CLADEA serves as a clearinghouse for shared information and collaboration among professional associations in the field. Our mission is “to foster mutual support among national and international organizations dedicated to postsecondary learning assistance or developmental education” (www.cladea.org). Representing thousands of professionals on CLADEA are six member organizations:

- Association for College Tutoring & Learning Assistance (ACTLA)
- Association for the Tutoring Profession (ATP)
- College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA)
- National Association for Developmental Education (NADE)
- National Center for Developmental Education (NCDE)
- National College Learning Center Association (NCLCA)

The Council endorses the following certification programs: ATP’s Tutor Certification and Tutor Trainer Certification; CRLA’s International Tutor Training Program Certification and International Mentor Training Program Certification; NADE’s Tutoring Services, Course-Based Learning Assistance, and Developmental Coursework Program Certification; and NCLCA’s Learning Center Leadership Certification.

The Council spurs excellence in another way, too, by recognizing and honoring the most outstanding leaders in the profession. Fellows are selected based on their long-term and significant contributions to the field. Selection as a Fellow represents the highest honor conferred upon professionals in learning assistance, tutoring, and developmental education. Individuals selected as Fellows must be nominated by a current Fellow or by a member association. Previously inducted Fellows include the following:

- David Arendale
- Carol Bader
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- Nancy Bornstein
- Hunter Boylan
- Kathy Carpenter*
- Martha Casazza
- David Caverly
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- K. Patricia Cross
- Nancy Carriuolo
- John Gardner
- Al Granowsky
- Phoebe Helm
- Jeanne Higbee
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- Rosemary Karr
- Gene Kerstiens*
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- Georgine Materniak
- Martha Maxwell*
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- Jane McGrath
- Saundra McGuire
- Jane Neuburger
- Cathy Nuse
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- Michael Rose
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- Kate Sandberg
- Gladys Shaw*
- Michele Simpson
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- Karen G. Smith*
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- Norman Stahl
- Linda Thompson
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- Jack Truschel
- Jim Valkenburg
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