



# MAHS/MASC NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to the second MAHS/MASC Newsletter! A lot has happened since our last Newsletter including Christmas, the Winter Olympics, and the beginning of the year **2014!!!** A lot has happened in the Stud Co world as well, and this Newsletter is going to fill you in on what has been going on. Keep reading and you will find information from different Lead Conferences, get to know some of the Division Presidents and also receive an update on THE STATE CONVENTION! I can't believe that it's coming up so fast, and I can't wait to see you all there. Talk to your advisors about signing up and make sure you don't miss the deadline. 2014 has already started off with a bang and hopefully this continues throughout the rest of the year.

- Zach Wright

MASC Vice-President

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*"If your actions inspire  
others to dream more,  
learn more, do more and  
become more, you are a  
leader."*

*- John Quincy Adams*

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# 2014

## Let's **Start** The Year

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# MASC Division Presidents



## Andy Furness (Southeast Division)

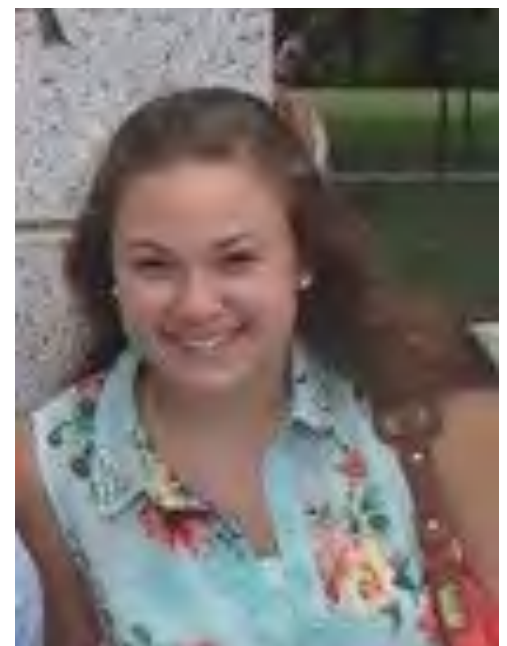
I'm Andy Furness, and I am the Southeast Division President for the 2013-2014 year! I go to John Marshall High School in Rochester, where I am the student body president. I am involved in lots of other leadership groups besides student council, such as the JM GPS, which is a primarily student led leadership group, and Student Leaders Creating Change.

In my free time I like to play guitar, sleep, and eat taco bell. I tweet too often. I love talking to strangers and making new friends, and love student council because it's full of social

## Mary Catherine Anderson (South Central Division)

As a division president, I've gotten to spend a lot of time meeting new people at our various meetings and conferences. In addition to Student Council, I am president of my school's business club and a member of National Honor Society, Social Justice League, and our local women's shelter's teen alliance. All of these activities have granted me great opportunities, including traveling to Minneapolis countless times, Chicago, and even Disneyworld!

Outside of school, I am a math tutor, in addition to working in a local pharmacy, which I love! In my spare time, I like to hang out with my friends at McDonald's, which is essentially the only place to do so in my small town! I love to try new things, especially food, and I'll do almost anything once. I hope to meet all of you at this year's state convention. It'll be a blast!





## Rebecca Rebrovich (Northeast Division)

I'm Rebecca Rebrovich, I am born and raised in Hibbing and am the President of the Northeast Division. Along with student council, I am involved in Key Club, Knowledge Bowl, Math Team, Concert Choir and I play softball. I love being outdoors and in the fall I practically live at my hunting shack. Hunting and fishing are a big part of my life, they are my favorite things to do.

My most prized possession is my truck. It is a green 98' Chevy Silverado and its my baby. I am a big fan of older hard rock music (My first concert ever was Van Halen). Finally I also love to travel and have been to both Alaska and Hawaii.



## Grace Lindquist (Western Division)

Grace Lindquist is a Senior from Detroit Lakes Minnesota who loves to stay busy. She is the communications officer of the Detroit Lakes High School student council and is involved in many other organizations in her school as well.

In her free time Grace loves to dance. She takes class and is on the competition team at her dance studio and teaches classes for kids ages 3-8. She is also in the middle of choreographing her third musical for her high school theater department. She also has a part time job at an environmental lab and aspires to one day become a chemical engineer.







