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CAPISTRANO UNIFIED COUNSELING PROGRAMS RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

*Four Schools Receive American School Counselor Association's
Model Program (RAMP) Designation*

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA – Four Capistrano Unified schools have received national recognition by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) as Recognized ASCA Model Programs (RAMP).

The RAMP designation identifies schools that are committed to delivering an exemplary comprehensive school counseling program. Honorees are awarded for aligning their program with the criteria in the ASCA National Model, a framework for comprehensive, data-driven school counseling. Since the program's inception, more than 820 schools have been designated as RAMP recipients.

Prior to this year, only eleven schools in California had earned the RAMP designation. This year, seven schools in California were recognized. The four Capistrano Unified schools being honored are Ambuehl Elementary School, Hidden Hills Elementary School, Las Flores Middle School, and Capistrano Valley High School. Capistrano Unified made history this year by having the most schools with the RAMP designation, and is the first district to have at least one RAMP school at all levels – elementary, middle, and high school.

RAMP applications are reviewed once a year and are assessed in 12 different program areas. Last school year, with the support of their principals, the CUSD school counselors met monthly as a Professional Learning Community to develop the school counseling program. They collaborated with their administrators, interns, and school counseling advisory council throughout the implementation process and spent many hours completing the extensive RAMP application to demonstrate how leadership, collaboration, and advocacy resulted in systemic change for the benefit of students.

“We are extremely proud of the work of our school counselors,” said Board of Trustees President Gila Jones. “What they do to support our young people is critical for their social and emotional health, and for their ability to succeed educationally.”

The school counselors and their principals will be honored at a recognition ceremony at ASCA’s annual conference in Boston, Massachusetts on July 1, 2019.

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