

WyASC

Wyoming Association Of Student Councils newsletter



Keep Calm & Lead On is the theme for the 2013 Convention hosted by Cody High School.

STATE BOARD

Hello everyone I hope all is well throughout the state. Most of you have been partaking in Homecoming this first 9 weeks, and hopefully that has been a success. As you all know WyASC is coming up and the officer team and I have been hard at work making sure that this convention will be one to remember. Just a reminder that all things are due the 25th of this month, and in order to do many different things you must apply for them such as workshops. Mark your calendars November 11th-12th, these are the days of WyASC and are probably the most important days of my year!!! If anyone has any questions regarding WyASC or anything else student council related, or if you just wanna chat email me at

noahelm202@gmail.com See you all at WyASC and remember Keep Calm and Lead On!!!

Sincerely WyASC Pres.

Noah Elm

Hello everyone!

As my Vice-Presidential term comes to an end, I have slowly started to realize the gravity of everything I have learned. The 20 odd people that attended NASC from Wyoming, including myself and the other state officers, had the experience of a lifetime. The ideas, friends, and leadership experience that we gathered from the National Association of Student Councils Convention in Las Vegas can perhaps only be rivaled by the Summer Leadership Camp in Casper, Wyoming. We had the pleasure of meeting Scott Bakovich, who will be the keynote speaker at the 2013 Convention in Cody, and had some incredibly insightful things to share with student leaders. Subsequently, we were able to plan for the convention in Cody during our board meeting in July, and do our best to provide the same experience for all of the student leaders at Wyoming that we enjoyed at NASC. Joey and I had the pleasure of working on platforms which we introduced at summit, and garnered many constructive ideas for. These platforms will be the ones that are introduced by Region Reps at Convention and will be debated on. As a State Officer, I attended SLC as a Level One delegate, and I can honestly say that it was the single most significant learning experience I have had. I walked away not only a different person, but someone who can understand how to truly apply leadership skills. The experience you take away from SLC is ineffable, but one that leaves an impression on the soul. The friends I made at the camp are those that I will never forget, and have become extremely close and dear to me. I can only hope that all of you try to take advantage of such an experience as well, and attend SLC next summer where I will hopefully be going back as a Junior Counselor!

I certainly could not have asked for better Officers on the state board than Noah and Joey, who have worked incredibly hard this entire term along the Adult Executive Board Members, Amy Kassel, Ben Schanck and Lindy Ellis, to make sure that this year's Convention is one that will never be forgotten. The dedication and determination I have seen from these people is unmatched, and which I am sure that you will see the fruits of when it is time to go to Convention. I urge you all to attend, and make the most out of your experience. Cody is a beautiful place, and WyASC is a beautiful experience! Thank you so much for being such great leaders, I was privileged to get the chance to meet many of you at Summit, and look forward to seeing you all Monday, November 11th!

Hello Wyoming!

Since this will be my last newsletter during my term I would just like to start out with a huge THANK YOU!! This past year has been unbelievable and one that I will never forget. Every single person I have met from Region IV, NASC, SLC, and summit are now my closest friends and some of them are even my best friends! To the delegates who went to NASC this summer in Las Vegas, thanks for making NASC and my first time in Vegas so awesome! At the beginning of my term I didn't think that I would get so close to my other two state officers Noah and Tanvir and as of right now they are not just my fellow officers they are and forever will be my siblings and my best friends! Without them I don't think I would have survived all the crazy stressful parts of being a state officer! The Adult Executive Board members Amy Kassel, Ben Schanck and Lindy Ellis have been AMAZING and we will always be in debt to you for what you have done for us! This past summer 19 student leaders Noah, Tanvir and myself along with Amy and Ben traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada for 4 fun leadership filled days! We met Scott Backovich our 2013 Keynote Speaker and he told us that it was going to be his first time in Wyoming so when he is at State Convention make sure to give Scott a big, warm Wyoming welcome! Two weeks after NASC the state board traveled to Cody, Wyoming for our WyASC Convention planning meeting with the Cody High School Council. They have worked hard and I can say you won't want to miss this convention because it will be one to remember I promise you that! I can't wait to see you all at the 2013 WyASC State Convention in just 3 short weeks. Also just a reminder that ALL REGISTRATION MATERIALS ARE DUE BY THIS FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH, 2013!!! DON'T WASTE TIME GET THEM IN NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!

for the last time!

