

# I AM ASCA

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**WHY ARE YOU AN ASCA MEMBER?** The ASCA community has been a place where I've met a diverse group of people and have been blessed with lifelong friendships with people who share similar passions and goals.

**WHAT INSPIRES YOU ABOUT BEING A SCHOOL COUNSELOR?** Being a school counselor inspires me because it allows me to meet students where they are and find innovative ways to connect with them. I am passionate about supporting students throughout their educational journey and walking alongside them as they navigate various stages of their lives.

**WHEN AND WHY DID YOU KNOW YOU WANTED TO BE A SCHOOL COUNSELOR?** My aspiration to become a school counselor began when I was a kid involved in gangs. I was considered the bad kid everywhere I went and was constantly getting caught in troublesome activities. Thankfully, my middle school counselor met me where I was at and instilled hope in me. Through all the headaches I caused, he never gave up on me and loved me unconditionally.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY?** Joy for me comes from conversations with my partner, quality time with my family in Mexico, eating delicious vegetarian food and anything that involves a tent and rock climbing gear.

**WHAT DO YOU DO TO DECOMPRESS/ELIMINATE STRESS/REFUEL FOR THE NEXT DAY?** Staying active is crucial for my stress relief. CrossFit has become a vital part of my routine, helping me to reset and recharge. Additionally, spending time with loved ones and being involved in my community helps me maintain balance.

**HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR JOB TO A 5 YEAR OLD?** It is the best job in the world. You get to listen, play, draw, color, be kind and help people when they need it.

**FAST FACTS > WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SMELL AND WHY?** THE SCENT OF PINE TREES; IT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES OF FAMILY CAMPING TRIPS FROM MY CHILDHOOD. **> WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT?** CARROT CAKE AND MINT CHOCOLATE CHIP ICE CREAM **> WHAT'S YOUR GUILTY PLEASURE?** SPENDING LONG HOURS AT THE GYM CHATTING WITH FRIENDS INSTEAD OF WORKING OUT **> WHAT SUPERPOWER DO YOU WISH YOU HAD?** TELEPORTATION, SO I COULD VISIT YOSEMITE IN SECONDS **> WHAT COULD YOU TALK ABOUT FOR 30 MINUTES WITH NO NOTES?** PROBABLY ANYTHING. I LOVE BEING A CHISMOSO, WHICH I INTERPRET AS HEARING AND TELLING STORIES AS A WAY OF HEALING AND KEEPING OUR FAMILY TRADITIONS ALIVE. **> DO YOU HAVE ANY HIDDEN TALENTS?** HANDCLAPS - SHOUTOUT TO ALL MY DRAKE AND JOSH FANS (IYKYK)

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