also taught at Fitchburg State College. An active participant of the Massachusetts School Counselor Association, Carol served as president from 1987-1988. In 1998, Carol chaired the MASCA team that produced the Comprehensive Developmental School Counseling Curriculum Guide. At almost 200 pages, this guide was cutting edge, incorporating the latest research on developmental guidance at all levels. In recognition of her many contributions to MASCA, Carol became the fifth member to receive an O.S.C.A.R (Outstanding Service to Counseling Award of Recognition). For a number of years, Carol served as chair of the First Timers Breakfast Reception, graciously welcoming new members to MASCA. Carol is survived by several cousins in this area, New York, and New Jersey. She was predeceased by her husband Andrew J. Tarka, Jr. on March 15, 2015.