

# MAHS/MASC Newsletter

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## Welcome!

It's half way through the school year, which means it's time for our next newsletter! It also means juniors and seniors are stressing about ACT scores and college decisions, so we want to remind you to keep working hard and being positive! In addition, everyone needs to start thinking about their contributions to the 2015 State Service Project and helping out not only the homeless, but their state division as well.

Let's make 2015 about serving others!

-Sydney Busch (MAHS Vice President) & Kayla Kahl (MASC Vice President)

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## 2015 State Service Project

Remember to keep collecting items for homeless shelters and tracking your school's points! Communicate with your division presidents if your school needs help transporting collections to the State Convention. If you are unable to transport your donations you can still keep a tally of your points and bring a copy to the State Convention or email it to [sydney.a.busch@gmail.com](mailto:sydney.a.busch@gmail.com). The state service project is our chance to leave a lasting impact. We have the propensity to make a real difference in Minnesota communities. Let's leave a mark on 2015.

More information, including the sheet for tracking points, can be found at [http://masc-mahs.org/minnesota-association-of-honor-societies/state-service-project/!](http://masc-mahs.org/minnesota-association-of-honor-societies/state-service-project/)

Good luck collecting!!!

## State Convention Update

April is just around the corner and state convention planning is in full force. We have gotten past some of our big decisions and are now moving on to fun details to ensure this year's convention is one of the best! Becker NHS and Student Council are busy helping us prepare with meal planning, t-shirt designs, and name tags! A hypnotist is booked for activity night and our field house is ready for a dodgeball tournament! We cannot wait to have you in Becker!

Remember, the theme is "Unmasking Leadership" so start looking for a mask for the masquerade ball! See you in April!

-Emma Buntrock, State Convention Co-coordinator

## Awards

The State Convention is a time to honor and celebrate students and advisors in Minnesota who have made outstanding achievements. For student council, these include MASC Administrator of the Year, MASC Advisor of the Year, MASC Advisor Recognition, Officer of the Year, Outstanding Student Council, and MASCA Student Council of the Year. National Honor Society has MAHS Advisor Recognition, MAHS Advisor of the Year, All Star Team, Chapter Yearbook, and Star Chapter Award. These awards are great ways for students and schools to recognize fantastic accomplishments in the state and discover new ideas for their school!

The information and applications for all of these awards can be located at [http://masc-mahs.org/awards/!](http://masc-mahs.org/awards/)

# Student Council Division Presidents



## **CAPITAL DIVISION**

**Zenab Tiamiy**

**North St. Paul High School**

Hello my name is Zenab Tiamiyu. I'm a senior at North high school and President of Capital Division. I like to tell jokes, meet new people, watch Netflix and go on Twitter ( follow me @zenabwaye). Besides going on Twitter I'm captain of the track team, in NHS, link crew, a super fan and duhh Stud-Co.



## **CENTRAL DIVISION**

**Abby Spainer**

**Sartell-St. Stephen High School**

Hi! My name is Abby Spanier and I am a senior at Sartell High School, and I am the Central Division President. At Sartell I am a member of Student Council, NHS, and I also am a captain of the soccer team! Outside of school I like to go shopping, hang out with friends, and watch a lot of Netflix. I am not a fan of Minnesota winters, so next year I hope to go to college out of state. I also hope to play soccer in college! This year I am looking forward to meeting all the great people involved in student council from around the state, and to make it an awesome year for Central Division!



## **EASTERN DIVISION**

**Libby Morton**

**Princeton High School**

I'm Libby Morton! I'm a senior at Princeton High School and I am president of the Eastern Division. I have been active in student council in my school since 4th grade. Other than Student Council I am actively involved with music(Choir and our musical) and I am a member of the National Honor Society at my school. Next fall I plan on attending Luther College in Iowa, pursuing something in Music and Communications.



