

# I AM ASCA

## LEE ACERS

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### WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR?

I am always positive and look for the positive in others.

### WHAT WORDS DO YOU LIVE BY?

Love never fails. Keep my feet moving and accept and be grateful during the process.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TOOL YOU USE IN YOUR WORK AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR?

Unconditional positive regard and Love & Logic

### HOW DO YOU ADVOCATE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR STUDENTS?

My most important advocacy is in believing in my students – that they have what it takes to be who they are, solve their problems and manage strong feelings. As an immigrant speaking English as my second language and working with students who in large part are also immigrants, I truly believe I am the students' role model and their success story partner.

### WHY ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ASCA?

ASCA put the “why” in the forefront of what I do. Being a member of ASCA allows networking with other school counselors, strengthening what school counseling truly is that makes a difference in students' life.

### WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU NEED INSPIRATION TO TACKLE ANOTHER DAY WORKING ON BEHALF OF YOUR STUDENTS?

I take a break to care for myself – eat right, get enough sleep, exercise and be around inspiring friends. These put me back in balance.

**FAST FACTS > WHAT'S YOUR TYPICAL BREAKFAST?**  
SMOOTHIES AND FRESH FRUIT > **WHAT'S YOUR COFFEE ORDER?** DIRTY CHAI > **WHAT SUPERPOWER DO YOU WISH YOU HAD?** SHRINKING THE DISTANCE BETWEEN AMERICA AND THAILAND IN ONE BLINK > **WHAT IS ONE THING YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT?** SMILING > **WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU THINK MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?** I AM A CANCER SURVIVOR.

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