



NASC Torch

Fall Newsletter, 2010

Hey, NASC! How do you feel?

Welcome back to school. It's NASC's hope that your year is off to a good start and that you're well on your way to planning homecoming's, community service, charity, and other activities.

We'd like to you know a few things as we begin the year. First of all, be sure to take advantage of the services NASC offers with your paid membership. As a member school you have access to some of the most amazing team building and energizing through our one-day or half-day workshops. Here our phenomenal volunteer staff will come to your school at no expense and fire up your councils. There is a direct link on our website, nasc.org where you can find more information about these incredible opportunities.

Speaking of our website, the company that hosts it for us is in the process of upgrading the format. While the website will still look the same, there will be some new features for your ease. The upgraded site will go live on or around September 12, 2010. The website is still working, but the new features and current membership application won't be available. Regardless, we encourage you to turn in your membership fees to expedite your state registration process.

We have a few more months of the current officers and remember that not only can you contact Kyrie Nehls from Millard South or Mike Musil of North Star; you can contact the officers as well. Each officer can be reached by email contacts found on the nasc.org website.

So, we humbly offer you our fall newsletter.

From,
Your NASC Executive Board of Directors

More inside!

From your State Officers:

From your State President:

As the year comes to a close, I would like to go over the accomplishments of our year. In January we voted on and created a foundation for NASC making volunteer directors paid positions for their contributions. Throughout the late winter and spring months we focused on our relationship with Make-A-Wish and what we can do to strengthen our partnership in upcoming years. This summer the Special Olympics National Games were held in Lincoln and there were several NASC representatives at the games showing the power of Nebraska youth leadership. In Wayne, the group of seniors attending the Advanced Leadership Workshop came up with a service project for the next year. P.A.R.T, Project for Acceptance, Respect, and Tolerance. I encourage all of you to push for Social Justice in your school and community as it can change lives quite effectively. NASC has formed a partnership with Special Olympics Nebraska to make a difference throughout the state. Resources are available to you and your school through NASC and a combination of useful information provided by Special Olympics. I hope you all finish 2010 strong and encourage you to keep striving for success as it is possible for everyone. Thanks!

State President Tyler Calabrese



From Special Olympics NE
SOYAB will be actively recruiting members for the school year 2010-. It should be an exciting year follow 2010 National Games and the Youth Activation Summit that took place in UNO.

Tyler Calabrese will be the president of the SOYAB following Vincent Kouakou's leadership. We have many exciting ideas and initiatives to accomplish this year along with a new design for the R-Word shirt that will be available in October 2010.

*Project UNIFY will be a strong statewide movement this year creating awareness and affecting school and community climate...
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Cementors



From your State Vice President:

Hello NASC! I am Jack Anderson your state vice president. As the deadline is quickly approaching, I would like to inform you of the details of our state service project, once again. Cementors, Solidifying our Younger Generation's Future through Mentorship, is all about spending time with our youth between pre-school and sixth grade. My goal for Cementors is to have every NASC delegate log 5 (five) transferable hours with the specified youth.

Member schools can access the "Cementors Hour Log Form" on our website

(http://nasc.org/programs/state_charity.html) to be completed by October 1, to earn points

for our State Councils of Excellence Awards at the upcoming state convention this fall in Macy, Nebraska. Any time spent with youth between January 1, 2010, and October 1, 2010, may be logged. Graduated seniors may be counted for hours, as well.

Whether it be your council holding a leadership workshop for elementary school students, joining a local mentorship program, or simply playing ball with the neighborhood kids, activity opportunities are endless, as hours may be completed individually or as a council. I encourage each and every one of you to become the light in our youth's eyes, for I am sure the youth will become a light in your own.

Please, if you have questions, comments, or need anything, don't hesitate to contact me. If you or your council has already begun working on the State Service Project, let me know how it is going! I love hearing from everyone. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.



Omaha Nation Hosts NASC State Convention

The Omaha Nation Student Council will host the 2010 State Convention at Macy, Nebraska with the theme: *"The past is my heritage; the present-my responsibility; the future-my challenge."* Umo^{ho} Nation (Omaha Nation) Public School is located in Macy, Nebraska, the center of Tribal Government for the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska.

To register use the following address...

<http://nascstateconvention.wufoo.com/forms/2010-nasc-state->

Are you interested in running for a state office?

Applications for the state offices must be postmarked or emailed no later than October 1. Here are the duties and expectations for each office:

President:

7. Preside at all meetings of NASC and the Board of Directors
8. Represent NASC as needed at public occasions and functions
9. Act as NASC official representative at the annual convention of the National Association of Student Councils (if necessary). Your hotel and registration at the conference will be paid by NASC (pretrip and travel costs will be your responsibility).
10. Select and promote a state charity

Macy, an unincorporated town of about 1,550 is about 33 miles southeast of Sioux City, Iowa and about 70 miles north of Omaha, along the Missouri River. The Student Council is very excited to offer our culture, community and school as we serve as the 2010 host site for this year's NASC State Convention. Umo^{ho} Nation Student Council is proud of the rich culture, tradition, and language within our school and our tribal community. The schedule planned includes the State Executive Board Meeting, a Handgame (Omaha Tribal Social Gathering/Activity), and a Dance at the School on Sunday, November 7th. The convention on Monday, November 8th will begin with registration from 7:30 to 8:30 am and the opening session featuring a cultural exhibition of the first people of Nebraska and creators of the Hethuska, you definitely don't want to miss, immediately following will be a keynote presentation. Leadership mini-sessions, coop reunions, district meetings will be followed with a general session featuring the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The convention activities will conclude at about 3:30 p.m.

