

Hello Student Leaders of Wyoming!

I hope you all have enjoyed your holidays and time off from school and are ready to come back and have a productive and successful 2009. To begin I would like to extend a huge thank you to Cody High School and the wonderful Student Council there for putting on an amazing convention! WASC is SO appreciative of all the work you did! I am very excited about the upcoming WASC year and my new term. Student Council is a huge part of my life and takes up much of my time. I also love being with the amazing support system I am proud my family and friends. I have met so many amazing friends through WASC and I look forward to another year full of **Magic & Memories**.

As we begin a new year I would encourage all of you to consider following up on at least one of the platforms passed at convention. The school reports in the newsletter are a really great tool for sharing your successes and ideas with the rest of the state and I would strongly advise you and your councils to take advantage of this. I'd also like to remind you all that much of the important information regarding WASC is posted on the website, www.wyasc.org. The newsletters are also posted on the site so that you may access them at any time and share them with your councils or bring them to meetings.

Even though there is still snow on the ground, it's never too early to start thinking about SLC. It is hard to explain the magic that happens during this week. The things you will learn will help you in your leadership abilities in your council and throughout your life. I really look forward to seeing all of you there this summer and sharing this marvelous experience with you. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year please do not hesitate to contact me or my fellow officers. I would love to hear from you and help in anyway that I can.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all for working to enrich the lives of your fellow students and setting a positive example of leadership for others. Keep up the good work, don't be afraid to take on difficult tasks, and remember you never know who you will touch with your dedication and effort.

Remember the **Memories &** keep making the **Magic**,

Meghan Kolf

WASC President

Letter from the Vice President Trey Pierson

Hey everyone, first off I would like to say thanks again for the opportunity to be your WASC Vice President, I know that this year will be a great one as long as we continue to stay committed and active in our schools and communities especially by remembering the great platforms passed at WASC this year. I was also told to write something about myself in this letter so, again my name is Trey Delaney Pierson, im a junior at Cheyenne Central High school, I have played on their tennis team for two years and im currently learning how to snowboard, I hope to continue the tradition of putting on a great WASC for all of those who attend and hope to get schools more active, not only for their schools, but in their communities, maybe even taking on world problems, as Wyoming leaders I know that there is nothing we can not accomplish.

I would also like to remind everyone about the great opportunity that we all have as Wyoming students, the opportunity goes by the name of Summer Leadership Camp (SLC). Now you have probably all heard great stories about SLC, about friends fun and a truly wonderful leadership experience. When I first heard about it I was told how it was going to be the "most single significant learning experience of your life" and at first I seriously thought that was cheesy and didn't buy into it at all. But I went anyway and from the first day had a blast, made great friendships with people from all over the state and learned a lot, not only about leadership but about myself. Due to the drop of numbers SLC is seriously in trouble, we need more young leaders to attend if we want to keep this amazing program alive. For those who have already attended SLC this is all old news to you, but for you who have not I highly recommend it, if I could describe it any better I would, but you truly have to experience SLC to understand its importance and value.

The last thing I would like to say in this letter is that Student council is about being a leader you were chosen for your position by your peers to do the best for them, its an important roll that we all play so I respect all of you for taking on this commitment and I know with all of your help and support that WASC will be the best that we can make it.

Sincerely,
your WASC
vice president Trey Pierson.



Letter from the Sectary Matthew Herron

Hello everyone, I would like to first start off by telling you a little about myself, my name is Matthew Herron, and I live in Green River and I am currently a junior in high school. Student Council has played a big part in my life and the ability to succeed to reach my goals which are one day become a lawyer and make my break in the political scene.

This year will be a great year for WASC, the state board is trying some new things out, and we have a lot of trips planed for this year, which will be a life changing for everyone involved. Which leads me to this years theme its M&M which is Memories and Magic, I have a feeling this year will be filled with both.

I would now like to reflect on my time at WASC this year, I was honored to be elected to the state board and to represent this great state of in which we live in. WASC this past year was a great place to meet others, get great ideas and a truing point in my life. I would like to give Cody High School a big thanks for the putting on a great convention.

Now in closing if you have any questions feel free to e-mail me at wasc_sec@hotmail.com or ematt_herron@hotmail.com or call me on my cell phone which is 1-307-871-8187, I will be happy to help in anyway that I can.

Sincerely,

Matthew Herron
WASC Sectary 08-09



Mary

Dear Advisers,

Welcome to 2009. For some of us we are thinking wasn't the millennium celebration just last year and probably for some of you, you are looking at 2000 as a year in middle school.

Whatever the case is, I hope you are looking forward to a great second semester with student council and activities.

First, I again want to thank Cody High School for an awesome convention. They did an incredible job and made those two days tremendous for all of us.

Second, I want to welcome our new officers to a year of great possibilities and say congratulations to Meghan Kolf who has been elected to a second term as a WASC officer. The first year of experience will be invaluable for her as she takes over as president. From our first board meeting, I'm confident that Matthew, Trey, and Meghan will be a great officer team.

