NASCSA NEWS

Announcing NASCSA’s 4th Podcast

Travel Scholarship/Bill Ward Education Award
Criteria Now Available

What a new world we are in, when the simple act of communicating with our community through a simple and brief newsletter reminds us of how a month ago all was different and how the basic structures of how we communicate, work, plan and connect are being re-imagined and re-made.

As a valued member, sponsor, associate member, or other individuals interested in NASCSA and our mission, it is our hope is to continue to communicate with you as we face this challenging time.

I hope that you, your family, loved ones, friends, colleagues, neighbors and everyone in our lives that enriches them are safe during this unprecedented time. I like many other Americans and those across the world are hopeful we will all get through this and be even stronger in so many ways.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or if we can be helpful in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

On a happier note, NASCSA is pleased to announce our 4th Podcast as well as travel scholarship information and information about the Bill Ward Education Award in anticipation of our annual conference to take place this October.

Kind Regards,
Kathy Keough
NASCSA is pleased to announce our 4th podcast!

Jennifer Esper, CEO of the Esper Treatment Center, shares her nearly 20 years of experience in providing MAT or Medicated Assisted Treatment to those suffering with Opioid Use Disorder. She discusses the deadly combinations of drugs seen today, deadly consequences of quitting "Cold Turkey" for some drugs, and other issues. She also reveals something called "Methadonia" and explores how Opioid Use Disorder has morphed into the use of any and all drugs which is the basis for the term "Garbage Can Addicts."

This podcast was recorded prior to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the CDC recommendations of Social / Physical Distancing.

Travel Scholarship/Bill Ward Education Award Applications and Information Available Now

Application Deadline June 19, 2020
The Executive Committee has authorized the awarding of six (6) travel scholarships to attend this year's annual conference to be held **October 26-29, 2020** at the Embassy Suites Hotel in **Birmingham, Alabama**. Travel scholarship criteria as well as the application form and instructions have already been posted [here](#). The deadline for submitting applications is **June 19, 2020**. We would strongly encourage all members to take advantage of this important opportunity and membership advantage provided by NASCSA.

Likewise in 2019 NASCSA's Executive Committee established a special memorial education award in honor of Bill Ward, a long-time member of NASCSA, who served as a committee member, volunteer and webmaster, who lost his battle with cancer in 2018. This year's criteria is found [here](#).

We strongly encourage all regular members to consider applying for this prestigious award.