



APPI EXCEPTIONAL MENTOR AWARD

The Exceptional Mentor Award was introduced in 2019 and this award recognizes RPP members who have gone above and beyond in their support of a candidate's journey through the certification process, in any capacity.

The fourth and final recipient of the Exceptional Mentor Award is Connie Gourley.

Connie Gourley was nominated for the Exceptional Mentor Award by Courtney Laurence. Connie mentored Courtney via the PSB RPP certification process. Throughout that process, Connie would share concrete examples of her 35 plus years of experience to demonstrate to Courtney the professional and ethical dilemmas planners face on a daily basis.

Courtney always left their mentoring meetings feeling re-invigorated and excited to apply a new approach to challenges, or research different techniques that she could apply to practice. Connie is passionate and enthusiastic about planning and her commitment to building communities that will flourish and thrive is contagious.

Over the years, Connie has mentored many other planners both formally and informally. She is selfless in the sacrifice of her time and knowledge and she has earned the place of gracious and trusted friend and advisor to many. They are all thankful for the gift of her support, and the opportunity to recognize her with this award.