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Excellence In

School Counseling Recognition Awards



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Career Quest Announces 8th Annual Greater Cincinnati School Counselor Recognition Awards

2016 - Cincinnati, Ohio - Career Quest, a division of IKRON, is excited to announce the 8th Annual Greater Cincinnati School Counselor Recognition Awards. Formally endorsed by Dr. Brent Richardson, the Chair of the Counseling Department at Xavier University, Dr. Mei Tang, the Coordinator of Counseling Program at the University of Cincinnati, Gaby Boeckermann, the Director of Admissions at Cincinnati State, and Dr. Brett Zyromski, the School Counseling Program Director at Northern Kentucky University, Career Quest is pleased to present these awards in an ongoing effort to better recognize, promote and affirm the unsung, yet vital work of excellent Greater Cincinnati area school counselors.

Career Quest is now accepting nominations of Greater Cincinnati secondary education school counselors who provide excellent service in the areas of college and career counseling to high school youth. Completed school counselor nominations must be received before distribution of the awards in May 2016. Received nominations will be reviewed by the 2016 Career Quest Counselor Recognition Team (see team on next page). This team will publicly announce and formally recognize winning counselors with award presentations in May 2016.



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■ What Makes an Excellent School Counselor?

The best of today's school counselors serve a unique and critical secondary education role. School counselors help students make and understand the connection between academic success and extra-curricular involvement to opportunities in life after graduation. In as much, excellent school counselors help high school students better define and choose their best future educational and career paths.

Excellent school counselors are in brief:

- Licensed School Counselors
- Well rounded, capable educators
- Visible within a school community
- Positively engaging students on a daily basis
- Passionate, open-minded and understanding
- Ethical, competent, inclusive, resourceful & organized
- Understanding of student's strengths and challenges
- Readily accessible to students, parents, staff and administrators
- Positive influencers who effectively listen, understand and communicate
- Well informed and connected to college & career information and contacts
- Consistently motivating, believing in and affirming students to achieve their potential



Excellent secondary education
school counselors are critically vital
to students' future educational
& career success

In short, these are a few of the many positive attributes and skill sets of excellent secondary education school counselors that Career Quest's 2016 awards seek to formally recognize.

2016 Counselor Recognition Selection Team



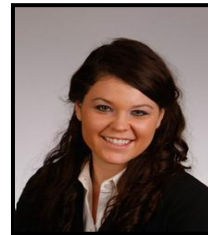
▪ **Dori Glance**
Assistant Professor
Dept. of Counseling
NKU



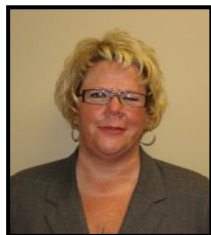
▪ **John Beischel**
School Counselor
Princeton High School
2012 Award Winner



▪ **Dawn Hinton**
School Counselor
Randall K Cooper High School
2015 Award Winner



▪ **Jenna Wilker**
School Counselor
St. Ursula Academy



▪ **Gaby Boeckermann**
Director of Admission
Cincinnati State



▪ **Mike Fee**
School Counselor
Summit Country Day
2013 Award Winner



▪ **Gail Ann Dorsey**
School Counselor
Archbishop Moeller High School
2014 Award Winner



▪ **Brenda Fisher**
School Counselor
Sycamore High School
2013 Award Winner



▪ **Tanya Ficklin**
Head Counselor
Walnut Hills High School



- **Jamie Gordon**
School Counselor
Loveland High School
2012 Award Winner



- **Jennifer Glass**
School Counselor
Lloyd Memorial High School
2014 Award Winner



- **Melissa Harmeling**
Career Quest
Coordinator
IKRON Corporation



- **Carol Jones**
School Counselor
Cincinnati Hills Christian
Academy
2011 Award Winner



- **Dr. Butch Losey**
Clinical Coordinator
Dept. of Counseling
Xavier University



- **Vince Rahnfeld**
School Counselor
Madeira High School
2012 Award Winner



- **Dr. Natalie Stipanovic**
Coordinator
School Counseling
University of Cincinnati



- **Robin Wells-Kamp**
School Counselor
Sycamore High School



- **Randy Strunk**
Executive Director
IKRON Corporation

2016 Official Nomination Guidelines

Career Quest's School Counselor Recognition Awards

■ Counselor Nomination Guidelines:

▪ What school counselor may be nominated?

