



PASC News

The mission of PASC is to engage and recognize student leaders and advisors in leadership training, networking, community service, school improvement, personal development opportunities and civic engagement in the 21st century.

PASC Newsletter

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Hello PASC!

Red Lion is extremely excited to host the 2017 State Conference on November 2, 3 and 4! Every year, along with the state conference, the PASC State President has the duty of creating a presidential project. The project typically focuses around PASC, student council or an idea that the state president is passionate about. This year, I have decided to base my project on the attendance of the state conference. Out of all the events you can attend with PASC, the state conference has a special place in my heart. Students engage and network throughout a state conference. They also learn, grow and make lifelong friends and memories. They attend general sessions and workshops which inspire the young leaders of Pennsylvania. Around 1,000 delegates come to the state conference every year. But sadly, that is only 25% of the PASC member schools. For these reasons, I have decided to increase the number of member schools in PASC and to increase the amount of students who attend the state conference. This event is truly one that should not be missed. Together, we can increase the number of attendees!

So in January, my project was created. With the help of my student council and advisor, we began targeting schools in our area, which would be Region E and District 8. From January to the end of May, 26 schools were contacted. We contacted 14 member schools that do not already attend the state conference and also reached out to 12 non-member schools. We got a great response and many schools would like to attend. One of my favorite responses was from a now 11th grade boy. He was so excited we reached out and answered back, "I have attended PASC before and I LOVED IT! I'd love to see our school get in on it and I'll be sure to tell them at our meeting". This goes to show that students LOVE PASC and now we need to share that feeling. Since the creation of the project, Red Lion has reached out to students at multiple events in order to publicize our conference. These events include: the 2016 State Conference, 2017 district and region conferences, social media, PASC Student Summit, and summer camps. Red Lion is still reaching out to schools and students to attend the conference. Soon, we will begin following up on all the schools we have been in touch with.

Thank you PASC and be sure to follow the state conference on Instagram and Twitter @PASC2017. Red Lion cannot wait to see everyone in November!

With much love,

Gianna Dovel
PASC State President



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EVERY PROBLEM HAS A SOLUTION

We hope to see you at the State Conference at Red Lion on November 2-4!

The annual Pennsylvania Association of Student Council's State Conference is approaching quickly! On November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of this year, over one thousand delegates and advisors will arrive in the town of Red Lion for the three-day event. There are many conference details. The registration cost of \$110.00 will cover everything from a t-shirt, to a food truck dinner, to a classy banquet followed by a semi-formal dance at our local Expo Center. Red Lion is also very proud to have Steve Spangler, Kevin Wanzer, and Harriet Turk in attendance. These three nationally appraised motivational speakers will speak at each of the general sessions. One of the most interesting aspects of the conference is the activity on Thursday night: all of the delegates will be bused to Maize Quest, a local corn maze attraction that will emphasize the theme of "Every Problem has a Solution". All members of the council are working hard to complete the decorations that will fill the halls. Committees are seeking donations for materials and advisor gifts. Businesses are being contacted regarding meals and supplies for delegates. Contracts are being signed, arrangements made, and the excitement builds. Do not forget that registration opened on September 1st and closes on October 2nd! Red Lion cannot wait to see everyone in November as delegates experience "Every Problem Has a Solution".

**Summer Leadership Camp
By: Billy Wermuth, North Penn Area HS**

What really happens when you combine 53 leaders in one PASC leadership camp? How about a world filled with opportunity, experience, and laughter. Having been through Alvernia Blue, Alvernia Advanced Blue, Susquehanna Gold, and this year Advanced Gold, I can easily say that PASC has and will continue to change my life for the better. Advanced Gold was the week of a lifetime. It felt like a roller coaster with its ups and downs and all the adventures it led me on. One of the greatest experiences was Outdoor Odysseus where teamwork and communication coupled with trust allowed delegates to get extremely up close and personal. We went zip-lining nearly 50 feet up soaring through the trees and rock climbing up the ever so daunting tower. On the low ropes I helped guide students through a narrow tube and without speaking sent my friends into alien territory to recover oxygen needed for survival (ropes they had to walk across to a platform). Back at base camp (University of Pitt Johnstown), we sent leadership out of this world with workshop seminars and learning units all week. One of the greatest aspects was the chance to hone in on every student's passion through a 5-minute presentation created and shared with a smaller group. I focused on special needs and planned to bring a student recognition program back to my high school. By finding our voice all the delegates got individual opportunities to explore what they love and build a project based on it. Overall the entire week was jam packed with life long friends, with outstanding counselors, and with delegates determined to change the world.



