



Yuridia Nava Named 2017 School Counselor of the Year Finalist



ALEXANDRIA, VA – Yuridia Nava, a school counselor at Riverside Polytechnic High School in Riverside, Calif., has been named a 2017 School Counselor of the Year finalist. Nava, a graduate of California State University, San Bernadino and the University of the Redlands, has been a school counselor for seven 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.

“Mrs. Nava’s diverse educational background, strengths as a professional and a leader and inner drive make her a remarkable individual whose passion for school counseling can be genuinely felt,” said Valerie Rogers, Ph.D., principal, Date Elementary School. “She is a loyal and ethical individual who focuses on the core mission of education, student learning and is willing to go above and beyond to support student achievements.”

“She is one of the most determined and dedicated individuals that I know,” said Valarie Pllum-Titus, school counselor, Riverside Polytechnic High School. “Yuri Nava not only counsels individuals but is such a natural at making any student feel comfortable and relaxed as a group member. Her skill comes as no surprise to me. It is this kind of tenacity, intelligence, motivation and dependability that Yuri personifies on a daily basis. I look forward to hearing of all the additional contributions she will make to the future.”

“When our high school found out that we were going to be able to hire an additional counselor, we all knew it had to be Yuri,” said Rachel Bramlett, assistant principal, Riverside Polytechnic High School. “We knew that Yuri would be the one to help us take our program to the next level due to her experience with college and career counseling, promoting success with students whose first language is not English and the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) process. She represents everything that is right with school counseling.”

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. Nava, 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

The American School Counselor Association is a nonprofit organization based in Alexandria, Va. ASCA promotes student success by expanding the image and influence of professional school counseling through leadership, advocacy, collaboration and systemic change. ASCA helps school counselors guide their students toward academic, career and social/emotional development to help today’s students become tomorrow’s productive, contributing members of society. Learn more at www.schoolcounselor.org.