



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 Welcome Back Newsletter

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PASC PUSH FOR THE POLLS STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE



Are you looking to make a difference in this world? Do you feel a sense of pride and patriotism for the United States? Do you feel strongly about electing our nation's new leader -- or otherwise, are you dissatisfied with both of our current options? Well, the solution to all of these questions is simple. Get out and cast your vote in public elections! Not eighteen? Encourage others who are eligible! Big and small, from local elections to ones on a national scale, raise your voice and stand for what you believe in!

Your vote is a reflection of your character -- it represents your beliefs, your voice, and your commitment to our country. If you feel strongly in one direction, fight for what you feel is right and inspire others around you. By becoming politically involved and educated, and truly know what is going on with our country, you display leadership. Others will follow in your steps if you take the right approach. Unfortunately, only 57.7% of Americans voted in the last Presidential election, and that number is even smaller across other governmental elections. Make a change! Be a strong leader and motivate others to become leaders as well! This is your chance!

The task is simple:

- Ask your student council, or another organization in your school, to host a voter registration drive.
- This can all be done online for anyone eligible to vote in the general election this year. (You must be 18 on or before November 8!)
- There is a two-week window to host this voter registration drive: **September 26 through October 10**. Total numbers must be reported by October 17.
- The deadline to register to vote in PA is **October 11!**
- All schools that participate will be recognized at the 2016 PASC State Conference!
- For a step-by-step process, please refer to [Push for the Polls Process](#).
- Report your information here [Push for the Polls Reporting Form](#) or on PASC.net. You will be asked to fill out some very basic information about your school and the drive that was conducted -- That's it!

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Decades of Leadership Past. Present. Future.

State Conference Registration is Now Open

Tyler Raub, State President

The 2016 PASC State Conference is quickly approaching. On September 1, 2016, registration for the conference opened allowing young leaders across Pennsylvania to take part in numerous motivational speaker presentations, workshops, and lessons to further their abilities to lead fellow students and future peers! The Decades of Leadership Conference will give delegates the tools and ability to perfect skills to allow them to live for today, learn from the past, and dream for tomorrow. This three-day extravaganza includes activities to suit a variety of learning approaches and styles in an enjoyable environment. As soon as delegates complete registration there will be giant inflatables, laser tag, and many other activities to choose from to keep excitement alive! This year's conference includes a most unique aspect to dining on Thursday night, with eight food trucks brought to Deer Lakes High School!

November 11th, the second day of the event, has brought great interest among residents throughout the area. A Veteran's Day Fair is to be held, allowing those who have served and are currently serving in the United States Military to speak out about how their own leadership skills have pushed them into making tough decisions. Delegates will have the chance to speak with the veterans one on one and thank them for the sacrifices they have made for the sake of our country. The entire day is designed to bring delegates as well as their advisors and the wonderful men and women who have served our country together on a more personal level. On Friday night, all attendees will attend a banquet at the Syria Shriners banquet hall. Afterwards, the middle schoolers and advisors will be bused back to Deer Lakes High School for the middle level dance and advisor refreshments. The high school level delegates will then remain at Shriners for their dance.

With great leadership comes a responsibility to reach out and assist those in need. Founded by Ian Rosenberger, Team Tasy is the 2016 State Charity. This wonderful organization's main goal is to eliminate poverty in the country of Haiti. Join Deer Lakes in raising funds for the 2016 PASC Conference State Charity.

So if you're interested in joining this wonderful experience in learning from the leaders of the past, and putting forth new ideas into your own leadership, visit pasc2016.org and register by October 14th! We hope to see you at Deer Lakes High School!

Felix Yerace selected to serve on Student Leadership Advisory Committee

In May of 2016 NASSP, the parent organization of NASC, as well as NHS and NJHS, launched a new committee, the Student Leadership Advisory Committee. This committee is the first attempt to bring together leaders from NASC as well as NHS and NJHS to work together on joint programs and leadership programs.

The committee is comprised of six student members, three principals, and three adult advisors, one from NHS, NJHS, and NASC. In November of 2016 Felix Yerace was selected from a national search to represent NASC on this committee for its inaugural group.

