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# WYASC *family*

2014 SPRING NEWSLETTER

## ✧ A Word From Amy ✧

### WHAT A BUSY SUMMER AHEAD OF US!

Happy Spring! I hope everyone had a great winter season and is ready for spring elections and end of year events! Wyoming Association of Student Councils has much to be proud of this year so far!

I am very excited to head to the National Conference in just a couple of months. Wyoming will have one of the largest delegations at Nationals! There are 37 students and advisors traveling to Orlando. We are going to Disney Properties on Wednesday, June 25 and Kennedy Space Center on Thursday, June 26. The Conference begins Friday morning and concludes Sunday at noon. Keynote speakers will be Grant Baldwin, Eddie Slowikowski, Cara Filler, and Omekongo Dibinga. Ben Schanck, Advisor from Kelly Walsh High School, will be recognized as the Region IV Advisor of the Year. He is competing for the National Warren E. Shull Advisor of the Year. Best of Luck to Ben! At the Region IV Meeting in Minneapolis in February, the advisors voted to change the dates of the Region IV meeting to October. After several years in a row of bad weather

and students unable to get home, we felt it was safer for everyone to travel in October. Our 2013-2014 officer team will represent Wyoming at the October 2014 meeting. In addition, Olivia Croft from Sundance was selected to represent Region IV and Wyoming on the National Advisory Council for a two year term. Olivia will begin her official duties at the Region IV meeting in October, attend national meetings in February and June, and help at the National Conference for two years! Congratulations to Olivia!

WyASC will continue to hold our Summer Leadership Camp and the Fall Summit meetings. Our State Convention will be in Lander on November 17-18, 2014. Our keynote speaker will be Grant Baldwin. Host hotels will be The Inn at Lander and the Holiday Inn. The Holiday Inn has rooms blocked for WyASC Convention. The Inn at Lander cannot make a block of rooms, so they encourage schools to make their reservations early.

Enjoy the spring!

Amy Kassel



WOW 37 People traveling to Orlando Florida this year for Nationals! They leave June 24 and get back the 29 and get to stay in Disney World how incredible is that?! Have a Great time Guys!



# A Note from Your State President

Dear Wyoming Student Leaders,

I hope everything within your councils has been going well. I know that this last month was national make a wish month, and I know you guys made tons of money in all sorts of cool ways. Hopefully you guys had a cool celebration for national leadership week. Again I am always available if you need to get a hold me, and I can help with all your student council needs. Have a great start to your spring, and keep the leadership up!!!

SUMMER  
CALENDAR

JUNE 24  
Leave for  
NASC

JUNE 29  
Return from  
NASC

JULY 7  
SLC begins

JULY 11  
SLC ends

## Lindy With Summer Leadership Camp

We are winding down the school year and gearing up for SLC. We have all ACs and JCs lined up and are working on preparing activities to make SLC 2014 an incredible leadership learning experience!



and will do so again by May 1<sup>st</sup>



Completed forms can be e-mailed to me at [lindy\\_ellis@hotmail.com](mailto:lindy_ellis@hotmail.com) or sent snail mail at P.O. Box 141, Lingle, WY 82223



Registration forms can be found on the WyASC web site: [www.wyasc.org](http://www.wyasc.org) and are due back to me by June 1, 2014. I have e-mailed registration forms to advisors earlier this year



## A Letter From Your Vice President

Hello Everyone!

I am so excited for this upcoming and busy summer! With my first ever NASC convention I am definitely counting down the days till we depart, Also my second year at SLC will be so great that I'm bouncing with anticipation. I'm really looking forward to meeting other students from around the state that are traveling with us to NASC and the new ones attending SLC too. Along with these two amazing camps/conventions this summer I am also staying busy with two swim camps, I'm going to attend Zones, which is a regional swim meet in California, as well as attending RYLA. This just might be the busiest summer of my life!

# Your State Secretary

Wow What a year! I apologize for this letters lateness as you all can relate to the end of the year craziness! My goodness am I super excited for this upcoming summer we have lots on our to-Do list! First of all the state officers and I have a meeting in Lander on June 1 to begin discussing this years WyASC Convention! Can you believe that?! Then On June 24 we are off to Orlando for a week of summer fun and learning, this year the State officers will be presenting a workshop at NASC on First Impressions, I know we are very excited to be presented with this opportunity! Also this year we



will be applying for the same award we tried to last year for Make A Wish. Once we return from NASC, SLC is right around the corner, and I know a great list of JCs has been picked so it will be loads of fun. I encourage all Leaders across the state to try and participate in the camp, I promise you it is the Single Best Learning Experience of your life. Looks like we all have a busy summer ahead of us. I applaud all student councils who worked very hard this year to raise money for Make A Wish I am very excited to see our grand total for this year. Thanks Everyone for your participation in this newsletter and I hope to see more next time! See you all Soon!  
Ashley Schmidt!