To register for the PASC State Conference, go to:
Pasc2017.org

Middle Level Stall Day

By: Julia Kaskey, Fleetwood Middle School

For many middle level student councils across Pennsylvania, holding large events and fundraisers is not an option. Stall day is a great way to raise money for charity. Stall Day is a day in which your school has students bring in coins and distribute them in each class. Before class can begin session, the teachers must thoroughly count all the coins and record an amount of money raised. Students can bring in any amount of coins they would like. The more coins the better!

To begin prepping for stall day, have your student council distribute buckets to each teacher. Spreading the word is very important! If you want to raise a large amount of money you need to make sure your students know that stall day is approaching. Also, ensure that you have the majority of your school's teachers on board with the event. Some teachers love stall day and think it is a great way to raise money, whereas other teachers are completely opposed to the idea of stalling learning. Teach everyone the importance of raising money for charity.

After stall day has come to end, have your council go to each classroom and collect the teacher's bucket. Also, have each teacher record the total amount of money he or she raised. You will want to send a cart with each student so that you can collect the buckets easier and also so that students don't have to carry extremely heavy buckets across your school. Once all the buckets are collected, have your advisor or advisors drive them to a local bank where they can have the coins bagged and counted by a machine. The next day, have your council announce the total amount of money raised and which teachers collected the most.

Overall, stall day is a great way for your school to raise money while also having fun! Don't forget, before holding your very own stall day get approval from your principal! If you get the go ahead, students are going to love this event and your council will love it even more!

Fleetwood MS Stall Day



Membership Update:

In the Spring invoice mailing you heard PASC is going digital! While we are still working out the last few details on e-invoicing, we hope to move to this for the 2018-2019 invoices. We need your help to streamline this process! If you haven't done so already, please go to PASC.net/membership and update your information on our Current Member School Information Update form. The most important thing on this form-- the advisor email address! This is where your invoice will be sent.

This year, we will be EMAILING membership certificates! Please add membership@pasc.net to your safe sender list (especially if your school blocks lots of incoming mail from outside the school district domain). These certificates will be emailed shortly before the state conference. If you have not received your certificate by the state conference, please contact PASC Membership Coordinator Katie Mercadante at membership@pasc.net.

If you have not yet renewed for the 2017-2018 school year, it is not too late. Second invoices are being mailed after Labor Day. If you do not receive an invoice, please contact Katie Mercadante, our membership coordinator, at membership@pasc.net

2018 Camp Dates

Grove City College Blue: July 8-July 12

Alvernia University Blue: July 22-July 26

Alvernia University Advanced Blue: July 22-July 26

Grove City College Gold: July 8-July 13

Susquehanna University Gold: July 29-August 3

Alvernia University Advanced Gold: July 15-July 21

United States Senate Youth Scholarship Program

Two student delegates from each state will be chosen to receive \$10,000 college scholarships and the opportunity to spend a week in Washington, D.C. (all expenses paid) with delegates from across the nation from March 3-10, 2018. Every Pennsylvania high school principal received the Senate Youth nomination packet in late August. Applications are also available on the Pennsylvania Department of Education website. Each school may nominate one outstanding student leader to be considered for the scholarship. Please encourage your high school principal to help honor your own top student leader by participating in the Senate Youth Scholarship program.

To be eligible for the Senate Youth scholarship, a student must be a high school junior or senior and must hold an elected position in student council, class government, or regional or state officer position in a statewide organization. After being nominated by the building principal, the student must complete an application packet and submit it by October 6, 2017



Don't Forget....PASC is ACT 48 Approved

Teachers....are you in need of professional development hours and struggling to find programs that are professionally rewarding? Teachers can receive ACT 48 credits at PASC events throughout the year. If you plan on attending any PASC event that provides ACT 48 credits you will need to provide your Professional Personnel ID or PPID number so please make sure that you have this information readily available!

PASC Statement of Values

PASC will:

- Commit to excellence in all of our endeavors, individually and as an organization.
- Empower students to find and use their voice as engaged citizens.
- Support and defend student leadership and student activities to schools and policy makers.
- Create a safe environment for students to realize their full leadership potential.
- Disseminate the latest and best information on student activities to our members.
- Manage our financial resources in a responsible manner.
- Stimulate collaboration between students, advisors, and school administrators.
- Promote creativity, innovation and best practices.
- Foster compassion for one another through volunteerism, community service, and charity.
- Ensure as many students and advisors as possible can participate in PASC programs.

PASC STATE BOARD POSITIONS

Middle Level Representatives (Student)

PASC is seeking two Middle Level Representative (seventh grade student). New this year is your advisor can choose to attend or the representative can choose to attend without his or her advisor. One candidate will be selected from Eastern PA and the other from Western PA. The term on the PASC Executive Board will be from January 1, 2018 to November, 2019. Please contact Lisa Bernet at lbernet@fleetwoodasd.org with any questions about the position or to receive an application.

