

## 2021 Assembly Catchers in the Rye Awards



Nominate a fellow **AACAP member, component, or regional organization** of child and adolescent psychiatry today!

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The Assembly Catchers in the Rye Awards are the Assembly's most prestigious awards that recognize an AACAP member, an AACAP component, and a regional organization of the AACAP Assembly for outstanding advocacy efforts done on behalf of children and adolescents.

Advocacy efforts could include organizing mental health services for an underserved population, advocating for children and families politically, or enhancing the efforts of child and adolescent psychiatrists to provide high quality mental health services.

AACAP recognizes advocacy in three categories:

- **Individual** (AACAP member)
- **AACAP Component** (committee or task force)
- **Regional Organization**

Nominations should describe the nominee's advocacy work and why the nominee deserves the award (100-300 words).

**Submit nominations to the Executive Office [executive@aacap.org](mailto:executive@aacap.org) by June 30, 2021.**

The Assembly Catchers in the Rye Awards Selection Committee serves as the reviewing body that makes recommendations to the Assembly Executive Committee who selects the final awardees. The committee consists of a Past Assembly Chair, one Delegate representative from each U.S. zone, an ECP Delegate, and a past recipient of the Catchers in the Rye award. The award name derives from Dr. John Schowalter's Presidential Address in which he alluded to J.D. Salinger's book and Holden Caulfield's response to what he wanted to be when he grew up . . .

*"I keep picturing all these little kids playing some game in this big field of rye and all. Thousands of little kids, and nobody's around -- nobody big, I mean -- except me. And I am standing on the edge of some crazy cliff. What I have to do,*

*I have to catch everybody if they start to go over the cliff."*