

# ASCA Monthly Update

DECEMBER 2024

## Congratulations to the 2025 School Counselor of the Year!

ASCA is pleased to announce Carmen Larson, Ph.D., as the 2025 School Counselor of the Year® (#SCOY25). Larson is a school counselor at Sarasota Middle School, Sarasota, Fla.

The School Counselor of the Year® and finalists will be celebrated in Washington, D.C., in January 2025 and will participate in online events during National School Counseling Week, Feb. 3–7, 2025.



## Upcoming Meetings & Dates

### January

**8** [SCA Share](#)

**31** [ASCA Board of Directors Application due](#)

**31** [Position Statement Public Comment Closes](#)

## DECEMBER UPDATES

### APPLY TO RUN FOR THE ASCA BOARD

Interested in running for an ASCA Board of Directors position? Applications are due Jan. 31.

### Position Statement Public Comment

The ASCA Position Statement Committee is revising a number of position statements. SCAs are encouraged to share any comments by Jan. 31, 2024.

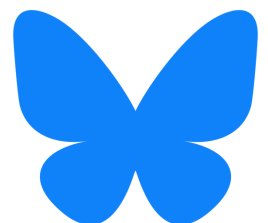
### CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

On Nov. 13, ASCA Executive Director Jill Cook attended a Classroom to Career Summit at the White House and Department of Education. The White House event, hosted by President and Dr. Biden, brought together education and workforce leaders and highlighted progress to expand career pathways. Following the White House event, the U.S. Department of Education hosted an afternoon summit focused on the economic imperative for career-connected education and opportunities for education and industry leaders to build high-quality pathways from classroom to career.



### SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

ASCA is now on Bluesky, an X (Twitter) alternative – @weareasca.bsky.social



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### SCA CALENDAR

View the calendar for upcoming SCA events and deadlines [here](#).

### Governance Capacity Building

Each SCA is eligible to select one package each year that meets their governance training needs. Any costs beyond the provided ASCA allotment will be contracted and paid directly by the SCA to the consultant. **The new cycle has begun. Request your selection today.**

### ASCA@Home: Ethics and Law in Everyday Practice

This online training offers 32 hours of in-depth programming to equip school counselors with tools to navigate the often-complex legal challenges in school counseling practice. Using the ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors, ASCA Professional Standards &

Competencies and ASCA position statements as a guide, ASCA@Home 2024 helps you enhance your understanding of ethics and clarify your role in addressing the various complex topics you encounter while supporting students every day. [View the full session lineup](#).

ASCA@Home opens Dec. 5, 2024, at 1 p.m. EST. Attend sessions on demand through December 5, 2025.

Register [here](#).





# Out and About

Jill Cook served on a panel at the National Summer Learning Association's annual conference.

Amanda Fitzgerald participated in a listening session with the U.S. Department of Education about active shooter drills.

ASCA staff met with the U.S. Department of Education about FAFSA.

Amanda participated in an Association for Career and Technical Education policy meeting.

Jill spoke with Whiteboard Advisors about the school counselor's role in student career development.

Amanda and Jill attended the National Superintendent of the Year Gala.

ASCA staff attended the first RAMP scoring session in Denver, Colo.

ASCA staff participated in an ASAE AI Summit.

# Out and About



ASCA staff attended a District of Columbia SCA celebration welcoming the group as an ASCA division.



## PRESS

ASCA provided sources for the following publications:

- *Mid Atlantic Media* – A story on how to support students after a school shooting.
- The following publications covered the announcement of the 2025 School Counselor of the Year:
  - [Herald Tribune](#)
  - [Your Observer](#)

## SCA CONFERENCES

ASCA staff attended the following state conferences:

- Lone Star State
- Wisconsin
- North Carolina
- Nebraska
- Utah