

WyASC Newsletter

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Happy 2016! I hope everyone had a restful winter break and is ready for spring activities for student council. At the national level, the NASC Conference will be held in Portland, OR with the theme Explore Your Leadership, June 24-26, 2016. If you are interested in attending the National Convention, please contact Ben for details.

The National Office would like to promote their National Project Database. Please upload your best activities at

<http://www.nasc.us/adviser-resources/national-student-project-database.aspx>

You can also browse their database to get new ideas for your council.

Summer Leadership Conference will be held in Casper July 11-15. Cost will be \$350 per delegate or \$600 for two delegates from the same school. We are excited to host SLC this summer! Please get this week on your students' calendars now to reserve their week!

Keep up the great work and have a prosperous 2016! I hope your student council activities go well. Please post your activities on our Facebook page! We hope student council members can share all their great ideas and proposed new ones too!

Ben Schank

"We make a living by how much we get; we make a life by how much we give."

-Sir Winston Churchill

It is with great excitement to usher in 2016! We all know that with the coming of a new year, it is the optimal opportunity to evaluate our progress in previously set goals and to identify new goals. Now is a perfect time in which you, as student leaders, can evaluate your current constitution and determine if it needs a bit of refreshing. Furthermore, the months of January and February happen to be a great time in which student leaders may wish to sit down with your school's administration to discuss what is going well within the school and to see how the student leaders can help to effect change within the building.

Given that the 2016 Presidential campaign is in full-swing, I would encourage your councils to communicate with the officials within the County Clerk's office to investigate a voter registration campaign within your school. Seeing as many seniors have reached the eligible voting age, or will before the closure of the school year, holding a voter registration campaign within your school to educate the student body about how to register to vote, where one's polling place will be, etc. can help to spread the word and build excitement for participation in one of America's most sacred of rights! Keep in mind, it is important to leave the politics out of your campaign! Focus on the importance of being an informed voter and the importance of voting versus who someone should vote for.

Although it may seem as though spring is very far away ... it is right around the corner! Many WASC member schools plan a number of fundraisers for Make-A-Wish Wyoming during the spring months. Many great things are happening with Make-A-Wish Wyoming and we have many more wish referrals at this point in the year than we've ever had before! The projects and activities that your councils perform have really helped to spread the word about the magic of a wish! Thank you to those of you who wrote a "letter to Santa" during the Macy's "Believe" campaign! Wyoming received more letters to Santa than ever before! Tess Kersenbrock, Director of Community Relations and Events is beginning to make plans for the 2016 "Tour de Wish" season! If your council is interested in hosting a bike race within your community, please make contact with Tess (tkersenbrock@wyoming.wish.org). Again, thanks a million for all that you do for this amazing organization!

Matthew Parsons

Hello from Lander! We are busy gearing up for Winter Homecoming which is Feb 8 - 12th! We have just purchased all-new gossamer and hope to eventually purchase our own DJ equipment as well as having our library help with the photography. At the close of the last semester, we had a couple of events that we wish to highlight. Through a discussion in my Spanish IV class, a student was prompted to host a surprise 'thank you' luncheon for our members of the police force and their families. Too often there is only negative press and we wanted to highlight their efforts and recognize the students who attend LVHS and constantly support their parents. On the last day of the semester, we had a dodgeball tournament of students vs staff and a school-wide giving day. Various groups went out into the community to perform acts of service and kindness in various ways. Student Council went to the assisted living and nursing homes to spread Christmas cheer through visits and songs. This semester we are focusing on highlighting our students and various clubs/activities more through our monthly celebration assemblies. We will host our annual Mr LVHS competition (a male-beauty pageant!) and possible a dodgeball or ultimate Frisbee tournament to raise money for Make-A-Wish. Plans are being made as well to once again host a Tour-de-Wish event and enact schedule changes to benefit all students. I am looking forward to what these events will bring to not only LVHS but also our community as a whole!

Keegan Harrison

First of all, thank you all for this amazing opportunity to be WyASC President. I have a lot of plans for this year to help you and your councils. One of my main goals is to encourage school exchanges and increase communication between councils and the WyASC board; however, as important as goals are, I think you should know a little more about me! I love playing basketball and ping pong and hanging out with my friends. My favorite movie is Get Smart, for all you Steve Carell fans. Overall, I am very excited for this year and what it holds. Thank you all again for the chance to represent the great state of Wyoming!



Alison Johnson

“Great leaders don’t set out to be a leader.. They set out to make a difference. It’s never about the role, but it’s always about the role.”

Hey Wyoming Student Council!

My name is Alison Johnson. I am a sophomore at Wind River High School and I have been involved in student council since sixth grade. I have had a lot of fun helping organizing school activities through the years. Student Council is just a blast to be a part of and I can’t wait for this upcoming year.

In my spare time, one of my very favorite things to do is play the piano. I also love to cook and bake. Those three things have really tested my patience over the years, but they’ve taught me a lot of great lessons. Through hours and hours of practicing the piano, and witnessing recipe after recipe fail, I have learned that it takes time before you become satisfied with the outcome. I plan on applying those lessons into my leadership position.

One of my goals as the new WyASC vice-president is to make sure that every single regional representative is aware of what is happening. I want them to feel included and involved at the state level as much as possible. I can’t wait for so many leadership adventures to take place!

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality." -- Warren G. Bennis

Kaley Hammett

Hey y'all!

I'm Kaley, a junior at Campbell County High School. Until November of 2014, I lived in Gulfport, Mississippi. I spent my days swimming with fish and building sand castles on the beach. Then I moved here, to Wyoming. My first day of sophomore year, I remember hearing on the announcements saying, "JOIN STUCO!" I made a promise to myself that I would help others, which in turn would help myself. So, I joined the student council! It was one of the best decisions I had ever made. Within months, I found myself as the Junior Class president and heavily involved with the the student council here at CCHS.