Signing off

Joey Madrid

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WyASC Secretary

ADULT BOARD MEMBERS

Dear Advisors,

Welcome Back! I hope your fall has been good and homecoming season has gone well! The Executive Board had a busy summer. We attended National Convention in Las Vegas with 22 delegates and 2 advisors. The delegates were able to see the strip and Blue Man Group before the convention began. During the Convention, we heard keynote addresses from motivational speakers Phil Boyte, John Beede, and Amy Gallimore. Delegates were also able to attend workshops, hear from vendors about new products, and go to a speakers showcase where they heard from up and coming speakers, including Scott Backovich, our state convention keynote. We also heard from Lead2Feed, a student Leadership Program designed to help stamp out hunger. You can get more information on Lead2Feed at LEAD2FEED.org.

Next year's National Convention will be held Ocoee, Florida (Orlando area) from June 27-29, 2014. We are planning a pre-trip to Orlando with visits to a beach, Kennedy Space Center and one day at either Universal Studios or EPCOT Center. Prices will be available by convention.

New from Nationals this year is a updated webpage! You can find the Student Project Showcase and the Advisor Resources at <http://www.nasc.us/> under the Advisor Resources link. This is a great way to learn about new projects.

While at Nationals, we also learned about The Earl Reum Pillow Project. For those of you who had the honor of knowing Earl Reum, you know that he not only touched the hearts and souls of all he met, but also mentored many advisors and students from around the country into who they are today. He had the uncanny ability to always look at the positive and make what others saw as good enough even better. With his 50+ years of leadership involvement, it should come as no surprise that he accumulated hundreds of T-shirts given to him from the many schools, camps and conferences where he spoke. Earl's wife, Mary, has decided to share these treasures with Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils with the request that they be used to continue Earl's legacy of helping others. PASC has created pillows out of his T-Shirts. By purchasing one of Earl's T-Shirt Pillows you will not only be able to keep a tiny piece of Earl, but also be contributing to the Keep It! Campaign. This project is dedicated to restoring Ivory Park, one of the most impoverished townships in South Africa. Earl was a wonderful friend to many advisors and students in Wyoming. If you would like to purchase a pillow, please contact Kathy Croll at kcoll1@comcast.net from the Pennsylvania

Association of Student Councils.

Following Nationals, the Board went to Cody to meet with Cody HS to plan WASC. Our theme this year is Keep Calm and Lead On. Convention will be held at Cody High School on November 11-12, 2013. Convention will start Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. Highlights include

Monday

8:00-8:30	Honor Council Pictures
8:00	Candidate Meeting
8:15	Presidents line up
8:30	Opening Session including a special presentation on Anti-Bullying and a Drug Dog
10:55	Grade Level Meetings
11:25	Workshops and Lunch Rotation
1:45	Candidate Q&A, Community Service, Team Building
2:45	Second General Session
3:40	Regional Meetings
4:10	Third General Session
5:00	Change for Banquet
6:00	Banquet
7:10	Awards
8:00-10:30	Voting, T-shirt exchange, dance and movie
9:00	Advisors Meeting

Tuesday

8:45-Noon	General session and keynote speaker, Scott Backovich
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All registration and forms will be due October 25, 2013. You will find registration and forms (awards and officer and regional rep applications) at www.wyasc.org. Our host hotels are The Holiday Inn, 307-587-5555, FAX 307-527-7757, Rate of \$89.00 or Comfort Inn, 307-587-5556, FAX 307-587-8727, Rate of \$79.00 have been designated as host hotels. A continental breakfast is included in the room rate at each hotel. Please make your room reservations soon!

All awards and officer and regional rep applications are done with a Microsoft Word template. You should be able to type in the designated areas and save and email the forms in. Officer candidates will be asked to supply a digital poster to put up on the big screen

during their speech. This will replace the handmade posters. All digital posters are to be emailed to Karen Carney at

k-carney@park6.org.

There is a new workshop application form. Please have your students fill it out and return it to Karen Carney and Amy Kassel. We are asking for a bit more preparation for workshops this year including an outline of the workshop.

In addition, we have changed the role of small group leaders this year. The small group leaders will be doing more of an evaluation and reflection of the workshops at the end of the workshop rotation. By including a reflection time, we hope students will be able to think about what they have learned and how to take it back to their schools.

We will be honoring All State Student Council members, Hidden Hero Awardees, Advisor of the Year nominees, Make-A-Wish donors, Honor Council awards this year on Monday night at 7:10 p.m. This will be after the banquet, so if you want to eat elsewhere you may and return in time for the awards.

Following our board meeting in Cody, we all attended SLC! Once again, the magic of SLC was there! We had an amazing staff and awesome delegates! We did Colors of Leadership, teambuilding, meeting skills, leadership skills, and overall leadership training. Please consider sending us more delegates. We are getting dangerously close to not having enough kids to run this camp. The board is dedicated to providing this leadership training opportunities to your students, but we need delegates to make it happen!