# Earl Reum Award Winner

Kelly Nieber was recognized at the National Association of Workshop Directors meeting last December in Austin, Texas as the Region IV winner of the Earl Reum Award. Kelly has been working with the City Wide student council for the Minneapolis School District over the past two years. This is only a partial snapshot of Kelly's student leadership profile. The Minnesota Association of Student Councils hijacked Kelly from Iowa in 2012. Kelly has been a 15 year veteran of the NAWD conference in her role as the Executive Director for the Iowa Association of Student Councils. In Iowa, Kelly was also a special education teacher and student council advisor. During the summer, Kelly ran the Iowa Summer Leadership Camp. The Earl Reum Award is given to individuals who are committed to carry on the tradition of developing student leadership established by Earl Reum. Minnesota Association of Student Councils (MASC) was proud to have Kelly represent us at the NAWD conference. More importantly, we are excited to have Kelly as part of the Minnesota team.





# Warren E. Shull Award Winner



Jerome Johannes was recently named the Shull Advisor of the Year winner by the Minnesota Association of Student Councils. Johannes has been the student council advisor at Medford High School since 2007. During that time, Medford has become one of the most active student councils in the state. The Medford student council consistently sends students to the summer leadership academy, the fall leadership conference, and the MAHS/MASC state convention. In addition to state activities, Jerome takes a delegation to the NASC national convention every year. Jerome has been a presenter at the summer leadership academy, the state convention, and the new advisor's workshop. Jerome's involvement in MASC ensures that the organization will have solid leadership for many years to come. In addition to his student council duties, Jerome is Medford's head football coach. He may be the only student council advisor/head football coach combination in the state of Minnesota. Jerome is married to Jessica Johannes and has two boys, Cain (7) and Luther (3).





# Lead Conference - Washington D.C.

Minnesota was represented at the 1014 LEAD in Washington D.C. Lead by MASC executive board member Ella Trio, six students from Minnesota travelled to the nation's capitol. Arriving at 10 am on Friday morning, the Minnesota delegation spent the next six hours touring the nations monuments. Walking from Lincoln Memorial past the Martin Luther King Memorial to the Capitol at the far end, they saw it all. One of the highlights was the First Lady fashion exhibit at the American History Museum. Once the



conference started, the students heard keynotes from Scott Greenburg and Andy Thibideau. Both speakers were excellent. They also participated in workshops and mixers. On Sunday while most of America watched the Super Bowl, the Minnesota delegation travelled by the metro to the Georgetown area. It was a big weekend. Minnesota will also send delegations to the Chicago LEAD on president's weekend. Trio stated, "LEAD is like a mini-nationals. Over twenty states and three countries attended the conference.

It was great to exchange ideas with the 900 plus leaders who attended."





# Lead Conference - Chicago



The Minneapolis delegation sent 28 students and advisors to the Chicago LEAD conference on February 14-16. An all star collection of speakers including Ted Wiese, Arrowwood speaker, Judson Laippily, Revolution of Dance fame, and Alton Jamison, successful entrepreneur all inspired the delegation. The student leaders also took part in round table discussions and workshops. The Minneapolis group left Chicago and easily beat the snowstorm that hit Minnesota on the following Monday. It was an excellent leadership weekend.





# NASC Conference

Dear Student Council advisors and delegates:

Below is information for the **Minnesota delegations travel to the NASC Conference in Orlando, Florida**. We will be heading to Ocoee High School for ***Discover the Treasures of Leadership***. **The conference is June 27-29, 2014.**

- The Minnesota delegation will be traveling June 25- 30, 2014.
- We will be flying on Sun Country Airlines from the Hubert Humphrey (Terminal #2)
- We will be meeting at the airport at 6 am on June 25th.
- Our flight is SY1341 departing at 8:10 am arriving in Orlando at 12:13 pm.
- We will be returning on **Monday, June 30th**.
- Our flight is SY342 at 1:00 pm arriving at Hubert Humphrey (Terminal #2) at 3:17 pm.
- The package price for students is \$1140. The price for advisors who share a room is \$1235.
- The price for advisors who have a private room is \$1600.

The cost is more than last year due to two factors: the Disney Ticket is \$59 plus tax and the extra night's stay due to flight times. Good News- We have negotiated two free bags per person.

The MN delegation will be staying in at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista for five nights. Students will be staying 4 to a room when possible. All rooms are considered suites. You will stay with students from your school (gender appropriate) and balance the rooms with delegates from other schools.

