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Hello Everyone

This newsletter will include information an update on future MASC/MAHS events that will be taking place in 2018. It will also feature the MASC division presidents and a short bio on each of them, a recap on how well the Fall Leadership Forum went, and updates on our website, State Convention, and Nationals. Thank You for taking time to stay update to date on everything MASC/MAHS.

Happy Holidays,

Haley Reed & Georgia Thom



Membership Update

Don't forget to have your school register to be a member school of both MASC and MAHS!

Schools must be a member school to attend the state convention. Currently:

- MASC has 187 schools.
- MAHS has 172 schools.

Website Update

This year our MASC/MAHS website received an update. Information like registering, exec board contact information, and newsletters are all listed on here. Students and advisors are also now able to add to the website by sharing their student council and honor society ideas in the idc sharing portion. Go check out our new website: <https://masc-mahs.org>

Division Presidents

South Western Division President: Spencer Quast

Hello! My name is Spencer Quast and I am a senior at Redwood Valley High School currently serving as this year's SW Division President. Outside of school, I'm involved in everything from baseball to football, band to choir, theater to speech, and N.H.S. to being a school board rep. Outside of school, I'm an avid fisher, travel enthusiast, and hiking fanatic. But my true passions are watching *The Office*, collecting shoes, hanging in my hammock, and playing the kazoo, or of course, any combination of the 4. I'm looking forward to another marvelous year of student council!



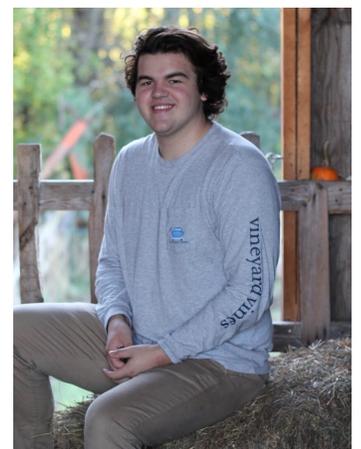
Hennepin Division President: Andy Nelson

Andy Nelson is beyond humbled to be serving as Hennepin Division's President this year! As a junior at Wayzata High School he is deeply involved in the chamber and concert choir, as well as National Honors Society, Link Crew, and also serves as the Junior Class President for his student council. In his scarce spare time he loves to take piano and vocal lessons, take power naps, and volunteer with youth extension services and his church.



Capital Division President: Teddy Drake

Teddy Drake attends North High School and represents Capital Division. He is involved in many activities at his school including DECA, Yearbook, Theatre, and Hockey. Teddy enjoys spending his free time watching movies, going on hikes, and hanging out with friends. He is looking forward to a wonderful year and can't wait to see what's in store for the future.



South Eastern Division President: Henrik Gilbertson

Hello MASC-MAHS, my name is Henrik Gilbertson and I am the president of South Eastern Division. I am a Senior at John Marshall High School who has currently not applied to any colleges yet, so something I should probably work on! At JM I compete with either my XC boys or the distance track team, as well as the speech team as a member of extemporaneous speaking. In my free time I enjoy watching Minnesota Wild games, playing clarinet, playing with my wonderful son (dog) Nordy, listening to classical music and opera (I also have season tickets to MN Opera!), and volunteering all the time. During the summer I live in Nestor Falls, Ontario with my grandparents and spend a lot of time flying on floatplanes and staining decks. I'm super excited to be a part of the state board and I can't wait to meet as many people as possible at all of the studco events!!



North Western Division President: Kathryn Kruta

Hi, I'm Kathryn Kruta and I am your current North Western President. I'm a senior at Lincoln High School. I have two older sisters, two nieces and a nephew along with a Black Lab Border Collie mixed dog named Rylee. Besides student council, I'm involved in cross country, track, orchestra, math league, robotics, and National Honor Society. My hobbies include math, running, and large-scale jigsaw puzzles. The furthest I've ever ran is 11 miles, and the largest puzzle I've completed thus far is 5000 pieces. Next year, I plan on attending the United States Military Academy (West Point) to become an officer in the United States Army.



Western Division President: Jacob Hanson

Hey guys! My name is Jacob Hanson and I am serving as the Western Division President. I am a senior at Detroit Lakes High School and I have been involved in student council for 4 years. Aside from that, I am also involved in football, tennis, Target, Link Crew, Philanthropy and Youth, YoungLife, fall musical, Lakersingers, prom committee, and I am the communications officer for the choral department. I also serve as the Interact President and I am a WyldLife leader. As always, I am super excited to see what we can accomplish as a group!



