

WASC Newsletter

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Leadership: Not a spectator sport, get in the game

Letter from the President

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Letter from the Vice-President

Hello student leaders,

Spring is in full bloom and I must say so are many projects. With our school year ending and summer on the brink it's easy to let things slip by. I hope that with the break from school you will not also take a break from leadership and developing your growth as a leader. This summer I encourage all of you and your pals to get your forms in now! To be completely honest, SLC is one of the most amazing weeks in your potential summer calendar. I wish you to become the strongest leaders in your community, but that is difficult to achieve without attending the wondrous camp they call SLC!

This summer also holds great potential for you and your councils to raise money for any designated organization and/or Make A Wish. Wyoming schools have truly amazed me when it comes to these fundraisers; the lengths your schools are willing to go is tremendous. With that I hope you continue to exceed your own expectations and set new goals.

I hope each of your schools have reached contact with your region representatives by now and that they have reminded you that it would be wise to get that honor council book rolling early! Feel free to reach out to the board if you have any questions regarding registration for NASC and SLC, or information about Summit, or State Convention.

Well wishes to all those seniors that are making plans for the rest of their lives . . . no pressure. Realize the impact you have made on your school and continue to influence those positive actions. You can only do great things as you set your views to a new community of leaders just waiting to be developed! Thank you to all of the advisors this year for promoting and encouraging your students. I cannot wait to see you all this summer at SLC!

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Hannah Gibbs
WASC President

Dear WASC,

Though I probably risk venturing into the cliché by saying so, it feels like no time at all since the last newsletter went out. Perhaps it's because of the barrage of projects that characterizes the spring for our councils, or the acute anticipation we all feel for summer, and especially the leadership opportunities therein!

I hope that your spring student council endeavors have gone beautifully; I know firsthand the amount of stress events such as prom and elections entail. Still, there are few ventures more rewarding than those engendered via student council. Therefore, whether you are nurturing the leadership talents of your own peers or raising funds for charity, do it fervently! In addition, while on the subject of fundraisers, I must mention that it is Make-A-Wish season. Although the Board has discussed recognizing contributions to other organizations, Make-A-Wish remains

the WASC state charity. Last year, we accrued approximately \$150,000 to aid critically ill children in accomplishing some of their dearest wishes. As we continue to foster our councils' heartwarming commitments to generosity, I encourage everyone to maintain an open-hearted perspective. Our efforts to help those in need are truly miraculous!

With summer, too, come incredible leadership opportunities. Be sure to apply for SLC, and as early as possible. Just ask a former delegate; it is eminently worthwhile, enjoyable, and constructive as an element of your student council career, and too valuable a prospect *not* to utilize. I, along with my fellow board members and a few others, will also have the pleasure of attending the National Association of Student Councils convention in Indianapolis this summer, and I could not be more enthused. I am sure that it will be another great opportunity to bond with peers from our state and around the country, and share great ideas and memories with exceptional student leaders.

Finally, as graduation approaches, I would like to impart the seniors in councils across Wyoming with my deepest gratitude for all they have done throughout their tenures as leaders in their schools and communities. Certainly, we all appreciate the immeasurable benefits of your talents and personalities. Good luck as you continue onward, and you will undoubtedly realize future success!

Sincerely,

Jordan Colman
WASC Vice-President

Dear Wasc Students,

The year is coming to a close and there are still many things to do. Summer is right around the corner and deadlines are fast approaching.

I know that in our council it has been non-stop activities and obligations since the start of spring. With the deadline for honor books looming it has become a rush to get everything done. For the schools that have never received honor council I encourage as many schools to try for this honor. With the deadline June 15, many schools will be out so I also encourage you to get the book done as soon as possible.

With the start of summer many things will be occurring including SLC and NASC. SLC is a great experience and the more people who attend the better the week will be. SLC should be as good as ever with Earl in attendance.

Finally with summer approaching seniors will be graduating and leaving the high schools. For the seniors leaving thank you for everything that you have done in your high school career. The seniors were an important part to the Student Council experience. With their experience and guidance many Councils rose to the occasion and with their absence for the remainder of the year and next it will be up to the juniors to set a good example and precedent.

This year has been a whirl wind of activities and events. It has been an honor to serve the state for the past few months and I look forward to next year and what will be accomplished. Thank you again and good bye to the seniors and lets make this summer and make next fall one to remember.

