

MAHS / MASC

Minnesota Association of Honor Societies and Student Councils

In This Issue...

In this issue you will be recapped on events such as Region IV, Fergus Falls Convention, the MASB Convention, and LEAD Conference. Then we will continue to give updates on topics such as the State Service Project, the State Convention, and our goals.

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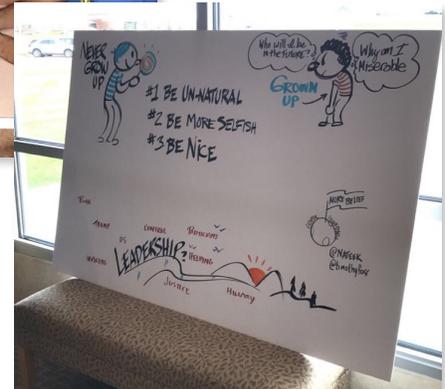
Welcome to the Newsletter

Welcome to the second newsletter of the 2016/2017 school year! We are over halfway done with the school year and, more importantly, winter. Since we last shared the news, exciting events and projects have taken place across the state. We are extremely honored to be a primary source when it comes to details regarding these upcoming events and projects! We both wish all a thrilling and warm spring.

Kami Ziebarth and Cy Flick



Fergus Falls evenings activities

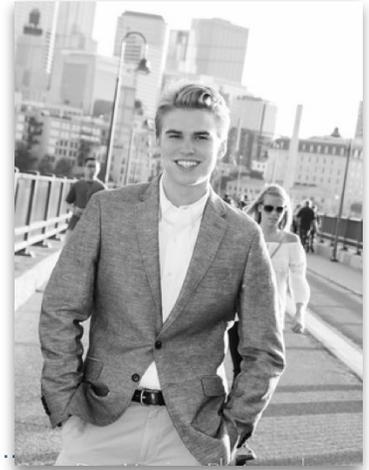


Student Council Division Presidents

The following individuals have been elected as a Division President for this year. They all have been doing great things and will continue to do as the year progresses!

Ben Kaiser: Hennepin

My name is Bernard Donald Kaiser III, but I mostly go by Ben. I live in Wayzata, MN (suburb of Minneapolis), and I go to Orono High School. I have been in senate since freshman year and it has been one of my largest passions of my high school career. Outside of Senate, am I am in Debate, YIG, MUN, Lacrosse, and Youth In Action. Outside of school, I enjoy activism, politics, music, sailing, and camping. As of this fall, I am not sure where I will end up going to college. My two biggest options are University of Washington and University of Wisconsin-Madison. When I'm there, I plan on double majoring in Political Science and International Relations.



Brooke Chesley: Southwest

My name is Brooke Chesley, and I am a senior at Marshall Senior High School and while it has been extremely busy, it has also been the best year yet. A few things to know about me from a student council standpoint is that I've attended two national conferences and various other conferences within our state! Outside of Student Council, I am involved in Yellow Ribbon, ACTS, HOSA, hockey stats, speech, figure skating, and marching band! When I am not busy with school, I love to play piano and watch hockey. I plan to attend Harvard or Johns Hopkins to become a surgical pediatric oncologist. Please feel free to contact me in any way, shape, or form because I would love to hear your questions or updates!



Cameron Kerns: Western

I'm Cameron Kerns, the Western Division President. I've been in Student Council for four years now. In my spare time you'll find me at a Taekwondo gym. In the 12 years that I've been doing that, I've obtained my 2nd degree black belt, won the state championships for under 18 black belt sparring for the past 3 years consecutively, and now enjoy teaching kids Martial Arts around 20 hours a week. I also participate in Math League and Knowledge Bowl. With all that, I barely have any time to have a social life during my senior year of high school, but I definitely have no regrets.



