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# 2007 MSCA SPRING INSTITUTE



School Counselors:  
Building Capacity for  
Montana's Kids

April 19th and 20th  
Holiday Inn  
Bozeman, MT

Barb Holden, President  
2024 13th St SW  
Great Falls, MT 59404



## Welcome!

The Montana School Counselor Association is pleased to invite you to attend the 2007 MSCA Spring Institute!

This year's conference will include a wide array of choices for you. We will be offering you intensive training from Dr. Judy Bowers, multiple ways to help your students seek a brighter future, and skills for you for the rest of the job.

We were excited to see the number of proposals that came in for this conference. There will be sectionals for counselors working in all settings, sectionals addressing the three domains of the Model, plus management ideas, counseling strategies, and personal skills for you.

We know that each day you face a multitude of tasks that are demanding both professionally and personally. The Spring Institute is an opportunity to re-charge, renew and to learn new skills. It is no accident that the MSCA Spring Institute follows the end of the state testing window. School counselors across Montana need this time!

We'll look for you April 19th and 20th in Bozeman!

Barb Holden, President  
Montana School Counselor Association

## Hotel Information

Holiday Inn  
Bozeman, MT

Make your reservations now!  
Call 1-800 366-5101 or 406 587-4561  
Or book online at [www.hibozeman.com](http://www.hibozeman.com)  
Use the code (msc) for the room block rate  
("Corporate, group and IATA Identification" drop down)  
Room block and rate held until April 5th

## Introducing our Keynote!



**Dr. Judy Bowers,**  
Past President of ASCA,  
co-author of the ASCA  
National Model

### Opening Keynote: "School Counselors: Moving from Good to Great!!"

Using the philosophy of *Good to Great* by Jim Collins, Dr. Bowers will share the changing role of school counselors. She will include examples of school counselors using data to improve attendance and academic achievement that will prepare all students to be "Work Ready and College Ready".

### Seven strategies to ensure the implementation of the ASCA National Model

#### *Part one: What Does It Take To Implement Your ASCA National Model Program?*

School counselors today must be leaders, advocates, and collaborators who work to implement systemic change through their school counseling programs. These skills are vital for all counselors to use in their closing the gap efforts to reach all students. Learn strategies to develop these skills and to use them with administrators and teachers as you implement your ASCA National model program.

#### *Part two: Ensuring the Institutionalization of the Model in Your School*

Many school counselors are implementing the ASCA National Model in their schools and districts. To ensure that the program becomes institutionalized in your school district, seven characteristics must be in place. Judy will show how data and accountability are areas where counselors must be proficient to demonstrate the difference they make with their students. Judy will help you learn how you can develop these characteristics for your school counseling program.

Dr. Judy Bowers is a consultant for school counseling programs nationally and internationally. In addition, she is an adjunct professor in the school counseling departments at Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona. Before retiring she was the Director of the School Counseling Program in Tucson, Arizona. During the 13 years Judy was in this position, she gradually increased the number of counselors from 95 to 170 and provided a counselor in every elementary school.

Judy has been a middle and high school teacher and counselor in Arizona, Wisconsin, and Illinois. She served as President of the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). Judy is the co-author of the ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs (ASCA, 2003) and co-author of the ASCA National Model Workbook (ASCA, 2004). Both of these seminal documents for school counselors are being used across the United States and in foreign countries.

## Conference Highlights!

### Multiple Strategies to Help Your Students Seek a Brighter Future

Montana counselors and career professionals will provide a full array of workshops providing you with ideas for your high school, middle and elementary students as they begin the process of moving from school to work with a stop for training on the way. We will have information on post-secondary options, career exploration, financial aid options and counselor resources.

### Skills for the Rest of the Job

A school counselor's job is always multi-faceted. We know the variety of skills you need each day. The 2007 Spring Institute also will provide you with skills and information on Cyberbullying, Crisis Management, Technology for Counselors, Play Therapy, the Achievement Gap with our Native Students and more.

### Level Sharing

Each year counselors rate the level sharing as one of the most valuable pieces of the Spring Institute. Counselors meet by work settings and share idea and concerns. Begin planning now for your contribution. Bring handouts if you wish.

### Fill Your Cup

Friday's breakfast includes "Filling Your Cup". This is an opportunity to make someone's day. Bring a cup filled with small items for recharging, refilling, and enjoyment. We'll exchange them during breakfast.

### Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

Thursday's lunch is the MSCA Annual Meeting. During this meeting we will elect our new board members and celebrate the selection of the 2007 Counselor of the Year Awards. (More information is available in the newsletter at [www.mtschoolcounselor.org](http://www.mtschoolcounselor.org).)

### What I Knew and What I Wish I Would Have Known Before College-Student Panel

Friday's lunch is a special treat sponsored by the Student Assistance Foundation. While you enjoy your lunch, students currently enrolled in college will share with you their thoughts about the support they received as they prepared for college. They will also reflect on the additional help and information that would have helped their process.

