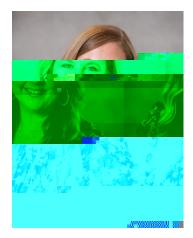


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ALEXANDRIA, VA The American School Counselor
Association (ASCA) is pleased to announce Meredith Lindsey
Draughn is the 2023 School Counselor of the Year
(#SCOY23). Draughn is the school counselor at B. Everett
Jordan Elementary School in Graham, N.C.

A school counselor since 2014, Draughn is the first national School Counselor of the Year from North Carolina.

A National Board Certified School Counselor, Draughn received her degree from Wake Forest University and her Appalachian State University. She is an ASCA U School Counseling Leadership Specialist; Mental Health Specialist; Anxiety & Stress Management Specialist; Cultural Competency Specialist; and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Specialist. B. Everett Jordan Elementary School is a Recognized ASCA Model Program school that serves 355 students in grades K 5.

with incredible colleagues, I have witnessed the positive and life-changing impact that school c said.

Upon returning to in-person learning after the COVID-19 pandemic, many students at the school were struggling, some more than others,

e were all in the same storm, but we were certainly not all in the same boat.

To support students needs, Draughn worked

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members of society. Founded in 1952, ASCA has a network of 50 state and territory associations and a membership of approximately 43,000 school counseling professionals. For additional information on the American School Counselor Association, visit www.schoolcounselor.org.