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Lakeside Leadership 2011 Region 2 Conference Delegates Meet in New York

*By Sarah Rudasill,
Region 2 Student Liaison*

Over the weekend of April 8-10, 2011, PASC students and advisors gathered in Canandaigua, New York for a weekend of "Lakeside Leadership." PASC members joined a delegation of more than 70 student leaders and advisors in the annual meeting of Region 2, a group of leaders from the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. The conference provided an opportunity for PASC leaders to network with student leaders from across the region, exchange ideas, collaborate in team-building challenges, and determine the future of Region 2.

Lou Miller, the NASC Advisory Council adult co-chair, and I chaired the conference and determined that our main goal was to explore the possibility of "Taking the Next Step." The student leaders of our region defined a mission statement for our organization at the 2010 Region 2 Conference in Ocean City, New Jersey, and it was goal of this conference to determine the potential

for a Northeastern Association of Student Councils.

The student leaders and advisors of Region 2 broke into focus groups and explored areas involved in taking this step, including the basic concepts, logistics, and benefits of formation. The following day, leaders switched groups and reflected upon the ideas they had brainstormed the previous day to gain feedback on their ideas. These productive sessions combined with the enthusiasm displayed by the leaders of our region makes the possibility of taking the "next step" a reality in 2012.

Throughout the conference, attendees participated in numerous activities to strengthen their leadership skills, build friendships with leaders from across the region, and exchange proven ideas. Each state presented a workshop, and Pennsylvania workshop presenters Savanna Hovis (PASC President-Elect) and Caroline Steliotes (Region B Representative) helped delegates "defeat the beast of public speaking" through a variety of exercises. Pennsylvania also conducted an

energizer for the delegates in which numerous PASC leaders taught the other states how to do popular PASC icebreakers.

In addition, the Region 2 Conference featured roundtables, where several student leaders discussed a topic of their choice and swapped ideas in a small group setting. Sarah Ebner, the Region F Representative, facilitated a discussion on school spirit and student recognition, while PASC State President Mariam Ahmad and Region D Representative Mallory Mokay discussed spirit week ideas.

The New York State National Guard set-up several team-building stations for the delegates and challenged them to conquer the activities together. Delegates maneuvered "radioactive" material, made a transportation network to get marbles into a bucket, and worked together to figure out several brainteasers. After a long and exciting day of leadership activities, delegates enjoyed an evening of pizza and bowling together to further get to know each other and have fun.

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Fundraising Ideas from District 13

At the recent District 13 Conference, advisors shared unique ideas on fund raising. Contact the advisors listed below for details on how to implement these fund raising ideas which use the talents of school district food service staffs or local restaurants. These projects produce high profit with minimal work on the part of the student council members. Not all of these projects were done by student council groups but they raised \$1,000–\$ 5,000 to help sports teams go to summer camps. These could be great ideas to help pay for students to attend PASC conferences and summer leadership workshops.

Apple Dumpling Sale—Governor Mifflin HS, Nancy Brady: nbrady@gmsd.k12.pa.us

Applebee’s Pancake Breakfast—Fleetwood HS, Gina London: gldonon@fleetwoodasd.k12.pa.us

Chicken Bar-B-Que—Governor Mifflin HS, Nancy Brady: nbrady@gmsd.k12.pa.us

Chicken Pot Pie Dinner—Hamburg HS, Tom Agnew: thoagn@hasdhawks.org

Dairy Queen Night—Governor Mifflin HS, Nancy Brady: nbrady@gmsd.k12.pa.us

Do you have an idea that has worked in your school? Share it with PASC by sending an outline or description of your project in an email to PASCInfo@aol.com.

PASC Seeks Specifics to Help Middle Schools with Service Ideas

PASC is seeking details on what middle schools do for service in the school and in the community. Please take a few minutes to go to www.PASC.net and complete an information sheet that details what your middle school does in this area. Email the information to PASCInfo@aol.com by July 1. PASC will use the information to prepare articles for September PASC NEWS and will post additional information at www.pasc.net.