The first meeting was held in April in Arlington, VA. This three-day meeting was held to discuss the creation of a national student leadership and engagement initiative with NASSP staff. The committee also participated in an NASSP organized event about educational technology. Felix was one of four members of the committee to participate in a panel discussion on Capitol Hill for policymakers.

After much discussion, the committee recommended and NASSP agreed to adopt a national initiative on "Global Citizenship." This initiative for student engagement and leadership is aimed at all 32,000 NHS and NJHS chapters, as well as all 7,000 NASC chapters (so this is a joint initiative between NASC & NHS). There are five strands that have been approved for this initiative including **Awareness and perspective: Making people aware of important issues in society today, Civic engagement: Getting people involved and engaged in their communities, Empathetic actions: Assisting people in crisis, Equity: Working with underserved populations, and Positive social change: Raising Awareness and addressing social needs**

Felix is very excited for this program and the commitment that NASSP has shown to its student programs. He looks forward to continuing to work with NASSP on this exciting program and will continue to provide updates for PASC.



To register for the PASC State
Conference, go to:
Pasc2016.org

Advanced Gold is the perfect opportunity for delegates from all across PA, who previously attended Gold, to further their leadership abilities and life skills. At Advanced, the staff treated us as advanced leaders and young adults; I absolutely loved that. The delegates were given more freedom to create and brainstorm ideas of our own and collaborate with other delegates for influence. We had very busy schedules with barely any free time, but within the blink of an eye I was crying while singing “shalom” to some of my very best friends as we were packing our bags preparing to head home. The staff at Advanced Gold was absolutely incredible. Dan Schneider did an outstanding job running the camp by making sure that everything was running smoothly. The delegates were given the opportunity to serve on councils, practice parliamentary procedure, participate in delegate planned events and activities, and engage in great team building activities. Not only did I have a great time, but I also learned so many valuable lessons that I can take back to better my council and my outlook on life. I learned new information on how to resolve conflict within our own councils, the importance of passions, and how to deal with stress relief. I truly can't thank the Advanced Gold staff and the whole organization of PASC for giving me the opportunity to attend camp and experience what was one of the best weeks of my life. I was fortunate enough to create friendships of a lifetime while learning valuable lessons on leadership.

By: Abbey Lisowski
State Conference Co-Chair, Deer Lakes HS

2017 Camp Dates

Grove City College Blue: July 9-July 13

Alvernia University Blue: July 23-July 27

Alvernia University Advanced Blue: July 23-July 27

Grove City College Gold: July 9-July 14

Susquehanna University Gold: July 23-July 28

Advanced Gold-University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown:
July 16-July 22

Grove City Blue



Keystone Council Awards

Melody Watts, ML Rep
Governor Mifflin Middle School

Last year, it was roughly half way through the school year when I brought the Keystone Council Award to the table at a student council meeting. Over half of the students in student council disagreed with applying for the Keystone Council Award. They thought that it was just an award. They thought that as a Student Council, we are meant to serve the student body, not compete in a competition to show we are better than everyone else. I know personally that I could have been more prepared to present the Keystone Council Award to the council, but I will try even harder this year. Before school starts, our council is having a meeting to discuss the upcoming school year. During that meeting we are going to go over the Keystone Council Award and checklist. When I bring it to my new council, I will make sure that I point out that it is not a competition, not just an award, but a checklist that shows what is needed to have an effective Student Council. If we want to be a great Student Council, the Keystone Council Award is the way to go. Yes, it does come with an award, but it's not a competition. This is a recognition for doing the things you already do in your council, and it is also a checklist to help you work toward excellence.

Visit PASC.net for more details about this award.

PASC is ACT 48 Approved

Teachers....are you in need of professional development hours and struggling to find programs that are professionally rewarding? Well PASC has many wonderful opportunities for you! PASC has officially been approved as a Professional Education Provider by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Teachers all across the state will now be able to 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! We hope that you will take advantage of the incredible opportunities PASC provides to develop valuable skills in leadership for your classrooms, schools, districts, and communities!

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.

Every Pennsylvania high school principal will receive 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 12, 2016.