### **HENNEPIN DIVISION**

**Jocelyn Cruz-Mestizo**  
**South High School**

### **NORTHEAST DIVISION**

**Rollie Dethloff**  
**Cherry School**



Hello to all! My name is Rollie Dethloff, or “DJ Rollie D” as my friends like to call me, and I am the President of the Northeast Division this year! I am so lucky to be leading this wonderful group of people. I can never put a microphone down for a long period of time, as I’ve announced for my school’s football, boys and girls basketball, and volleyball teams over the last two years. I have also done various announcing work within the school including Student Council activities during Homecoming and Snow Week. I also manage the football and boys basketball teams, and man that’s a blast!

Outside of school you can find me working at Walmart, or contributing articles to two local newspapers. I also am a DJ through a company in Hibbing, one of the cities in our vast division. I also enjoy watching sitcoms and SNL and playing the drums. I guess you could say I’m a jack of all trades.

I am excited to see what the year brings for NED, especially if our attendance rate grows from the previous record of slightly over 200.

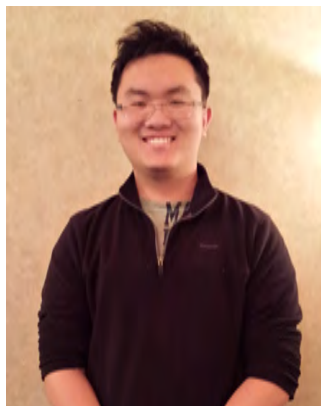


### **NORTHWEST DIVISION**

**Noah Thompson**  
**East Grand Forks Senior High School**

Hi, I’m Noah Thompson from the North-West Division of the Minnesota Association of Student Councils. I’m currently a Junior at East Grand Forks Senior High, and involved with musicals, jazz band, pop singers, robotics, speech, congressional debate, National Speech and Debate Association, Business Professionals of America, and of course, student council. I love video editing and graphic design, in addition anything in the auditorium from performing center stage to running the lights. I’ve been involved with student councils since fourth grade. I look forward to all the great things to come!

**SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION**  
**Mary Catherine Costello Anderson**  
**Hutchinson High School**  
 (Not Pictured)

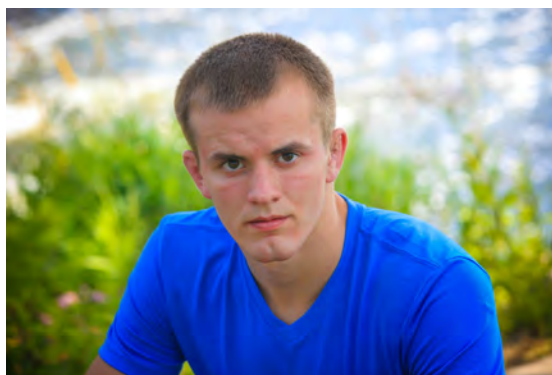


**SOUTHEAST DIVISION**  
**David Jiang**  
**Century High School**



**SOUTHWEST DIVISION**  
**Laura Norling**  
**Willmar High School**

Hi, my name is Laura Norling. I am a senior at Willmar Senior High School and I am the Southwest Division president. I am involved in student council (duh), National Honor Society, choir, band, pep band, musical, speech, church worship team, youth group, FCA, and yearbook. This year I have also decided to try golf and trap shooting just for the fun of it. Outside of school, I am an intern at Life-Science Innovations, LLC, having experience in the departments of accounting, human resources, and corporate. A couple fun facts about me: I love playing piano, I enjoy long romantic walks to my fridge, and I was crowned homecoming queen. I look forward to serving on the SW Division board and making a difference in our communities and the state of Minnesota.



**WESTERN DIVISION**  
**Parker Jackson**  
**Detroit Lakes High School**

Hello my name is Parker Jackson. I am a senior at Detroit Lakes High School. I am the President of the Western Division. Along with student council I am also involved in football, wrestling, and track. This year I was crowned homecoming king. I am actively involved with my church and in an organization called YoungLife. I also love to help coach my local youth wrestling program. I enjoy hunting, watching movies, cheering on my classmates at sporting events, dancing, and eating tons of food when it is not wrestling season.



