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Shelly Davis Receives 2008 Distinguished Lutheran Secondary Educator Award

Shelly A. Davis, guidance counselor at Salt Lake Lutheran High School in Salt Lake City, Utah is the 2008 Lutheran Education Association (LEA) Distinguished Lutheran Secondary Educator.

Ms. Davis earned a B.A. in education from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she earned various athletic honors, and an M.A. in school counseling from University of Phoenix, Salt Lake City. She received an NBA sportsmanship award in 1998. Ms. Davis has served her entire ministry at Salt Lake Lutheran High, where she has served in various administrative capacities and as coach, drama director, athletic director, and advisor to various clubs and organizations.

Ms. Davis's nomination read, in part, "... she has committed her life to serving her Lord by serving the students and families ... by providing a clear and unwavering example of what being a Christian servant leader is. She helps our students through the turbulent teen years in her capacity as guidance counselor and uses her evenings to make personal phone calls to current and prospective students' families ..."

Supporting the nomination, a colleague said, "One of Shelly's strengths is her innovation. She tirelessly pursues change to improve the mission and function of the school. She acts as a sounding board for new teachers. Through research and prayerful consideration, she directs teachers in their relationships with students as well as more practical matters of instruction."

Among her greatest joys in ministry, is "... seeing the joy and peace on a young person's face when trusting in God." She says, "When my students look to God in happiness or sorrow, I thank God! When I can help someone through a personal crisis, I thank God! When I see my influence and a teenager's passion work together for God's Kingdom, I thank God!"

Shelly Davis was selected to receive this award by LEA's Secondary Educators Network leadership and LEA staff.

Award standards are available at <http://www.lea.org/forms/awards/nomhsed.pdf>.

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