

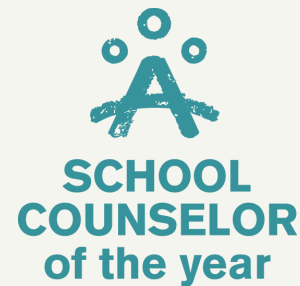


# ASCA Monthly Update

JANUARY 2024

## Mark Your Calendar

The School Counselor of the Year, finalists, and state honorees will be celebrated in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 1, 2024.



## SCOY TOOLKIT

Access graphics to celebrate your state honoree on social media [here](#), and view the full social media toolkit [here](#). Don't forget to share with #SCOY24.



## Upcoming Meetings & Dates

### January

10 SCA Share

### February

12 Pinnacle Award Coaching Session – What You Need to Know

14 Executive Directors and Association Staff Meeting

24 Pinnacle Award Coaching Session – What Makes a Strong Application



## 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 Feb. 15, 2024.

## 2024 Check-In

Schedule a yearly check-in call with Jill Cook and Leisl Moriarty by March 31.

## RECOGNIZED SCHOOL COUNSELOR PREPARATION PROGRAM



Northwest Missouri State University is the first program to be named an ASCA-Recognized School Counselor Preparation Program through the AAQEP pathway.

## NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

Graphics, including Zoom backgrounds, for National School Counseling Week 2024 are now available for download [here](#).



## FEDERAL ADVOCACY

ASCA signed on to a letter sent to Sen. Chuck Schumer, Sen. Mitch McConnell, Rep. Mike Johnson and Rep. Hakeem Jeffries to urge Congress to reinstate a strengthened federal assault weapons ban.

Other organizations that signed on include:

- AASA, The School Superintendents Association
- American Federation of Teachers
- American Federation of School Administrators
- Council of Administrators of Special Education Inc.
- National Association of School Psychologists
- National Education Association
- National PTA
- Teachers Unify to End Gun Violence

Additionally, the National Consensus for School Health Education has released the revised National Health Education Standards: Model Guidance for Curriculum and Instruction, Third Edition. You can access the standards [here](#).

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The U.S. Department of Education is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Ambassador Fellowship. Ideal candidates should demonstrate they have made significant contributions to student learning and culture throughout their professional careers. They promote excellence in education through their collaboration and leadership and demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate with a variety of education collaborators, both internal and external to the department.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 5, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. EST. Find additional information about the Fellowship [here](#).



## EDTRUST & JUSTEQUATIONS RESEARCH STUDY

School Counselors and ratios are mentioned in [Opportunities Denied: High-Achieving Black and Latino Students Lack Access to Advanced Math](#)



# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

## DELEGATE RATES FOR #ASCA24

To align with other special rates offered, ASCA Conference registration for Delegates will adjust to align with the early, regular and late registration fees below.

Early Bird by March 1 – \$299

Regular by May 1 – \$349

Late after May 1 – \$399

Hotel Information is now posted on the [ASCA Conferences Website](#).



## ASCA@HOME

[Registration](#) is still available for [ASCA@home: Systemic Change in Action](#). Access remains available until Mar. 10, 2024.





# Out and About

Eric Sparks presented to counselors with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy about school counselor identity.

Jill Cook met with the National Association of School Nurses about its new school nurses framework.

Amanda Fitzgerald participated in the NICE conference.

Jill and Amanda met with Liz Texeira from the U.S. Department of Education about career development resources for school counselors.

ASCA staff participated in the SEL Coalition meeting.

Jill met with the executive director of the Society of State Leaders of Health and Physical Education.

ASCA staff attended and exhibited at the ACTE annual conference.

ASCA staff participated in a CDC partner update.

Amanda met with Kimberly Watkins-Foote from the U.S. Department of Education.

Jill met with leaders from the American Public Works Association.

# Out and About



## PRESS

ASCA provided sources to the following publications:

- National Public Radio - Here and Now
- Alabama Public Radio