



Patricia McSteen, PhD (2019) is the Associate Dean of Students at Ohio University and received this year's award for her visionary leadership. McSteen created one of the first Behavioral Intervention Teams in the country in higher education at a time when mental health issues are on the rise on college campuses across the United States and was instrumental in rebuilding the Survivor Advocacy Program on her campus. In addition, she created and implemented the Margaret Boyd Scholars Program, named after the first female graduate of her institution. The focus of this program is to inspire and encourage undergraduate women to become engaged, confident, and connected leaders within the University and beyond, which is directly aligned with our mission here at ACE WNO.