



## **Rebecca Lallier Named 2017 School Counselor of the Year Finalist**



**ALEXANDRIA, VA** – Rebecca Lallier, a school counselor at Dothan Brook School in White River Junction, Vt., has been named a 2017 School Counselor of the Year finalist. Lallier, a graduate of Johnson State College and Plymouth State University, has been a school counselor for 20 years. The School Counselor of the Year award, presented by the American School Counselor Association, honors the professionals who devote their careers to serving as advocates for the nation’s students and addressing their academic and social/emotional development and college and career readiness.

“I have had the pleasure of working with Rebecca for the last five years,” said Rick Dustin-Eichler, principal, Dothan Brook School. “Rebecca has contributed countless hours toward the creation of a comprehensive school counseling program that proactively teaches students crucial social/emotional skills, supports all members of the DBS community and contributes to the creation of an inclusive and supportive school environment.” Dothan Brook School was named a 2016 Recognized ASCA Model Program School of Distinction. “She has been the catalyst for the transformation of DBS into a high-performing positive behavior interventions and supports (PBIS) community and gives generously of her time to meet the needs of our children,” Dustin-Eichler said.

“Rebecca truly exemplifies everything an effective school counselor should be,” said Amy Wheeler, school counselor, Conservatory Lab Charter School.

“Rebecca helped me become the counselor I am today. She helped the

counseling program become what it is today and she helped Dothan Brook School, itself, become what it is today – a school where social/emotional learning is at its core; where parents, teachers and administrators have the knowledge and skills to work with all students; where students are well-equipped for their futures.”

“My role as a child protection social worker for the state of Vermont Department of Children and Families (DCF) has allowed me to work closely with Rebecca and her staff regarding many children in our community,” said Sarah Malick, child protection social worker, Vermont Department of Children and Families. “Rebecca has gone above and beyond when it comes to supporting children that are involved with DCF. Rebecca knows the local resources in our community and has made numerous referrals to mental health agencies, mentor projects, activities for social and emotional growth for children and in-home support referrals to ensure that children and families have all the support they need. Rebecca is not only an integral part of her school but she is an integral part of the whole community.”

The School Counselor of the Year finalists were judged on: creative school counseling innovations, effective school counseling programs, leadership skills and contributions to student advancement. Lallier, along with the additional four School Counselor of the Year finalists, will be flown to Washington, D.C., Jan. 4–6, 2017. The honorees will be honored in a White House ceremony and be formally recognized at a black-tie gala.

### **About the American School Counselor Association**

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