Congratulations to the following schools for earning their Honor Council Awards!

Honor Council with Meritorious Distinction: Sundance, Farson Eden, Cody, Evanston, Rawlins, Kaycee, South, Central, East, Kelly Walsh, Natrona County

Honor Council: Campbell County, Glenrock, Lingle Ft. Laramie, Riverside, Big Horn

Thank you for all you do and your hard work!

Amy

For Advisors:

I plan, I schedule, I create...

I organize, I train...

Leaders to perform the task...

Some days I wonder...why do I do all that?

I'm only an advisor what differences can I possibly make?

It really doesn't matter...anyone can do what I do... Things will get done...problems will be solved...Activities will be planned...I think to myself...

Then one day I met someone who challenged my thoughts, “I’m only an advisor”...

He said, “What do you mean, ONLY an advisor?”

You are THE ADVISOR...the one who goes beyond...making the positive difference.

The one who creates a culture for the world of the student, who sees the problem from the student’s perspective...the one who facilitates the positive changes, who plants the seeds for success...you are THE ADVISOR.

You listen, you care, you desire the best for each and every student. You believe, you encourage, each child’s idea, you foster, you promote...the dreamer’s dream...you are THE ADVISOR.

You give and you give...without thought of return. You take an idea and make it reality...You accept all youth without question of worth...You see the spark within...Even before the flame is lit...You are THE ADVISOR.

You plant the seed in a child’s mind...that they can create a wonderful world...if only they believe. You take the raw talent and gently mold a youngster...into a strong leader. You foster the positive environment...Nurture the young ones...You are THE ADVISOR.

So the next time, you question and doubt your inner strength, take a moment to pause and reflect...Change that limiting thought, “I am only an advisor” to a powerful belief, I AM THE ADVISOR!

The agent of change, the promoter of justice, the creator of positive events, the significant difference in the lives of many who need...the lifesaver, the compassionate leader...THE ADVISOR.

Amy Kassel

WyASC Executive Director

Welcome back to another fast paced, action packed school year! By the time this newsletter reaches you, most student councils will have wrapped up their homecoming festivities! My hope is that your events were a huge success and that you were able to implement some of the great ideas presented by Terri Johnson at the Summit meetings. Thank you to the advisers for your continual support of our Summit meetings! We had a record-breaking attendance this year and we hope that this year’s Summit provided you with the boost you needed to kick off your best year yet!

This past summer, Amy and I had the pleasure of accompanying twenty-one student leaders to the National Association of Student Councils (NASC) convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. “Sin City” was quite the adventure, however, our student leaders became “SCI’s: Student Council Investigators.” Many great experiences were had and discussions were had about how to best meet the needs of WASC member schools.

I must commend our state officers and region representatives. This is one of the most organized, dedicated and creative group of state leaders I’ve had the pleasure to work with! The upcoming state convention, hosted by Cody High School, is bound to be the most memorable convention to date – due to the tremendous amount of work Ms. Karen Carney and the CHS student council have put in. I am incredibly excited to see some of the new features our state officers will implement at this year’s convention. We’ll see you all in Cody!
Ben Schanck

Happy Fall!

It was good to see all of you who attended Summit in either Casper or Riverton, missed those of you who couldn't attend this year!

If you haven't heard, this summer's SLC was FANTASTIC! We just didn't have very many delegates. I'm not sure how to get more of our students to attend; (they really don't know what they are missing!)

Here are some ideas we might try this year:

- encourage those who did attend this past summer to return with at least one other delegate from their council, or a near-by school
- encourage those who were level two last year bring two delegates with them this summer
- if you didn't have anyone attend from your council last summer, invite a delegate from a near-by school to be a “guest speaker” at one of your council meetings to talk about SLC
- start recruiting 8th graders for high school student council now, then sign them up for SLC,
- tell your council members if they go to SLC this summer and don't like SLC you will refund their money! :o)
- Mark your calendars for July 7-11, 2014 and schedule all other summer activities around SLC instead of the other way around

- Start fund raising now, if necessary; make it a council goal to raise \$300 to send at least one delegate
- Hope that your school is randomly drawn to be the recipient of the “Spirit of Three” scholarship!

The \$300 cost of SLC may seem high, but the leadership lessons delegates learn and the experiences they have are priceless!

See all of you in Cody for WyASC!

Lindy

WyASC MEMBER SCHOOLS!