Our goal is to provide a variety of ideas that will help middle school student councils plan service activities in their schools and in their communities during the 2011–2012 school year. Please be as specific with details on each project so that a new school can learn from your experiences. Include the school name, name of contact person and an email address along with the following information:

- Ideas for Service in School: (to fellow students, to faculty, to school staff)
- Ideas for Service in Community: (senior citizens, elementary schools, local organizations, others)
- Unique ways that students give to or help others.

Pennsylvania Councils Recognized as National Councils of Excellence

Seven PASC member schools were among 160 schools nationwide to receive the highly-esteemed 2011 National Council of Excellence Award by the National Association of Student Councils (NASC).

NASC applauds the work of the following PASC member schools that have attained the status of Council of Excellence or Gold Council of Excellence. These councils continue to demonstrate exemplary efforts to build student leaders and to improve their schools and communities through the member’s service, leadership, and activities.

Gold Council of Excellence

Boyertown Area High School (District 13)

Garnet Valley High School (District 11)

Interboro High School (District 12)

North Allegheny High School (District 3)

Pennridge High School (District 12)

Pocono Mountain West High School (District 9)

Council of Excellence

Downingtown East HS (District 11)

“Receiving an NASC National Council of Excellence Award indicates a dedication on the part of the local school to providing a strong, well-rounded student council program,” says Jeff Sherrill, associate director of NASC. “NASC applauds the work of the National Councils of Excellence and challenges them to continue their leadership and service to their schools and communities.”

To meet the requirements for the National Council of Excellence award, a student council must demonstrate that it meets a variety of criteria. In addition to basic requirements such as a written constitution, regular meetings, a democratic election process, and membership in NASC, schools that qualify for the award demonstrate such things as leadership training for council members, teacher/staff appreciation activities, student recognition programs, school and community service projects, spirit activities, goal setting, financial planning, and active participation in their state and national student council associations.

For more information on the process used to designate a council as a Council of Excellence, go to www.nasc.us for a listing of criteria and the application, which will be due February 15, 2012. As the award is given based on activities over a calendar year, officers and advisors are encouraged to make sure that files are up-to-date this spring as the student council transitions from one set of student leaders to the next.



Underclassmen: Mark Your Calendar for a 2011 Summer Camp Experience with PASC

Looking for a great way to obtain some leadership training, extend your network, and have a great time this summer? The PASC 2011 Summer Leadership Workshop is just what you are looking for. The application, Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) sheet, sample daily schedule, and curriculum benchmarks for this summer's camps can now be found on the PASC website.

Please note the following dates and locations and begin planning now for students to attend in July.

Costs & Deadlines:		Early Bird (May 13 th)	Regular (June 10 th)
Blue (Grades 7–9)			
Grove City College	July 17–21	\$335	\$360
Lebanon Valley College	July 24–28	\$335	\$360
Gold (Grades 9–12)			
Grove City College	July 10–15	\$360	\$385
Susquehanna University	July 24–29	\$360	\$385
Advanced Gold (Grades 11–12)			
University of Pittsburgh/Johnstown	July 17–23	\$445	\$470



Multi-Delegate Discount Created

In an effort to support schools that send more than three delegates to the Summer Leadership Programs, PASC has created a multi-delegate discount for 2011.

- The discount is \$10 per delegate and applies to both early bird and regular registration deadlines.
- The four delegates from the same school can combine and attend any of the five PASC Workshop programs.
- Multiple delegates from the same school can come from more than one organization in the school (ie: Student Council, Class Government, National Honor Society)

Districts Select 2011 Advisors of the Year

PASC District Associations have named the following individuals as District Advisors of the Year. These advisors will be recognized at the State Conference at the University of Scranton on Friday, October 8th at the second General Session. At that time a PASC High School and Middle Level Advisor of the Year will be announced.