## Congratulations to Doug!



Doug Erickson, Orono Senate Advisor and leadership teacher, was named the National Workshop Director of the Year at the National Association of Workshop Directors (NAWD) convention in Scottsdale, Arizona on December 7. He was named the region winner earlier this year. Doug has been presenting leadership workshops to student and adult groups since 1995. In addition to presenting in Minnesota, Doug has presented workshops and delivered keynote addresses in 27 states. He has served as co-chair of the National Association of Student Councils advisory board in Reston, Virginia. Currently, Doug is the Coordinator of Student Activities for student councils and National Honor Societies in Minnesota. In that capacity he works for the Minnesota Association of Secondary School principals. In a statement regarding his award Erickson stated, "I could have never received

this honor without the help of the Orono School District, the student council and NHS advisors in Minnesota, and the MASSP staff. Their unwavering support of student leadership has allowed me the opportunity to spread that message to other students and adults across the country." Doug was awarded a plaque and commemorative ring presented by Herff-Jones, corporate sponsor of NAWD.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### TIMBERWOLVES

Dear National Honor Society Chapters,

My name is Emma Hassen and I am in the Group Events department with the Minnesota Timberwolves. I organize many of our school programs, and was personally a member of the National Honor Society back in 2009. We are looking to partner up with some National Honor Society chapters in Minnesota, and provide them with an awesome opportunity.

We would love to set up a volunteer event for your chapter. The students would be able to come down to Target Center, and volunteer with members of the staff. An example of an event that we have done in the past was making food packages to deliver to people in need. We understand the importance of community service for your students, and would love to help!

On top of volunteering, we would love to have your chapter out to enjoy a game as well. We would provide the students with group ticket prices, fundraising for the chapter, and an exciting experience during the game! We could also have a top level executive speak to the group about the importance of leadership and community service.

If your chapter is interested in setting up an event with the Timberwolves, please contact me at 612-673-1643 or [hassen@timberwolves.com](mailto:hassen@timberwolves.com).

## MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Minnesota Department of Health greatly needs our help! They are providing a challenge for middle and high school students to create a short 30 second video about the dangers of tanning. Last year a law passed that prohibits minors to tan indoors. With cancer being the #1 cause of death in Minnesota and Melanoma (a very aggressive skin cancer) being the most common in young adults, this is a cause worthy of our support and attention! Together we can stop this!

Students and the teacher will split the grand prize of \$1,000 and second place prize of \$500. Last year the winning video was on Vampire Diaries Season Finale!

For questions and more information, you can contact Maggie Rothstein at [Maggie.Rothstein@state.mn.us](mailto:Maggie.Rothstein@state.mn.us).

## A Note from Paige

National Honor Society and Student Council Members,

Congratulations on making it halfway through the school year! Time seems to be flying by and 2015 is off to a great start. To all those who submitted a scholarship to MAHS or MASC, I wish you the best of luck!

While the scholarship deadline has passed, there are other awards individuals from your school, advisors, or your chapter can win. Check out the Awards/Nominations link on our website to find out how to nominate for those awards. Deadline to turn in nominations is mid march.

As for an update on the Student Council and NHS action at the state level, your executive board has been busy. MASC President Andrew Quirk and I recently presented to the Minnesota Association of School Boards. Members of school boards across Minnesota spent an hour asking us questions about school policy items such as drug use, the school lunch programs, bullying, grading, course loads, etc. I answered with not only my personal experiences at my school in mind but of all the Hot Topic discussions I have taken part in at division and state conventions over the years. It was exciting to see proof that our voices are being heard. Keep contributing to these discussions, be it at conventions or with your local school board. Nobody knows school better than the students and it is important we continue to make our concerns and opinions known.

I know all across the state you as students continually step up as leaders and examples in your communities, schools, and chapters. I am proud to serve as president for such an inspirational group of individuals. Don't stop now. Our communities and state rely on us for the service work we do. Continue to foster an appreciation and love of service. I can't wait to see you all at the state convention!

-Paige Frank (MAHS President )

## **2014/2015 State Goals**

- use social media to increase communication between schools
- have 600 students attended the 2015 state convention
- service project: have three fourths of MASC/MAHS schools in Minnesota participate

## **Upcoming Events**

April 11-13, 2015  
State Convention