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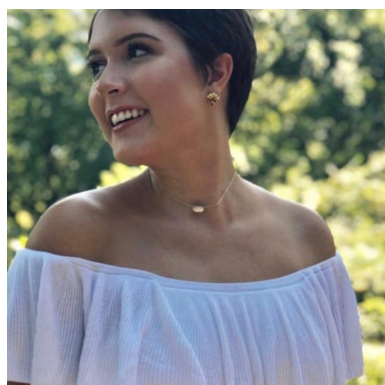
# Executive Board Farewells

## Ashley Winters

### Public Relations Director

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve you all as the 2018-2019 Public Relations Director. As a freshman, I never could have imagined myself coming this far. It's hard to say goodbye to an organization that has given me so much, but I am excited for the future of the IASC, and I am excited for you all to take the opportunity to step out of your comfort zones and grow as a leader. This year has taught me so much, and I will never be able to repay the IASC for that. Thank you all for making this year so great!

I would also like to take the opportunity to recognize the fantastic work done by all of the Executive Board members. I have had the incredible opportunity to watch each and every one of them grow not only as leaders, but as individuals. Finally, I would like to thank my advisor, Mrs. Amy Wittenauer, for all that she has done for me. Without her, I would not have made it to where I am today.



## Mia Boyer-Edwards

### Convention Secretary

My name is Mia Boyer-Edwards, and I've had the pleasure of serving as your Convention Secretary for the past few months. The time has come for the 2018-2019 State Board to say goodbye, and I'm so honored to have had the chance to be a part of it. Holding this position has taught me so much, but the most valuable skill I've learned is the demonstration of gratitude.

Each year, the state convention would not happen without hundreds of people working hard to make sure it goes well, and it certainly wouldn't be in existence without the support of each and every member of the IASC. You are all so vital to the continuation of this organization dedicated to serving others. Therefore, I would like to extend my gratitude to all of you and my congratulations at the many things you have accomplished, in addition to all of the fantastic things you will do in the future. Specifically, I'd like to celebrate my fellow members of the board. I witnessed all of them enter their positions as incredibly capable and strong young individuals, and they have only grown. Each of them took to their tasks with gusto, and neither this convention nor this organization could function without them.

Additionally, none of us would have survived without the support of our advisors. They have spent years serving others and helping us to do the same. For this, they deserve more gratitude than I can possibly give. My advisor, Mrs. Linda Pickett, is retiring this year, and I am so thankful to her for sacrificing so much so that our school, our district, and the IASC can be successful.

Finally, I'd like to once again thank all of you! Your participation in Student Council contributes to a system that, this year, will help many children in the foster care system and beyond. I am honored to have had the chance to serve you, and I wish you all the best for your future.

# Hadiya Jagroop

## Treasurer

From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for letting me serve as your State Treasurer. It has been the honor of a lifetime to be given this opportunity to assist with leading this incredible organization over the last year! First and foremost, I would like to thank my family and friends for all their love and support that they have given to me over the course of not only my student council career but my life. I would also like to thank my advisor, Miss Cooper, for everything that she has done for me for over the last four years in student council. I would not be the person I am without you. Most importantly, thank you IASC! Through this organization, I have been able to not only grow as a stronger leader, but as a stronger person. I have also been able to connect with such a wide range of inspiring individuals, people that I have been able to look up to and learn alongside. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. I am excited to hear about hear of the IASC's continued success in the coming years.



# Elianna Panepinto

## Secretary



Hello IASC! For the very last time as your official IASC Secretary, thank you so much for your service to this amazing organization. There is nothing I am prouder to be apart of than student council, that's why it has been my honor to serve on your executive board this past year. For that I have no one to thank other than the members of our

state, those of you who continue to strive for excellence for the betterment of your schools and communities. I encourage each and every student follow where their leadership will take them, and let not even the sky be the limit. With IASC there is no ceiling. Let ideas become realities, let your dreams become within reach, because in an organization such as student council, there is no such thing as unobtainable. I will never forget walking into my advisors office after my first state convention saying that I wanted to be on the state board, I wasn't sure how, but I knew I wanted to. No matter what grade level you are in, have goals, and reach them. A large part of my love for student council comes from my advisor Mrs.Cassie Kilgore, who will never know how much she has done for myself, and her students. One of my favorite memories will always be when I was a member on the Prairie Eight executive board, these are the people I felt closest with and without student council, would never have known. There are a million words to say, and only so much space so, thank you IASC for what you have given me, you truly are unforgettable.

