THE 2015 ADVOCACY IN ACTION CONTEST:
Graduate Students Using Their Degree for Advocacy

Purpose:
The purpose of the 2015 Advocacy in Action Contest is to encourage school psychology students to engage in advocacy efforts, to recognize those efforts, and to inspire others to advocate by sharing examples of advocacy in action. Examples of advocacy efforts include, but are not limited to:

- Presentations at practicum or internship sites about the important role of school psychologists
- Presentations to undergraduate programs
- Presenting at a PTA, school board, or city council meeting
- Collaboration with local or state leadership on mental health initiatives, anti-bullying campaigns, etc.
- School Psychology Awareness Week activities
- Monthly newsletter to teachers, administrators, and other staff members highlighting evidence-based interventions, resources, hot topics in school psychology, etc.

What:
Students who submit a complete Advocacy in Action Application (as detailed below) will be entered to win a complimentary registration to the 3-day 2015 GW/NASP Public Policy Institute Basic Training. This award has no real monetary value, may not be transferred to any other individual, and is awarded in the form of tuition reimbursement at the value of the early bird registration member price. Students are encouraged to share examples of all relevant advocacy efforts; however, each student will only be entered into the drawing once. Individuals who collaborated on the same advocacy effort should each complete a separate application, as only one winner will be selected. The winner will be selected randomly by a drawing.

Criteria:
School Psychology students wanting to enter the Advocacy in Action Contest should complete the application below and send it, along with all supplemental materials, to Christina Koch by email ckoch@naspweb.org, FAX (301-657-0275), or snail mail (NASP, 4340 East West Highway, Suite 402, Bethesda, MD 20814.)

Due Date:
Your completed application must be received by May 1, 2015 to qualify for the drawing
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Submit all of the required information below. Only completed applications will be eligible for the drawing. Use additional space as needed. Tuition reimbursement of one 3-day basic training PPI registration at the member price will be awarded.

1. Complete the Following Information:
   - Name of Applicant ______________________________
   - Current University Program ______________________________
   - University Program Director ______________________________
   - Expected Graduation (Month/Year) ______________________________
   - Email ____________________ Phone ____________________

2. Submit a 1-2 page, double-spaced essay explaining your advocacy in action.

3. Provide at least two artifacts or pieces of supporting evidence of your advocacy effort (e.g. a video of your presentation, pictures from the event, copies of your resources, evaluations, etc.)

4. Submit a 1 page Letter of Support from a university faculty member who either attended or supported your advocacy efforts.

5. NOTICE: By submitting this application, the applicant gives NASP permission to post submitted content to media platforms such as the NASP website and facebook page in an effort to showcase advocacy in action so that others can learn from the applicant’s experiences.

Application Consent:

I agree to the terms of this contest and understand that any portion of the content of my application may be reproduced and used as part of social media posts or for other advertising purposes.

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Signature of Applicant/Date

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