

PASC NEWS



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State Conference

Pennridge is rolling out the red carpet for student councils everywhere. This year's theme for the state conference is *Celebrity Councils*. The conference is scheduled for November 12-14 2009. Information about the conference can be found at <http://www.celebrate2009.org/>

Registration for the conference will begin in September. Forms are available in PDF format on the conference website mentioned above. The cost of the conference will be about \$110.00 per person. Transportation to and from the conference is the responsibility of the school.

The conference will feature three general sessions, with speakers Scott Greenberg and Josh Sunquist, multiple student led workshop sessions, a banquet, and advisor university. For entertainment delegates attending the workshop will also enjoy a vendor fair, mini-thon activities, ice cream social, and their choice of dance or swimming. Advisors will experience their own spread of hospitality and throughout the weekend will have dinner at the Vo-Tech school, cooked by Pennridge culinary students, and have the opportunity to attend a local dinner-theater. Make sure to take advantage of this opportunity to enrich your leadership skills and network with people from all over the state!

All year schools across the state have hosted their own mini-thon in preparation for the state conference mini-thon. Time is running out to host your own mini-thon so if you're interested be sure to get started. Proceeds of the mini-thons go to the Four Diamonds Fund, which funds research toward childhood cancer. PASC plans to break over one million dollars in donations, so find out what your school can do to help make a donation! For more information about the four diamonds fund visit www.hmc.psu.edu/fourdiamonds

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PASC at Nationals

PASC was well represented at Nationals this year with the second largest delegation of around seventy-six. Before arriving at the conference PA got acquainted during a conference Pre-Trip. On the first day, delegates arrived at Canon City Colorado for a look at the Air Force Academy, a tour of the U.S. Olympic complex, and a little shopping. On schedule the next day, white water rafting in the Arkansas River, a walk across the highest suspension bridge at Royal Gorge, and an aerial-tram over the "Grand Canyon of Colorado." The pre-trip finished off with a journey to the top of Pike's Peak (the highest elevation point in the U.S.), a tour of the Garden of the Gods, and dinner at the Flying W cowboy ranch.

The 2009 NASC conference was hosted by Highlands Ranch high school in Colorado Springs. Upon arrival delegates enjoyed welcome activities and exhibits. One of the best parts of the day was trading Pennsylvania pins for pins from countless other states. The conference featured three general sessions, each with its own speakers. The conference sought to engage students by involving them in idea sharing "swap shops," having them meet faculty and student council of the University at Boulder, and by having them attend workshops. For entertainment there was dancing and activities at the "Tastes of Colorado," Recycling X-Games, and a trip to the amusement park Elysee Gardens!

Check out highlights of the trip on the NASC website. Next year, summer of 2010 PASC packs it's bags for Indiana. Don't hesitate to join the fun at the 76th national conference.

Summer Workshops

Many District 1 and 2 students attended the Grove City Summer Workshop site, while some others may have attended Susquehanna. Students who attended workshops took back new, applicable knowledge on leadership topics such as motivation, communication, goal setting, prioritizing, and project planning. Students learned a lot during sessions led by staff and counselors, however, they also got to partake more directly in leadership activities.

Upon the first day of arrival, students selected committees they wanted to be on to plan their unique week at camp. An example of the result was a Mr. and Mrs. PASC pageant-type talent show and a PASC "Tastes the Rainbow" Skittles themed banquet and dance. In addition, students were placed in different groups to plan their own "Junior Olympics." The groups put on skits, designed mascots and cheers, and competed in relay races afterwards.

Don't miss out on Summer Workshops for the Summer of 2010! Students who attend will take back knowledge and new ideas to apply to their councils, will gain experience meeting new people and working in groups, and will make lasting connections and bonds by networking with kids from other areas in the state.

Roundtable Ideas

Need a Student Council Project idea for the new school year? Here's a few from the Roundtables at Grove City Gold that put a new spin on traditional ideas.

Penny Battle- Instead of doing a traditional penny battle, create incentive by making teachers count the coins before class. Until the teachers are done counting, class won't start. Have the teacher schedule a test for that day, and students may be more willing to bring in change than you think.

Canned Food Drive- Distribute bags in local neighborhoods so people can leave cans on their porch. Have student council collect the cans and see if the school can collect more than the community.