I hope you will use your regional contact to help set up school exchanges and as a contact for the newsletter or other questions you may have. The board is working hard to make the regional representative a viable position.

I had the opportunity to attend the national executive directors meeting and learned that the national office is encouraging us to open Facebook accounts for our associations. Facebook has a better reputation than other social networking opportunities because "friends" have to be accepted by the holder of the account. It would be a great means of communicating in a method that kids are so skilled in using. I will keep you updated on that information.

If there is any way we can serve your council, please don't hesitate to let any of the board know. It seems like this time of year is a little less stressful for the executive board but we are always available to help.

Amy

Have a great winter!

Mary

Happy New Year! Hope everyone is off to a great start. Our student council is hosting a Children's Charity Clinic for Basketball and Cheer/Dance to raise money for Make-A-Wish. The workshops are two hours each and the cost is \$30 per child per workshop. If they want to come to both workshops, then they can do that for \$45. The basketball workshop will include a skills workshop put on by the East Thunderbirds girl's basketball team and a free ticket to attend an East HS basketball game. The cheer and dance clinic is put on by the East HS Cheer and Dance teams. The students attending this clinic will perform their program at a half-time show at an East HS basketball game. In addition to the workshops, the student council and DECA members have been selling tickets for raffle baskets. The baskets include books, gift cards to restaurants, a certificate to Wyoming School of Gymnastics, and two tickets and a VIP pass to a Nuggets game. The students in Student Council and DECA have been working very hard to make this a success!

Please reserve the dates of July 13-17, 2009 to attend Summer Leadership Camp at Casper College. The cost will be \$300 and includes workshop materials, room and board, and a trip up Casper Mountain. Our consultant will be Earl Reum and we are looking forward to have a great week. Come experience the "most significant learning experience of your life" on July 13-17th this summer. Look on our website in February for registration forms or see your Student Council advisor.

Reps....

SWRR:

My school put on our monthly assembly by having a Holiday assembly on Friday Dec. 19th, 2008, we had a Santa Clause Played by our own Student body treasurer Andy Matthews, we granted wishes of our students and staff such as "I wish for a Candyland Game board" or "I wish for a new coat" and "I wish for our school to donate \$100 to St. Jude's Hospital." Our top choir sang a song for our student body, the "Vocal Jazz Ensemble." We even had class kareoke competition, the sophomores won! Unfortunately half of our student body was gone for sports but we made the best of it. There was also a skit performed by our own Seniors in student council, Sloan Allred, Megan Montoya, Leah Frakes, Sarah Hinkley, and Nathan Clark it was performed to the song Christmas Don't Be Late (by Alvin And The Chipmunks). For our January assembly we are welcoming a woman named Amanda to tell us about date rape, there was a situation at school and we want our student body to be more aware and safe. This assembly will be held on Jan. 21st 2008. It was our wonderful student council member Ashley Stineford's opinion. For the next two weeks we will choose which platforms we would like to use in our community and continue working on our honor council book.

SERR:

The general buzz throughout the Southeast region is that WASC was a huge success, very enjoyable. The upcoming holiday season promises to be very eventful with activities such as school-wide gift exchanges, community help-outs by sponsoring needy families and

school involving dances. The platforms that were passed were for the most part agreed with by most schools and even though no solidified plans have been set yet, ideas are being worked on to get them started.

Evanston

Our council had a blast at the WASC Convention! We learned a lot and brought back many ideas for the year. Thank you so much Cody High School for all the hard work you put into making the convention awesome. J The past holiday season was a busy one for us. In our community there were quite a few houses that burned down. We donated a two hundred dollar gift card to Wal-Mart to one of the unfortunate families. Although we couldn't do that for all the families, individually we donated items to them. We had a door-decorating contest between all the classes and chose two winners (their prize was a pizza party). One of our activities was a Special Services party. We had a lot of fun making gingerbread houses and listening to Christmas music while getting to spend time with the kids. We also had a Christmas assembly. One of our council members made a funny video for the assembly using a program called JibJab. He included the principal, vice principal and office ladies. It was hilarious! During the assembly, we had a karaoke competition between the grades--the students loved it! The grade winner then won one of our "spirit sticks". We had one of our members dress up as Santa Claus and grant student Christmas wishes. There was also a student council skit, which was quite entertaining. At the end of the assembly, we handed out candy canes. Our next projects are iFluRtz, "I have a crush on you!" crush cans (Valentine's Day) and our second blood drive. We also plan to take on one of the platforms from WASC, but not sure which one yet. Our year has been very busy and lots of fun! We hope all Wyoming councils have an amazing year!



SLC.....

SLC is right around the corner, you still have time to sign up for SLC (Summer Leadership Camp). Lets have a great time this summer at a great leadership camp.

Feel free to e-mail Matthew Herron for more info.