Sincerely,

Matt Bergene
WASC Secretary

Letter from the Secretary

**Letter from the Board
Director Mary Harshberger**

Dear Advisers,

I hope your end of the year is something to anticipate with joy and relief. I know it is a crazy busy time and keeps all of us on our toes. Being junior class sponsor this year has given me a healthy respect for those of you who sponsor prom. Wow, what a job.

The WASC calendar picks up quickly in the summer. I hope the calendar in this newsletter will be helpful. The summer dates are in place and as always, we need your support for SLC. This program is Wyoming's student leadership apex. It is a program which has served students for nearly 50 years. Amy has sent a copy of the registration form to each school and it is also on the website. It is great news to know that Earl Reum, who is still undergoing treatment for cancer, plans to be with us. I've included a recent e-mail from him.

Ben Schanck and I, accompanied by Laura Brubaker from Wright, will be taking 9 students to Center Grove High School outside of Indianapolis for the national conference this June. The program has a strong leadership focus and we are excited to have a solid core of students from Wyoming.

Your renewal notice for the National Association of Student Councils has been mailed and if you haven't received one, you can contact them directly or visit www.nasc.us.

For those of us who've been in Wyoming a long time, you might remember Sandra Linse-Smith who served as executive director for a number of years during the 70's and 80's. Sandy taught in Greybull and singlehandedly ran SLC (then Trail Lake) and the state conference. She was a gracious and caring woman who always kept the "student" in student council. The WASC board extends its sympathy to her husband Morris and to Greybull High School.

My best wishes for a great summer of renewal for all of you. We hope to see you in the fall at the summit meetings and then at convention.

Mary

**Letter from Board
Member Amy Kassel**

WASC Newsletter Info

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and we are busy getting ready for next years' elections. As you elect a new panel of officers, please consider sending them to Summer Leadership Camp 2010 in Casper. The camp will be July 12-16 and will cost \$300 per delegate. Delegates will arrive at Casper College at 12:30 p.m. on July 12 and the camp will end at 9:00 a.m. on July 16. Dr. Earl Reum will be our consultant again this year and we are excited to have him back. Registration forms were mailed to all student council advisors or they can be found online at www.wyasc.org under forms. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Kassel at kassela1@yahoo.com.

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Dear Student Councils,

In the central region the Student Councils seem to be making fundraising for Make-A-Wish the first priority. Kelly Walsh has been doing many different activities for Make-A-Wish because their goal for this year is \$15000! Natrona County and Kelly Walsh did a buff puff tournament to start off the Make-A-Wish fundraising. Glenrock is busy with their Wish Week as they have been doing it this month.

As the summer is quickly approaching I would have all of your councils begin thinking about coming to SLC. It is the single most significant learning experience of your life! This camp is truly a week full of fun leadership activities making new friends through the process. I would also recommend to your councils to think still about doing a WASC notebook. The deadline is in June so if your councils really wanted to put one together you could. If you want any help with it feel free to email me or any other WASC member.

Sincerely,

Brigit Kelly

Northeast Region Representative

Letter from the
Northeast Rep

Dear WASC Body,

As the year of planning comes to a close, final statements are to be made on behalf of the Southeast Region. First of all, congratulations WASC board and officers as well as other region representatives on your hard work which makes WASC great every year. It has been an honor to be part of a great event that takes the combined efforts of a few to host the many leaders WASC has the privilege to hold.

Southeast Region has done fairly well in achieving distinction and honor council the previous years, it shall be this year's goal to maintain this prestigious level and further develop this group of excellence. For schools that have not made honor council or distinction it is crucial to send your council to WASC this year in order to meet a large amount of requirements to become honor council as well as meritorious distinction. For any further questions on requirements visit WASC's website WYASC.org, visit 'forms' and click on the pdf for Honor Council Requirements, or simply email me at 'mojocho@gmail.com'.

It's almost summer time! What is your student council doing? If nothing, feel free to send as many students as possible to Summer Leadership Conference (SLC) this 2010 summer, basically it's at Casper College July 12-16, help sculpt your student council! For further information, visit the WASC website under 'forms' and click on the Summer Leadership Conference tab.

Ah seniors, you make life seem so easy to us juniors and underclassmen as you have it so much worse than we do. Your contribution to WASC and involvement within your school and community makes it a little easier for everyone to live with a smile, especially when you smile. Unfortunately, we won't be able to experience the inflammatory effects of your senioritis as you must now continue your lives elsewhere from high school, we of Southeast Region Wyoming wish you the best of luck and a great future.