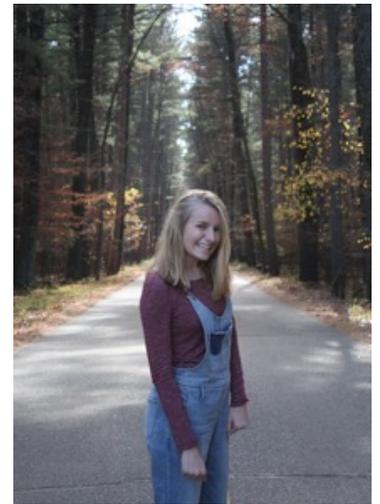
North Eastern Division President: Bob Libal

Hello! I am Bob Libal the 2017-18 President of North Eastern Division of Student Council. I had one of my great friends, Kaija, write on my behalf! Bob has always had a passion for helping plan events and activities for his high school's student body, and his precision and devotion put into his work is very evident. Each task is met by him with a good attitude and humor. Apart from extracurriculars, Bob Libal is a wonderful friend, who always adds fun to his surrounding environment. When he's not helping out with various clubs and activities, Bob enjoys spending time with friends and family, going to the movies and baking.



Central Division President: Lauren Lindmeier

Hello!! My name is Lauren Lindmeier, and I am currently a junior at Sartell High School. I greatly enjoy getting involved in anyway I possibly can. I have been in student council since middle school and it has easily been my favorite part of my schooling experience. Through student council, I have been able to run for many wonderful positions such as VP and Secretary of my own council, and now, President of Central Division. Outside of student council, I enjoy yoga club, gender equality club, knowledge bowl, T.A.R.G.E.T. club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, swimming, lacrosse and much more! I frequently volunteer at my local senior center and help out at my church. Lastly, I absolutely love to hike, travel and paint! I am so grateful to serve as Central's President and am excited to see what this year has in store for all of us!



Eastern Division President: Carson DeSotel

My name is Carson DeSotel. I'm a senior attending Rogers High School. Next fall I'll be attending the University of Minnesota Twin Cities to study computer science. Throughout high school, I've been involved heavily in the band, jazz band, the speech team, and my favorite, student council. Some of my favorite activities are watching movies, playing video games with friends, and cooking. I always look forward to learning more and meeting new people, and I can't wait to connect with all of you over the course of the year!



A Note From Doug

Welcome to Second Semester!

I am sure most of you are past first semester finals and are well into your second semester. We all get very busy and deadlines slip away. Please go to masc-mahs.org and hit the calendar button. Go to March 8th and realize that there is so much due on that day. One of the most important items is the due date for declaring your candidacy for a MAHS or MASC office. You can send in the form with a March 8th postmark or fax them to our office at 651-999-7333.

I met with the conference coordinators on January 30th. The leadership convention on April 7-9 will be "Out of this World" which happens to be the theme of this year's convention. ACGC High School's honor society and student council are doing a great job collaborating with the MAHS/MASC executive committee in their effort to create a memorable convention.

Registrations are due on March 16th.

Wayzata High School is hosting the NatStuCo summer conference on June 25-27. "Leadership MaNia" looks to be an outstanding program. It has been the Minnesota tradition to plan a pre-trip and this year is no different. Our delegation will be staying at the Hotel Crowne Plaza in Plymouth. Here are the day to day activities leading up to the conference on Friday, June 25.

June 22, Friday: Arrive at the Hotel Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West 3131 Campus Drive Plymouth, MN 55441 at 6 pm.

June 23, Saturday: Breakfast and Lunch on your own. Small bus will be available for transportation in the area. Board buses to Excelsior at 2 pm. It will be an afternoon of swimming and park activities. At 7 pm we will board the Wayzata Bay Charter for an evening dinner cruise on Lake Minnetonka. At 9:30 pm board buses back to the hotel.

June 24, Sunday: Breakfast and Lunch on your own. Small bus will be available for transportation in the area. Board buses to Mall of America at 2 pm. Shopping till 4 pm. Unlimited rides at Nickelodeon Park from 4 pm to 7 pm. At 7:30 pm board buses to Orono High School for a DJ and Karoke experience from 8 pm to 9:45 pm. Board buses to the hotel at 10:00 pm.

June 25-June 27, NatStuCo Conference: The Minnesota delegation will be capped at 80 students and advisors. We already have 13 advisors signed up so try and make your reservations as soon as possible. Your advisor has all the information.

