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AMERICAN SCHOOL HEALTH ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2014 AWARD WINNERS

August 26, 2014 (McLean, VA) – The American School Health Association (ASHA) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2014 ASHA Awards. Each year, ASHA recognizes individuals who have demonstrated excellence in a range of capacities in the field of school health. The recipients of the 2014 ASHA Awards will be recognized Saturday, October 11th, during the [88th Annual School Health Conference](#) Awards Luncheon.

“The ASHA Awards Luncheon is one of the conference’s most special events,” said Linda L. Morse, RN, MA, CHES, FASHA, ASHA President. “ASHA’s awards program recognizes professional excellence and thought leaders who make a difference in our school communities for the health and success of the nation’s students.”

This year’s award winners are:

William A. Howe Award

David Wiley, PhD, FASHA, Professor of Health Education, Texas State University

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.

Legislator of the Year

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR, 1st District)

Presented by ASHA’s Advocacy Committee, 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 take an important stand on school health issues during a particular legislative session.

Distinguished Service Award

Linda L. Morse, RN, MA, CHES, FASHA

Distinguished Service Awards recognize the exemplary contributions of active or retired ASHA members to the Association. Service to the Association includes offices held, committee memberships, and committee chairs.

Fellows

Advancement to Fellowship Status is granted to individuals who are currently active members of ASHA and who have been an active member of ASHA for ten years. It is based on evidence of leadership and service to ASHA and to the field of school health.

*Jeanie Alter, PhD, MA, MCHES
Indiana University-Bloomington*

*Lynn Hammond, BS
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control*

*Lisa K. Angermeier, PhD, MCHES
Indiana University- Purdue University Indianapolis*

*Holly Hunt, MA
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

Trent Applegate, MPH, HSD
Indiana University- Bloomington

Ann Junk, MEd

Laurie Bechhofer, MPH
Michigan Department of Education

Noy, Kay, HSD
Indiana University- Bloomington

Carolyn Cox, PhD, MCHES
Truman State University

Sharon Miller, MS, MCHES
Blank Childrens Hospital

Jacqueline Ellis, MEd, CHES

Jo Ellen Tarallo-Falk, EdD, CHES
Center for Health and Learning

Nora Gelperin, MEd
Advocates for Youth

Keith Zullig, MSPH, PhD
West Virginia University

Superintendents' School Health Leadership

Tom Boasberg, Superintendent, Denver Public Schools

The Superintendents' School Health Leadership Award was established to honor a superintendent who recognizes the connection between student health and academic achievement and, within his or her district and beyond, demonstrates exemplary commitment to meeting the needs of the whole child in a coordinated and comprehensive fashion. It is presented by ASHA's Council on Administrative Support for School Health.

Health Coordinator of the Year

Wendy Sellers, RN, CPC, MA, School Health Coordinator, Eaton Regional Education Service Agency

ASHA's School Health Coordinator Section bestows this award to a member of ASHA who has demonstrated exceptional service in the area of school health coordination.

ASHA's [88th Annual School Health Conference](#), held October 9-11 in Portland, OR, 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. This year's awards agenda revolves around the conference's theme "Building Bridges: From Vision to Action — Supporting School Health." The program will include recognizing this year's award winners and a keynote presentation from the founding Director of Centers for Disease Control and Preventions' Division of Adolescent and School Health, Dr. Lloyd Kolbe.

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

About the [American School Health Association \(ASHA\)](#): 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, dieticians, 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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