Cami Doman: Central

Hello, my name is Cami Doman. I'm a senior at Sartell High School, and try to immerse myself in everything my school and community has to offer. I play hockey and softball, and am involved in student council, BBBS, and StAT club. I've been in student council since 7th grade, and it's been one of my biggest passions ever since. Last year, I was the parliamentarian for the Central Division Executive Board and in the spring, I ran for and became the president. I was so honored to earn the role, and can't wait to serve my division! Next year I plan on studying sociology in hopes of working for a non-profit in the future. I'm excited to finish off my high school experience strong and see what the world has in store for me!



Michael Sullivan: North East

Michael Sullivan is currently a senior at Hibbing High School. He is the President of the Hibbing Student Council, North East Division of Student Councils, Teens Against Drugs and Alcohol, and Iron Range Youth in Action; Vice President of Key Club and a member of National Honor Society. He is also a four sport athlete in Football, Hockey, Tennis, and Trapshooting. He is also a member of the marching band, pep band, and concert band. He is on the math team as well as knowledge bowl. Michael has done a substantial amount of work with Advocates for Family Peace and the NO More campaign, educating peers about domestic abuse and sexual assault. He has had the opportunity to have a one on one discussion with Vice President Joe Biden about how to engage more youth in this topic. Michael has received state, national, and international awards for his efforts.



Mitch Scanlan: Eastern

Hello! My name is Mitchell Scanlan and I am the president of the Eastern Division. I am currently a senior at Chisago Lakes High School. Over the past four years, I have loved serving both my school and community through Student Council. Outside of student government, I am an active member of Business Professionals of America (BPA), DECA, Link Crew, and National Honor Society (NHS). I also co-founded a chess group at CLHS with hopes of it one day being a club. In the summer months, I spend most of my time on the [golf] course or the lake. Outside of these, I have enjoyed volunteering as a Catechist at St. Bridget of Sweden and a Med/Surg Patient Visitor at Fairview Lakes Medical Center. My future aspirations include continuing my education at a four-year institution with dreams of one day being a physician.



Morgan Kernfeld: Capital

Hey everyone, I'm Morgan Kerfeld, and I cannot wait for this year to begin. I am a senior at Mounds View High School and the Capital Division President. I am involved in many activities like NHS, Mustang Mentors, and Student Council where I am Co-President. I love to hike, play sports, and watch Netflix. I am so excited to get to know y'all this year and to see you at State! Please feel free to email me about anything at morgkerf@gmail.com.



Taylor Bushelle: Northwest

Hello my name is Taylor Bushelle, I'm a senior at Red Lake County Central High School. I've lived in Northern Minnesota all my life and was raised on a cattle ranch outside of Plummer, MN. I come from a pretty large family, having five sisters and two brothers. I have participated in student council for five years now and enjoyed every minute of it! Along with student council, I am also active in MAHS, Envirothon, basketball, Knowledge Bowl, and softball. I have been my school's student council president for two years now and recently became our honor society president. Along with this I have been on the Northwest Division board for two years now, last year as a representative and this year I am back on the board as the NWD President.



Zibby T-W: Southeast

Hey guys! My name is Zibby Trewartha-Weiner, and I am a senior at John Marshall HS in Rochester. In April, you will all get the chance to visit my city for the MASC/MAHS State Convention! I am one of the co-coordinators for this year's convention, and I am also the southeastern division president. I am fully prepared for a great year of student council! Although much of my time goes to council, I love being on speech team, swim team, and Honor Society. I also spend a solid amount of my time watching *The Office*, and sending snapchats captioned "streak." The last thing I'd like you to know is that I plan on heading off to the peace corps one day! Finally, I promise to make this year's state convention totally worth your time! :-)



Region IV

Region IV is a weekend conference where executive board members and advisors from South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota meet each year to unify goals and share ideas. Minnesota hosted this event in late October at the Embassy Suites in Bloomington, Minnesota, which offered convenience to the travelers. Over the course of the conference, students



were able to connect socially as well as discuss

social issues that are universal, regardless of location. Besides working in small groups, there were multiple speakers who shared stories and personal tips that were viable for all groups. This weekend was very productive in all aspects. We hope that each state felt a warm Minnesota welcome and were able to enjoy some of the attractions our great state has to offer.



