

Candidate Bio:

My name is Jaclyn Lussenhop. I am in my 7th year as a school counselor. I decided to become a school counselor because I really enjoy working with children and I have worked in a variety of different jobs that help children. When I was working as a behavioral health intervention specialist (BHIS) I knew I wanted to do more, and I had worked with a lot of great school counselors. That's when I knew I wanted to be a school counselor. I graduated from the University of Northern Iowa for my undergrad as well as got my masters in school counseling. My first couple years working as a school counselor I worked at Davis Elementary, which was 3rd/4th in Grinnell. I then worked at Springville for 3 years working with PK-6th, and I am now in my second year at Prairie Creek with 5th/6th. Prairie Creek is part of the College Community School District. I am the K-6th PLC facilitator; it is our first year having our own official PLC. I am a part of various committees within my building and within the district.

I have been on the ISCA board as the secretary for the last 3 years and have been part of the Advocacy committee for about 8 years. I have presented at ISCA's Conference about 6 times on various topics, this past conference I presented on Building Relationships with Large Caseloads as it is important to me that students feel connected to their school counselor and I wanted to share what we and the teachers at my school found to be helpful. This fall I was fortunate enough to attend ASCA's Leadership Development Institute (LDI) and representing Iowa. I learned a lot of great things from other school counselors as well as some things that we can be doing for ISCA.

Candidate Statement:

I am interested in serving as the President Elect-Elect because I am passionate about school counseling and I want to be able to help other school counselors be able to advocate for their positions.

As a current board member I love when we get to meet up and discuss the things going on at our buildings and being able to share our knowledge and resources and then finding ways to share that with other school counselors.

Being President Elect-Elect would allow me to continue to advocate for our profession not only in my role at my school, and current position on the board, it would allow me to advocate at the state level and beyond. With being President Elect-Elect we can continue to make sure that people truly understand our roles as school counselors not only within our school, but also with our community, parents, and students.