High School

District Advisors of the Year

- District 1: Aniko Walker, Villa Maria Academy
- District 2: To be announced
- District 3: Kate Taylor, Chartiers Valley HS
- District 4: Lynn Clarke, Norwin HS
- District 6: Ashley White, West Branch Jr.-Sr. HS
- District 7: Kristin Burdick, Cowanesque Valley HS
- District 8: Dwayne Lahr, Halifax HS
- District 9: Connie Harris, Lackawanna Trail HS
- District 11: Kim Greigo-Boruch, Garnet Valley HS
- District 12: Summer Seiller, North Penn HS
- District 13: Jeff Kusnierz, Boyertown HS

Middle Level

District Advisors of the Year

- District 2: To be announced
- District 3: Mike Scheinberg, Chartiers Valley MS
- District 4: Adam Manion, Canonsburg MS
- District 7: Heather Ladd, Rock L. Butler MS
- District 8: Amy Quinones, Red Lion MS
Deb Morgan, Red Lion MS
- District 9: Erica Castaldo, North Pocono MS
Joan Rakowski, Dallas Area MS
- District 11: Russell Pease, Garnet Valley MS
- District 12: Anneliese Davis, Pennridge South MS
- District 13: Lisa Bernet, Fleetwood MS

Congratulations to these 20 outstanding advisors!

Using QR Codes For Marketing and Communication

By Kyle Kaufman



One powerful marketing concept is to tap into human curiosity. For example, the QR code with text “Check It Out!” captures the attention of students in the hallways. Assuming you’re in a school that allows cell phones in hallways, a student whips out his or her phone and scans the QR code. It tells them about an upcoming dance. But, here’s the difference—now that information is in their phone!

You can create your own QR code that contains text at a site like <http://qrcode.kaywa.com> and you can include up to 256 characters of text. Since most phones can scan QR codes and most students always have their phones, using QR codes is a quick and efficient way to transfer information about events and have that information retained in the phone for future reference. QR codes can also store URLs

so that when students scan them, their phone takes them to that website. But, you can go a step further. Using Google’s URL shortener (<http://goo.gl/>) you can not only turn long URLs into short, easy to share URLs but also generate a QR code for that short URL.

There’s another aspect to using this tool that is potentially useful: statistics. When you create short URLs and QR

codes in Google while logged in to your Google account, statistics are maintained for you on how many people visit the linked website. You can monitor traffic to your

website and make decisions about which resources are most useful.

To create QR codes using Google, follow these directions:

1. Login to your Google account (if you want to track visitors to your website).
2. Go to <http://goo.gl/> and

enter the URL for the website and click “shorten”.

3. Copy the shortened URL (it will look something like this: <http://goo.gl/QPtho>).
4. Paste that shortened URL into a new browser window and add .qr to the end (<http://goo.gl/QPtho.qr>).
5. Load that page and the QR code is an image that you can save or copy-paste.

Now, whenever you’re logged in to your Google account and you visit <http://goo.gl/> you’ll see a list of any URLs that you have shortened. Click on “details” for any of the links to see the statistics for the number of people who have followed your shortened link. Statistics are recorded whether visitors clicked on the shortened link from a webpage, tweet, or Facebook or if they followed the link using the QR code.

Kyle Kauffman (kyle.physics.apple@gmail.com) serves as student council advisor at South Western HS. Follow Kyle’s blog at <http://kyle-physics-apple.blogspot.com> for more tech articles.

Check it Out!



PASC Dues Are Due!

Have you mailed in your 2011–2012 dues? The State Association uses \$60 of each member’s dues to support PASC programs, while returning \$15 to one of our 12 district associations to support their work with local student council programs and initiatives. Be sure to update all information on the invoice and return it with \$60 payment from your school by the end of the school year to Membership Coordinator Carole Kustafik. Your prompt payment will be greatly appreciated! Your membership certificate, password to register for the state conference, and additional PASC information will be mailed to you in late August.

