As part of its vision for leading schools, NASSP, with financial support from a number of partners, annually recognizes principals, assistant principals, schools, students, and advisers from across the country for their leadership and for creating positive culture and climates in our schools and communities.

**ADMINISTRATOR AWARDS**

The MetLife Foundation–NASSP Breakthrough Schools Project identifies, showcases, and recognizes middle level and high schools that are achieving at high levels or dramatically improving student achievement and that serve large numbers of students living in poverty. For more information, visit [www.nassp.org/breakthrough](http://www.nassp.org/breakthrough).

The MetLife/NASSP National Principal of the Year Award annually honors secondary school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession. Each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity select one middle level and one high school principal to represent the state. Each MetLife/NASSP National Principal of the Year (one middle level and one high school) receives a $5,000 grant and four finalists each receive a $1,500 grant. Visit [www.nassp.org/poy](http://www.nassp.org/poy) to nominate or apply.

The NASSP/Virco National Assistant Principal of the Year Award recognizes outstanding middle level and high school assistant principals who have demonstrated success in leadership. Each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity selects one assistant principal to represent their state. The NASSP/Virco National Assistant Principal of the Year receives a $5,000 grant and two finalists each receive a $1,500 grant. Visit [www.nassp.org/apoy](http://www.nassp.org/apoy) to nominate or apply.

The Digital Principal Award is an opportunity to honor principals who exhibit bold, creative leadership in harnessing the potential of new technologies to further learning goals. The award also allows NASSP to showcase models of leadership that encourage the use of technology in instruction and for principals’ own professional use. NASSP honors three member principals in schools that cover any subset of grades K–12. For details, go to [www.nassp.org/digitalprincipal](http://www.nassp.org/digitalprincipal).

The Gruhn-Long-Melton Award is given to recognize distinguished service and leadership in improving middle level education. Criteria for the award are service to and leadership in the field of middle level education, a dedication to young adolescents, and an active involvement in the middle level field for a decade or longer. Visit [www.nassp.org/glmaward](http://www.nassp.org/glmaward).

**DISSERTATION AWARDS**

The NASSP Dr. Ted Sizer Dissertation Awards seek to recognize leadership research at the middle and high school levels. Annual competitions are open to doctoral students who have completed and successfully defended their dissertations between July 1 and June 30. Each winner receives a complimentary one-year NASSP membership, a cash award, and the opportunity to have their research finding published. Applications are available at [www.nassp.org/dissertation](http://www.nassp.org/dissertation) after July 1.

For information and applications for NASSP recognition, award, or scholarship programs, contact us at recognition@nassp.org.

The mission of NASSP is to promote excellence in school leadership through research-based professional development, resources, and advocacy so that every student can be prepared for postsecondary learning opportunities and be workforce ready.

In existence since 1916, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) is the preeminent organization of and national voice for principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders from across the United States and more than 45 countries around the world.

NASSP also promotes the intellectual growth, academic achievement, character and leadership development, and physical well-being of youth. NASSP is proud to have founded and to administer the following student leadership programs:

- National Honor Society™
- National Junior Honor Society®
- National Elementary Honor Society®
- National Association of Student Councils®

For more information about NASSP, located in Reston, VA, visit [www.nassp.org](http://www.nassp.org).
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

National Honor Society (NHS) Scholarships are available to senior chapter members of affiliated NHS chapters who demonstrate outstanding character, scholarship, service, and leadership. Chapters may nominate two to five seniors from their chapters based on graduating class size. A total of $200,000 in scholarships is awarded in the following categories: state winners at $1,000; state finalists at $1,500; nine regional winners at $3,000; and one national winner at $13,000. Visit www.nhs.us/scholarships for more information.

National Association of Student Councils (NASC) Student Leaders Program challenges student leaders to extend their leadership skills and activities. Upon completion of the program, those students who demonstrate superior student council leadership skills and knowledge based on NASC criteria and evaluation procedures earn national recognition as NASC-certified student leaders. Visit www.nasc.us/studentleaders for more information.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program is the United States’ largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. Local Honorees each receive a Certificate of Achievement. Each State Honoree receives an award of $1,000; an engraved silver medallion; and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, DC, for national recognition events. National Honorees each receive an additional award of $5,000; an engraved gold medallion; a crystal trophy for his or her school or organization; and a $5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a nonprofit, charitable organization of the honoree’s choice. For more information, visit spirit.prudential.com or www.nasc.org/spirit.

The President’s Education Awards Program, sponsored by the US Department of Education and in partnership with NASC and NAESP, was developed to help principals recognize and honor those students who have achieved high academic goals by their hard work and dedication to learning. Students are eligible for one of two honors: the President’s Award for Educational Excellence or the President’s Award for Educational Achievement. There is no limit on the number of awards that your school can order, as long as the students meet the criteria. Details can be found at: www.naspc.org/ppea.

The American Citizenship Award is proudly presented by NASC and NAESP. The award honors any student in elementary, middle, or high school who has shown by his or her words and actions that he or she possesses the qualities and characteristics educators hope to instill in all students. Honoring model students with this award will inspire and encourage other students to strive to be better citizens. Visit www.naspc.org/aca for information.

The President’s Volunteer Service Award recognizes Americans of all ages and backgrounds who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period or throughout their lifetime. Visit www.presidential serviceawards.gov for details.

ADVISER AWARDS

The Warren E. Shull Award honors Warren E. Shull, the founder of the National Association of Student Councils. The Shull Awards recognize high school and middle level student council advisers of exemplary character and leadership for their commitment to developing students as leaders. Introduction of the regional winners and announcement of the two national winners—one middle level adviser and one high school adviser—takes place at the NASC national conference each June. Plaques are presented to each of the regional and national NASC Advisers of the Year. Each national winner receives a $500 award. Nomination forms are available at www.nasc.us/shull.

The Rynearson Award honors the memory of Edward Rynearson, principal and founder of the National Honor Society. This award recognizes the National Adviser of the Year for NHS and NJHS. The deadline for nominations is February and winners are announced in May. Information can be found at www.nhs.us/osp for details.

STATE ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The Kyker State Service Project Awards recognize the outstanding work of state student council and honor society associations each year. The awards are named for Ardis Kyker, a retired state director from Minnesota. One award is presented to a state student council association and a second to a state honor society association for completing a successful and outstanding service activity during the year. Applications are due in April. Winners are announced in June. Visit www.nhs.us/kyker or www.nasc.us/kyker for more information.

SCHOOL AWARDS

The NASC National Councils of Excellence Award provides national recognition for middle and high school student councils that consistently provide quality leadership activities and service to their schools and communities and that introduce young students to leadership roles. The award is given annually and applications are due in February. For applications, go to www.nasc.us/ncoe.

Outstanding Service Project Awards recognize NHS and NJHS chapters that make significant community service contributions at the local level. Each project is judged on the basis of its goals and organization, service impact, involvement, and the quality and clarity of the written summary. Visit nhs.us/osp for details.