State Offices Continued...

6. Attend Summer Leadership Workshop at NASC's expense

Vice President:

1. Perform the duties of the president in the president's absence
2. Select and promote a state service project
3. Act as sergeant at arms at board of director meetings

Secretary:

1. Keep minutes and record votes at the state convention voting session
2. Record, publish, and submit complete and correct minutes of all board meetings to all board members within 7 days of each meeting
3. Gather and update website

Awards and Honors

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Did you know as a member school of the Nebraska Association of Student Councils, you are eligible for awards and honors? The following awards and honors applications are available on the nasc.org website. Applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than October 1.

Warren E. Schull: named for the founder of the National Association of Student Councils, is given each year to an outstanding active advisor in honor of his or her service. The state winner advances to Region V competition and is honored by the Division of Student Activities each year at the NASC National Conference.

Don Darnell: for outstanding service of a retiring adviser who has served more than 10 years.

Outstanding Principal Award: Recognizes a principal who is supportive of student leadership. It is presented to the recognized winner each year at State Convention.

All-State Student Council and Ron Joekel Scholarship: Given to a senior student in each NASC district that has exhibited outstanding leadership in their student council and has been an active participant in NASC at the district and state level. These ALL STATE winners are honored at the NASC State Convention. One of the 8 district winners is given the \$500 Ron Joekel Scholarship and a plaque. This scholarship winner will be announced at the State Convention.

Outstanding Student Council: This self-evaluation award recognizes councils that have done an exemplary job in their schools.

Nationally Certified Student Leader: Take your leadership to the next level as you work to earn national recognition as an NASC Certified Student Leader (CSL).

Summer Leadership Workshop *By the numbers*

- * 324 students, our largest SLW since 1998.
- * 43 Advanced Leadership Workshop students, our largest number ever!
- * 61 high schools represented
- * 80 staffers, plus about 20 "alumni" staffers from decades past who came in for our 50th Anniversary Celebration on the 4th night.

All told, SLW 2010 was a huge success. We were thrilled with the energy and enthusiasm of the students and had a great time celebrating our 50th workshop in a big way. At the end of the week, we had 300+ kids talking to us about how excited they were to head back to their schools and have a great year. That's always our goal, and each summer the challenge is to create that experience for as many kids as possible. With our biggest Workshop in 12 years, we feel like we accomplished that and we're anxious to see how all of these students carry that out throughout the

National Convention

Revin' up!

"Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines!"- From June 24-29, 2010, 20 Nebraska delegates represented our state at the National Student Council Convention at Cedar Grove High School in Indianapolis, IN. We spent two days in Chicago shopping at the Miracle Mile, attending the Blue Man Group and hanging out at Six Flags Mid America.

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Team Nebraska was on of 47 programs participating in the 2010 USA National Game in Lincoln, NE, from July 18 – 23. Team Nebraska, 281 strong, arrived in Lincoln on July 17 and quickly settled into their new surroundings and tried on the uniforms they would wear for the next week. On of the most impressive, if not the most impressive, events of the week was Team Nebraska walking in at the Opening Ceremonies on Sunday, July 18. The sea of red parading in waving its Team Nebraska rally towels raised the roof of the Devaney Center as the partisan fans went wild.

Competitions began on Monday, July 19. Every one of the athletes wore the Team Nebraska red and white represented not only Special Olympics Nebraska, but also the state. By the time the games were over, Team Nebraska walked off with the following:

- 100 gold medals
- 109 silver medals
- 107 bronze medals
- 73 fourth-place ribbons
- 25 fifth-place ribbons
- 4 sixth-place ribbons
- 5 seventh-place ribbons, and
- 1 eighth-place ribbon.

Above the above awards earned, each and every Team Nebraska athlete performed to the best of his/her ability, exhibited great sportsmanship, and showed not only the state of Nebraska, but also the country what amateur sports are all about.



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Our wonderful driver Pam then negotiated rush hour traffic and got us to Indianapolis. The convention itself was full of excellent speakers, workshops, state room activities, a dinner for all of NE at a Cedar Grove senior's house, a visit and ride around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, a leadership visit to the Indiana War Memorials, a service activity with the Boys and Girls Club of Indianapolis at the Indianapolis Children's Museum, and time spent at Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis.

It was an incredible experience for all as it was the last National Student Council Convention. Next year, the format is changing and it will become the National STARS Conference including National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society. Stay tuned for more information as to how you can join us for

Attendees:

- Friend High School: Katie Hofer
- Grand Island Central Catholic H.S.- Saddle Foster,
- Kearney High School: Adrienne Applegate, Jack Anderson, Courtney Cosler, Cierra Graff
- Lincoln North Star High School- Jordan Blayney, Matt Coffey, Scott Ngoh
- Loup City High School- Jordyn Boyles
- Millard South High School- Bobby Becker, Allison Chase, Ryan Hogan, Saleasha McClurge, Kyrie Nehls
- Ogallala High School- Ali Reimers
- Omaha Benson High School- Tyler Williams
- Papillion LaVista South High School- Tyler Calabrese, Olivia Schiavone
- Plattsmouth High School- Jenna Bowman