Fergus Falls Convention

The Fergus Fall Convention is always a highly-anticipated meet up between students from across the state. This year the event was held in early November at the Best Western-The Falls Inn & Suit in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Idea sharing, one of the most beneficial ways to discover new information, was practiced in full force at this event. For extended periods of time, students split into smaller groups to discuss “big ideas” that are relevant today.

Another highlight of this event was a speaker from the Make-a-Wish Foundation who was able to provide deeper insight to potential fundraising opportunities to aid in the State Service Project. That night, students enjoyed table games, swimming, and a dance. The next morning two speakers, Nate Eklund and Tex Ostvig, delivered powerful presentations that resonated with many in the crowd due to the new and creative mediums. This conference remains a fan favorite, but we plan to continue to build upon its successes.





MASB Convention

The Minnesota Association of School Boards held a conference on January 12, 2017 where school board members and superintendents were given opportunities to learn about new ways of accomplishing tasks in all aspects of education. MAHS/MASC was involved in this event by sending three students to testify to their experience in a wide range of school-related topics. The three individuals, along with four other participants from a variety

of schools, offered their opinions in an open forum setting. The crowd was diverse in types of schools and locations they represented, making their questions unpredictable. All three of our executive board members answered all questions with grace and thoroughness. This has been an annual tradition that benefits both students and adults.



Brooke Chesley and Sophie Peterson as they accept an award on behalf of Minnesota High School students from Secretary Steve Simon for having the highest number of voting participants in the mock election.



Brooke Chesley and Allie Hemmesch as they each accept the President's Scholarship Award for their extreme commitment to the programs MAHS and MASC offer during their attendance of the Minnesota Principle's Convention.

LEAD Conference

This year MAHS/MASC took on the LEAD conference in Chicago! MN was represented well with students from Sartell, Orono and Rochester. Even though Doug scheduled the flight to Chicago bright and early at 7 A.M., the experience was well worth it. LEAD is a three-day conference that invites students from all over the United States to listen to some of the best speakers on leadership. Although their favorite parts might have been touring around Chicago, the conference was still a valuable and helpful experience. Minnesota loved Tom Cody; his talk focused mainly on staying positive and accepting your mistakes. They also love Eddie Slowikowski who was a keynote for the weekend and empowered students through energy and movement. Overall, Minnesota felt that Chicago put on a fantastic lead conference and would absolutely encourage all of you to go!