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Working Together: NASC Region 2 and PASC

By Sarah Rudasill, Region 2 Student Liaison

Ever wonder how the Maryland Association of Student Councils works? Or perhaps what the New Jersey Association of Student Councils considers its best programs to be? Region 2 of the National Association of Student Councils (NASC) fosters an intense enthusiasm for student council by connecting Pennsylvania and four nearby states in order to improve each state's leadership training, to exchange proven ideas, and to communicate the importance of student leadership.

The Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils is an important member of Region 2, a division of NASC comprised of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York, that continues to grow and encompass a greater number of student leaders. Our region's mission is to "positively guide and encourage effective leadership among current and future generations of students...to unite and motivate the growth of student councils." Our region accomplishes its mission through interaction and discussion between the student leaders and advisors of each state. While our states focus on different areas of student government, we are united in our passion for leadership.

I am currently serving a two-year term as the student liaison for Region 2. I assist in planning our annual Region 2 Conference, providing student input on issues, and serving as a visiting ambassador among



PASC delegates joined delegates from other Region II states for the annual Region II conference in April, where they discussed the possibility of forming a Northeastern Association of Student Councils.

each of the five states. Lou Miller, the executive director of the New Jersey Association of Student Councils, is the adult representative for our region. He is serving a two-year term as the co-chair on the NASC Advisory Council. As your representatives, both of us strive to make your opinions heard and provide opportunities for all student leaders who reside within our region.

The student leaders and advisors of NASC Region 2 are enthusiastic in their passion for improving their schools and communities. We believe that collaborating with student leaders from other states is the best way to discover new ideas to apply to our leadership endeavors. Our region works to foster ideas between states to improve the programs and leadership skills. Pennsylvania has always played an active role in encouraging interaction within the region. PASC members bring enthusiasm to everything from icebreakers to roundtables, and the motto "You can't spell PARTY without

PA" is certainly true.

Our region supports and encourages numerous NASC programs. Pennsylvania has a total of seven schools—the greatest number of schools within our region—recognized as 2011 National Councils of Excellence, a program acknowledging student councils that meet multiple criteria and play an active role in NASC. (See article on page 2.) Our region also will have a large and enthusiastic delegation attending NASC's STAR Leaders Conference this summer in St. Louis, Missouri.

To find out more information

about NASC Region 2, check out our brand-new website at www.northeastleaders.org. The website includes information highlighting the history of our region, the excellent programs of each state, and the dates of upcoming events. The NASC Region II Facebook group is another great way to access information, so go online and join the group to become a part of a network of student leaders. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments at rudasill2013@comcast.net. I look forward to hearing your opinions on Region 2 and the issues that affect your schools.

Lakeside Leadership (cont'd from pg. 1)

Overall, the 2011 Region 2 Conference was incredibly successful. Student leaders and advisors throughout our region had terrific opportunities to network, build friendships, and share successful ideas and programs while deciding upon the future of our region. Our hosts in Canandaigua provided excel-

lent lodging and entertainment during the conference, and we are now looking forward to the 2012 Region 2 Conference in Arlington Echo, Maryland, where the future of our region will be determined. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at rudasill2013@comcast.net.



Twenty-five Pennsylvania "Franklin Scholars" were recognized at Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge earlier this month as they received \$10,000 scholarships and a plaque presented by Philadelphia's own "Ben Franklin."

Horatio Alger "Franklin Scholars" Meet at Valley Forge

In the September 2010 issue of PASC NEWS, the Horatio Alger Scholarships were featured and promoted. These scholarships provide assistance to seniors who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good student record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society.

In April, Mason Fulmore, City Charter HS (Pittsburgh); Stephanie Kates, Philadelphia Academy Charter School; and Jonathan Robel, Home School Clearinghouse, were recognized as Horatio Alger National Scholars during an awards program in Washington, D.C. Students met with several Horatio Alger Distinguished Americans including Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, noted business leaders

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, female space pioneer Anousheh Ansari, and actor Leonardo DiCaprio. National Scholars receive \$20,000 scholarships and continued support and encouragement from the Horatio Alger Association.