# Arianna Goss

## 2nd Vice President

Illinois Association of Student Councils, it has been a wonderful year serving as your 2018-2019 second vice president. The year has passed quickly since the last state convention! Last convention, you may have just known me as the crazy bee girl, but I have changed. I am now a crazy bee girl but with more experience.

This position has taught me a lot from when I first began as a junior. I started with the mind set that I was going to be nothing less than perfection. That was my first mistake. I quickly learned the difference between perfection and reality. The reality of perfection was that it's not possible. However, excellence and hard work are attainable. Think about it. How many of you have received a certificate of perfection? I can bet little to no one has. Now, how many of you have received a certificate of excellence. That is achievable and realistic. This past year for me has been filled with hard work and lots of time dedicated to my position, but of course everyone makes mistakes. My job was to learn from them and share that wisdom with the person who will take my office. Thank you to my council, parents, executive board, and Mrs. Walker for all of your support and help! IASC, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to grow as a person and also to help our organization grow this past year.



# Kimberly Roskamp

## 1st Vice President

First off I would like to thank you for this opportunity to serve you this past year. I am very passionate about servant leadership, and I hope that I have fulfilled your needs this past year. I have had some amazing experiences, met some extraordinary people, and taken my leadership to places it has never been. It has been an honor to serve you, and I thank

you again for allowing me this opportunity. John Adams once said, "if your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader. IASC, your actions have inspired me to dream more, learn more, do more and become more. You all are extraordinary leaders, and I cannot wait to see what amazing things that you accomplish. Thank you so much for allowing me to serve you this year to give back a fraction of what you have given me. This organization has left me in better shape than it found me, so this past year I tried to return the favor. Thank you for all of the experiences, friendships, lessons, knowledge, and more that you have given me; as I said earlier I will be eternally grateful. To all of the amazing leaders who are reading this, please keep me updated on all of the amazing things you do for this world and never forget to always keep growing in your leadership.



# Priyanka Kaushal

## President



I am eternally grateful for the honor to serve as the President of the Illinois Association of Student Councils. My term is going by quickly, but as I remember the memories and experiences that have occurred during my term, I realize how sad it will be for me to leave this amazing organization.

This year we continued the state service project of Let It Be Us. I had the privilege of continuing our involvement in the Backpack supply bags while also creating an IASC Scholarship. With your generous donations, I am proud to announce that it was a phenomenal success as we have raised a total value of over \$25,000 and are still counting with more participation coming in! These totals translate to a both the donations of the backpack supply bags and the IASC Scholarship- worth of supplies and money donated to the Let It Be Us foundation. I am so proud to have led the young leaders across that state in this service project and am thrilled to expose young leaders to the power of their motivation to make a difference. We as the IASC have made a significant difference to the Illinois Foster Care System. I am confident that we will continue to grow our involvement. During my term, I travelled to a multitude of different districts and communicated with a diverse array of individuals. I not only met so many new, ambitious student leader but also learned different thought processes and how each district is unique. I loved learning about the passions and goals every individual has and it was inspiring to see everyone's dedication. In total, I traveled 5686.4 miles and enjoyed every minute of it! After each of my visits or discussions with a student, I was reminded of the power of student council and why I love being a big part of the IASC. This has been an unforgettable experience, and I feel so privileged to have worked alongside six hard working student leaders. I will miss serving on this board, but I thank them for their everlasting support and confidence within me. I have so much love for my position and I leave the position of IASC President reluctantly. I cherish this opportunity and every memory I have made. Our generation is impactful and I can't wait to see the positive change we continue to make on the world. Do not let anyone set your limits for you; even if the journey to your destination is difficult, just take it One Small Step at a time. This organization is doing great things and I can proudly say that I played a big part in its path as it rises to excellence.