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Christy Welch Named Chair, ASCA Board of Directors

Alexandria, VA (Sept. 23, 2024) – The American School

Counselor Association (ASCA) Board of Directors has elected Christy Welch as its 2024–2025 chair.



Welch is a school counselor at Journey Middle School in Charlottesville, Va., where she has worked since 2023.

Prior to that, she was the school counselor at the Mabel School in Zionville, N.C., where she began her school counseling career in 2002. In 2022, the Mabel School

became a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP), with Welch as the sole school counselor. She earned her education specialist degree from the University of North Carolina – Greensboro, a master’s degree from Appalachian State University, and a bachelor’s degree from the Wingate University. A former president of the North Carolina School Counselor Association (NCSCA), Welch was the 2014 North Carolina Elementary School Counselor of the Year and an ASCA School Counselor of the Year semi-finalist. Welch has served on the ASCA Board of Directors since 2022.

“Christy has been a valuable member of the ASCA Board of Directors for the past three years, and we look forward to working with her in her new leadership role,” said Jill Cook, ASCA executive director.

About the American School Counselor Association

ASCA is a nonprofit 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 learning to help today’s students become tomorrow’s productive, contributing members of society. Founded in 1952, ASCA has a network of 52 state and territory associations and a membership of approximately 43,000 school counseling professionals. For more information, visit schoolcounselor.org.