Now, I'm looking forward to expanding my little student council family with all of you! I'm excited to be working with these outstanding officers, remarkable region representatives and terrific teachers! This year is gonna be great!

I look forward to seeing y'all soon!

Campbell County High School

As the Student Council President at Campbell County High School, I can personally say that I am very proud of **my high achieving council**. Since the beginning of the year, our accomplishments never cease to surprise me. To kick off the year, we facilitated two new additional activities to our Homecoming festivities.

The evening before our Homecoming football game we hosted a tailgating party for our school fall clubs and sports. The entire event was a great hit! Probably our biggest and most stressful project consisted of an **entire school lip dub**, having a total of 46 clubs line the hallways lip singing to songs. Including more than 1,000 students into a six minute continuous video to

increase school spirit in our school and community, we plan and prepared the video that eventually reached more **than 6,000 views on YouTube**. The video can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-YJXWBWJzM>



Completing our annual blood and food drives also turned into major successes. Specifically at the annual food drive, this year our council contributed **19,584** cans to our local Council of Community Services. I am very proud to say that this amount is record breaking for CCHS in the cans ever raised through the CCHS Student Council. Looking back to what we have done thus far, I cannot wait to see what the rest of the year will bring.

Glenrock

Painting the Planters

Each year our student council participates in various services project to improve both our school and the community. For the past three years one of those projects has been painting and up keeping the planters that are in our high school courtyard. This entails putting a fresh coat of paint on each of the three planters and pulling any weeds that may be in the top of the planters. Not only have these planters served as a service project for our student council, but they have provided students with the option of eating outside every Thursday. Our school has a closed campus lunch program and we have to stay in the lunch room for the entire period. However after repainting the planters and freshening up the court yard our principle agreed to let some students eat outside in the courtyard on Thursdays given that the weather cooperates. These planters that our student council painted have not only helped out the school but provided students with an opportunity to change their lunchroom environment

Burns

Burns High School raises money to attend LEAD and give back to the students

As the Burns High School Student Council closed out the first semester, they looked back on their most recent accomplishments. Since the beginning of November, they have hosted two fundraisers. The first one, the Thanksgiving Dinner and Auction took place on November 20, 2015. Their next fundraiser/ student service project, Buddy Bucks, stretched from December 11-22, 2015. Both fundraisers were successful and proved with enough profit to accommodate their uses for the money raised.

Buddy Bucks started in 2014 to raise money to buy presents for kids in need in the community of Burns and Carpenter. This year, they raised about \$2,100 for 54 kids. The council put together a “hygienic” stocking for the kids with things like deodorant, a toothbrush, and hair ties for the girls and cologne for the boys. They also bought each kid a really nice present based on their age group and gender. To raise money for Buddy Bucks, they had a 50/50 raffle at the Burns Winter Classic Basketball Tournament along with a “Mad Minute” during lunch every day for a week. Their goal was \$2,000, which they surpassed. “I think Buddy Bucks is an incredible way to not only give back to the community, but to give back to the ones we are around every day and who are an essential part of this school,” senior and Honor Council Chair Hana Lerwick.

By: Jace Sharp

Shoshoni



A Week of Fundraising A teacher in our school was diagnosed with MENs (Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia). He was about to undergo surgery to have half of his pancreas removed along with a couple other tumors. SHS Student Council decided to dedicate our Wish Week to him to raise money for him and his family to help with medical expenses. We had a dress-up day and a fundraiser set for each day of the week. Monday was Wempen Green Day, where all the students wore green to show their support. We also had a Prize Pong, where the students would pay a dollar to try and make a Ping-Pong ball in a basket; if they did they got a prize. Tuesday was Holiday Dress-up day, where

students and staff wore holiday outfits. For the fundraiser we had Slack “Duke” Day, where students paid money to decorate our history teacher’s room with Duke paraphernalia (the 2 college team that he hates). Wednesday was Hat Day, where everyone paid \$1 to wear their hat all day. Thursday was Ugly Sweater Day where everyone wore their ugliest sweater. The fundraiser was a paper airplane contest. Students paid \$1 to make a paper airplane and would get prizes depending on where their airplane landed. Friday was Crazy Blue and Gold Day. On Friday we had a movie playing that the students paid \$3 to get out of class to go to. Since our school had a basketball tournament going on,



the students could pay an extra \$2 to go watch our boys play. Friday and Saturday we setup a silent auction at our basketball tournament, which each class and many businesses donated to the cause. Our silent auction alone raised over \$6500. Student Council also had Wempen Wish Week bracelets specially made and sold them all week for \$2 each. **Over the entire week we raised a total of \$12,000 for our beloved teacher!**

SUNDANCE

This year Sundance High School Student Council has been super busy. We did a community service project in October and recycled old paint to paint rocks on our mountain that spell out Sundance. In November, we wrote letters to Santa with the kindergarteners, Macy's Believe program where they donate a dollar per letter to Make a Wish; we also attended WyASC. In December, we did another community service project and collected food drive for the food pantry. This month we are starting our planning of our SnowComing event the first week in February.

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that you
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East High School

This fall East High School hosted our Safe Trick or Treat. We had over 500 youth come through 12 rooms for trick or treating. Each person donated a food item or hat/mittens/scarves which was all donated to the COMEA Shelter in town, our local homeless shelter. In November, the student council members prepared items to serve our entire staff Thanksgiving Dinner. In December we put every student's name in a hat and drew out name each day for the 12 Days prior to Christmas break and awarded those students prizes. In February, we are planning for our East High's Got Talent Show. All proceeds will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Wyoming.