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### **AZ school counselor of the year to be recognized in Washington DC**

**Glendale, Ariz. (February, 2022)** -- The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) celebrates National School Counseling week every year on the first week of February. This year Kristina Guy, the school counselor at West-MEC's Northwest campus will be recognized as the Arizona School counselor of the year at the capital among other counselors for her outstanding service to the school community.

Guy who helped start the Northwest campus is passionate about student success in all avenues of life and not just academics. She said, "Receiving this honor reinforces the fact that every school counselor's work is invaluable in education. I am thankful to my family and the staff and students at West-MEC who have continued to support my initiatives and encourage me."

As the counselor of a new school with only 200 students and five programs in 2017, she helped in the growth of the campus. Currently, the Northwest campus serves around 600 students who participate in 12 approved programs, with room to grow. Apart from her passion for career literacy and post-secondary planning, she sought to serve students experiencing homelessness and was instrumental in West-MEC's partnership with Homeless Youth Connect; a nonprofit serving youth facing housing insecurity.

The ASCA Executive Director, Jill Cook said, "Each year, the School Counselor of the Year program shows us what the research tells us – that school counselors have a significant impact on students' academic achievement, social/emotional development and plans for life after graduation."

Image caption: Kristina interacts with Power Sports Technology student

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