

ASCA Monthly Update

AUGUST 2024

New Board Members

Congratulations to the [newly elected ASCA Board of Directors members](#), who take office Oct. 1, 2024, for a three-year term:

- Joseph Batiano, school counselor, Rhode Island School for the Deaf, Providence, R.I.
- Matthew Berry, coordinator of school counseling, Rockwood School District, O'Fallon, Mo.
- Christy Welch, school counselor, Journey Middle School, Charlottesville, Va. (elected to a second term)



SCA SURVEY & RESEARCH WEBINAR

ASCA staff will share results from the 2024 SCA reporting on operations and management, membership and professional development, advocacy, state policies and more. [Register to attend.](#)

Upcoming Meetings & Dates

Aug

14 [Association Staff and Executive Directors Meeting](#)

21 [SCA Survey & Research Webinar](#)

Sept

11 [SCA Share](#)

24 [Quarterly SCA Advocacy Meeting](#)

Call for Conference Proposals

The call for proposals for the 2025 ASCA Annual Conference is now open and will close on Aug. 20, 2023, at 11:59 PM ET.



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JULY 12-15, 2025
LONG BEACH, CALIF.



Back-to-School Resources

As students return to school, school counselors work with partners in the school building to help students reintegrate into school routines, develop academic strategies, manage emotions, navigate friendships, address bullying and much more. Find all the resources you need to start the new school year [here](#).

2024-2025 Awareness Dates Calendar

Check out the calendar of awareness dates for the upcoming school year.

FEDERAL ADVOCACY

ASCA joined more than 1,000 organizations on a [letter](#) calling on Congress to fully appropriate the necessary nondefense discretionary funds to keep pace with rising costs.

ASCA signed on to a [letter](#) sent to the House appropriators to fund the STOP School Violence Act.

BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

In May, the departments of Justice and Education co-hosted "70 Years after Brown v. Board of Education: The Legacy, the Work Done and the Work Ahead." You can watch the event on YouTube: [Justice Department Honors 70th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education Decision](#).

The Civil Rights Division's Educational Opportunities Section also issued a [fact sheet](#), renewing the Department of Justice's enduring commitment to confront school segregation and race discrimination through enforcement of Title IV and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

NEW ASCA-CERTIFIED SCHOOL COUNSELORS (ACSC)



Congratulations New Recipients!

AMY BEAL
CEDAR GROVE, IND.

SHELY CHANG
PEARL CITY, HAWAII

KAYLA CHUNG
AIEA, HAWAII

CARRIE KALFAYAN
PHOENIX, ARIZ.

HAYLEY KING
MCKEESPORT, PA.

REBECCA LINS
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

STEPHANIE NELSON
GARNER, N.C.

KANDACE WEISENFELS
FORT SMITH, ARK.

SARAH WISEMAN
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

2024 RAMP OFFICE HOURS

RAMP® office hours are one of several resources for those seeking to earn RAMP for their school. Office hours events give applicants an opportunity to ask questions as they are working on various sections of the application. RAMP team captains are there live to offer immediate responses to questions. This resource is available to members and nonmembers.

Click the date below to join.

[Thursday, Aug. 8, 5 p.m. EDT](#)

[Thursday, Sept. 12, 5 p.m. EDT](#)

[Thursday, Sept. 26, 5 p.m. EDT](#)

[Thursday, Oct. 10, 5 p.m. EDT](#)



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. **September 30 is the last day for the current year's package delivery.**



Out and About

Jill Cook met with the deputy secretary of education Cindy Marten about FAFSA.

ASCA staff participated in the Special Olympics National School Recognition Program review process.

ASCA staff met with staff from the Department of Education.

ASCA hosted FAFSA office hours for school counselors, educators, families and students.

ASCA staff met with the leadership of the Association of Counseling Education and Supervision about collaborative opportunities.

Jill participated in a briefing facilitated by Department of Education assistant secretary Roberto Rodriguez about soon-to-be-released guidance on the use of AI in education.

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- *The Washington Post* – Provided sources for a story about how school counselors deal with truancy
- *Education Week* – Wendy Rock was interviewed on recent legislation regarding student-requested pronouns or name changes.