Freshmen! If it weren't for you, sophomores would have to take the heat, fortunately for them; we have you to look down upon! Now don't take that too literally, it's because we all love you. We were all your age and we are excited by your youth. Continue to grow and make the right decisions, stick with student council and be involved with your school and community. Always pick yourself up when you fall, and always smile, so that one day you may provide joy for those underclassmen around you. We of Southeast Region Wyoming salute you on your journey to growth and self development!

In all seriousness it was a pleasure and honor to be of service to WASC this year. I hope WASC can work as an association and that student councils remember that they are not just part of their own community, but of WASC- Wyoming's Association of Student Councils, that they are more than just their own student council, but part of the entire states leadership community. May we always try to hard to better ourselves, our school, our community, and our state's student councils. Thank you WASC delegates for allowing me to be your Southeast Regional Representative this year.

Sincerely,

Moseh Cho

Letter from the
Southeast Rep

Dear Members of WASC,

I hope everyone had a good year and continues to enjoy what is left of this school year. I wish luck to all the seniors leaving us this year. The hours that you have spent are truly appreciated. Our wish is that you take what you have learned about leadership from student council and continue to impact the world. To the next leaders of WASC, the coming up freshman, i hope that you learn a lot about leadership and yourself to better help you in life through you years involved in student council.

I encourage everyone to attend SLC this summer. I went last summer and it was so much fun and you learn so much about yourself and leadership. It will be single most significant learning experience of your life. You will meet any friend from around the state. It will also teach you how to step out side your comfort level. If you have already attend i encourage you to go back as a Level II.

Many of the school in our region have completed there Make-A-Wish fundraising. Sweetwater County has raise close to \$60,000. GOOD JOB EVERYONE!! Thanks to all of the school around the state that have participated in Make-A-Wish fundraising efforts.

I have really enjoyed being a Regional Representative. Thanks for the opportunity.

Sincerely,
Kaylee Burnett
Southwest Region Rep

Letter from the Southwest Rep

Dear Wyoming Association of Student Councils,

As the year winds down, plans for the summer fall have already come to the forefront. NASC and SLC will take prominence this summer with (hopefully) much participation from the student councils across the state. Prayers also go out to Earl Reum as a prominent figure for those who have been to SLC. For the 2010-11 council year, we hope all the student councils come to participate in WASC and good luck to all who step in as the new WASC state and regional board members.

I hope to pass along the positive experience I've had as a regional representative to whomever takes my place next year. I also plan to stay in contact with the schools in my region. With prom, fundraisers, and graduations all coming so soon, it's hard to believe another school year has flown by.

Good luck to all in the years to come!

Sincerely,
Jessica Neary
Northwest Regional Rep

Letter from the Northwest Rep

Dear Wyoming Student Council Members,

Spring has been super busy! I presume everyone is well into the Make a Wish season. Here at Kaycee High School we just finished up with Make a Wish week. We had a school wide coin drive, wiffleball tournament, and movie night where we watched The Blind Side. The coin drive has been extended an extra week to give every class a little extra time to collect money. Over all it has been a great success. Soon to come is a safe driving day where we will be listening to a presentation from our local highway patrolmen. I hope everyone is beginning their Honor Council Application! They are due June 15 and are very important to the success of your Student Council. Congratulations to all graduating seniors! We will miss you all at WASC next fall.

Sincerely,
Tiana Foley
Northeast Regional Representative
Kaycee High School Student Council

Letter from the Central Rep

Letters from Honor Council Applicants

As the year 2010 is well underway the Big Horn High School student council has been very busy. At the end of February we held our Courtwarming and many students were happy with the outcome of the week. We had many activities such as locker and door decorations, a dating game, dress up days, royalty, a movie in the gym and a pep assembly. Another thing we most recently finished was our fundraising for Haiti. Over the course of a month we held many fundraising events to help support the victims of the earthquake. We took donations at basketball games and held competitions within the school. We also opened it up to the community by raffling off prizes and putting on a spaghetti dinner. Our goal was to raise \$2,500 and as a community we were able to raise almost double that bringing our grand total to \$4037. To wrap up the year we are planning an after prom party to help support not drinking on prom night. We have been working hard on this project so hopefully the outcome is good.