Twenty-five Pennsylvania "Franklin Scholars" were recognized May 1–2, 2011 at Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge where they gathered for a program of inspiration, motivation, and recognition for their perseverance and accomplishments. Franklin Scholars wrote an additional essay in their application showing how the values demonstrated by Ben Franklin applied to their lives. Each of the Franklin Scholars received a \$10,000 scholarship and a plaque presented by Philadelphia's own "Ben Franklin."

The generosity of Joseph and

Janette Lerman-Neubauer, allowed 50 additional Pennsylvania seniors to receive \$5,000 scholarships. Mr. Neubauer,

Chairman and CEO of ARA-MARK Corporation, is past Chairman of the Board of the Horatio Alger Association.

Educators and Juniors Should Plan Now for Horatio Alger Scholarship Opportunities Beginning in August

Advisors: please share the following information with your guidance counselors and administrators before school ends.

Juniors (Class of 2012) and educators are encouraged to visit horatioalger.com/scholarships/programs_franklin.cfm for details about the association and its scholarships. Applications for the 2012 scholarships will be available online from August 1 to October 30, 2011.

In addition, the Horatio Alger Association has partnered with the National Association of Student Councils to provide a \$20,000 national scholarship to a member of Student Council who meets the qualifications for the Horatio Alger Award and whose school is a member of both NASC and PASC. Information on this scholarship will be available on August 1 at www.nasc.us and on the Horatio Alger website.

U.S. Senate Youth Program: A Super Experience in Washington, D.C.

By Tim Sensenig, Cocalico HS

Washington Week 2011 was one of the best weeks in my life. A brief survey with any of the 104 delegates from across the nation would reveal that they hold similar opinions; however, it can never be said enough. From listening to President Obama to entering the Central Intelligence Agency, the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) gave its delegates unheard of access to the city of Washington, D.C.

When hearing speeches from high-ranking government officials, most delegates agreed the experience was indeed surreal. And yet, the speakers weren't the only part of the week that was surreal. The entire experience, from boarding the plane in Harrisburg and walking into the Mayflower Hotel for the first time, to the late night packing in my room after a night of dancing after the farewell dinner, was unbelievable.

The gravity of USSYP fully hit me after meeting with Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, who, by far, was my favorite speaker. Having him answer my question—actually holding a dialogue with a Supreme Court Justice—was the highlight of my week. Justice Thomas connected and related well to his audience, held the attention of the delegates and dedicated well over his originally allotted time to us. Although his presentation contrasted to those of elected officials, his genuineness exhibited the humanness of all the United States officials.

The United States Senate Youth Program gave me the opportunity to meet officials most of the nation only watches on television. Seeing President Obama, Director Leon Panetta, Senators Casey and Toomey and, of course, Justice Thomas in person, without glass or a computer screen separating us—seeing them breathe and laugh and address delegates personally—proved that they are people just like me, and that one day I can and will be succeeding them in leading America. A delegate speaker at the farewell dinner stated, “This is our time!” And USSYP helped me realize that: it falls upon America's youth to take over for older generations; the alumni of USSYP, as well as all of America's youth, are the future of America, and it is our time, our responsibility, to take leadership and make an impact.

I encourage present sophomores and juniors to look for the 2012 application in mid-August at www.pasc.net. All high school principals will also be sent an application packet for their school by the Pennsylvania Department of Education by September 1. It was great to be given a \$5,000 scholarship but that was equaled by the tremendous week in Washington, D.C. in March.

In September, look for another USSY article in PASC NEWS by my Pennsylvania colleague Stephanie Warner of Mercyhurst Preparatory School in Erie.



USSYP Pennsylvania student delegates Tim Sensenig and Stephanie Warner met U.S. Senator Bob Casey (above) and Senator Pat Toomey (below) as well as several national figures during Washington Week activities.



