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Governor's Council to present five awards to recipients in Lane, Klamath, Columbia and Multnomah counties

The Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs will recognize two treatment providers, a high-school student and two journalists on Dec. 21 when it presents its annual awards for commitment to reducing alcohol and other drug abuse.

The awards ceremony will run from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 50 of the Oregon State Capitol in Salem.

The Governor's Council, created in 1985, presents awards in four categories for outstanding achievement: Community Award, Media Award, Youth Community Service Award, and the Thomas R. Dargan Award, named for the council's first chairman and given to a committed and dedicated humanitarian.

The award winners:

- **Thomas R. Dargan Award:** Thomas Kerns, M.D., founded Serenity Lane in Eugene 31 years ago and served as its medical director for many years. He has also provided medical services to individuals at Willamette Family Treatment Services, Buckley Detox and the Sobering Station. Kerns is being recognized as an effective leader who has made significant contributions to the medical community's understanding of addictive disorders and for a lifetime of service and dedication to addiction treatment.
- **Community Award:** Rodney "Roadrunner" Clarke, chief executive officer of Klamath Alcohol & Drug Abuse Inc., has expanded treatment services for Native American adults and youth. He was president of the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Providers Association during 2003 and 2004 and a member of the DHS Dual Diagnosis Task Force in 2000. Clark is a convener and facilitator for planning processes and grant applications in Klamath County. The award will be presented for his efforts in

promoting a climate of community cooperation and for his significant community impact.

- **Youth Community Service Award:** Jared Archambeau is a senior at Rainier High School, where he is Operation Student Safety on the Move president for 2003-2005 and OSSOM regional representative for six counties for 2003 and 2004. He is also the co-chair of the Rainier Together Community Coalition for 2003-05. Archambeau was the teen court leader from 2001 to 2003 and a member of Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America from 2002 to 2005. He is receiving the award for his leadership and dedication to substance abuse prevention.
- **Clark Campbell Outstanding Achievement Media Award:** Deborah Steele-Hazen is editor and publisher of the Clatskanie Chief, where she reports on the dangers of underage drinking, drug use, drinking and driving, and other alcohol and drug prevention issues. In recovery herself, she considers it important to educate others about addiction and alcoholism. The media award will be presented for her dedication in educating and informing the public about alcohol and drug issues. (Clark Campbell was an assistant administrator of DHS alcohol and drug abuse programs, staffed the Governor's council, and dedicated himself to improving substance-abuse programs for Oregonians.)
- **Clark Campbell Outstanding Achievement Media Award:** Steve Suo is a reporter for The Oregonian, where his extensive Oregon and national research about the methamphetamine epidemic resulted in a comprehensive newspaper series this fall. The series looked at the politics, legal system, pharmaceutical industry, manufacturing and distribution, drug-endangered children, treatment and prevention efforts. The media award will be presented to Suo for his contribution to public awareness and understanding of Oregon's methamphetamine epidemic.