



OUR TEAM



SCOTT BIRKESTRAND, M.S., P.P.S.

Professional Learning Specialist

BIOGRAPHY

"One of the most important parts of school counseling is meeting a student where they are at and then moving forward with them. School counseling has allowed me to provide assistance, options, and motivation to students at a time when they need it most. If we can holistically build up our youth we can have a positive impact on generations to come."

Scott is a data informed, equity focused school counselor who is student centered and results driven. Scott grew up in a small town, where he felt career options were limited, until he met his high school counselor. As a natural advocate the school counselor role was an avenue for Scott to give back to students who felt similarly. As he developed his skills through postsecondary school, using an equity lens quickly became the focus of his practice. School counseling has allowed Scott to assist students in accessing their education through the use of data and proactive measures. Through the tools Hatching Results utilizes, Scott has successfully proven his students' achievement in areas such as graduation rates, test scores, and attendance.

As a high school counselor, Scott has been encouraged to and has taken on several leadership roles. As a member of the district's LCAP/LeCAP and Site Counsel, he advocates for students and the school counseling role. Scott's favorite leadership role has been the Lead AVID school counselor. Scott has been a part of the team that brought AVID to the school and has grown the program from 20 students to 120 students. As a student centered advocate Scott is excited to grow and develop his skills along with students and is dedicated to providing a comprehensive school counseling program for each student.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Head of Logistics and Attendee of the 2014 School Counseling White House Convening
- Practicing High School Counselor
- District LCAP School Counselor Representative
- Increased caseload graduation rates the last three years in a row
- Poster presenter at 2016 CASC Annual Conference
- Presenter at the 2017 Evidence Based School Counseling Conference



FUN FACTS

- Scott recently married his wife, Shawnee. They had their wedding during the COVID pandemic, holding the ceremony outdoors with some family and their best dog friend, Tyber.
- Each summer Scott takes a camping/fly fishing trip to Montana.
- Scott enjoys coming up with new ideas for inventions.

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