WSCA Professional Recognition Awards
Welcome!

Lauren Schultz
Menasha High School

Katy Holahan
St. Francis High School
Professional Recognition Awards: Counselor Support

1. Friend of School Counseling Award
2. Secretary/Support Staff Award
3. Jerome Henning Legislator Award
4. Supervisor/Administrator Award
“Ms. King is commitmented to fully implementing the ASCA Model in all 160 MPS schools. As part of this work, Ms. King has approached the Milwaukee Public School Board and the Office of the Superintendent to seek additional funding for school counselors. From her efforts, 16 additional counselors have been hired and assigned to MPS schools with the greatest needs.”
Secretary/ Support Staff Award

Jessica Hutjens
Brillion High School
Counselor Administrative Assistant

“Jessica has been described by a colleague as “an amazing team player” and that description could not be more accurate. Jessica consistently seeks out ways to contribute and make our school a better place.”
Representative Beth Meyers

Minority Caucus Secretary
Assembly District 74
(D - Bayfield)

“Representative Meyers has personally contacted me to get school counselor insight on legislation that impacts students and schools. She shows a true willingness to get all perspectives before she makes a vote on anything that impacts schools and students in northern Wisconsin.”
“Dr. Payne approaches work at the individual level but works to create systemic change. She understands the need for systems of support for school counseling programs and also serves as a mentor and role model for overcoming compassion fatigue for school counselors in this work.”
Professional Recognition Awards: School Counselors

1. School Counselor of the Year
2. School Counseling Team Award
3. Equity in Action Award
4. Mary Gehrke Leadership Award
5. Professional Writing Award
“Jennifer has been providing leadership in the area of effective MTSS in our schools for years. She has provided trainings on MTSS for school counselors across the state of Wisconsin through the WSCA Conference, helping us to understand how to improve the implementation of MTSS in our schools.”
“Dr. Bilzing always engages the voices of key stakeholders in her roles. She has sought curriculum that reflects experiences and perspectives of diverse populations. She has worked to develop a counseling faculty and pedagogy that reflects the diversity, equity, and inclusion.”
“On our team of elementary school counselors in the Hudson District, Kelly is the one we all rely on for advice and her work with data is incredible. She collaborates and networks with counselors in our district as well as the state of Wisconsin to find best practices to address equality in her work. She is never ceasing to try new methods to improve outcomes for students and helps each of us on her team problem solve and come up with actionable steps to increase equity district-wide.”
School Counseling Team Award

Julie Konstanz & Katie Clarquist
Franklin Middle School Counselors
Janesville, WI

“The professionalism of Julie and Katie continues to expand and influence everyone positively at our school. I am an administrator with 20 years of principal experience at different middle schools. I can say that I have never worked with a more deserving team of student service specialists. Julie Konstanz and Katie Clarquist make a difference for students, staff, and parents each and every day.”
School Counselor of the Year

Marianne Matt
School Counselor
Capital High
Madison Metropolitan School District

“She is the reason our school now has a college-going culture, and that our students, who previously did not see college as an option for themselves, now do.”

“She skillfully accompanies young people to deal with the crisis in their current lives while guiding them to look forward and set goals for their future college and career goals. And she does it all while making each of us feel special and bringing laughter and love to our lives,”
Congratulations to all our award winners!
Congratulations to all the nominees!

Sharine Shinkay-Astin
Trina Woiak
Jessica Sobczak
Kelsey Haelfrisch
Mary Crawmer
Angie Jackson
Abbie Hannam
Becky Lueck

Not pictured:
Fred Bartman
Sade Seeger
Karolyn Taylor
Thank you to the professional recognition team!

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Thank you for joining us!

We look forward to reading your nominations again this summer!

Nomination applications will open June 1st.