

Cory Graven

Candidate Bio:

I am currently the middle school counselor with Center Point-Urbana Schools in Center Point, Iowa. I completed my undergraduate work in 2007 from Wartburg College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in physical education. I went on to obtain my master's degree in school counseling from Buena Vista University. I am in my fifth year as a professional school counselor.

Candidate Statement:

I have always had motivation and have felt an excitement of taking on the challenge to become the best school counselor I can be – striving to meet the needs of students and create an ASCA Model program. What I soon realized as I started my career was that to be the very best school counselor meant I personally needed to: utilize my resources, collaborate with other professional school counselors, have a willingness to learn, and take risks and work outside of my comfort zone at times. This realization happened by becoming an active member of ISCA, and eventually serving as secretary on the Board from 2014-2017. If given the chance to serve as President Elect-Elect for the Iowa School Counselor Association, I will work diligently on behalf of the school counselors across our state to continue to offer high quality and accessible professional opportunities, resources, and support in an effort to transform our passion and excitement for what we do into success for our students. I believe the actions I mentioned for meeting the challenges of being a school counselor are ones that ISCA currently supports, and will continue to be a guiding force in these areas. I will also aim to work with the Board to continue to advocate for the school counseling profession at the state and local levels, and help school counselors stay informed and empowered as the profession continues to evolve.