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## Region IV Representative Olivia Croft

**“When one door closes, another door opens.”** Many times in my life, I have found this saying to be extremely applicable. As you may know, I ran for the position of WYASC Vice President this past year, and was defeated in the second round of the election by another incredible student leader and my own personal friend, Griffin Leemon. It was a bitter defeat, and at that point, I did not have the perspective to see that something greater was before me. When I received a call from Amy Kassel asking me to apply for a position on the NASC Advisory Council, I knew it was my chance to impact student leaders, and this time, on a larger scale. When it came time to go to Minneapolis for the 2014 Region IV meeting, I was full of optimism, but I was also extremely nervous. Everyone at the meeting was so incredibly kind, and I enjoyed meeting every single one of them. Our own WYASC officer team was so supportive, and I doubt that I could have made it through the election process without them. When I was named as the next Region IV Representative, I knew that I was exactly where I was meant to be.

I am so excited to have been elected as the next Region IV representative to the NASC Advisory Council, and I am even more excited to be able to represent our state and our region on a national scale. I am so honored to be given this opportunity, and this blessing is certainly something that I don't take lightly. I know that I wouldn't have reached this incredible point in my life without the support of my family, council, the WYASC Officer team, and especially the guidance of Amy Kassel and Ben Schank. I would also like to thank the entire delegation of the Wyoming Association of Student Councils for your encouragement and inspiration. Without all of you, I would be no where.

# State Newsletters

## Kaycee

Kaycee High School has had a absolutely fantastic last half of the school year! During the last couple of months, Kaycee's student council has kept very busy. In December, we held our wreath fundraiser and created baskets for our seniors in our community. These events were a terrific success; our community was very thankful for them.

As we moved to the next few months, we held the annual Snowball dance and spirit days. Snowball was fun and everyone that went have a great time. As for spirit day, we held them regional weekend to help send off teams for tournament. On the day of send off, we hosted an assembly. Having our choir sing, couches talk, and a friendly competition between classes, was exactly what people needed to get fired up.

To add, to these events our student leaders have had to make big decisions for our school district. Kaycee's President (Noah Elm) and Vice President (Lakyn White) spent quite a bit of time by helping pick our new superintendent. They went to meetings, spoke with candidates, stated there ideas, and showed character.

As for now, our council is getting in our Make-A-Wish season and moving toward the end of school. We have already had activities for the foundation; people are really starting to getting excited for the wiffle ball tournament . This next last month we will be finishing out the school year and electing new officers. 2013-2014 has been a successful year for Jaycee Schools!!

## Rawlins High School

Rawlins High School has been very busy this school year. A large portion of our time has gone towards the fundraising the Make-A-Wish foundation. We kicked of our fundraising with Candy-Cane Grams in December. It was a really in-expensive fundraising event. We gave each of our members to sell a certain number of grams of the week and half we sold the grams. People could either purchase a single candy-cane or a bouquet of three with a message attached to the candy-cane(s).

We have also placed different Make-A-Wish donation jars around local businesses of Rawlins. In the first months that we collected the jars, we were able to raise close to \$350. We also held a Make-A-Wish middle school dance that had a major turn out. All of the students that attended seemed to really enjoy themselves, and took a liking to the baked goods and water that the council sold. Our student council also teamed up with our local Pizza Hut and worked along the employees every Tuesday in March from 6 to 9 p.m. We did simple task s such as: take orders, serve drinks, and wash dishing. We received 15% of the profits made during this time and all of the tips from the table that we served. For our next Make-A-Wish Rawlins will be selling cookie dough for two weeks in April. This is a major fundraising event for our council and we are hoping for a major turn out.

Aside from fundraising, our council performed a skit of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" during the Christmas assembly before break. Our council really enjoyed performing and it was a great way to get the Christmas Spirit spread throughout the student body. After the performance, we randomly selected students to come up to the stage and receive a gift from Santa.

In conclusion, we thank all the State Officers for their hard work and we wish all of the other councils the best of luck for the rest of this year

## Central High School

On Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Central High school Student Senate sponsored, planned, and carried out the Mr. Central Pageant. This event was put on to raise money for St. Jude's and featured five 12<sup>th</sup> grade men from Central High school. These contestants competed in a series of events in hopes of winning the coveted title of Mr. Central. Some of the events were serious, one of the contestants sang a song "for all the ladies out there", while some, like the mini donut eating contest, were wildly hilarious and just plain fun. We were very happy with the turnout and raised over \$200 for St. Jude's. At the end of the main event, some of our ROTC girls modeled prom dresses in our prom fashion show. These dresses were generously donated for the night by Deb. In the end, we are very proud of the work we put in and even happier with the results we got out

## FARSON EDEN

### **Farson Eden Student Council Newsletter**

We started our year with our traditional goal setting meeting. We were excited about our goal for fundraising for Make-A-Wish. We had earned \$11,000.00 last year and we wanted to try to up that mark. As a council we decided we wanted to try to sponsor 2 wish kids this year. We had our traditional "Food Week" in November to kick off the Make-A-Wish campaign. We sell different goodies during lunch of the elementary, middle and high school students and staff. We were also planning on having our annual Pie Auction/Silent Auction/Dinner and Dance in the spring of the year.

