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AMERICAN SCHOOL HEALTH ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2019 ASHA AWARD WINNERS

September 1, 2019 (Bloomington, IN) – The American School Health Association (ASHA) is pleased to announce the 2019 ASHA award winners.

William A. Howe Award

Dr. David Birch

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

Marjorie Cole

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. Leigh Szucs

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.

School Health Professional of the Year Award

Dr. Theresa Guerriere

The School Health Professional Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding contribution to school health education in the K-12 setting.

Outstanding School Health Researcher Award

Dr. Michael Mann

The Outstanding School Health Researcher award recognizes an ASHA member who has demonstrated sustained and outstanding contributions to school health research.

Fellows

Dr. Catherine Ramstetter

Wendy Sellers

Dr. Elizabeth Whitney

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

Student Scholarship

Hannah Bourg

The Student Scholarship recognizes an outstanding undergraduate or graduate student in the field of school health.

Future Leaders Academy

2019 Graduates

Melissa Boguslawski

Stephanie Neff

Eric Conrad

2020 Cohort

Sarah Blanton

Dave Kobel

The FLA builds skills and familiarizes emerging professionals with the programs and activities of the Association.

Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Award

Buffalo Public Schools

Stanfield Elementary School

The WSCC Award recognizes a setting/organization or interest group, either in the school or community that has applied the philosophy associated with the WSCC model, specifically in the alignment, integration, and collaboration between education and health in order to improve each child's cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development.

ASHA's [Annual School Health Conference](#), held October 2-4 in Cincinnati OH, 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 ASHA, 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, dietitians, nutritionists, health educators, physical educators, psychologists, school health coordinators, school nurses, school physicians, and social workers. For more information, visit www.ashaweb.org.