



OUR TEAM

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Director of Professional Learning



BIOGRAPHY

"The core of my 'why' stems from the unyielding desire to create systems and counseling programs that address the needs of ALL students. As a teenager, I often felt myself 'slipping through the cracks' and if it were not for the influential student advocates in my life then I would not be where I am today. My goal and mission is to ensure that ALL students have equitable access to a comprehensive counseling program that is focused on student success and supportive of helping every single student reach their full potential. Every single student, every single day!"

Terri has served as a student advocate for over 17 years in the role of both a teacher and school counselor with a specialized focus on career development within Career and Technical Education. Under Terri's leadership her counseling department has received both state and national recognition for exemplary practices in college/career readiness by the Michigan Department of Education and was one of the first schools in her state to be honored as a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP). As a result of her counseling department paving the way for school counselors in Michigan, Terri and her team offered state-wide trainings to encourage more Michigan schools to follow the ASCA National Model and achieve the RAMP designation. Serving as a strong advocate for the development of comprehensive, data-driven programs, Terri serves on several national academic and business/industry committees to provide a school counselor perspective, as well as released several publications to highlight the benefits of student-centered counseling programs that are focused on academics, career development and social-emotional support.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 ASCA National School Counselor of the Year
- 2017 Young Leader Award, Spring Arbor University
- 2016 Michigan School Counselor of the Year
- 2015 Excellence in College/Career Readiness, MI Dept. of Education
- 2013 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP)

FUN FACTS

- Terri is an avid sports fan and has experience coaching basketball, volleyball and softball at the high school level.
- As a "side hustle," Terri is a personal fitness/wellness coach.
- Terri is an adventure-seeker at heart – she has flown a small engine aircraft and bungee jumped in Mexico!



TESTIMONIALS

"Terri encourages, inspires, and excites any audience. Whether speaking to school counseling graduate students or seasoned school counseling veterans, Terri shares a message of how all can become change agents in the lives of students through hard work and data driven comprehensive school counseling programs. Audiences leave energized and motivated with a renewed hope for all school counselors can achieve."

– Judy Williams, Grand Rapids, MI, MSCA President & Counselor Educator at Grand Valley University

Terri occupies the rarefied air of presenters in that she couples motivation with practicality. She stirred our passion and understanding step by step piece by piece with a vivid explanation of how we as school counselors are proactive, collaborators, leaders, data driven, intentional and precise. She had our complete interest for her short 1 day with us and being a compassionate and supportive counselor she continued to check in, reinforce, and offer suggestions throughout our learning journey.

– Michael Farrell, Ed.D., Fort Smith, AR, Supervisor Student Services at Fort Smith Public Schools

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