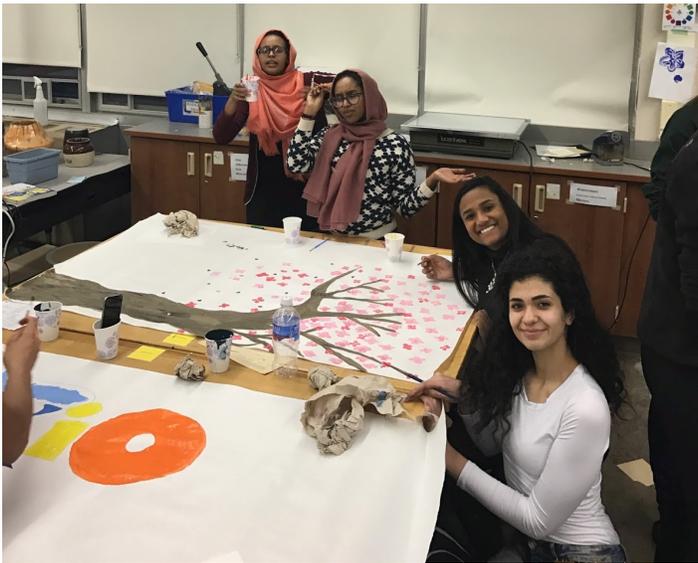
State Service Project

This year's State Service Project is branded as "A Year of Wellness." There are many different options for individual councils and chapters to find their own perfect fit because of its versatility. Each council and chapter is responsible for sponsoring events and fundraisers for any disease or illness that your school has a connection to. At the end of the year, we will donate the funds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This project was chosen because of the numerous options and the immense need it presents. The Make-A-Wish Foundation has consistently proven its value and ability to make lives brighter. As your school completes the project, please document your progress digitally. We plan to make a slideshow to share at the State Convention to celebrate everyone's hard work! We hope that each of you are able to find meaning and creativity within this project. Remember that the State Convention is only a couple of months away! If you are interested in sharing your chapter or council's progress, email 17kamzie@isd726.org to be featured in the next newsletter. Best of luck!



State Convention Update

The state conference is coming up very quickly, and Rochester is ready! We have been working hard on creating a unique, entertaining, and helpful conference which we hope will inspire every delegate as a leader. Our conference theme, “Destination Leadership,” will take students on any dream vacation they can think of! Our current focus has been creating some awesome decorations to transform all three of our conference destinations. Finally, check out our agenda on the MASC/MAHS website to see the fun things that are in store! We are introducing two new workshop sessions, round tables/big ideas, and we will see a special performance from the Heiruspecs on Saturday night! But don’t take our word for it, see for yourself on April 22nd-24th in Rochester!



Just a reminder that all information regarding registration, host families, hotels, and schedules is located on the MASC/MAHS website (www.masc-MAHS.org).

- Candidate registration is due on March 9, 2017
- Student attendee registration is due on April 3, 2017

A Letter From Doug

End of February and Snow Week is done!

As I look out my window, I see a snowless February landscape. Awesome! Minnesota has a huge diversity of weather. Rochester is digging out of a huge storm. Duluth never got rid of their snow pack. Western Minnesota has had to deal with incredible winds. So where is the leadership lesson in this? Weather is not the only phenomenon that defines the incredible variety our great state represents. And that is the reason your honor society and student council need to attend the state convention this spring in Rochester. I love the fact that every year-and I have been to thirty state conferences-I get to talk to students and advisors from each corner of the state. This is what makes the convention a great experience. We have talented speakers coming to Rochester. Ted Weise and Pages Matan will be incredible. Google their names and you will see examples of their brilliance. The entertainment on Saturday night will be unique, and you will be stunning at the semi-formal banquet and dance on Sunday night. The honor society and student council elections are always fun and exciting. But...the best part of the convention is and always has been YOU. You will meet new and fascinating people that you would have never met except that you decided to travel to Rochester on April 22-24. You will exchange ideas with brilliant and creative minds in exciting conversations at John Marshall, Mayo, and Century High Schools. You will truly understand the meaning of this year's theme. Rochester is the site of "Destination Leadership." Be there and become part of that destination.

Finally, if I can help in any way, do not hesitate to call anytime (763-232-2501). It has been an honor to serve MAHS and MASC over the past four years.

Enjoy this moderate Minnesota winter,

Doug Erickson
Coordinator of Student Activities
Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals

Upcoming...

State Convention Candidate Registration Due

- March 9, 2017

State Convention Attendee Registration Due

- April 3, 2017

State Convention

- April 22-24, 2017
- John Marshall, Mayo, and Century High Schools in Rochester, Minnesota

Goals Progress Report

After the first Exec Board meeting, we put our heads together to brainstorm goals for the upcoming year and would like to share. Our goals include the following:

1. Collect \$35,000 for the Make-a-Wish State Service Project
2. As an Exec Board, reach out to 30 schools to gain and strengthen their MAHS/MASC involvement
3. End the year with a membership of 204 Honor Societies and 212 Student Councils
4. Incorporate MAHS topics into activities and speakers
5. Communicate more effectively with routine website updates and create a subscribable calendar
6. Create promotional video about who we are and what we do as an organization

Farewell

Thank you for taking time to read our newsletter! Again, we are very excited about this opportunity to share with councils and chapters around our state.