The following Adult Board Positions are available and interviews will be conducted in January. Please contact Rose Ann Fulena, Executive Director at executivedirector@pasc.net, if you are interested in applying for any of these positions or if you need additional information. **Deadline to apply is December 15, 2017.**

Treasurer

Registrar

Middle Level Coordinator (West)

Alvernia Blue Director

NASC and Educational Relations Coordinator

Program and Outreach Coordinator

Constitutional Changes for PASC

As many of you know from the 2016 State Conference and your Spring Conference in 2017, PASC has recently completed a comprehensive strategic planning process for our organization. We are excited for the changes and believe they will help us to better serve our members. Already, this process has helped us create a new mission and vision, as well as a new committee structure on the state Executive Board. As a result of our process, schools that are in attendance at the 2017 PASC State Conference in Red Lion will have the opportunity to vote on a new Constitution for PASC. The new Constitution includes several important changes for PASC:

- Our current district and region structure will be eliminated. In its place, ten new regions will be created. This new structure is more reflective of our membership as well as ease of traveling to conferences and events. Each region will have an adult Region Director and a student Region Representative.
- The position of PASC State President will be opened to all schools. Currently, only those schools that are hosting the state conference have the opportunity to have the state president. This change will allow any PASC student who is a freshmen or sophomore to apply to become the PASC State President.
- Change in Region Representative Terms: Currently, student Region Representatives are selected at the PASC State Conference and their terms begin in January. This change would allow for Region Representatives to be selected at Regional Conferences in the Spring and their terms would follow the school year. This change allows more students to be able to run for the position of Region Representative as eligibility to run is no longer tied to state conference attendance. It also allows many more schools to participate in the selection of Region Representatives.
- These changes also allow us to increase the amount of student voice on our board by adding student board positions. Five new student positions will be created as a result of all of the changes, and we believe many more students will now be eligible for more positions at the state level as well.

We encourage everyone to go to <http://www.pasc.net/strategic-planning.html> to learn more about the strategic plan, including the proposed constitution and new region map. This is especially important for those schools that will be attending the Red Lion State Conference in November. If you have specific questions regarding this process or the plan, please reach out to your District Director, or to Felix Yerace, the PASC State Treasurer, at treasurer@pasc.net. We are happy to address any concerns any of our members have about any part of the plan. The Executive Board of PASC hopes you share our excitement in this plan and will support it at the 2017 State Conference.

Up To \$375,000 in Horatio Alger Scholarships to be Awarded to Pennsylvania Seniors

The Horatio Alger Association for Distinguished Americans is accepting scholarship applications for the Class of 2018 due no later than October 25, 2017. NAWD members can have a significant role in helping to share information this fall about these scholarships. Please use your voice, your contacts, and your varied networks to share the following information with your Administration, Guidance Department, colleagues, or with community organizations that deal with at-risk youth such as Upward Bound, Boys and Girls Clubs, and foster care organizations and other like-minded groups that work with students that you know who fit the following criteria:

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need (under \$55,000 adjusted gross family income), a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society.

National Scholars Program: 3 Pennsylvania seniors will be selected to each receive a \$25,000 scholarship and will be invited to the National Awards program in Washington, D.C.

State Scholars Program: 30 additional Pennsylvania seniors will each receive a \$6,000 to \$10,000 college scholarship. Scholarship criteria is the same as for other Horatio Alger Scholarships.

Guidance counselors, activity advisors and administrators as well as student leaders can help promote these scholarships for seniors in your schools and communities. **Every** high school in America has one or more seniors who could benefit by these scholarships. Help spread the word.

These scholarships can only be applied for online: www.horatioalger.com/scholarships/index.cfm

Applications Available Beginning August 1, 2017 with an October 25, 2017 deadline

Prudential Spirit of America Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program will award scholarships to students recognized for their dedication and selfless commitment to volunteerism. Eligible students must currently be in grades 5-12 and must be engaged in an act of volunteerism that has occurred, at least in part, during the twelve months prior to the application date. Programs could be done in or out of school. All middle level and high school throughout Pennsylvania will receive program information and applications in early September.

Applications and information are also available at <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc>. Please do not miss this opportunity to give outstanding young volunteers the recognition they so richly deserve.

What do honorees win?

Students chosen as Local Honorees receive a Certificate of Achievement from their schools or organizations. Those who qualify (50 hours of service for age 14 and younger, 100 hours for those older) also receive the President's Volunteer Service Award.

State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., for national recognition events.

National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for their schools or organizations, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a non-profit, charitable organization of their choice.

Contact Us

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Please look for email blasts throughout the year with important information along with deadlines. If you have any information that you feel would benefit the PASC organization, please contact Lisa Bernet.