

# MASC//MAHS

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## WELCOME 2018-2019 MASC/MAHS MEMBERS

Hello Everybody! Welcome to the second newsletter with your favorite writers, Jack and Andy. There's a lot to cover in this issue reflecting on how great this fall has been to how incredible this spring will be! There's MASC Division Presidents to recognize, leadership and volunteer opportunities to reveal, and the classic updates and award recognition from Doug. We hope your councils and honors societies are getting back in gear for this new 2019, and can't wait for what the future holds.

Sincerely, Your Vice Presidents,

*Jack Leipholtz & Andy Nelson*

# MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

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# 2018-2019 Division Presidents

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Capital Division President

## **TOMMY HESCH**



Hi MASC! My name is Tommy Hesch, president of CapDiv. Outside of my work with divisions, I am vice-president of Prior Lake's student council. I am a member of NHS, and I run track and cross country where I am an xc captain. During the summer I am an umpire for ten year olds up to legion and junior legion. I hope that CapDiv can bring impactful speakers and leaders together through both our conferences and our second annual polar plunge in Minneapolis. Throughout the year if you are a part of Capital or another division, please feel free to reach out to me!

Central Division President

## **LAUREN LINDMEIER**



Hi! I am Lauren Lindmeier, and I am a senior at Sartell High School. I am in student council, National Honor Society, prom committee, Sabre Splash, youth group, yoga club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, StAT club, knowledge bowl, school board, and art club. I am also a part of the swim and golf team. I love every activity I am in, however, student council has always been my favorite. I have attended almost every stud co event possible and would highly encourage others to do the same! My hobbies include shopping, painting, pottery, hiking, volunteering, and reading. In the future, I hope to attend college to earn a helping profession degree.

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## Eastern Division Co-Presidents

### **AMANDA KRINKE**



Hello, my name is Amanda Krinke. I am currently a junior at Buffalo High School and am serving as the Corresponding Secretary of my student council. I've been part of student council since 6th grade and have had nothing but good times. My 7th grade year I was elected Vice President, and then President my 8th grade year. I continued to be involved on the council in high school, and was elected to the Eastern Division Board going into my junior year. I was also elected to my student council's executive board that year as well. Student leadership is something that I've always been passionate about, and I hope to be given the opportunity to serve my fellow students for years to come.

### **MARK GOLDEN**



Hi everyone, my name is Mark Golden, I am a Co-President of the Eastern division. I am from Buffalo and I love being involved in Student Council events. I enjoy being on a lake, whether I'm playing hockey in the winter or swimming in the summer. I sing in BHS Concert Choir and am a member of the BHS Tatanka Yearbook. I attend every Student Council event that comes my way and I love to meet other students around Minnesota. I was lucky enough to attend the National Convention in Wayzata this summer and it was one of the best weeks of my life. I am excited to meet many of you at our State Conference!

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Hennepin Division President

## **CHARLES ELLIS**



Greetings friends! My name is Charlie Ellis, the president of the best division, Hennepin Division. At Orono, I am the captain of the cross country team and senate member. I am also the Unified Track and Field Head Coach, and very involved in the Unified program as well. Outside of school I enjoy playing golf and being on the lake. If you have any questions about Hennepin Division or MASC as a whole, feel free to reach out to me.

Northeast Division President

## **GRACE GILBERT**



Hi, my name is Grace Gilbert and I am the 2018-2019 NorthEast Division President. I am a senior at Falls High School and participate in Cross Country, Basketball, and Track and Field. I am a member of my school's Minnesota Honors Society chapter and a volunteer in my community. I am so excited to represent my division and I can't wait to meet so many new people this year! I hope to see you all at state! (NED is #1)



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Northwest Division President

## **CALYSSA ESKELI**



Hi! I'm Calyssa Eskeli and I'm a Junior at Red Lake County Central. I've been involved in student council since 8th grade and learned a lot from many division meetings, state conventions, and a national convention!! I'm really excited to work with all the members of the NorthWest division, to create ideas and projects that can be brought forward at the state convention and benefit all student councils in the MASC-MAHS!!

Southeast Division President

## **YOUSER YOUSIF**



Hello everyone, my name is Youser Yousif. I was born in Iraq and kinda raised there and in Syria, then moved here when I was 7. I'm very passionate about many things including the clubs I'm in, binging Netflix, looking at memes while I'm suppose to be working, and of course SED! My free time is spent having existential crisis thanks to my humanities class, crying because I'm a senior, hanging out with my friends, watching Parks and Rec, and FaceTiming my friends. My exec board and I have had a wonderful experience trying to expand what our section can do and are excited for what's to come!

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Southwest Division President

## **DEON ESTERO**



Hi! I'm Deon Estebo from Redwood Valley High School. I'm very excited to be serving as the Southwest Division President this year! Aside from Student Council, I'm involved in Cross Country, Track, Robotics, One-Act play, Band, and NHS at my school. Outside of school, I enjoy being in the outdoors, camping, hiking, and waterskiing. I look forward to meeting and interacting with all of you at upcoming State and Division events this year!

