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PASC State Board to Meet in State College

The PASC Executive Board will begin its work for 2009 at the first of its four annual board meetings this weekend. Topics on the agenda will include:

- State Conference Review 2008–2009
- Search for a 2010 State Conference Host School
- Summer Workshop dates and plans
- Plans for 2009 LEAD Conference in Harrisburg, PA
- Plans for the NASC Trip and Conference in Denver, Colorado
- Final Plans for the Student Summit in Harrisburg Program
- Financial Reports and 2009 Budget

At this meeting, the Board will also welcome new Board members, whose terms began January 1. The new members are:

Abby Case, President, Pennridge HS

Mary Katherine Wilcox, Region A Representative, Villa Maria Academy

Danielle Spinden, Region B Representative, Fort Cherry HS

Destiny Orchowski, Region D Representative, Elkland HS

Sammi Burke, Region E Representative,

Big Spring HS

Reagan Martin, Middle Level Representative, S.R.U MS

Tressa Bishop, Middle Level Advisor, S.R. U. MS

Janae Short, Middle Level Representative, Union MS

If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns about PASC or any of its programs, please share them with your District Director or 2009 Regional Rep. We are here to work for you!



Student members of the PASC Board are recognized at the State Conference in November.

PASC Is an Alliance for Student Activities Affiliate

PASC is a founding member organization of the Alliance for Student Activities. As a benefit of this affiliation, twice each month our members receive new articles and resource information in the form of newsletters from the Alliance.

To access these materials, PASC advisors should use your PASC user name and password to log on to the “Members Only” section of www.pasc.net. Under the Alliance for Student Activities you will find new articles and resource information posted for you and your student leaders. We view these posted material as an additional service that we can provide you as PASC members.

An Alliance application is also online for you to personally join for an annual fee of \$35 (PASC members get this \$10 reduced rate). There are additional materials, resources, project ideas, and “how to do” tips available to individual Alliance members. Consider a personal membership in the Alliance for Student Activities for 2009.



News & Notes

PASC Supports NASC Conference with a trip to Colorado in June

Highlands Ranch High School will be the host of the 2009 NASC Conference in Denver, Colorado. PASC will sponsor a trip for student and adult delegates that will leave Philadelphia and Pittsburgh on June 24th and return on June 30th. The conference will be preceded by a pre-trip to southern Colorado which will include visits to Peak's Pike, white-water rafting on the Arkansas River (it begins in Colorado), the Air Force Academy, and an entertainment-filled night at the Flying "W" Ranch. A PASC trip and conference registration form can be found at www.pasc.net. Complete it and send it in with a \$500 deposit postmarked by February 2, 2009. The anticipated full cost will be \$1,450-\$1,500. This will include: conference registration; shirts and buttons; all breakfasts; dinners on the pre-trip and all meals during the conference; all hotel accommodations for six nights; and expenses for rafting, Peak's Peak, and the ranch activities. Join us for "Leadership with an Altitude."



February 2 Deadline to Apply to Present NASC Workshop

NASC is looking for workshop presenters. Additional delegates are permitted from schools that are selected to present workshops with a maximum of six student and adult delegates from any one school. Workshop applications are available on the www.nasc.us website or from Kathy Coll, PASC Assistant Executive Director at kcoll1@comcast.net or Jim Finnemeyer at PASCInfo@aol.com. You will also need to submit a copy of the PASC Workshop Rubric to Kathy Coll with your NASC workshop application.

District 11 Chooses Wanda Lapp As District Director

Octorara MS advisor Wanda Lapp was named in November to succeed Carole Kustafik as the District 11 Director. District 11 is comprised of Chester, Delaware, and Philadelphia counties. Carole Kustafik retired from Downingtown East HS and will remain as the Membership Coordinator for PASC.

Abby Case to Serve as State President

Abby Case, a junior at Pennridge HS, is very excited to serve PASC as the 2009 State President. She's been involved in student leadership at Pennridge for the past five years and continues to enjoy every moment she can spend learning and helping others to learn about leadership.



Abby Case

One of Abby's favorite student council activities to coordinate is Pennridge's annual Mini-THON, a 12 hour dance marathon to raise funds for this year's State Service Project, the Four Diamonds Fund. Aside from Student Council, Abby is very involved in Pennridge's theater program and enjoys playing the piano.

2009 United States Senate Youth Scholars Named

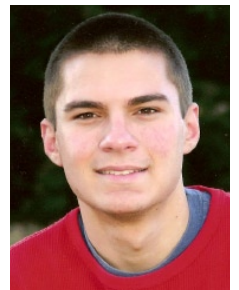
Senators Arlen Specter and Robert Casey announced the appointment of Brendan Marasco and Alex Sproveri as the Pennsylvania delegates to the 47th Annual United States Senate Youth Program in Washington, D.C. Brendan and Paul were named the state's high school delegates following recommendation from the US Senate Youth Scholarship Selection Committee.