In December, we discovered that the mother of one of our Student Council members was diagnosed with Stage 4 Breast Cancer. Their medical bills were mounting to an amazing amount. We couldn't just sit there and not try to help. We are a small community so we would not be able to support two fundraisers of this magnitude. We decided that we would send our money that we had already raised to Make-A-Wish. We then refocused our efforts to help this family in need. We took on Team Renae. We sold T-shirts and did 50/50 raffles at games. Everyone including opposing teams; wore pink and supported the Team Renae. They presented her with flowers.

Our Team Renae Pie Auction/Dinner/Dance was set for April 5<sup>th</sup>. The student council sold tickets, made and contacted people for silent auction items and pies. We had an amazing turnout from our small community and we were able to raise over \$23,000 to give to the family to help with medical and trips to Salt Lake for chemotherapy. We are continuing to challenge ourselves to see what else we can do to help Team Renae and her family in the effort to Fight for the Cure!

# *Lovell High School*

## Lovell High School Student Council

During the month of February, our student council turned our focus to raising money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. This organization raises breast cancer awareness and the money we raised was contributed to research to develop a cure.

The symbol for breast cancer is a pink ribbon so in honor of that, every year our basketball teams participate in a "pink game". They deck out in all pink uniforms and the opposing team and even the referees participate as well! As a council, we designed and created t-shirts to sell to community members. The students in sports and activities helped promote the game and sell t-shirts, getting the school involved as much as possible.

Along with the t-shirts sales, our council also held a silent auction at the game. We went to local businesses and asked for donations or for them to enter their own baskets. These baskets have a variety of products and have individual themes. We found great success in this event although it took a lot of planning. Overall, we raised \$4,936.70 to put toward the Susan G. Komen foundation!

Also, the Regional Wrestling tournament was held in Lovell this year. The student council helped get everything ready and put together welcome baskets of food and balloons for each team at the meet.

Right now we are working on Make a Wish events and planning to team up with the Powell Student Council and Rocky Mountain Student Council to raise money for local cancer patients.

## WIND RIVER STUDENT COUNCIL

The Wind River Student Council has made a commitment to be role models, both as individuals and as a group, to the student body, teachers, and community members. As a council we have committed ourselves to always be respectful, helpful, responsible and good students. Whether we are in class or participating in extracurricular activities, we want our council members to be noticed by their actions. So far this year we have been meeting every week to discuss how we can get students involved in activities from pep assemblies to showing school spirit. To help assist this goal we have begun recognizing the students in each class by hanging a photo of them in the hallways with phrases such as "Our Freshman are Superstars" and "Sunny Sophomores." By recognizing the students as a whole we are able to show our appreciation for them in a subtle but noticeable way and so the students won't feel out of place, which is important in Wind River due to the high volume of students that transfer in as freshmen from surrounding schools. Accompanying the recognition we also let students from that class be the first in the lunch line during their week of recognition.

We also attended state student council gatherings including the WASC Summit and WASC State Convention where we have participated in classes involving awareness to bullying, awareness for distracted driving, student involvement, raising school spirit, and leadership training. All of which we have adopted and have been striving to change our school for the betterment of the students. One of our biggest successes so far has been our homecoming week in which we organized and set up the activities, events, and dress up days involved in that week. By choosing a theme that we knew most students would enjoy and participate in we were able to have one of the most successful homecoming weeks in a few years. The majority of the students were continuously dressing up to match the days, participating in the after school activities, and even attending the games to cheer on our teams. One of the best days we had during this week was Thursday, which was our homecoming parade. The parade was one of the best we have ever done and despite the weather we had several community members watch and show their support for our school. We also invited the Elementary and Middle School students to show their support for the High School events and this homecoming parade turned out pretty good especially because of the support shown by the community.

Our plans for student council include getting students who are less involved activities to become more involved within the school. We also hope that we will be able make each student within our school feel welcome and feel they have a friend if they are ever alone. We hope that the student body will follow our example of being kind to others and then students would feel more welcome at school. We also hope to instill more school spirit especially at home games when cheering should be at its highest.

As the year progresses, we are also in the process of creating our first constitution. This is a huge step for us, but an important one in our goal to be recognized as an honor council. We were also very happy to have our own Cora Johnson as a candidate for Region IV representative. We look forward to working with other student councils this year, and strengthening bonds in the future to gain ideas and create a vision that can carry us through for years to come.

