

The University Counseling Center has been awarded the **2009 Best Practices in College Health Award** from the American College Health Association (ACHA) for our STEPS Screening and Brief Intervention Program on Alcohol.

This award recognizes exemplary, innovative, and inspirational practices in one of four major areas of college health: (1) clinical services, (2) counseling services, (3) administrative and consumer services, and (4) health education and promotion services. Each year at the ACHA Annual Meeting, up to four awards may be presented to the college health center(s) at an ACHA member institution that demonstrates program and/or service excellence. This award encourages the creation of programs and student patient services that are designed to advance the health of college students.

Our STEPS Screening and Brief Intervention Program is the only Best Practices Award winner for this year. With this award come the following expectations:

- During the recipient year: Work with ACHA National Office to produce a web page that can be accessed from the ACHA home page that fully describes the project.
- For the subsequent year: Provide at least one of the following during the ACHA Annual Meeting following the year in which the award was received:  
(a) a presentation during the “Hot Topics” session of the appropriate section, and/or (b) create a poster session that describes the innovative program or service.