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## MEDIA RELEASE

### National School Counseling Week February 4-8, 2013

### ASCA Announces 2013 School Counselor of the Year Semi-Finalists

**(Columbus, GA)**-National School Counseling Week (NSCW) 2013, *School Counseling: Liberty and Learning for All*, is celebrated February 4 - 8, 2013, to focus on the unique contribution of professional school counselors in school systems across the United States. NSCW, sponsored by American School Counseling Association (ASCA), highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and career plans.

The (ASCA) announced 26 semi-finalists for the 2013 School Counselor of the Year awards program and Dr. Trikella Nelson, the newly named Director of Guidance Services in the Muscogee County School District (Columbus High School), is one of the semi-finalists nominated by the Georgia School Counselor Association. Nelson is the *only* counselor representing the state of Georgia. The award honors the professionals who devote their careers to serving as advocates and often lifesavers for students. An award ceremony for the finalists is scheduled February 1, 2013, at Union Station in Washington, D.C.

“School counselors make significant contributions to the overall well-being of students and their success,” said Richard Wong, Executive Director of the ASCA. “They have unique qualifications and skills that allow them to address students’ academic achievement, personal/social and career development needs.”

The School Counselor of the Year awards panel is composed of representatives from the American Federation of Teachers, ASCD, and National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, National School Boards Association and school counselors.

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