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### **Ashley Wright Selected as 2022 School Counselor of the Year Finalist**



ALEXANDRIA, VA – The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is pleased to announce Ashley Wright, school counselor, Lucille J. Bradley Elementary School, Spring, Texas, as a finalist for the 2022 School Counselor of the Year awards program (#SCOY22). Wright has been a school counselor since 2017. The school serves 1,018 students, grades pre-K–4. Wright is a graduate of Sam Houston State University for both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

“Ashley demonstrates a tireless work ethic and dedication to school counseling that is truly exceptional,” said Denise Cipolla, Conroe ISD coordinator for guidance & counseling. “She is resourceful, seeking clarification and input whenever needed, looks for ways to think outside of the box when given challenging situations and is always first and foremost led by her heart.”

A firm believer in collaboration, Wright works with administration, parents and community members on a parent education virtual talk show. After realizing how few parents were attending her in-person educational sessions, Wright changed direction and developed a safe, intimate space to educate parents about important family topics. Her talk show, “Get Right with Mrs. Wright,” addresses crucial topics such as grief, holiday safety, the importance of reading as a family and other issues important to elementary school families. As the host, Wright brings in a parent as well as an expert from the community or school district to address each topic. “The

talk show has helped bridge the gap between understanding the role of the school system and personal family academic success,” Wright said. “Parents have confidence and now understand my supportive role and have contacted me regularly.”

“Mrs. Wright is a bright smile, listening ear, dancing friend who makes your day better just by saying hi and checking on you,” said Dr. Christine Butler, principal, Lucille J. Bradley Elementary School. “It is a privilege to have her serve as the school counselor at Bradley Elementary, and I am proud to be her principal.”

“Each year, the School Counselor of the Year program shows us what the research tells us – that school counselors have a significant impact on students’ academic achievement, social/emotional development and plans for life after graduation,” said Jill Cook, ASCA executive director. “Through their dedication, contributions and excellence, these finalists have demonstrated their commitment to the values and mission of the school counseling profession.”

The School Counselor of the Year and finalists will be celebrated in Washington, D.C., in February 2022 and will participate in webinars and additional online events during National School Counseling Week, Feb. 7–11, 2022.

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### **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 more than 42,000 school counseling professionals. For additional information on the American School Counselor Association, visit [www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org).