Big Horn High School Student Council

Farson-Eden High School Student Council Make-A-Wish

Trilby Applequist

Student Body Reporter

Our student council has many activities for Make-A-Wish this year. The activities we are doing this year include:

- Breakfast – We are serving pancakes, sausage, and eggs to our school and the community for five dollars a plate.
- Penny War – This is between the high school and middle school. Each class collects pennies. Also classes may put quarters, nickels, and dimes into other class's jars to subtract from other classes penny collection.
- Easter Egg Collection – This is between all classes. Class members may buy paper Easter eggs for ten cents or a bad egg to subtract eggs from other classes for twenty-five cents.
- Dinner/dance and pie auction – Our Student Council hosts a dinner, dance and pie auction. The community donates pies and dinner is five dollars with a prepaid ticket and six dollars at the door. We are serving sloppy joes and pulled pork sandwiches, salads, and dessert.
- Snack Sale – This is for elementary, middle, and high school during lunch. We sell various snacks every day of the week.

Pass the Yard Ornament – We have a yellow and blue Make-A-Wish safe that we place in some one's yard and they pay us to move it and pick where we move it.

Our Make-A-Wish activities will go on for two weeks. We will finish off our two weeks with our dinner, dance, and pie auction.

Our goal is to raise enough money to sponsor a wish.

Farson-Eden High School Student Council

Glenrock High School has had a busy and exciting year. We started the year with a very successful Homecoming week. We also helped with a blood drive, sold compatibility tests, had a Sadie Hawkins Dance, and of course, attended the WASC Summit and State Convention. Thanks again Kelly Walsh. We are busy winding the year up with our Wish Week activities in April, followed up by our community project (trash pickup) and school project, outlining the "G" on the hill. We can't wait until next year.

Erica Caves, Secretary

Glenrock High School Student Council

Newcastle High School Student Council

Since the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year, the Newcastle High School Student Council has been very busy.

Beginning in the summer months, the council gathered at one of the local parks to start planning Homecoming. During Homecoming, we hosted activities like different Dress Up Days, Mr. & Miss Dogie Competitions, Mock Olympics, the Parade, Coronation of the King and Queen, Powder Puff Football & Powder Buff Volleyball, and of course the annual Homecoming dance! The NHS Student Council worked very hard to pull all of these activities together so our student body had a great time!

In November, we attended WASC, of course! During this time, we also sponsored two less-fortunate families in Weston County for a Thanksgiving dinner fit for kings. For the holidays, we hosted our annual "12 Days of Christmas" drawing for our students. We also purchased holiday ornaments for each of our staff members in appreciation. Our council also bought Christmas gifts for two of our students at the high school level!

January allowed for our council to take a deep breath and catch up with some house-keeping items like RSVP! Our student body limited their choices down to four ideas (longer lunch hour, 4-day school week, adding an auto-body class, and purchasing DJ equipment for future dances in our high school). The decision was made to purchase our own DJ equipment; this equipment has already been ordered and will be used for the 2010 Prom!!! Shortly after the devastation in Haiti, our StuCo also helped (the FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, National Honor Society, and the Speech & Debate Team organizations) host a carry-in dinner to benefit the people of Haiti. There was a huge turn-out for the dinner, and our small community raised over \$2,000 for the American Red Cross!

Currently, our council is working on a fundraiser. We are selling snack items throughout our school and our community. Our council is also very interested in doing a council exchange, so we are trying to plan that as well. Overall, the Newcastle High School Student Council has been extremely busy with community services, school improvement, and fundraisers!

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Button, NHS Executive Student Body President

Student Council 09'-10' school year.

With Blaine Backmen as Student body president our council has moved forward in helping the students of East high school. The year begins with registration and election of the underclassmen officers. The council moves right into the planning of Homecoming and the Sprit week that goes along with it. We chose a jungle theme. At WASC Moseh Cho was elected Southeast regional representative. Every year the students in the council put together a Thanksgiving dinner to show our appreciation for all they do, this year's was a success as well. We have focused on raising money for the Make-a-wish foundation, with fifty-fifty raffles and change drives. Along with joining the campaign "Stop the R-Word". This campaign works on reduce the use of the putdown "retard". As the year comes to a close the Jr. class focuses on prom and the Senior class work on an end of the year trip. The council's last activity is the end of the year party where we all get together and say goodbye to the senior offices and welcome the kids taking their positions.

Hannah Curry

Newcastle High School Student Council

East High School Student Council

Wright Student Council Over the Year

This year our Student Council has been very active. We have planned many activities throughout the year. The Wright Student Council has participated in many events to raise money and support several different causes.

In August, we welcomed back teachers with a teacher breakfast. For the teacher’s breakfast every member of Student Council made something to serve the teachers. We also welcomed back students with a welcome back message and pencil taped on each student’s locker.

In the month of September our high school held Homecoming week. For Homecoming, we put on a girls powder-puff football game. Rally night was concluded with the always-classy “W” bonfire. We also had dress-up days, and we hosted the Homecoming dance.