Website Coordinator Position Available

Responsibilities include overseeing the website and social media. Additionally, this person will be responsible for google and software platforms including the development and deployment of training of the executive board. The website coordinator will also be responsible for reviewing district websites. If you are interested in this position, please contact:

Rose Ann Fulena at pasc.exdir@gmail.com.

District Directors needed in Districts 1, 4, and 7

Are you interested in making a difference in PASC? If you are, please consider stepping up to fill one of the three District Director positions available. We need strong leaders to help lead each of these districts. Please contact Rose Ann Fulena at pasc.exdir@gmail.com if you are interested.

Strategic Planning Committee Formed

At the January 2016 PASC Board Meeting in Altoona, the state Executive Board voted to begin a strategic planning process to review the operations of the organization. PASC has a responsibility to its member schools, students, and advisors to operate in the most efficient way possible, and by undergoing a strategic planning process, our organization can ensure we are providing the best services to our members. Committee members include Felix Yerace (Adult Chair), Drew Phillippi (Student Chair), Roe Fulena (PASC ED), Kathy Coll (PASC AED), Dwayne Lahr (D8 Director), Justin Shivone (D11 Director), Katie Hepner (Alvernia Blue Assistant Director), Maddie Darrah (Region B Rep), Caden Scott (Middle Level Rep), Taylor Schwartz (Outgoing Region Rep), Luke Myers (Outgoing Region Rep), Brooke Kern (Outgoing State Conference Chair)

The committee was selected to represent all aspects of PASC. The committee reviewed all the operations of PASC. Since its formation in January, the strategic planning committee has many meetings. Although the committee work is not complete, the committee recommended and the board adopted at the July 2016 meeting a new vision and mission statement for PASC as well as a tagline (a first for PASC): **Vision:** PASC will strive to be the premier student leadership organization on the local, state and national level, supporting and advocating for student activities, student leaders, and their advisors. **Mission:** 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. **Tagline:** PASC: Developing, engaging, and celebrating leaders.

In an attempt to help the organization carry out its programming more efficiently, the strategic planning committee also recommended three constitutional amendments, which the State Board endorsed. Consequently, these amendments will be voted upon by the membership at the state conference at Deer Lakes during Caucus meetings.

The first amendment would Amend Article XI, Section 1 of the PASC Constitution to read "The Executive Board shall create Standing Committees to carry out its operations". *Currently Article XI, Section 1 spells out the eight Standing Committees we currently have. This change allows the Executive Board to continually reevaluate its committee structure and change when needed, without needing to ask for a Constitutional Amendment each time. (if adopted the new committee structure will begin in January 2017)*

The second amendment would Amend Article XI, Section 2 by striking the sentence "The chairmanship of all standing committees must be held by a voting member of the Executive Board." *This change opens up more leadership opportunities for more individuals by allowing any member of the Executive Board to chair committees. Specifically, if this amendment is adopted, then committees would be chaired by coordinators specifically responsible for that committee.*

The final amendment would amend Article IV, Section 3, to include the position of "Executive Board Secretary" *(This allows us to appoint someone to maintain accurate minutes and records for the organization)*

A special thanks to all of the Strategic Planning Committee members. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact Felix Yerace at PASCDistrict3Director@gmail.com.

Statement of Values Adopted

These statements have brought clarity to all of our programs and will be the guiding principals for organization and improvement of our organization for the next 5 years.

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.

575,000 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 2017 due no later than October 25, 2016. PASC member advisors and student leaders 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.

Pennsylvania State Scholars Program: 50 additional seniors from Pennsylvania schools will each receive a \$10,000 college scholarship. Scholarship criteria are the same as for other Horatio Alger Scholarships.

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 are available. The deadline to apply is October 25, 2016

Candidates for Middle Level Representatives Needed

PASC is seeking two teams, each consisting of a seventh grade student and his/her Student Council advisor, to serve as the Middle Level Representatives on the PASC Executive Board from January 1, 2017 to November, 2018.

Please contact Lisa Bernet at lbernet@fleetwoodasd.org with any questions about the position or to receive an application.

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.

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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.