

# MSCA Awards Banquet

2016



***Shelly Backes***

***\*Addison Lokken\****

Litchfield High School

Central Division

MSCA Scholarship

Recipient

“Ms. Backes has been my savior over the years. Always to be counted on, she aids in making my time in high school successful, not only academically, but also provides support emotionally.”

~Addison Lokken, Student

# Emily Colton

*University of MN*

Potential School

Counselor

Scholarship

Recipient



**“I attribute all my academic success, college acceptances, and bright aspirations to Mrs. Kaltved. Had it not been for her guidance and dedication, I would not currently be aspiring to be a chemical engineer.”**

**~Jemimah Mawande, Student**

**Andrea Kaltved**

**\*Jemimah Mawande\***

**Woodbury High School**

**East Suburban Division**

**MSCA Scholarship**

**Recipient**



# Boeckman Middle School

SPARC-MN Award Recipient

***Sandra Schmidt***

***\*Casey Robinson\****

**Edina High School**

**Lake Area Division**

**MSCA Scholarship**

**Recipient**

**“I could never have accomplished it all without Ms. Schmidt. She has changed the life of my brother and I, supporting us when it felt like no one else was.”**

**~Casey Robinson**

# The REACH Drop-In Center

Wellstone Legacy Award Recipient



**Katherine Van Pernis**

**\*Cyrus Kian\***

**Southwest Senior High**

**Minneapolis Metro Division**

**MSCA Scholarship**

**Recipient**

**“Katherine Van Pernis is exactly the pinnacle of what every school counselor should be. Dedicated, full of wisdom, and super cool.”**

**~Cyrus Kian, Student**





# Marcy Koch

Roosevelt  
Elementary

Mankato

Elementary

Counselor of the  
Year

**“Ms. Berini listened to my story the way no one had before: with her ears and her heart. She saw my strength and inspired my voice.”**

**~Nancy Swanson, Student**

**Sandra Berini**

**\*Nancy Swanson\***

**Duluth East High School**

**Northeast Division**

**MSCA Scholarship**

**Recipient**

**Chris Otto**

Stillwater Junior High

Middle School

Counselor of the Year



**Sheila Helgeson**

**\*Lalania Walker\***

**Mahnomen High School**

**Northwest Division**

**MSCA Scholarship**

**Recipient**

**“There’s only a few people  
who I’m actually  
comfortable with and who I  
show my real self to. Ms.  
Helgeson is one of the few.”**

**~Lalania Walker, Student**

**Denise Cochran**

Rosemount High  
School

Secondary

Counselor of the  
Year





# Nicole Pierce

Cologne Academy

Multi-Level

Counselor of the  
Year

**Julie Senska**

**\*Payton Stites\***

Byron High School

Southeast Division

MSCA Scholarship

Recipient

**“Mrs. Senska offered me a glimmer of hope when I needed it most. Her office became my safe place.”**

**~Payton Stites, Student**

# Tim Menard

University of MN

Crookston

Post-Secondary

Counselor of the Year





**“I told Ms. Kammerer that other students have it worse than me, but never once did she let me think that my hardships were not important.”**

**~Cindy Nguyen, Student**

**Lea Kammerer**

**\*Cindy Nguyen\***

**Harding High School**

**St. Paul Division**

**MSCA Scholarship**

**Recipient**

# Linda Gleason

Boeckman Middle  
School

Administrative  
Support Award  
Recipient



**Amanda Frank**

**\*Megan Lee\***

**GFW High School**

**Southwest Division**

**MSCA Scholarship**

**Recipient**

**“Mrs. Frank not only assisted me in becoming the person I am today, but she is someone I look up to as a role model.”**

**~Megan Lee, Student**



**Brenda Steve**

**Sartell High School**

**Administrator**

**of the Year**

# Carl Stange

Winona State  
University

Friend of MSCA  
Award Recipient



# Jodi Raser

**\*Baileigh Wagenman\***

New York Mills High School

West Central Division

MSCA Scholarship Recipient

“Jodi Raser proved that being a counselor isn’t about the job, it is about getting to make an impact and seeing individuals succeed.”

~Baileigh Wagenman,  
Student

# Congratulations to our Retirees!

Tim Anderson

Paul Andress

Don Cavalier

Denise Cochran

Lori Delahunt

Donald Fineran

Candice Gallipo



Pat Morningstar

Paul Moore

Craig Nelson

Murray Smart

Jane Stapleton

Bob Stenson

Kay Weber

# In Memory of Kirk Johnson

Kirk Johnson, school counselor at Hastings High School, lost his battle with cancer this year at the age of 51.

He will be deeply missed.

