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## ADAP Advocacy Association Announces Recipients for 2013 Annual ADAP Leadership Awards; Leaders to receive Awards at 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Awards Dinner

*Award Honorees Reflect Conference's "Commitment to Ryan White" Theme*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 24, 2013) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**, today announced the recipients for its 2013 Annual ADAP Leadership Awards, which recognizes individual, community, government, media and corporate leaders who are working to improve access to care and treatment under the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs. The eight leadership awards will be presented during the **3rd Annual ADAP Leadership Awards Dinner** being held on Monday, July 8th at 7:00 pm in Washington, DC. The dinner will be held in conjunction with its 6th Annual Conference, being held at the Westin Washington DC City Center on July 7-9, 2013. The event will be headlined by the **Honorable Tommy G. Thompson**, former Governor of Wisconsin and former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

The 2012-2013 award recipients include:

- **ADAP Champion of the Year (individual):** President Barack Obama
- **ADAP Emerging Leader of the Year (individual):** Julio Fonseca, HealthHIV (Wash-DC)
- **ADAP Corporate Partner of the Year:** HarborPath
- **ADAP Community Organization of the Year:** AIDS Foundation of Chicago
- **ADAP Lawmaker of the Year:** The Honorable Tom Coburn, M.D., U.S. Senate (OK), The Honorable Donna Christensen, M.D., M.C. (Virgin Islands)
- **ADAP Social Media Campaign of the Year:** *My HIV Journey* by Aaron Laxton
- **ADAP Grassroots Campaign of the Year:** *Syringe Decriminalization Campaign* by the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition
- **ADAP Media Story of the Year:** *Why Some with HIV Still Can't Access Treatment* by Sarah Childress, PBS Frontline

“The ADAP Advocacy Association is pleased to present this year’s recipients of its annual leadership awards, as we recognize a truly distinguishable group of awardees who have demonstrated a keen interest in preserving access to care under the AIDS Drug Assistance Program,” said **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association about the 2012-2013 award recipients.

Macsata stated that thousands of underserved people living with HIV/AIDS have gained access to care and treatment, thanks to this year’s awardees.

To learn more about the 2013 Annual ADAP Leadership Awards, 2013 Annual Conference, or the ADAP Advocacy Association, please contact Brandon M. Macsata at [info@adapadvocacyassociation.org](mailto:info@adapadvocacyassociation.org).

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