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AMERICAN SCHOOL HEALTH ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2018 AWARD RECIPIENTS

September 1, 2018 (Bloomington, IN) – The American School Health Association (ASHA) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2018 ASHA Awards. Each year, ASHA recognizes individuals who have demonstrated excellence in the field of school health. The recipients of the 2018 ASHA Awards will be recognized Friday, October 5th, during ASHA's Annual Conference Awards Luncheon.

ASHA's annual awards program celebrates the inspiring work that school health professionals do every day to transform all schools into places where every student learns and thrives. The individuals we recognize this year exemplify all that is great in our profession, please join us as we recognize their contributions.

This year's award recipients are:

William A. Howe Award

Dr. Sheri Coburn, Director, Comprehensive Health Programs

The William A. Howe Award, ASHA's highest honor, recognizes individuals for outstanding contributions and distinguished service in school health. It was established to honor William A. Howe, MD, a founder and first president of the association. This award acknowledges the recipient's outstanding professional contributions paralleling the aims and objectives of the Association.

Distinguished Service Award

Sharon Murray

Distinguished Service Award is granted to an active or retired member of the American School Health Association (ASHA) who has attained Fellow Status. The award is based on evidence of long-term service to the field of the school health as well as substantive and consistent service to ASHA.

Dr. Robert Synovitz Emerging Professional Award

Dr. Meagan Shipley, Director of Online Graduate Program

The Dr. Robert Synovitz Emerging Professional Award acknowledges new professionals as promising future leaders in the field of school health. It was established to honor Dr. Robert Synovitz, a past president of the association. The award may be granted to two individuals (one individual in a school health practitioner setting and the other in an academia setting) who positively impact youth within the K-12 school setting.

Legislator of the Year

Senator Bill Ketron, TN General Assembly

The Legislator of the Year Award recognizes a state or federal legislator who has a record of supporting issues related to school health and/or has taken an important stand on school health issues during a particular legislative session.

Fellows

Dr. Brittany Rosen, Assistant Professor

Dr. Michael Mann, Associate Professor and Graduate Director

Advancement to Fellowship Status is granted to ASHA members who demonstrate leadership and service to ASHA and to the field of school health.

ASHA's Annual School Health Conference, Connecting Health and Learning, held October 4-6 in Indianapolis IN, will provide school health professionals and interested stakeholders with stimulating workshops and research presentations, as well as opportunities to network with like-minded colleagues across the various school health disciplines.

For more information about this event, please visit www.ashaweb.org.

About the [American School Health Association \(ASHA\)](http://www.ashaweb.org): The American School Health Association envisions healthy students who learn and achieve in safe and healthy environments nurtured by caring adults functioning within coordinated school and community support systems. The mission of the organization is to transform all schools into places where every student learns and thrives. Professions represented in this multidisciplinary organization include administrators, counselors, dietitians, nutritionists, health educators, physical educators, psychologists, school health coordinators, school nurses, school physicians, and social workers. For more information, visit www.ashaweb.org.

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