On **Wednesday** night we will go to Disney World as a group. This is included in our package price. On **Thursday** the Minnesota delegation will be enjoying the amenities of the resort or book attendance at one of the many Orlando theme parks. Thursday's activities are not included in the package price.

Starting on **Friday, June 27**, students and advisors will be attending the NASC National Conference where they will participate in general sessions with nationally known keynote speakers, attend small group workshops, visit the exhibits and network with student leaders from around the country. All of the NASC National Conference will take place at beautiful Ocoee High School in Orlando

**More information on the conference can be found at <http://www.nascconference.org>**

Your pre-paid package price includes air transportation, ground transportation, hotel (5 night stay), **Wednesday** Disney World ticket, conference registration, T-shirts and trading items.





Each student/advisor receives 3 t-shirts for the conference and trading items. The t-shirts are to be worn by the delegates during the NASC National conference. You should bring money for meals before the conference begins on the 27th . You should also plan on bringing spending money for our activities on **Wednesday** evening and **Thursday** during the day.

**A registration deposit of \$500 is due by April 10th . Checks should be made out to MASC. We have 50 spots and will go on a first come/first serve basis.** Once you have paid the deposit which is non-refundable -you can go on <http://www.nascconference.org/> and fill out the online registration. When registering choose state delegation as your registration type. You can send your deposit for spaces immediately. We can get the names once you know who will be attending.

This will be an amazing trip with a lifetime of memories. Share this information with your division meetings if you have them this spring, If you have any questions, please call.

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# UVideo Challenge



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**UVIDEO**  
**CHALLENGE**

VOTING BEGINS ON APRIL 21, 2014



# MASSP Scholarships



Becca Young and Steve Kinney received the MASSP's leadership award for their positions as president of the Minnesota Association of Honor Societies and Minnesota Association of Student Councils. Each of them received a scholarship to be given after their first semester of college. Becca has been accepted at Yale University. Steve is attending University of North Dakota to fulfill his dream of becoming a pilot.







# The State Convention at East Ridge High School



Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.

**Victor Hugo**

I am trying to laugh. I laughed when my students complained about the consequences of six snow days. I never thought I would see the day that students were disappointed in a “snow day.” They were. I am sure your chapter or council is facing the challenge of gaining traction (no pun intended) in a second semester that has had more three day weeks than five day weeks. We are Minnesotans and we will defeat winter once again.

A smile should come to your face when you think of the upcoming state conference. There is one deadline date for everything that is connected to state except registration. That date is MARCH 11<sup>th</sup> and it is rapidly approaching. Check this list.

## **MASC due date is March 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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

*All forms may be faxed to 651-999-7331 or mailed to the MASSP Office.*

## **MAHS due date is March 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Star Chapter, All Star Team, Service Project, Yearbooks

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## **MASC and MAHS Officer Nominations Due in MASSP Office by March 11<sup>th</sup>.**

*Forms may be faxed to 651-999-7331 or mailed to the MASSP Office. Will receive a confirming e-mail.*



**MAHS/MASC State  
Leadership Convention  
Registration is due in  
MASSP Office by March  
19<sup>th</sup>.**

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-999-7331 or mailed to the  
MASSP Office.*



“Innovation Generation” will be a great convention. Our speaker line up is the best we have had in recent memory. Students from across the state have volunteered to present roundtables. The hot topics will generate in depth discussions. Try to find a way to make this happen for your council or chapter.

Finally, the NASC national conference presents an incredible opportunity. This is a student council event but it has much to offer to both our organizations. Check out the article in the newsletter for information on how you can be part of this experience.

I hope to meet each and every one of you at the state convention. I will be easy to spot. I am usually the only 6’3” grey haired guy with a sport coat on. Introduce yourself and share any thoughts or ideas you may have. The MAHS/MASC want to get better every year for you. That is why your input is so important.

See you at state,  
Doug Erickson  
Coordinator of Student Activities for the MASSP



# A Letter From our Convention Co-Coordiators

The State Convention is quickly approaching and we're very excited to welcome everyone to East Ridge High School! The registration deadline for students and advisors is March 19<sup>th</sup>. Each school can now bring 8 students for Student Council and an unlimited number for National Honor Society. Please note that the deadline to book your hotel room is different from the registration deadline. For information and updates on the State Convention, please join the Convention Facebook group. You can connect through this QR code.

- Kayla Schulz & Andrea Clinch (Convention Co-Coordiators)



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We want to hear from you!  
Keep us up to date on everything your council is doing and you might get to be in the next Newsletter!

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