Activity Ideas for May

Looking for one more activity before school lets out? Try one of these ideas.

Senior Seminar. Invite some recent graduates back to school to present a session on “What I wish I knew before I went to college” for seniors. Focus on practical tips for getting along with roommates, living in a dorm, eating healthily on cafeteria food, juggling study and social time, and so forth.

Lost and Found Fashion Show. Hold a lunchtime fashion show with the items that have accumulated in the school's lost and found. Donate any unclaimed items to a local homeless shelter.

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. Take advantage of the warm spring weather—and give students a good way to relax a little before exams—by hosting an Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. For rules, visit www.ultimatefrisbees.com/ultimate-frisbee-rules.htm.

Plan Now to Attend the State Conference in Altoona

Articles in previous issues of PASC News have complete details, but as a reminder, here are the basic facts about the upcoming state conference.

■ **Dates:** November 10–12, 2011

■ **Cost:** \$110 per student and advisor delegate

■ **Early Bird Registration**

Deadline: May 1 to August 1 (Guarantees 6 student delegates)

■ **Regular Registration Deadline:** August 2 to October (4 delegates)

■ **Housing:** Student delegates in host homes; school option to

house delegates in hotels (with advisor transportation and some meals)

■ **Hotels for Advisors:** See conference website or see review in February PASC NEWS

■ **Schedule:** Detailed schedule for students and advisors now on the website

■ **Speakers:** See background information on the website for Mark Scharenbroich, Mark Brown, and Mike Smith

■ **Entertainment:**

- ♦ Thursday Night, Beatlemania Concert/Dance
- ♦ Friday Night, Banquet at the

Blair County Convention Center

- ♦ Separate High School and Middle Level Dances
- ♦ Advisor Reception at the Ramada Inn

■ **Seeking Student-Led**

Workshops: Student delegates will be able to select three workshops conducted by peers. Applications for Workshop Presenters now on the website. See details in article below.

■ **Seeking Advisor Round-**

table Presenters: Advisors will attend four 10–12 minute roundtable presentations following Friday morning's free Advisor Breakfast at the Ra-



mada Inn. Volunteers needed to share a successful project/activity or best practice with your fellow advisors. Contact Kathy Coll to volunteer at kcoll1@comcast.net. We need your new ideas!

■ **Questions:** Direct email on the website or call 814-946-8254 or fax 814-505-1505.

Everything You Want to Know about the PASC Conference Is Now at WWW.PASC75.COM

Make Your Experience Worthwhile with Student Workshops

A major part of the annual PASC state conference is the student workshops. They are designed to teach valuable lessons, to present refreshing ideas, and to provide an amazing experience to the delegates in attendance.

Invitees to this year's state conference at the Altoona Area High School are encouraged to submit ideas for workshops that they would be willing to present at the conference. These workshops will be presented three times on Friday November 11, 2011, and each presentation must be 45 minutes in length. Workshops can include high school and/or middle school material. When creating these workshops, students should strive to present original and creative topics. It is also encouraged that the workshops cover a wide variety of topics. Workshops will be chosen based on the applicability and originality of the content. Presenters should have a positive attitude that engages students and holds their interest.

Letters have been sent to prospective schools that include

the workshop presenter application form, a workshop template, an example of the rubric, and tips. An example of how to complete your template will be posted on the conference website, www.PASC75.org. Interested presenters will need to submit their application form, their template, and a copy of the packet that all of the attendees will receive. All workshop applications must be submitted by August 8. Remember your application will need the signature of your advisor, so make sure you plan ahead before the end of this school year.

So, begin brainstorming topics that will make for very valuable workshops and that will leave delegates with an experience that they will never forget. Unfortunately, not all workshops will be selected, so submit your very best work. However, we will need many workshop submissions for middle school workshops as well as high school workshops. *Workshop applications must be submitted by August 8, so make sure that you get yours in!*

Deadline for submission of applications to present workshops is August 8, 2011.

