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*"Mrs. Cleveland's enthusiasm, dedication, and tireless efforts inspire the students, staff, and community. She connects with her colleagues on a personal level. Since she has developed meaningful relationships with us, we know we can go to her with a problem. She has earned the trust, respect, and loyalty of her peers." (ARIS Colleague)*

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Congratulations to Ms. Angela Cleveland for being named the 2017 New Jersey School Counselor of the Year by the New Jersey School Counselors Association (NJSCA).

Each year the NJSCA recognizes the excellence and accomplishments of their members. The NJ School Counselor of the Year application process begins the year prior with the selection of honorees at the county level. Each county level Counselor of the Year may then complete a comprehensive application to be considered for the state level award. A selection committee meets and evaluates each applicant based on criteria such as school counseling innovations, effective school counseling programs, leadership and collaboration within the school community, and continual professional development.

In the fields of education and school counseling, Ms. Cleveland is a true advocate of the use of technology by both students and colleagues. She is a Google Certified Educator and champions the use of technology not only in the field of counseling but also to expand student learning as well as to collaborate with fellow staff members. She is a strong promoter of equal access to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and firmly believes in the critical need to eliminate myths about who can succeed in those fields.

Ms. Cleveland has worked at Auten Road Intermediate School since 2007 and currently serves as one of three counselors in the building that supports nearly 1,200 students on a daily basis. Along with her duties as counselor, Ms. Cleveland also serves as the school's Anti-Bullying Specialist and school safety team coordinator.

Ms. Cleveland earned her Bachelor's degree in English Education with an Honors in Humanities, as well as her Director of Guidance Certificate from William Patterson University. She later earned three Master's Degrees: University of Pennsylvania (Psychological Services and a School Counseling Certification), Rider University (Organizational Leadership with an Outstanding Achievement Award), and The College of New Jersey (Instruction).

Over her tenure, Ms. Cleveland has earned numerous awards, and she has given back to the field of education and school counseling through her publications, presentations, and leadership roles. Below is list of her accomplishment and contributions:

## Awards

- Counselor of the Year from Somerset County School Counselors Association 2016
- Outstanding Counselor Award from Mercer County Community College 2011
- Awarded grant from the Korea Society of New York to study in South Korea 2002
- Unsung Hero Award from Carrier Clinic 2002

## Publications

- Therapeutic Children's Books:
  - The Fruit Files: Can you Spot the Clues to How These Fruits Feel?*
  - Peter's Special Concoction: How a Little Boy Learned to Manage Type 1 Diabetes*
  - I'm no Scaredy Cat ... but I'm Afraid to go to School*
- Edutopia "3 Surprising Skills That School Counselors Need"
- ASCA's School Counselor Magazine
  - Top Tech Tools Counselors are Using Today & Will be Using Tomorrow*
  - "Using Origami in Counseling"*
- NJEA Review
  - School Refusal: When the "A" Stands for "Absence"*
  - "Digital Dialogues: A Parent's Guide to Social Media"*
- Tech Diversity Magazine "ReigningIt"
- Intern Match "Utilizing Social Media to Build your Brand"
- Evolving Educators "5 Ways to Elevate Your Educational Setting..."
- NJSCA Newsletter "Infusing Technology into the Counseling Practice"

## Presentations

- American School Counselor Association
  - Technology Toolbox for Counselors 7/2016, 7/2017*
- HackHers Rutgers "Careers with Code and NCWIT Award Opportunities" 2017
- WeCode Harvard "Women in Tech Entrepreneurs" 2017
- New Jersey School Counselor Association
  - Using Origami in Counseling 10/2016*
  - Top Ten Apps Teens Are Talking About 10/2015*
  - Technology Toolbox for Counselors 10/2015*
- Evolving Educators "Tomorrow's Classrooms Today" 5/2016, 5/2017
- Google Apps in Education Presenter 7/2014
- Podcast Interviews
  - House of Ed Tech "How to Get More Women in STEM" 11/2016*
  - Building the Future "Women in STEM Dialogue" 3/2016*

## Leadership

- Co-Founder, ReigningIt
- Consultant, Counselors for Computing
- Member of White House initiative United State of Women Action Network
- Executive Board Member/Webmaster, New Jersey School Counselor Association
- Contributor, Edutopia, NJEA Review, School Counselor, NJSCA
- Writer, ASCA School Counselor Magazine and NJEA Review
- Chairperson, School Climate and Safety Team
- Co-Chair, BoroSAFE (Suicide Awareness for Everyone)