November included the members of Wright Student Council attending WASC in Casper. The eight members learned valuable lessons going to workshops. Each member was excited and inspired when they returned to school.

January was the first annual Cancer Awareness month at Wright High School. The Student Council helped raise money by hosting a duct tape contest. Four teachers agreed to run the risk of being duct taped to the gym wall to help raise money for cancer victims in the Wright community. The teacher with the most money in their donation bucket was duct taped to the gym wall. It was a great success and Student Council is looking forward to next year.

Student Council raised money for Make-A-Wish during the month of April. The council raised money by selling yogurt during lunch. To raise even more money, we had a pie toss at a school assembly. Students were able to throw whipped topping at the student or teacher of their choice for a nominal fee.

We plan to put on a Cystic Fibrosis walk at the end of May. Members will seek donations to support the walk for Cystic Fibrosis. The month of May will also include planting flowers within the town. We will also host senior sendoff.

Wright Student Council has been very creative throughout the school year. We are excited for the upcoming year, and we hope it will be just as successful.

By Meghan Grizzle

Wright High School Student Council

The Kelly Walsh Student Council is currently working on their Make-A-Wish week/month activities. We have decided to set a goal of \$15,000, which is just enough money to grant two wishes. We have spread out our activities throughout the month, to create more opportunities for students to attend all of our activities.

Kelly Walsh School Student Council

Central High School has been very active this year. Between Homecoming, Tribe pride, and Prom, the student senate has been going non-stop. With the start of the year the senate planed club rush and Homecoming week. For the week we planed activites for the day as well as night activities culminating in the annual dance on Friday night. From there the Senate traveled to the WASC convention in Casper, Wy. While there Matt Bergene ran for state office and became the new WASC Secretary. With the cold winds of winter senate began to plan Tribe Pride Week, our annual rivalry week between CHS and EHS. The week runs a lot like the Homecoming week but the sport of the week is basketball. The week was concluded with the turn-about dance planed by Key Club. Finally with the year coming to a close we have begun to work on our Honor Council Book. Through out the year the Senate agreed to volunteer at the local retirement community and raise money for breast cancer awareness and the Special Olympics. The year has been an exciting ride and with a new sponsor next year there will be large changes in the CHS Student Senate.

Central High School Student Council

The WASC Website has been updated recently and includes the current calendar, platforms from convention, honor council application, and contacts for all member schools. Convention information is posted there and will be updated as more details become available.

Website

Honor Council Application information is on the website. All applications must be postmarked by June 15. They can be sent via US Mail to Mary Harshberger, P.O. Box 371, Lingle, WY 82223 or by UPS to Mary Harshberger, 520 Main Street, Lingle, WY 82223.

Documentation is critical in your application. It can be clearly labeled photos, press releases, programs, posters, announcements, sign-up sheets, or just about anything else. Please also provide a description when it is requested in the application.

If you have any questions please let Mary or Hannah know and we will help wherever we can.

Honor Council Applications

WASC Convention November 8 & 9 Hosted by Big Horn High School

Hotel Information
Sheridan Holiday Inn
1809 Sugarland Drive
307 672-8931

Room Block "sc1" is now open for Sunday November 7 & Monday November 8 Room rate \$74 includes a continental breakfast at the hotel. Advisers will be required to submit rooming lists next fall and request breakfast tickets.

WASC Convention

CONGRATULATIONS TO LYMAN HIGH SCHOOL AND NATRONA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING A GOLD COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS!! Great job to both schools. Thanks for representing Wyoming!

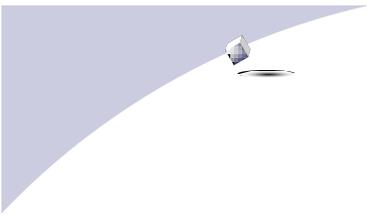
Congratulations!!

Thanks, Dear Mary. I'm doing a lot better with this cancer stuff. I truly succeed if I set a goal -- like being at SLC this summer. I truly intend to be there.

A Quick Note from

Earl

Earl



Calendar	June	Board Meeting	Big Horn/Sheridan
	June 15	Honor Council books due	
	June 24-25	NASC pre-trip	Indianapolis
	June 26-29	NASC	Indianapolis
	July 12-`6	SLC	Casper
	September 12	Board Meeting	Riverton
	September 13	WASC Summit	Riverton
	September 14	WASC Summit	Casper
	November 8-9	55 th Annual Convention	Big Horn/Sheridan

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