The Arvada/Clearmont student council has been working hard at the start of the new school year. First, they coordinated an event to allow the students and teachers to meet and honor local emergency response personnel on a very memorable day, September 11th. The next evening, they volunteered their time to help with the Meet the Teacher Night. They served the food and drinks at the event that allowed parents and students meet new teachers and administration. Then they drove to Casper to participate in the student council summit. The summit was an excellent opportunity for the students to learn how to improve their productivity during their term of office. Many students at Arvada/Clearmont High School participate in sports with Buffalo High School. Currently the A/C student council is arranging a co-op between the Arvada/Clearmont High School and the Buffalo High School to be involved in Buffalo's homecoming activities to represent those students involved in Buffalo sports. The student council in Arvada/Clearmont is looking forward to a great rest of the year that will be filled with spirit week activities, a council exchange, a winter formal, and much more!

At CCHS, we're starting up our blood drive, homecoming, and having a spirit week! Everything has been ridiculously busy, but with the effort from all our council, we've gotten everything finalized to put our homecoming and blood drive into full swing. We've also had talk of having a New Student Mixer, to get all of the new students involved in extracurriculars (Student Council :D).

Triston Harvey :)

THS StuCo is off and running! Homecoming has come and gone, our first community service project is completed and we are busy planning fund raisers for Breast Cancer Research to support one of our teachers who has just been diagnosed with breast cancer. We are also planning a Halloween Costume Contest, and of course, working on workshops for WyASC.

Our "year-long calendar" is full with community and school service projects, Make-A-Wish fund raisers, and ways to show our teachers how much we appreciated them; and something every month that acknowledges or includes every student at THS.

We are also working on getting a snack machine in our school to help fund all of our activities and to raise money for our local "Backpack" program that supplies about one-fourth of our student body with backpacks filled with food every weekend.

Oh yes, we also play football, volleyball, tennis or golf, run cross country, and participate in other organizations and clubs!

Kaycee student council has started this year with a bang. In the first month, our council has already held a meeting with the new principal about the student handbook, the greeting of staff, welcoming students to the new school year 2013, and a activity to help our high school and middle school to live about the line. We believe that this is looking like a great start to the school year.

Our new principal met up with our student council before school, and introduced to us the "8 keys of excellence during our student handbook meeting. We went over that they wanted us to incorporate these 8 keys to the activities that we plan this year. This is so that student's who are not in student council may contribute to it as well. As we got into the student handbook, we made changes we believe were faulty or needed to be brought up due to past

years events. The principal told us about the first day and that we may have an assemble put on by student council.

As the first day of school approached, we started planning the first day. Our student council got a theme for the year: "Are these Chez-its ready to live above the line?" We made banners for each class. The banners have everyone's name for each class, with each class getting their own mascot chez-it, and the theme for the year. We welcomed the staff by a welcome the students by hanging the banners in the hallways. Our student all had positive reflection on the welcoming banner.

For the assembly, we gathered the middle school and high school students and our student council lead them into workshops. We had mouse traps, the perfect balloon, helium stick, and blind shapes as activities. Everyone got to participate; it went very well. Students afterward got to enjoy root beer floats and that's how we needed our first day.

In the future, we plan to continue with the pledge each morning, like last year. Also, we will get involved with the student body and other student councils around the district. With homecoming coming up, the week of the October 12th, we have a lot to keep us busy.

All in all, Kaycee Student Council is very excited about this years events. Our council is ready to be the voice if students. We hope to see everyone at WASC.

A Warm Welcome Back

By Rebecca Dulaney

To kick off the year at Sundance High School, Student Council has been working very hard to get everything ready for the new school year. For example, the night right before the beginning of school, Student Council members gave guidance to seventh graders entering what they believe may be their worst nightmare. Sweet dreams came true however, when students and teachers helped them figure out what classes they will be attending and where those classrooms are located. Student Council also gave a little insight to high school. Things such as open campus at lunch, the easiest teachers to get along with, and the best extracurricular activities to get involved in were discussed. New students eased into the transition and overall, the night was a success.

Not only did we help cure fears, but we are now in the process of creating our spirit-filled week known as homecoming. Cultures for our hallway themes seem to coincide well with students. Also, we have come up with dress up day ideas, a Mr. Bulldog Pageant, and

discussed a tailgate party instead of our usual cookout. As always, some flames of brilliance had to be extinguished. Our Student Council members had originally proposed the idea of starting homecoming off with a bang by having a parade with each class presenting its own original float. However, this wasn't an idea that stuck. Right now, we are in the process of figuring out fund-raisers for Student Council. Even though the school year has just begun, I assure you, we are working very hard to make this year one to remember.

