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AMERICAN SCHOOL HEALTH ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES
2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

August 7, 2015 (McLean, VA) – The American School Health Association (ASHA) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015 ASHA Awards. Each year, ASHA recognizes individuals who have demonstrated excellence in the field of school health. The recipients of the 2015 ASHA Awards will be recognized Friday, October 16th, during the 89th 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 recipients are:

**William A. Howe Award**
*Laura Kann, MS, PhD, FASHA, Chief, School-Based Surveillance Branch, Division of Adolescent and School Health, CDC, Atlanta, GA*

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 Frederica Wilson (D-FL, 24th District)*

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**
*Steve Goodwin, MS, PhD, FASHA, Associate Professor, University of Delaware, Newark, DE*

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes the exemplary contributions of active or retired ASHA members to the Association.

**Fellows**

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

*Kim McLaughlin, MSEd, CAS, MCHES*
*Sue Baldwin, PhD, MCHES*

*SSS Center, Le Roy, NY*  
*Buffalo Public Schools, Buffalo, NY*
ASHA’s 89th Annual School Health Conference, Going the Distance, held October 15-17 in Orlando, FL, 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): 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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