

SMCA Counselor Awards

Every year we have the distinct honor to reward our fellow colleagues for excellence in their field. It is vital that we reward those in our field who work tirelessly to be the best. Please take some time to consider colleagues that you admire, look up to, and respect for their contributions to the field. Awards will be given at our April 11th Awards Banquet.

Nominations do take some effort to complete. All nominations require at least two letters of recommendation, though more letters will be considered. Letters should be well-written, include a brief biography of the nominee, and outline why this candidate should be considered. This year's winners will be required to submit a resume to be submitted to TSCA as our nomination for the state level awards.

All materials must be received by March 27th. No late entries will be accepted.
 Kat Coy, Knoxville Catholic High School, 9245 Fox Lonas Road, Knoxville TN 37923
 kcoy@knoxvillecatholic.com (865)560-0519

Awards

(see next page for descriptions & requirements)

School Counselor of the Year
 (Elementary, Middle, Secondary, or Multi-level)

Mental Health Counselor the Year

Counselor Educator of the Year

Supervisor of the Year

Advocate of the Year

Honorary Recognition

This is an award to recognize one counselor who is NOT a member of SMCA/TCA.

This is to recognize ANY counselor that you feel has done an outstanding job
 in their position.

Nominee Name: _____

Award you are nominating for: _____

Nominee School/Agency: _____

Nominee Principal/Supervisor: _____

Nominee Address: _____

Nominator: _____

Length known nominee: _____

Nominator Email: _____

Nominator Phone Number: _____

_____ - Letter of Recommendation from Nominator

_____ - Letter of recommendation from Principal/Supervisor

_____ - Student, parent, co-worker letters (optional)

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 Past 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 Past 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 Past 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 an award 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.