

January 28, 2016

Dear School Superintendent/Principal/Administrator (insert name):

This past November, the Jefferson-Lewis Association of Counseling and Development (JLACD) sent fourteen of its members to the New York State School Counselors Association's 2015 Annual Conference. That is the highest participation rate of any of the regional School Counselor associations in the state! That would not have happened without your support! The following JLACD member(s) (insert names) identified you as playing a significant role in supporting their attendance. We truly appreciate your recognition of the importance of professional development opportunities for School Counselors. A JLACD certificate of recognition for that appreciation is attached!

Last year the Jefferson-Lewis Association of Counseling and Development affiliated with the New York State School Counselors Association for the purpose of enhancing our professional connections and partnerships, in addition to accessing more resources for student support. I have attached a summary of the NYSSCA workshops that were attended by our Counselors over the last two NYSSCA annual conferences, in addition to the latest JLACD BRIDGE Bulletin that lists the ongoing professional development activity of the JLACD. There are no membership fees for the JLACD organization, so its programs and effectiveness are attributable to the voluntary commitment of its members. The JLACD has budgeted \$2,000 each year, for helping to send its members to the NYSSCA Annual Conference.

The JLACD has also established two different programs to help recognize and reward exceptional students. The first is a \$100 scholarship that is provided for every High School Guidance Office to award to a deserving college-bound senior. The second program allows every School Counselor to select a student who has made special contributions in school or the community, to receive a JLACD Student of Distinction Award Certificate.

We would also like you to be aware that the American School Counselors Association has designated **National School Counselor Week to be observed on February 1-5, 2016**. Anything you can do to work with your School Counselors in helping them to remind students and teachers of the services they provide and the important role they play in supporting students, would be extremely helpful.

Thanks again for your support and have a great spring term!

Sincerely,

Matthew Lambert, JLACD President

PS- We'll send you the actual hardcopy of the JLACD Certificate of Recognition!

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