

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: April 9, 2021
To: Site Administrators, Department Heads and School Counselors
Subject: SCHOOL COUNSELOR & FIELD WORK STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Department and/or

Persons Concerned: Site Administrators, Department Heads and School Counselors

Due Date: April 26, 2021

References: Celebrating School Counselor of the Year

Action Requested: Submit nomination for the School Counselor of the Year electronically to the Counseling and Guidance Department, Integrated Youth Services Division, Office of Leadership and Learning.

Brief Explanation:

The San Diego Unified School District Counseling and Guidance Department and Office of Integrated Youth Services alongside the School Counseling Governance Team will recognize School Counselors. During the celebration, the following three award categories for school counselors and counseling fieldwork students will be honored:

- A. School Counselor of the Year
 - Elementary (1 Counselor)
 - Middle (1 Counselor)
 - High School (1 Counselor)
- B. Counseling Fieldwork Student of the Year (1 Student)

The district requests that each school site or department provide school counselor or counseling fieldwork student nominations to be recognized in the above categories (appropriate to your site level department). All nominations should be submitted electronically using the following link: <http://bit.ly/scoy2021>

Nominations are due no later than Monday, April 26, 2021. Please direct questions to Patrick Chen, Head Counselor at pchen@sandi.net.

When nominating a school counselor or counseling fieldwork student, the submission form must be completed all at once, so prepare your nominations prior to submitting the online form. The Award Categories are listed below.

Award Category	Candidate Qualification	Process
School Counselors of the Year	Levels/Departments: Elementary (1 Counselor) Middle (1 Counselor) High School (1 Counselor) *Note: K-8 counselors may be nominated under elementary or middle school levels.	Principals, department heads, or staff should work with their sites/departments to nominate a School Counselor of the Year.
Counseling Fieldwork Student of the Year	Fieldwork student must have experience in the current academic year to be eligible.	Principals, department heads, or staff should work with their sites/departments to select and nominate a Fieldwork Student of the Year.

Selection Process:

The Counseling and Guidance Governance Team members and the program manager will review all nominations submitted. All nominations will be evaluated within the context of the selection criteria which are organized around three themes:

- Comprehensive School Counseling Program
- Community Involvement
- Leadership and Commitment during Online Learning

The School Counselor of the Year Awards will be announced at the All School Counselor End of the Year meeting in June, 2021. There is no appeal process.

Administrators of nominees will be invited to attend a special event as we celebrate the efforts of our school counselors and counseling fieldwork students.

For general information, please contact Patrick Chen, phen@sandi.net.

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