## Wednesday, April 18

6:30-8:30 p.m. Registration in the Lobby

## Thursday, April 19

7:30-8:30 a.m. Registration in the Lobby Exhibits open

8:30-9:15 **Keynote: Bringing Counselors from Good to Great**, Dr. Judy Bowers

9:30-10:45 Session 1

<p><b>What Does It take To Implement your ASCA National Model Program? Part 1</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Judy Bowers</i></p>	<p><b>So Much College Information-So Little Time</b></p> <p><i>Amy Leary, MPSEOC, Annette Walstad, Montana Gear Up, Ann "Punki" Bulles, Metzgear Up Liaison, Hardin MS Clay Hanson, Comm. Outreach Coor., MCIS, SAF</i></p>
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11:00-12:15 Session 2

<p><b>What Does It take To Implement your ASCA National Model Program? Part 2</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Judy Bowers</i></p>	<p><b>Rocky Road to College</b></p> <p><i>Judy Hay, MSU-GF COT Annette Walstad, OCHE/MT. Gear Up</i></p>
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12:30-1:45

### MSCA Annual Meeting and Luncheon Counselor of the Year Awards and Election of Officers

2:00-3:15 Session 3

<p><b>Ensuring the Institutionalization of the Model in Your School Part 1</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Judy Bowers</i></p>	<p><b>Free Money for College</b></p> <p><i>Clay Hanson, MCIS/SAF Tricia Williamson, Bridger Alternative School, MSCA Terri Grub, Asst Dir of Financial Aid, U of M</i></p>
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3:30-4:45 Session 4

<p><b>Ensuring the Institutionalization of the Model in Your School Part 2</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Judy Bowers</i></p>	<p><b>EEK! What do I want to Be??? -Helping High School Students with Career Exploration</b></p> <p><i>Shauna Hildebrand, Mt Career Resource Network Director</i></p>
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## Friday, April 20

7:00-7:45 a.m. Breakfast "Fill your cup" with food and socializing

8:00-9:15 Level Sharing

<p><b>K-12 Sharing</b> <i>Linda Konesky, MSCA K-12 VP</i></p> <p><b>Elementary Sharing</b> <i>MSCA Elementary VP</i></p> <p><b>Middle/Jr High Sharing</b> <i>Elaine Schoyen, MSCA Middle School VP</i></p> <p><b>High School Sharing</b> <i>Vicki Smith, MSCA High School VP</i></p> <p><b>Open Discussion Regarding Counseling in Montana</b> <i>Barb Holden, MSCA President</i></p>
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9:30-10:45 Session 1

<p><b>Bullies in Cyberspace</b> <i>Dr. J. Bowers</i></p> <p><b>Play Therapy &amp; Beyond</b> <i>Susan Platt</i></p> <p><b>Orion Program: A School within a School</b> <i>Glenna Schaible</i></p> <p><b>Proficiency Admissions</b> <i>Jan Clinard</i></p> <p><b>Surviving the Helping Profession</b> <i>Dr. Frank Feitz</i></p>
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11:00-12:15 Session 2

<p><b>Integrating Technology into Your Counseling Curriculum</b> <i>Greg Clement</i></p> <p><b>Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Trauma in Schools</b> <i>U of Montana &amp; Montana Childhood Trauma Center</i></p> <p><b>Why Try?</b> <i>Christian Moore</i></p> <p><b>Meaningful Work in the School Setting</b> <i>Alison Halic</i></p> <p><b>Cool! I Want to Do That and That... MCIS Junior</b> <i>Shaunda Hildebrand</i></p>
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12:30-1:45

### Lunch / Panel: What I Knew and What I Wish I Would Have Known Before College-Student Panel, sponsored by the Student Assistance Foundation

2:00-3:15 Session 3

<p><b>Achievement Gap for Native American Students</b> <i>Pearl Yellowtail</i></p> <p><b>Crisis Management &amp; Quick Response Teams in Schools</b> <i>Jodie Barber</i></p> <p><b>Inspiration &amp; the Force of Gravity (Guidance Programming &amp; the G-Force Project)</b> <i>Laura Lake</i></p> <p><b>Story Telling and Counseling</b> <i>Evelyn Widhalm</i></p> <p><b>High School Initiative</b> <i>Tricia Williamson</i></p>
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If you have further questions, feel free to contact:  
Barb Holden at 406 868-2677 or [barb\\_holden@gfps.k12.mt.us](mailto:barb_holden@gfps.k12.mt.us)

## 2007 Spring Institute Registration Form

Name (last, first): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fee includes your 2007-2008 MSCA Membership dues!

**\$135.00 until April 5th,  
\$160.00 after April 5th  
Students: \$70.00**

**Please make checks payable to:  
Montana School Counselor Association**

### Method of payment:

Check enclosed  Purchase order enclosed

I will attend the Thursday Annual Meeting and Counselor of the Year Luncheon (NO CHARGE)

I will attend the Friday Student Panel and Luncheon, "What I wish I'd known before College" (NO CHARGE)

**Mail to: Laura Simpson, Treasurer, MSCA  
PO Box 117  
Geraldine, MT 59446**

### MSCA Membership

If you are unable to attend the conference but do wish to be a 2007-2008 member of MSCA, you can download a membership application at [www.mtschoolcounselor.org](http://www.mtschoolcounselor.org). Be part of your state's only organization for school counselors!