

VCASP Meritorious Service Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize meritorious service of our professional colleagues. It is not a competition. In order to encourage nominations, members should be advised that unless there are obvious and overwhelming reasons for disapproval, all nominations will be approved. Recognition of recipients will be made in the form of certificates of merit, plaques, or other suitable forms of recognition, including letters of recognition to district school board members, and the district superintendent.

CATEGORIES OF SERVICE FOR VCASP SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST MERIT AWARD

SERVICE TO STUDENTS

- Assesses educational and psychological strengths and needs of individual and groups of children.
- Assists in the solution of problems through counseling.
- Works with other specialists in the planning and implementation of individualized programs.

SERVICE TO TEACHERS

- Helps plan educational programs based upon identified strengths and needs of children.
- Works toward the solution of management problems of students whose learning or adjustment disabilities interfere with classroom activities.
- Provides information or ideas on the application of psychological research and theory to the classroom.

SERVICE TO ADMINISTRATORS

- Facilitates educational planning through consultation.
- Provides in-service education for teachers, staff, and parents.
- Participates in the development and evaluation of services.

SERVICE TO PARENTS

- Provides parents with information about educational and psychological strengths and needs of their child.
- Explores means by which the parent and school can work together more effectively to assist the child.
- Expedites referrals to other specialists and agencies when appropriate.
- Offers educational programs regarding child rearing and school related topics.

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY AGENCIES

- Serves as a school representative to help others understand school goals, needs, and operations.
- Provides information and interpretations, which facilitates service to children.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- *Is a member of VCASP.*

The purpose of the VCASP Meritorious Service Award is to recognize the outstanding service and professional dedication of our colleagues. It is not a competition. Nominations and questions about possible nominations are encouraged. Recognition of the recipient will be made in the form of a certificate of merit, plaque, or other suitable form of recognition. A letter of recognition is sent to the recipient's school board, district superintendent, and immediate supervisor.

Categories of service for the VCASP School Psychologist Meritorious Service Award include:

Service to Students	Service to Teachers
Service to Administrators	Service to Parents
Service to Community Agencies	Service to the Profession

The nominee for this award MUST be a member of the Ventura County Association of School Psychologists (VCASP).