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Academy of Arts & Sciences (AAS) Celebrates its Counselors during National School Counseling Week

Thousand Oaks, Ca. – National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), will be celebrated from February 6–10, 2017, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems and how scholars are different as a result of what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping scholars achieve school success and plan for a career.

“School counselors work with all students to remove barriers to learning by addressing students’ academic concerns, career awareness in post-secondary options and personal/social skills,” said Kwok-Sze Wong, Ed.D., ASCA executive director. “Comprehensive school counseling programs help to increase student achievement and provide a much-needed resource for students, parents, teachers and administrators. School counselors are integral to student success.”

The AAS Counseling Services Department is comprised on a manager, Debra Stephan, college and career counselor, Edith Cruz, and four counselors: Gabriela Ayala, Gabee Gonzalez, Jacob Samples, and Amanda Schwartzberg. To learn more about the unique services our team provides our scholars, visit http://aascalifornia.org/academics/counseling_services.

“We proudly join communities across the country to celebrate our school counselors,” said J.J Lewis, AAS President & CEO. “I would like to especially thank our wonderful counseling team, led by Debra Stephan, for their passion to serving scholars. This team continues to find unique ways to enhance the virtual educational experience for our scholars.”

As part of its celebration for National School Counseling Week, AAS is participating in a social media photo contest. We encourage our stakeholders to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to participate. Parents or community members with specific questions or concerns about our counseling programs should reach out to our counseling team at http://aascalifornia.org/about_us/meet_our_team/counseling_services/.

About the Academy of Arts & Sciences

The Academy of Arts & Sciences (AAS) is one of California’s leading WASC-accredited virtual public charter schools serving scholars throughout the state. AAS offers a home study and online option for scholars in grades kindergarten through 12. AAS is committed to creating a collaborative virtual learning community, inspiring scholars to appreciate the ways in which arts and sciences nurture a curiosity for lifelong learning, and preparing scholars to take responsibility for their future successes.

For more information about AAS, visit www.aascalifornia.org.