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### **2019 ASCA Annual Conference Bringing Approximately 3,500 School Counseling Professionals and Other Educators to Boston, Mass.**

ALEXANDRIA, VA. – The American School Counselor Association will host its 2019 annual conference at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Mass., June 29–July 2, 2019. At this year’s four-day conference, approximately 3,500 school counseling professionals and other educators from around the world will learn how to sustain and improve comprehensive school counseling programs within their school districts and share best practices to benefit students and families they support.

The conference will feature nearly 200 educational sessions relevant to today’s school climate. Topics include the implications of the Operation Varsity Blues college admission scandal, interrupting systematic racism and bigotry in school environments, prevention of cyberbullying, removing barriers for underserved populations, trauma-informed service delivery and more.

The conference will also offer multiple networking opportunities, an exhibit hall featuring more than 190 sponsors and exhibitors and keynote addresses delivered by:

- Jeffrey Bauman: Survivor of the Boston Marathon bombing

- Geoffrey Canada: Author, social activist and passionate advocate for education reform

This year's conference will also feature eXperiencED, a new take on keynotes, featuring a series of thought leaders sharing their journeys and stories of success.

The 2019 eXperiencED features:

- Tim Ryan: U.S. Representative for Ohio's 13th congressional district
- Roy Spence: Co-founder and chairman of GSD&M
- Laura Gasner Otting: Founder & CEO of Nonprofit Professionals Advisory Group
- Jonathan Mann: Songwriter and Guinness World Record holder

Individuals who are unable to attend the conference have the option to register as a virtual conference attendee to livestream select conference educational and keynote sessions. For more information about the 2019 ASCA Annual Conference or to register, visit [www.ascaconferences.org](http://www.ascaconferences.org).

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Press passes are available for members of the media to attend and cover the 2019 ASCA Annual Conference. Please submit request by Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 5 p.m. Eastern to ASCA Press Contact: Lachelle Metcalf, (571) 329-4199, [lmetcalf@schoolcounselor.org](mailto:lmetcalf@schoolcounselor.org)

### **About the American School Counselor Association**

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) professional organization based in Alexandria, Va. ASCA promotes student success by expanding the image and influence of school counseling through leadership, advocacy, collaboration and systemic change. ASCA helps school counselors guide their students toward academic achievement, career planning and social/emotional development to help today's students become tomorrow's productive, contributing members of society. Founded in 1952, ASCA has a network of 50 state and territory

associations and a membership of approximately 36,000 school counseling professionals. For additional information on the American School Counselor Association, visit [www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org).