Brendan Marasco, a resident of Washington, PA (District 4), is Student Council president at Washington HS. Brendan is co-captain of the WHS swim team, member of the spring track team, and a member of NHS. He created the Leadership Team of Washington County to work with other leaders in area high schools to promote programs for the youth of their county. Brendan is also a journalist, competes in math competitions, and volunteers at many Washington City events.



Brendan Marasco

Alex Sproveri, a resident of Corry (District 1), is president of Student Council and the School Board Representative. He was the project manager for the History Club's Constitution Wall project, which received statewide recognition and a visit by Pennsylvania First Lady, Judge Majorie O. Rendell last fall. Alex is an Eagle Scout, student representative to PennCORD, and captain of both the wrestling and soccer teams at Corry HS.



Alex Sproveri

Brendan and Alex will each receive \$5,000 scholarships and attend a program in Washington in March sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. Two additional state finalists were named as alternates for the program, Kayla Costello of Pittston HS (District 9) and Andrew Hamm of North Allegheny HS.

Make Plans to Come to Suburban Philadelphia

The 2009 PASC State Conference, November 12–14, will be hosted by Pennridge HS, located in Perkasi, Bucks County, thirty miles northeast of Philadelphia and 15 miles south of Allentown.

The conference theme, “Celebrity Councils: Celebrate,” was chosen because whether it is our surprising similarities or our distinguishing differences that draw us together, everyone has worth. All delegates attending will be given the chance to become a celebrity. Unique aspects of the 2009 conference program include:

- A performance of the Jellybean Conspiracy Show
- The first Alumni Partners

Meeting

- An Advisors’ University program

Three of the nation’s finest speakers will be coming to the conference. They include: Josh Shipp, Marlon Smith, and Jim Getty who becomes Abraham Lincoln, one of the most famous leaders of our country’s history.

Look for *PASC NEWS* in February when additional program details and speakers will be shared.

AT RIGHT: Abby Case, 2009 state president, accepts the state conference banner during the 2008 conference along with Dylan Vanarsdale and Zach Costa, 2009 state conference host chairs.



Four Diamonds Fund Chosen As 2009 State Service Project

The Four Diamonds Fund was chosen as the 2009 State Service Project because it is an organization in which students join together to support other young people with cancer and their families.

One of the major ways The Four Diamonds Fund raises funds is through Penn State University, which highlights their achievement with a 46-hour dance Marathon called THON. The Four Diamonds also raises funds through high

schools that highlight their achievements with mini-THONS, 12-hour dance marathons. This way, PASC member schools can join in an effort that 40 high schools over the state have already begun.

Our goal is to support this fund by encouraging each of our PASC member schools to find unique ways to raise funds and to share those funds in support of this important cause.

PASC Seeks 2010 Conference Host

PASC is now looking for a school to invite the conference of 2010 to be held in their community. As we approach the January Executive Board meeting, we have no school that has come forward to invite the PASC State Conference to be held in their school in 2010. If your school or a combination of schools would be willing to host this conference, please contact, PASC Executive Director, Jim Finnemeyer at PASCInfo@aol.com or 215-368-6196 to express interest. A meeting with that school or schools will be held prior to the March 6–7, 2009 PASC Executive Board meeting.

2009 State Conference Mission Statement



In hosting the 2009 PASC State Conference, Pennridge HS will honor our “Celebrity Councils.” Our mission is to celebrate ourselves, our councils, our schools, and our communities. We will celebrate ourselves by embracing diversity and meeting and accepting delegates and advisors from across the state. We will celebrate our councils by sharing the wonderful accomplishments we’ve achieved. We will celebrate our schools by accepting all students and teachers and working as one. We will celebrate our communities by attending workshops and learning to appreciate our surroundings. In the end, we will celebrate life with our Celebrity Councils.

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State Board Of Education Report

By Liz Williams and Gardiner Kreglow

On November 19 and 20, we attended our second Pennsylvania State Board of Education Meeting. The day began with committee meetings involving the academic standards and vocational education committees, leading into the council of basic education meeting and a study session. This session was focused on changes to act 49.2, that states teacher standards and cut scores for PASA. This test is an alternate test for the PSSA for children who are scholastically challenged and severely disabled. The cost of higher education was also discussed. We then attended the meetings for vocational education and the State Board of Education where both the changes to act 49.2 and the

cut scores for PASA were approved.

Our day continued with the annual State Board of Education Retreat, where members had the opportunity to become further acquainted and views on education were discussed. Later that evening we had the honor of attending dinner at the Governor's Residence, which was truly an exciting experience. We were introduced to both Governor Rendell and his wife and had an enjoyable evening. The following day we continued our retreat, which proved to be very successful and productive.

