



OAPSA KRISTINA HULSE RISING STAR AWARD

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***“Leadership is the capacity to translate
vision into reality.”***

Quote from Warren Bennis



The OAPSA Kristina Hulse Rising Star Award

HISTORY OF AWARD

OAPSA's Award Workgroup meets annually to select our award winner. In the spring of 2023, the workgroup decided to expand the awards we offer. They specifically wanted to offer a new award for outstanding individuals among the ranks of our members. This award which began in 2024 recognizes an OAPSA member who is a special education administrator early in their career. Since OAPSA is the proud Ohio chapter of the Council of Administrators of Special Education and CASE has a similar award, OAPSA patterned this award to align with CASE requirements for that same award. OAPSA has created the OAPSA Kristina Hulse Rising Star Award to recognize an OAPSA member. Additionally, OAPSA would like to have the option, when appropriate, to then submit the recipient of this award for consideration for the CASE Early Career Special Education Administrator Award.

PURPOSE OF AWARD

The OAPSA Kristina Hulse Rising Star Award is intended to recognize an emerging leader who is a member of OAPSA whose record reflects ongoing and exceptional growth in contribution to the profession and increased levels of leadership, responsibility, and sphere of impact.

DETAILS OF AWARD

Every year at an OAPSA conference, an OAPSA member will be presented with the OAPSA Kristina Hulse Rising Star Award.

The OAPSA Kristina Hulse Rising Star Award is presented to an administrator who is a member of OAPSA, is in their first four years administering special education programs and/or services, and has been an active member of OAPSA, engaged in opportunities to support the work of OAPSA. Nominees must also exemplify the three qualities listed below.

1. Demonstrates Leadership Consistent with CASE Core Values
 - **Visionary Leadership:** Nominee is committed to innovative, forward-thinking, and dedicated to excellence.
 - **Inclusionary Practices:** Nominee is committed to the highest standards of access, equity, belonging & inclusion.
 - **Engagement:** Nominee is committed to intentional partnerships with stakeholders to support collaborative decision-making.
 - **Integrity:** Nominee is committed to fostering the values of honesty, fairness and professional ethics.
2. Innovation & Contributions to Special Education and/or Quality of Services to Children with Exceptionalities

- Nominee has led and/or implemented innovative and effective programs that have positively influenced special education programming and services to exceptional children in her/his/their school, district, and/or region.
3. Additional Education-Related and/or Community Accomplishments and Recognitions
- Other accomplishments and recognitions that support citing the early career of the nominee, but that does not relate directly to the previous sections.

PROFILE OF KRISTINA HULSE

Ms. Hulse received her Master of Science Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Dayton in August 2001. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education in May 1998. During her professional career, she has worked as an Elementary and Junior High Special Education Teacher, a Special Education Coordinator, a Special Education Supervisor (Grades 7 – 12), a Director of Special Education, and an Executive Director of Students Services. All those assignments have been in the Pickerington Local School District.

Contribution to OAPSA by Kristina Hulse

When OAPSA decided a mentoring program was needed for our new members, Kristina started a Mentoring Program in her region for those OAPSA members new to our profession in 2019. The following year, Kristina expanded that mentoring program by using the Zoom platform to cover OAPSA members throughout the entire state who are new to Special Education Administration. Our mentoring program has grown tremendously under Kristina's leadership and we recognize the valuable contribution she has made. Naming the Rising Star Award is OAPSA's way of thanking Kristina for her dedication, support, and mentoring to those OAPSA members who are newest to Special Education leadership.

Please consider nominating an OAPSA member who meets the criteria of this award and has made an impact early in their career. To nominate an OAPSA member for this award, please complete the nomination form linked below:

[OAPSA Kristina Hulse Rising Star Award Nomination Form](#)

Recipients of the OAPSA Kristina Hulse Rising Star Award:

2024: Dr. Sarah Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services & Transportation,
Mt. Healthy City Schools