Any licensed secondary education school counselor who works with students on college and career planning (i.e. post-secondary career decisions, college application, and transition to work) may be nominated.

▪ Who may nominate a school counselor?

Any current high school administrator, principal, teacher, coach, staff, parent, student, as well as, current college admissions personnel may nominate an active Greater Cincinnati secondary education school counselor.

▪ How many nominations are required for a counselor to be considered?

A minimum of one verified nomination is required in order for a counselor to be considered. Counselors may however, receive more than one nomination.

▪ How and when will the nominated counselors be selected and announced?

Career Quest's Counselor Recognition Team will select and formally announce winning counselors in May 2016.

▪ When is the nomination deadline?

All completed nominations must be received either via mail or via email by April 22, 2016.

▪ Where do I send my completed nomination?

Completed nominations can be sent in one of following ways:

- Via mail to: **2016 Career Quest Counselor Awards**
c/o: Melissa Harmeling
2347 Vine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

Via email to: **mharmelingCQ@yahoo.com**

Via the web: Visit **www.ikron.org** and choose the Career Quest option under the Youth Services tab

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■ What Makes an Excellent Secondary Education School Counselor?

The best and most effective of today's secondary education school counselors serve a unique and critical secondary education role. Excellent school counselors help students make and understand the connection between the importance of academic success and extra-curricular involvement to their life after graduation. In as much, excellent school counselors help high school students better define and choose future educational and career paths that are best for each individual student. **The following are some of the positive skills and characteristics of excellent school counselors to consider when nominating.** Excellent school counselors are:

- ✓ Understanding of each student's strengths and weaknesses
- ✓ Positive influencers who effectively listen and communicate
- ✓ Passionate counselors who are open-minded and understanding
- ✓ Well informed and connected to college & career information and contacts
- ✓ Well rounded, capable educators positively engaging students on a daily basis
- ✓ Ethical, competent, inclusive, resourceful & organized licensed school counselors
- ✓ Consistently motivating, believing in and affirming students to achieve their potential
- ✓ Visible within the school and readily accessible to students, parents, staff and administrators

- If you nominated a counselor last year, please feel free to resubmit your nomination

* **This section must be completed for counselor nomination consideration**

I am nominating the following counselor for the 2016 Career Quest Counselor Recognition Award.

Counselor's First Name:	
Counselor's Last Name:	
Counselor's School and address:	
Your First Name:	
Your Last Name:	
Your Contact Phone:	
Your Contact email:	
What is your relationship to nominee? (i.e.; student, parent, teacher, principal, administrator, admissions)	
How long have you known and interacted with the nominee as a school counselor?	
How long has nominee been in the field of counseling?	

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* Please share as much knowledge and information that you have about the nominee's impact in the following areas.

- In order to keep nominees anonymous, please do not use any identifying information (i.e., name or school) in your information below. Instead, use "our nominee" or "our school" in your text.

Personal/Social/Emotional development of students:

Academic development of students:

Career/Post-Secondary planning for students:

Involvement in Leadership, Advocacy, Initiative, Program Development, and/or Prevention to address student, school, or professional needs:

Anything else? Feel free to include ways in which the nominee has personally affected your family, school, or community:

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"A Path to a Bright Future"

■ About Career Quest

Career Quest is a division of IKRON Corporation that provides career counseling and planning to high school students. Since 2004 Career Quest counselors have been offering individualized services to Cincinnati area students. Career Quest's primary mission is to **"Help Youth Find Their Way"** through identifying strengths and interests, addressing areas for growth, and providing professional assistance in preparing and applying for college and/or future careers.

Career Quest counselors have expertise and provide professional services in:



- Supportive Counseling for Personal Growth
- Interest and Career Assessment
- College & Career Research and Guidance
- Time Management and Study Skills
- Employment Services and Job Shadowing
- After College Assistance

Career Quest offers effective counseling services and programs that are uniquely tailored to the specific needs of each individual. These services are provided at convenient times and locations for each individual. Counseling sessions can be provided throughout the course of high school based on a suggested timeline. They can also be provided on an "as needed" basis to address specific needs or specific areas of the college and career planning process.



To learn more about how Career Quest is helping today's high school youth on a path to a bright future in college and careers, please contact **Melissa Harmeling**, Career Quest Coordinator, at **(513) 621-1117** or via email at mharmeling@ikron.org.