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Subject: Jillian Shadis Selected as 2022 State School Counselor of the Year

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is pleased to announce Jillian Shadis, Director of School Counseling/New Providence High School Counselor, is being honored as a 2022 state school counselor of the year, representing the state of New Jersey. Mrs. Shadis has been a school counselor since 2004.

Mrs. Shadis began in New Providence in 2018 and immediately began transitioning the district’s “guidance” program to a School Counseling program that supports the whole child. The New Providence School District’s school counselors now support students’ social, emotional, and personal growth in addition to assisting with academic and career pursuits. The program continues to grow under her leadership.

Outside of school, Mrs. Shadis is also very involved with the New Jersey School Counselor Association (NJSCA), having served as President in 2019-2020, and currently serving as Technology Chair and Legislative Committee member. The NJSCA Legislative Committee has been working closely with Assemblywoman Angela V. McKnight of Jersey City on a bill to better support school counselors and school counseling programs across the state. Mrs. Shadis was pivotal in making that first connection with the Assemblywoman, and continues to work with colleagues from around to garner support for the bill from other Assemblymen/women and Senators. You can read more about Bill A1516 on the [New Jersey Legislature website](#).

“Mrs. Shadis has been instrumental in sharing her expertise with the entire school

community. Her contributions district-wide are greatly appreciated.” adds Dr. David Miceli, Superintendent of Schools for the New Providence School District.

“Each year, the School Counselor of the Year program shows us what the research tells us – that school counselors have a significant impact on students’ academic achievement, social/emotional development and plans for life after graduation,” said Jill Cook, ASCA executive director. “Through their dedication, contributions and excellence, these finalists have demonstrated their commitment to the values and mission of the school counseling profession.”

The State School Counselors of the Year and the national finalists were celebrated in Washington, D.C., on February 3, 2022 and will participate in webinars and additional online events during National School Counseling Week, February 7–11, 2022.