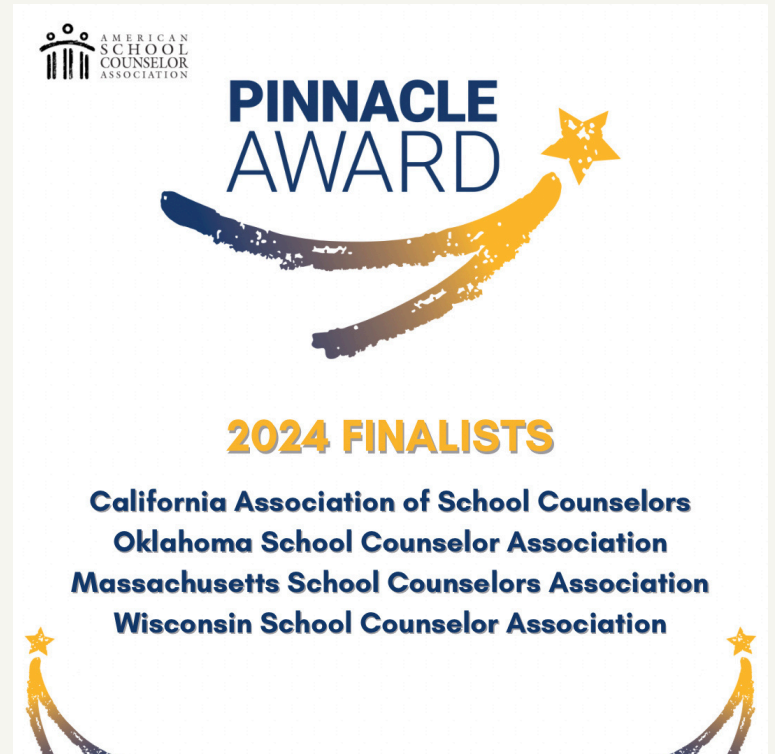


ASCA Monthly Update

MAY 2024

PINNACLE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the 2024 Pinnacle Award Finalists. The 2024 Pinnacle Award will be named at the Leadership Development Institute in Kansas City, Mo.



Upcoming Meetings & Dates

May

8 [SCA Share](#)

15 [LDI/Delegate Assembly - State/Territory Request form due](#)

27 [School Counselor of the Year from SCA due to ASCA](#)

31 [Professional Standards Public Comment ends](#)

June

2 [Delegate Assembly/LDI Representative Registration form due](#)

#ASCA24 Keynote Speakers

Check out the main stage lineup for the conference this summer.

- Michele Norris, Founder, The Race Card Project
- Alton Fitzgerald White, Actor & Author
- Isabella Hanson, Founder, "I Matter" Poetry & Art Competition
- Lea Nepomuceno, Criminal Justice Reform Advocate
- Cameron Samuels, Organizer, Students Engaged in Advancing Texas Coalition



Professional Standards Public Comment

The ASCA School Counselor Professional Standards & Competencies will be updated soon. Provide your feedback by May 31 on the current standards to guide the committee's revision work. Review the current standards under the Standards and Positions tab on the ASCA website.

Podcast Returns

ASCA has relaunched the podcast "I Hear You Say." [Catch the most recent episode here.](#)



APPLICATION FOR FUNDING: FAFSA STUDENT SUPPORT STRATEGY

A \$50 million program is part of the FAFSA Student Support Strategy to help districts, states, nonprofits and other public and private organizations with efforts to boost FAFSA completion. The program will be implemented by ECMC to support organizations with demonstrated experience in expanding college access and enrollment. The funding will be prioritized for organizations currently working with schools and districts and those that have deep ties with students and families that have the reach and capacity to help decrease barriers and increase FAFSA submissions. It will also facilitate FAFSA submission clinics, including through partnerships with schools and districts, and provide transportation support as needed.

Please feel free to share this with your networks. More information here: <https://www.ecmc.org/fafsa-support>

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, June 6, 5 p.m. EDT

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



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

[ASCA Advocacy Briefing](#)

The advocacy briefing provides ASCA members an opportunity to learn about current topics at the federal and state levels impacting education and school counseling. Members will also identify best practices for navigating situations and conversations effectively at the local level with school administrators and district leaders for everyday support for the role of the school counselor. [Watch the briefing 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.

ASCA Conference, LDI & Delegate Assembly

Details below include FAQ about LDI, Delegate Assembly and the ASCA Annual Conference



Schedule

LDI is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. CT on July 11; July 12 is expected to conclude by approximately 6 p.m. CT. A [tentative schedule is available here](#).

All updates will be made to the Affiliate Exchange LDI page with a short-cut alias at www.schoolcounselor.org/ldi so you can be sure to have up-to-date information available without having to search through email.

Details

States/Territories may send as many participants as they wish to LDI and Delegate Assembly and may be submitted via the [State/Territory Request Form](#), due May 15.

There is no cost to attend this meeting, but all participants must be an active ASCA member at the time of the event.

Each SCA will designate the two voting delegates for Delegate Assembly. Each voting delegate is required to be an ASCA Professional or Retired member as outlined by ASCA Bylaws and Policies. All other participants are considered non-voting delegates.

NEW Meeting prior to LDI for Association Staff

July 11, 8-8:30 Breakfast; 8:30-11:30 Working Meeting

Executive directors and other association management staff are invited to a facilitated working session in advance of LDI in Kansas City. RSVPs will be confirmed via the individual LDI registration process.

Delegate Rates for #ASCA24

Those attending LDI and Delegate Assembly are eligible for the the delegate rate to attend the ASCA Conference: Regular by May 1 – \$349 Late after May 1 – \$399 [Register online](#) by adding the email for the individual and selecting “Member” and then “Delegate rate” option.



Out and About

Jill Cook participated in a joint webinar with the Department of Education about FAFSA.

Jill met with the deputy secretary of education, Cindy Marten.

Jill joined other education leaders at the home of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr., to discuss all postsecondary options for today's students.

ASCA staff attended the Association for Advancing Quality Educator Preparation quality assurance symposium.

Amanda Fitzgerald participated in the American Academy of Pediatrics convening about trauma-informed practices.

ASCA staff participated in the SEL Coalition meeting.

ASCA staff attended the College Board's Counselor Community Advisory Group meeting.

Amanda met with Kristen Hengtgen from The Education Trust.

Out and About



On April 10, Eric and Jill met with five secondary school principals from the country of Georgia about school counseling in the U.S. The principals were visiting through the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State.



PRESS

- Mashable – An article on how fan fiction affects student well-being.
- NEA Today – A story about the escalation of problem behaviors among students.

STATE CONFERENCES

ASCA staff attended the following state school counselor association conference:

- Delaware