Workshop presenters will be notified of their acceptance by August 18, 2011.

Show what you know! Present a workshop at states.

Principal–Advisor–Leaders Conferences Set for Fall

The Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils is sponsoring three Principal–Advisor–Leaders (PAL) Conferences in the fall of 2011. Locations are within 120 miles of all PASC member schools. PAL Conferences are scheduled to be held:

- ♦ **Tuesday, September 27** at the Chadwick in Wexford Rt. 19 near turnpike exit 30 and I-79
- ♦ **Wednesday, September 28** at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport
- ♦ **Thursday, September 29** at the Harrisburg/Hershey Holiday Inn at Grantville on I-81, 8 miles west of I-78

The objective of these conferences is to provide an opportunity for principals, advisors, and student leaders to share ideas, to set goals, and to begin a working relationship for the new school year. The program will provide time for participants to interact as school teams as well as separate opportunities for principals, advisors, and students to meet in “birds-of-feather” breakout sessions.

Our featured presenter and facilitator will be Ann Postlewaite, who serves as executive director of the Minnesota Association of Student Councils, the Minnesota National Honor Society, and the Minnesota National Junior Honor Society. She was recognized in 2010 with the national Earl Reum Award for her outstanding work in training activity advisors. She has presented numerous programs across the nation for student leaders and educators and works as director of student leadership for the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals.

Each school is encouraged to bring its principal or assistant principal, student council advisor(s), and up to four student leaders to the conference. Additional teams from class government organiza-



Ann Postlewaite, director of student leadership for MASSP, will be the featured presenter at this fall's PAL Conferences.

tions or National Honor Society may attend as long as they are also accompanied by an advisor.

Please join other schools this fall to experience this nationally recognized leadership program.

■ **Who Attends:** Your school is invited to bring an administrator, advisor(s), and four student leaders as a team to this one-day PAL conference with the addition of student leaders and an advisor from another leadership organization in the school.

■ **Theme:** Leaders Under Construction: Improving Our Blueprints for Building Connections

■ **Time:** 8:15 a.m.–9: a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

■ **Program:** 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Will include the following:

- ♦ Opening Keynote Address by Ann Postlewaite, Director of Student Leadership, Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals
- ♦ School Team Building Activities
- ♦ “Construction Site Sessions”—small group sessions for administrators, advisors, student leaders
- ♦ Luncheon
- ♦ Blueprint Revision and Final Inspection: School Team Sessions

■ **Cost:** includes a continental breakfast and buffet lunch and conference materials. Register early and save \$5 per person.

♦ **Early Bird Postmark Deadline** (with or without names): August 1, \$45 per person

♦ **Regular Postmark Deadline:** September 15, \$50 per person

PASC Seeks Specifics to Help Schools with Homecoming Ideas

PASC is seeking details about what high schools do for Homecoming. Please go to www.PASC.net and complete an information sheet that details what your high school does to celebrate Homecoming. Email the information to PASCInfo@aol.com by July 1.

PASC will use the information to prepare articles for September PASC NEWS and

will post additional information at www.pasc.net.

Share ideas by providing information on the following items, but do not limit yourself to just those areas. Our goal is to provide traditional ideas as well as unique activities so that schools can incorporate them into their Homecoming of 2011 and beyond. Please be specific with details and include

the following information:

- ♦ School name
- ♦ Name of contact person
- ♦ Email Address
- ♦ Selection of homecoming king/queen and court
- ♦ Homecoming ceremony (when is it held, dress for participants, what gifts are court members given, unique aspects of the ceremony)
- ♦ Parade
- ♦ Carnival or other activities associated with homecoming week
- ♦ Spirit week activities held during homecoming week
- ♦ Community service activities or charity fund raising associated with homecoming
- ♦ Dance (semi-formal or casual) special aspects of the homecoming dance
- ♦ Additional ideas and suggestions