We have also attended The Pennsylvania State Board Conference and the PASC State Conference, where we had the

opportunity to speak with the student delegation and hear further opinions on various education topics. We discussed these topics at the last meeting.

We will be attending the Student Youth Summit and LEAD Conference, where we hope to have the opportunity for students to further express their views and opinions on relevant issues. Please feel free to contact either of us at any time with questions or concerns at sbestudetnrep@yahoo.com or GKreglowSBE@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from each of you.

Exec. Note: Liz Williams and Gardiner Kreglow will attend their next SBE meeting in Harrisburg on January 21 and 22.

Check Out These Free Resources

Semester of Service

Youth Service America (YSA) launches Semester of Service on January 19, 2009, a campaign to engage millions of young people across America in semester-long community service programs. With support from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Semester of Service provides the framework and tools for children and youth to improve their communities.

YSA provides several resources that allow students to plan, implement, and reflect on their projects, including the *Semester of Service Strategy Guide*. A Semester of Service PowerPoint, classroom poster, and tool kit include lesson plans and suggestions on how youth, schools, and organiza-

tions can implement positive change in communities. Visit www.semesterofservice.org to download these free resources.

No Name Calling Week

Are you thinking of getting a No Name-Calling Week, scheduled this year for January 26–30, off the ground in your school, but you aren't sure where to start? Visit www.nonamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/resources/index.html

elementary and middle level lesson plans, resources, and promotional materials.

MLK Day of Service

Your plans for MLK Day are probably finalized, but you should still check out the MLK Day Mobilization Resources. This collection of articles and other tools has applications far beyond organizing a service event for MLK Day. Topics include project planning,



NO NAME-CALLING WEEK

www.nonamecallingweek.org

for many useful items that can help you plan, promote, and carry out many different kinds of anti-bullying events and activities. The site features

group process, communication, collaboration, and more. Visit www.mlk mobilization.org/resources.html#collaboration.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS
12th Annual Student Summit in Harrisburg
February 26, 2009
APPLICATION

NAME _____ GRADE _____ AGE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

HOME TELEPHONE (_____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ (print carefully and clearly)

SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

SCHOOL TELEPHONE (_____) _____ FAX (_____) _____

FACULTY ADVISOR _____

FACULTY ADVISOR'S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

_____ I need information on hotel arrangements in the Harrisburg area.

_____ I will be accompanied by _____ Relationship _____

_____ Accompanying adult would be interested in serving as one of two facilitators for a small group session. If YES, what would be your preferred topic:

_____.

I give permission for the following student to attend the PASC STUDENT SUMMIT in Harrisburg on February 26, 2009.

Parent _____

Advisor _____

Principal _____

A letter confirming acceptance from PASC will be sent by e-mail to the student and to the faculty advisor by Wednesday, January 29, 2009. There is a limit of three student applicants per school.

Travel information, housing information, and final itinerary and locations for sessions will be forwarded in the confirmation mailing.

PLEASE DIRECT ALL CALLS OF INQUIRY TO THE PASC OFFICE AT 215-368-6196
or E-mail Jim Finnemeyer at PASCInfo@aol.com.

TOPICS FOR DEBATE AND
POLITICAL PLATFORM PLANKS

Rank in order of preference the following five topics:

_____ **Education**

_____ **Environment**

_____ **Energy**

_____ **Health Care**

_____ **Rebuilding our Infrastructure**

Specific Topic Questions are:

1. The Pennsylvania State Board of Education should adopt revisions to high school graduation requirements and to the methods presently used for state standardized testing.
2. Pennsylvania schools should enact policies to show sensitivity toward school-related ecological issues and promote the concept that schools go "green" or become more green.
3. Pennsylvania should create a state energy policy promoting the use of alternative energy sources.
4. In the public schools, the Pennsylvania Department of Education should promote healthy lifestyles. This initiative should include but is not limited to school lunch choices, health and physical education class offerings, and co-curricular programs.
5. Pennsylvania should adopt long-term funding sources to pay for the building and the repair of state highways, bridges, and mass transit systems within the Commonwealth.

Select two of the topics above and write a 200 word maximum essay expressing your point of view on each of the two topics. Each 200 word essay should specifically address actions which the Pennsylvania state government should take to solve problems associated with the selected topics. Students typically get their first, second, or third choice. Students from the same school seldom are placed in the same group to ensure a variety of points of view and background. Please make your choices accordingly.

Share your ideas on ways in which this issue can be successfully resolved.

Submit these essays on an attached piece of paper.

**Return this application to the PASC Student Summit
224 Oak Park Road, Hatfield, Pa. 19440
215-368-6196**

**RETURN YOUR APPLICATION, THIS FORM, AND YOUR ESSAYS POSTMARKED NO LATER
THAN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009**