A Note From Doug (continued)

The Minnesota delegation had a great time at the Washington DC. LEAD conference. Workshops and keynote speakers kept our delegation moving. Of course we also spent two days visiting the capital and Georgetown. My pedometer registered 21 miles during those two days. Next year, consider the LEAD conference as a leadership trip for your council or chapter. I am looking forward to seeing you at the “Leadership:It’s Out of This World” convention. It is a great reunion seeing my old friends and I love meeting new delegates from all around the state. Keep track of your due dates and do not hesitate to call (763-232- 2501) if you have any questions.

Doug Erickson

Coordinator of Student Activities

Nationals 2018 at Wayzata High School

Go StuCo Crazy with
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MaNia

Dontcha know? Excitement is already building
for #NatStuCo18!

See why at www.NatStuCoConference.org

2018 National Student Council Conference
June 25–27, 2018 | Wayzata High School | Plymouth, MN




Fall Leadership Forum Recap



The Leadership Forum this year was held at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, Minnesota. This year's Fall Leadership Forum had a record setting amount of delegates that participated, which only helped make the forum more beneficial and enjoyable. The resort facilities were an upgrade from previous years, as many delegates greatly appreciated the lake views and the cozy fireplaces. The biggest highlight of the Forum was an outstanding presentation by Houston Kraft. The Forum started on Sunday, November 5th. After idea sharing and a successful mixer, the students attended a very energetic dance. Other students took advantage of the recreational facilities at the resort including a large indoor swimming pool.

Houston Kraft did the entire workshop on Monday, November 6th. Houston's main topic was about how to choose love and how to demonstrate it within your life. The students who filled out the conference evaluations gave him an overwhelmingly positive review. Honor Society president Andy Baran and Student Council president Isaac Eggebraaten did an outstanding job hosting the event with help from the rest of the executive council.



MASC/MAHS Represents at Washington D.C.

North St. Paul, Becker, Sartell and Orono High Schools all attended the LEAD conference on January 25-27. In addition to trips viewing monuments and an evening at Georgetown University, the Minnesota delegation met many students from among 38 different states. Over 1200 students attended the conference at the Crystal City Marriott, and it was very honorable to be a part of an event like this. The highlight keynote was delivered by Keith Hawkins, our spring convention speaker. Saturday evening was hosted by Judson Laipply of "Evolution of Dance" fame. We strongly encourage you to YouTube this if you have never seen it. The delegates also attended many idea sharing presentations. The overwhelming feeling of the Minnesota group was "If you get a chance, attend LEAD in 2019."



Upcoming

MASC/MAHS State
Convention Hotel
Reservations Due

- March 6th, 2018

MASC/MAHS Officer
Nominations Due

- March 8th, 2018

MASC/MAHS Executive
Committee and Division
Presidents' Meeting

- March 13th, 2018
- TIES Building

MASC/MAHS State
Leadership Convention

- April 7-9th, 2018
- ACGC High School

MASC/MAHS Executive
Committee Meeting

- May 15th, 2018
- TIES Building

NASC Conference

- June 25-27th, 2018
- Wayzata High School

Eggebraaten and Baran Honored

Isaac Eggebraaten and Andy Baran were honored at the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals annual meeting. After reading a resume of each president, Executive Director Doug Erickson called Isaac and Andy to the stage. At that time, the presidents each received a well-earned scholarship. A week earlier, Andy presented at the state school board association's meeting. He hosted a forum called "Straight Talk from Teens" in a packed meeting room of school board members from around the state. The forum was deemed a success and many board members stayed after the forum was over and continued to ask Andy questions.

State Convention 2018 Update

Hello everybody! We at ACGC (Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City) are very excited about the opportunity to host the state convention! Over the past few months, we have been working hard to come up with new and exciting ideas to make this the best convention yet! Because we are the smallest school to ever host the state convention, we intend to embrace our "small community feel." As the conference theme is "Leadership is Out of This World," prepare to travel the galaxy in search of new ideas and new friendships! We have some very exciting activities planned this year! You will be able to see the ACGC community as you travel to the local churches of Atwater, Cosmos, and Grove City for Saturday's lunch. Be prepared to show off your skills during the activity night. Get ready to "knock out" the competition in Knockerball; put your best foot forward in foot darts; and show your true colors at the highlighter dance! Because we are trying to have the BEST convention yet, we are having TWO dances this year! We hope to see everyone there on April 7th-9th and remember to keep raising money to help us achieve our goal to donate to Food For Kidz!

Food for Kidz