

# I AM ASCA

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**WHY ARE YOU AN ASCA MEMBER?** I'm an ASCA member because it just makes sense to be associated with the organization that drives your profession and provides useful resources, conferences and networking opportunities.

**WHAT INSPIRES YOU ABOUT BEING A SCHOOL COUNSELOR?** The work I am able to do with students and families. It brings me joy.

**WHEN AND WHY DID YOU KNOW YOU WANTED TO PURSUE A CAREER IN SCHOOL COUNSELING?** In high school I worked closely with the school counseling office. It definitely sparked the interest.

**FAST FACTS > WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SONG?** "SHE'S A BAD MAMMA JAMMA" BY CARL CARLTON > **WHAT'S YOUR GUILTY PLEASURE?** I AM A FOODIE, AND I LOVE TO TRY NEW FOODS. > **WHAT SUPERPOWER DO YOU WISH YOU HAD?** TO READ MINDS OR UNDERSTAND ALL LANGUAGES. > **WHAT IS ONE THING YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT?** PLANNING EVENTS OR TRIPS, SELF-CARE. > **WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU THINK MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?** THOUGH I APPEAR TO BE AN EXTREME EXTROVERT, I REALLY LIKE BEING BY MYSELF A LOT OF THE TIME.

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**WHAT WORDS DO YOU LIVE BY?** Always be intentional.

**WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU NEED INSPIRATION TO TACKLE ANOTHER DAY WORKING ON BEHALF OF YOUR STUDENTS?** I put on Pandora and listen to gospel, neo-soul or trap music depending on what mood I am in.

**WHAT DO YOU DO TO DECOMPRESS/ELIMINATE STRESS/REFUEL FOR THE NEXT DAY?** I am the state coach for an organization called GirlTrek.org. I will get outside and walk for at least 30 minutes to clear my head. It always helps. I might listen to a podcast or Audible while out there.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TOOL YOU USE IN YOUR WORK AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR?** I am a part of the inaugural fellowship of school counselors who are working with Workforce Development in Southern Nevada to better assist our students and families with career development and workforce opportunities. The resources I have gained have been the most useful tools with helping my students become Employable, Enlistable or Enrollable.

