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**Standley Lake High School Counselor Honored by Colorado's CollegeInvest**  
*Mary Hamilton is May Counselor of the Month*

CollegeInvest, in partnership with the Colorado Council on High School/College Relations and Denver's Channel 7, is proud to honor Mary Hamilton of Standley Lake High School as May's Counselor of the Month.

"High school counselors often are unsung heroes, encouraging students to dream and accomplish their goals," said Judy Ransom of CollegeInvest, Colorado's higher education financing resource. "Counselors often go unrecognized as champions for students to go on to bigger and better things and to follow their dreams."

The Counselor of the Month program is designed to give counselors the recognition they deserve. CollegeInvest is a not-for-profit division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education.

Hamilton was nominated by Brian Ceriani, a Standley Lake colleague, in recognition of Hamilton's leadership, dedication and tireless work with the students of Standley Lake.

"Mary has dedicated nearly 20 years of her life to the academic pursuits of thousands of area students," wrote Brian. "She has helped them not only to become better students, but better people. Mary has a special gift of patience that helps her to never give up on a student even after the students may have given up on themselves."

To nominate a high school counselor for a future counselor of the month award, visit [www.thedenverchannel.com](http://www.thedenverchannel.com) and click on "Counselor of the Month."

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