

Candidate Bio:

Shelby Bryce has been the K-12 guidance counselor at Lone Tree Community School for 7 years. Before then, she was a special education teacher. Shelby received both her Bachelor's and Master's from the University of Iowa. Since becoming the K-12 counselor at Lone Tree, she has built the Guidance department into one her, her administrators, and the community are extremely proud of. She was awarded Teacher of the Year her second year of teaching in Fort Worth, TX. And has been nominated twice for School Counselor of the Year in Iowa. She is part of the Leadership Team at Lone Tree and serves as a Lead Teacher, Model Teacher, and RTI specialist. Shelby prides herself in being a standard's based college/career and guidance counselor and educator. Her school counseling methods and lessons are creative, meaningful, and relevant.

Candidate's Statement:

My vision for school counseling encompasses many things. For one, I am a firm believer in building relationships with students, parents, staff, and community members. In order to be a successful school counselor, you must go the extra mile to build relationships, show commitment, and deliver positive opportunities and outcomes. Along with this, school counselors must be ever-changing; times change, students change, needs change. Because of this, school counselors must be always on the look-out for new opportunities for their students and their school. This often means making calls, going to events, sending out emails, showing up on doorsteps, etc. Opportunity is key to life-changing moments. Students in this generation, unfortunately sometimes need frequent reminders, check-points, and even opportunities handed to them on golden platters. Although this often means more work for us, I believe educators need to bite the bullet, go the extra mile, and provide these opportunities and ideas, hoping for that moments where a student is hooked and steadfast on their path to success in life. Because of my beliefs, my unwavering work ethic and passion, I would contribute to the ISCA board by always bringing new ideas, collaborating, and utilizing my solution-focused abilities to make things happen.

I am not only a counselor in my building, I am a teacher, a leader, and a mentor. I bring a lot of experience and knowledge when it comes to what is happening in schools and in classrooms. Most importantly, I have made it a mission to be a learner myself and am always seeking enrichment, opportunity, and success for all students.