# State Service Project Update



**Special Olympics**  
*Minnesota*

Our state service project with Special Olympics Minnesota is in full swing! Many schools have been putting together fundraisers to donate to SOMN. Others have been volunteering at events such as Unified Bowling Invitationals. A few schools are even starting their own Unified clubs! We encourage all of you to continue to get involved with Special Olympics MN in any way possible. In the early spring, Special Olympics hosts Polar Plunge fundraisers throughout the state, which is a great event that you can do with your student councils or honor societies. You can check this out and find any other information at [somn.org](http://somn.org). Keep up the great work, and encourage other to be a part of the Inclusion Revolution! - Your MAHS President, Jordan Case

# Fall Forum Reflection

Our 2018 MASC/MAHS Fall Forum went well this year, with multiple attendees commenting on how fun and engaging it was. On Sunday, November 4th, we had a keynote address led by Kyle Willcom. He was quite entertaining and approachable, with ideas and lessons that are important for people to learn about helping others and making a difference. This was followed up by a info-session on cyber safety by Kent Mollberg, who told students about various dangers associated with the internet and social media. This was followed by an activity night on Sunday night, which students loved (of course). There was a dance, along with many people interacting at the pool.

The following morning after breakfast, there was a student workshop, run by Kyle again. It was quite interactive, involving many students meeting other student council and honor society members from other schools, with everyone learning about the importance of positive encouragement, teamwork, and other leadership skills. The activity managed to get people up on their feet, doing crazy acting and other fun activities. Overall, the attendees had a great time at the Fall Forum, with almost all of the veterans responding that this was the best forum they had ever attended. It was quite the experience for everyone.

# State Convention Update

We are so excited to see you guys in Medford and Owatonna on April 6th through the 8th for the state convention. This year we will have keynotes by Tom Cody and Nate Eckland with an artistic surprise. As always, there will be no shortage of chances to dance, share ideas, and be enthusiastic. You will have the option of home stays to keep costs down and get closer to council members from across the state. -Lauren Arthur, State Coordinator

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## Coordinator's Update

With your busy life it is easy to miss deadlines. March 8 th is a big deadline for honor society and student council. Here is a list of items that are due on that date.

MASC Due Dates For:

Big Ideas, Names of division officers who are attending State, Advisor of the Year Nominations, Administrator of the Year Nominations, Outstanding Student Council Nominations for MASC and MASCA, MASC Officer of the Year Nominations.

Forms may be faxed to 651-999-7331 or mailed to the office.

MAHS Due Dates For:

Star Chapter, All Star Team, Service Project and MAHS Advisor of the Year.

Forms may be faxed to 651-999-7331 or mailed to the office.

March 8

MASC and MAHS Officer Nominations Due

Form may be faxed to 651-999-7331 or mailed to the office. Will receive confirming e-mail.

Instructions for these items are found on our website [masc-mahs.org](http://masc-mahs.org).

Go to the category labeled Awards/Nominations. Time management is essential for completing these items by March 8 th .

Look for information in the newsletter about the state leadership convention and the NatStuCo summer conference. Spread this information to all the schools in your division. These two events are strong traditions in the same schools every year. I love their commitments. Our state organizations are strong because of their participation every year. I hope more students can benefit from these experiences and the only way that can happen is if we can share the information to schools in your areas.

Have a great second half of the year. I hope to see you at your spring division meeting and the state leadership convention.

Doug Erickson



# Warren E. Shull Advisor of the Year Award Nominee: Sue Iverson



Sue Iverson of Wayzata High School was named Minnesota's candidate for the Warren E. Shull award. Sue covers all four aspects of a successful student council advisor. She takes care of her school's students first. Sue became Wayzata's student council advisor when Connie Lewis left the position over twenty years ago. Connie hand picked Sue and mentored her in the transition. Connie wanted a guarantee that her programs would continue and Sue was that guarantee. Sue followed the level of commitment to her students that Connie had established. Then Sue expanded that commitment. A great example was Wayzata's annual fundraiser based on the Survivor television show. Students staying in the school for 24 hours for an entire week to raise funds for local charities required Sue to make the same commitment. Ouch! This is just one example of Sue's dedication to take her students' vision and support it. Sue has been active on the division level.. Sue has been both the Hennepin Division

advisor and honored as the Hennepin Division advisor of the year multiple times during her career. Sue's loyalty to her division has not diminished over the years. She will host her final Hennepin Division meeting this spring at Wayzata High School.

Sue has served as Minnesota's state advisor. This person represents the student council members and their advisors to our parent organization, the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals. In addition to this role, Sue has hosted two state conventions in 2000 and 2006. Both state conventions were attended by record numbers of students. Not surprisingly, Sue's attention to detail and ability to put students in leadership positions resulted in outstanding state conventions for the students of Minnesota

Nationally, Sue has been a highly visible presence. She was part of the original RSVP training. This program is consistent with one of Sue's advising philosophies of giving students their voice. Sue consistently sends students to the NatStuCo conferences and to the LEAD conferences. Finally, this past summer, Sue hosted the NatStuCo summer conference at Wayzata High School. Sue and her students collaborated with students from around the state of Minnesota to organize an outstanding experience for students and advisors from across the country and internationally.

Finally, with all her accomplishments, it is important to emphasize that most importantly Sue is a good person. She treats students and adults with respect and kindness. She allows students to take responsibility while she guides quietly in the background. When things inevitably go awry, she fixes not blames. Sue Iverson exemplifies the spirit of Warren E. Shull award.

# 2018-19 State Board Goals

## MASC:

1. Have every division host one meeting
2. Membership up to 210 for MASC
3. Increase State Service Project involvement to 65% of members

## MAHS:

1. Increase Honor Society participation in state service project 65%
2. Membership up to 186 for MAHS
3. Foster and develop MAHS participation in division and state events



## Upcoming Events

April 6-8: State MASC/MAHS “Welcome to the Jungle of Leadership” In Owatonna/Medford

June 24-26: National Student Council Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania