



PRESS RELEASE
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School Psychologists Honored at NYASP Annual Awards Ceremony

The New York Association of School Psychologists (NYASP) recognized School Psychologists and School Psychology Graduate Students at their annual awards ceremony on October 22, 2020. The 2020 awards ceremony capped off a day of virtual professional development as part of the NYASP 2020 Annual Conference, which occurred October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The conference was originally going to be held at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale, NY, but the NYASP Conference Committee, chaired by Dr. Emma Leah Hettrich and Dr. Mitchell Samet, swiftly made the change to a virtual conference to make certain that School Psychologists and mental health professionals would be able to safely access high quality professional development amidst the global pandemic. The commitment to showcase and honor award winners by the NYASP Awards Committee, chaired by Dr. Jeanne Gold and Dr. Arielle Sikora, was evident during the virtual awards ceremony. Thank you to the Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc. (MHANYS) for sponsoring the awards ceremony.



Lauren Gallagher, Ph.D. **Frank Plumeau School Psychologist of the Year**

Dr. Lauren Gallagher is a School Psychologist at Washington Drive Primary School in the Harborfields Central School District in Greenlawn, NY. Dr. Gallagher's work as a School Psychologist is grounded in her first position in education as a special education teacher in New York City. Through her work as a special education teacher, Dr. Gallagher learned the importance of connecting to students and building social emotional awareness. Dr. Gallagher writes, "My teaching experience showed me firsthand how hope and resilience can spring from heartache and despair when there is someone there who cares." Dr. Gallagher is regarded by her colleagues as their "resident superhero" and NYASP is proud to recognize her as the 2020 Frank Plumeau School Psychologist of the Year.

The committee congratulated the following additional award winners at the ceremony:

NYASP Chapter School Psychologist of the Year

- Chapter G - ***Michael Wales, M.A.***, Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES
- Chapter H - ***Heather Stempin, Psy.D.***, Corning-Painted Post Schools
- Chapter L - ***Timothy Scholten, Ed.S.***, Ossining Union Free School District
- Chapter N - ***Vicki Mammano, Psy.D.***, New York City Department of Education
- Chapter P - ***Lauren Gallagher, Ph.D.***, Harborfields Central School District

NYASP Distinguished Service Award

John Garruto, D.Ed., NCSP
NYASP Immediate Past President

NYASP Friend of Children Award

The League of Yes
Accepted by Kristine Fitzpatrick

NYASP Presidential Service Award

Kelly Caci, M.A.	NYASP Legislative Co-Chair
Peter Faustino, Psy.D.	NASP Delegate for New York State
Emma Leah Hettrich, Psy.D.	NYASP 2020 Conference Co-Chair & NYASP Membership Co-Chair
Courtney Huguenin, M.A., M.S., NCSP	NYASP Public Relations Chair
John Kelly, Ph.D.	NYASP Legislative Co-Chair
Michael Paff, D.Ed., NCSP	NYASP Newsletter Editor & Culturally Responsive Co-Chair
Beth Rizzi, M.A.	NYASP President
Mitchell Samet, Ph.D.	NYASP 2020 Conference Co-Chair
Stacy A. S. Williams, Ph.D., NCSP, LP	NYASP Treasurer

NYASP Ted Bernstein Award

Jermaine Lascelles - Adelphi University	Samantha Baca - Pace University
Allison Tanner - Alfred University	Shuci Wu - Queens College of CUNY
Kierra Shirley - Brooklyn College of CUNY	Kristi Kohl - Roberts Wesleyan College
Nicole Cast - College of Saint Rose	Kristina LaRock - Rochester Institute of Technology
Amarelle Hamo - Columbia University	Mary Christine O'Brien - St. John's University
Joella Goodman - Fordham University	Jenna Cupp - SUNY at Albany
Amanda Neal - Hofstra University	Abby Lindberg - SUNY at Buffalo
Zoe Spiegel - Iona College	Rebecca Wood - SUNY at Oswego
Isaiah Ojeda - Long Island University	Mollie Hoffman - SUNY at Plattsburgh
Sarah Goetze - Marist College	Adam Clawson - Syracuse University
Mitzi Campoverde-Leyton - Mercy College	Erica Hoffman - Yeshiva University
Christine Gillis - Niagara University	

The committee also recognized Vincent, a student from Commack High School, for designing the NYASP 2020 Conference logo! Congratulations to all of the award winners!

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