Leadership in Action: Kelly Walsh High School

by Roy Cady-Kimble

Greetings fellow leaders of Wyoming! Fall is upon us, and I'm sure that all of the councils in our great organization are hard at work bettering their schools and communities. It is a great feeling to be back at work, and even in these last few weeks, I'm sure you can agree that school events, fundraisers and class elections are in full swing. It's true that each school has different activities on their plates, but I just wanted to give everyone a taste of what has been happening around Kelly Walsh, as well as a taste of what is to come in the upcoming weeks.

As every "stuco" kid knows, leadership does not stop when the final bell tolls and classes get out in May. There is always good work to be done and projects to plan, and Kelly Walsh Student Council definitely had their hands full this summer. As many of you know, our school hosts an annual charity walk in the summertime to benefit an organization that we feel does good for our community. This was the second year of the "Trojan Trek", and we chose to walk for the Angels Cancer Care Program of the Wyoming Medical Center. The Angels Program helps cancer patients to receive transport, wigs, lawn care and many other goods and services to help them while they fight a hard-won battle. The walk took place 24/7 during the entire month of June. Though not without fault, the fundraising effort was fruitful--the Trojans raised over \$28,500 for the charity. In the coming months, our council hopes to volunteer for the Angels, completing errands and services to fully appreciate the good that can be accomplished if a group of teen leaders helps out.

Undoubtedly one of the many staples of the high school experience, Homecoming Week has just taken place at KW. In years past, Powder-Puff football and dodgeball tournaments have dominated festivities, but our creative council decided to pioneer some new projects this time around. On Monday night, Trojan students were treated to a dive-in movie, and the featured film was -- you guessed it -- Finding Nemo! On top of the movie, games and free swimming helped make a splash and kick off a great week. Tuesday night, the student body showed up at cross-town rival Natrona County High School to support our volleyball team. The game was won, and the spirit of camaraderie served to bring all of us together. Thursday night was Coronation, where we crowned the King and Queen of Homecoming. Instead of charging a ticket price, we used cans as admission in order to donate some food to our local food bank. A fun week of school spirit culminated on Friday with the Homecoming assembly and game. This year, we as the Student Body Executives led the school in games, cheers, and the school fight song. It was a huge success, and it really got the students pumped up for the game. Kelly Walsh ended up defeating their adversary (sorry, Rock Springs) and after the game, an informal dance was held and we all celebrated a week well spent. With Homecoming week over, it is now time to focus on the future.

Always busy, the Kelly Walsh Student Council has a lot on its plate in the coming months. WyASC Summit is next week, the NC v. KW football game is imminent, and pressure is mounting for our leaders to keep things running smoothly. Luckily, I can say without a shred of doubt that our council is up to the challenge. Furthermore, Kelly Walsh will have many opportunities in the near future to donate time and resources to our community as well. In October, the council plans to trick or treat for cans to help the hungry people of our town. It is always a great time, and you would be surprised what some kids come up with for costumes. Another fundraiser for the hungry we will be doing soon is the Turkey Bowling/Tons of Love fundraiser in November. Kelly Walsh and area schools will all collect food all month long, and on the week prior to Thanksgiving break, KW councilmembers will go to the elementary schools to "Turkey Bowl" with our younger counterparts.

As you can see, leadership, school spirit and community service are already in full swing at Kelly Walsh High School. With WyASC Convention fast approaching,

I think I speak for my council when I express my sincere excitement at the opportunity to share leadership ideas and our love for what we do with each other. Keep up all of the good work, and know that what you are doing in Student Council doesn't just impact you, but the world around you as well. From Kelly Walsh High School, I'm Roy Cady-Kimble. Keep calm and lead on!

Micaela C. O'Connor
Rock River High

Rock River High School has started this year out on the go. The president has been working on ideas with the councilor to make the school better. We are currently working on making many changes in the school this year, two of those things are the introduction of a school store, and the possibility of starting student council at the elementary level.

The Casper Summit was an incredible opportunity for the officers of Rock River to gain ideas and make connections across the state. We had the opportunity to take the secretary and vice president who are both new to student council. The president was also able to go, as a returning member of student council and SLC. Our secretary said that at first she was overwhelmed but soon became accustomed to the craziness of it all. She ended up really enjoying it and can't wait to go back next year. Summit was a fantastic event to start the year off for Rock River High School student council.



Your 2012-2013 state officers on the Las Vegas Strip during NASC!



Wyoming delegation and our state guide at the 2013 NASC National Convention in Las Vegas Nevada.



Wyoming and Michigan State officers on the last day of NASC!



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