

School Counselor of the Year Elementary, Middle, Secondary, or Multi-Level

Criteria for Recognition (activities/accomplishments recognized must have taken place within five years prior):

- Nominee must be employed as a full-time counselor and have completed (3) consecutive years of counseling service.
- **Nominee must be a current member of SMCA.** (For confidential verification, contact SMCA President—Kat Coy kcoy@knoxvillecatholic.com or (865)560-0519)
- Nominee must hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in Guidance and Counseling and be certified by the State of TN.
- Nominee should possess the personal qualities thought to be desirable in a counselor.
- Nominee must have provided leadership and innovation in their guidance services, demonstrated involvement in professional counseling associations, and performed services to the school or community.

Mental Health Counselor of the Year

Criteria for Recognition (activities/accomplishments recognized must have taken place within five years prior):

- Nominee must be employed as a full-time counselor and have completed (3) consecutive years of counseling service.
- **Nominee must be a current member of SMCA.** (For confidential verification, contact SMCA President—Kat Coy kcoy@knoxvillecatholic.com or (865)560-0519)
- Nominee must hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in Counseling.
- Nominee should possess the personal qualities thought to be desirable in a Counselor.
- Nominee must have provided leadership and innovation in their agency, demonstrated involvement in professional counseling associations, and performed services to the agency or community.

Counselor Educator of the Year

Criteria for Recognition (activities/accomplishments recognized must have taken place within five years prior):

- Nominee must be employed as a full-time counselor and have completed (3) consecutive years of counseling service.
- **Nominee must be a current member of SMCA.** (For confidential verification, contact SMCA President—Kat Coy kcoy@knoxvillecatholic.com or (865)560-0519)
- Nominee possess the personal qualities thought to be desirable in a Counselor Educator.
- Nominee should have made contributions to the school counseling profession.
- Nominee has demonstrated consisted and reliable contributions in all the areas of service, scholarship, and teaching over an exemplary career span.

Supervisor of the Year

The purpose of the Supervisor Award is to recognize a Supervisor or Director whose leadership and outstanding services have impacted the guidance and counseling field for counselors on a local, state, or national level. **Does NOT have to be a member.**

Criteria for Recognition (activities/accomplishments recognized must have taken place within five years prior):

- Nominee possess the personal qualities thought to be desirable in a Supervisor.
- Nominee must have been responsible for implementation of innovative counseling and guidance services.

Advocate of the Year

The purpose of the Advocate Award is to recognize a person or organization whose advocacy of guidance and counseling services in a school setting has impact for counselors on a local, state, or national level. **Does NOT have to be a member.**

Criteria for Recognition (activities/accomplishments recognized must have taken place within five years prior):

- Nominee may be an administrator, principal, superintendent, school board member, parent, teacher, community leader, or organization who has consistently made a significant contribution to the improvement of guidance and counseling services in the school setting. Nominee must have been responsible for implementation of innovative counseling and guidance services.
- Nominee should not be actively employed as a school counselor or as a supervisor of school counselors or counseling and guidance services.

Honorary Recognition

This is a new award we are adding this year to recognize one counselor who is **NOT a member of SMCA.** This is to recognize ANY counselor that you feel has done an outstanding job in their position. This counselor should have made an impact at their place of employment and should serve as a role-model to other Counselors in the field. Integrity, empathy, leadership, and an above-and-beyond attitude should be qualities held by this candidate.