



**ASCA Announces 2008 School Counseling Director/Coordinator of the Year
For immediate release – July 17, 2008**

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is proud to announce Anita Young, Ph.D., has been named ASCA 2008 School Counseling Director/Coordinator of the Year. Young, the secondary counseling specialist for Fairfax County Public School District, Fairfax, Va., was honored at ASCA’s 2008 annual conference in Atlanta, June 28-July 1.

Young is co-author of “Making DATA Work, an ASCA National Model publication.” She is also a consultant for the Education Trust National Center for Transforming School Counseling and an adjunct professor for local universities. She served as post-secondary vice president for the Virginia School Counselor Association and continues to serve on district, state and national school counseling committees.

“Anita Young has made valuable contributions to the school counseling profession both across the state and across the nation. She exemplifies what a school counseling director should be, and for that we’re pleased to honor her with this award,” said Eric Sparks, ASCA president.

ASCA is a worldwide nonprofit organization based in Alexandria, Va. Founded in 1952, ASCA supports school counselors’ efforts to help students focus on academic, personal/social and career development so they not only achieve success in school but are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society. The association provides professional development, publications and other resources, research and advocacy to more than 24,000 professional school counselors around the globe.

ASCA Contact: Kathleen Rakestraw, Director of Communications, ASCA, (703) 683-ASCA, krakestraw@schoolcounselor.org