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" Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower."

-Steve Jobs

From the Desk of President Kaushal



Greetings IASC Student Leaders and Advisors,

The first half of the year has went by quickly, but the IASC Executive Board is hard at work preparing for the 85th State Convention! The theme for the year's State Convention is "One Small Step". I am elated for Illinois's aspiring young leaders to gather to take that one small step towards making a difference. The Illinois Association of Student Councils is happy to host the State Convention in Lombard, IL on the dates of May 2-4. This convention is a fantastic opportunity for students to grow as leaders and to meet new people all while gaining new insights and ideas. The skills you learn at State Convention help with all levels of leadership and many walks of life.

As President, I have truly been focusing on the IASC State Service Project- "Let It Be Us"- an Illinois based organization with the mission of helping foster children find adoptive families. When children enter the foster care system, they often end up attending a new school and may not have all the supplies they need to succeed academically. The IASC is partnering with Let it Be Us to assemble "Backpack Supply Bags", which will contain needed school supplies that can be given to foster children as they enter a new school environment. This year the IASC will also be creating an "IASC Scholarship", which helps children continue their education through college. Foster Care children do receive a free education in college; however, they do not get items a normal college student receives- such as a computer, headphones, extra books, etc.- making it extremely hard to pursue a degree. Therefore, we are creating an IASC scholarship that will collect monetary donations as the basis for funding and assisting students in obtaining a degree. More information on how you can get involved can be found on the IASC Website: illinoisstuco.org

This second half of the year is our chance to rise to excellence. This year is your chance to help your communities, councils, and world become a better place.

Yours In Service,

Priyanka Kaushal
IASC President
Mount Vernon Township High School

85TH IASC STATE CONVENTION

Register by March 22, 2019



Save the Date:

May 2-4, 2019

The Westin Lombard Yorktown
Centre

Lombard, Illinois

Joe Beckman

Joe will be one of the keynote speakers at this year's state convention. He has been speaking in educational settings for over 15 years with one simple mission: to reclaim the human connection.



We are excited to announce that we have arranged discounted pricing for Joe to speak at IASC member schools in the days leading up to state convention.

More information on Joe and his programs is available at joebeckman.com.

Member School Spotlight

"You're A Star" Project

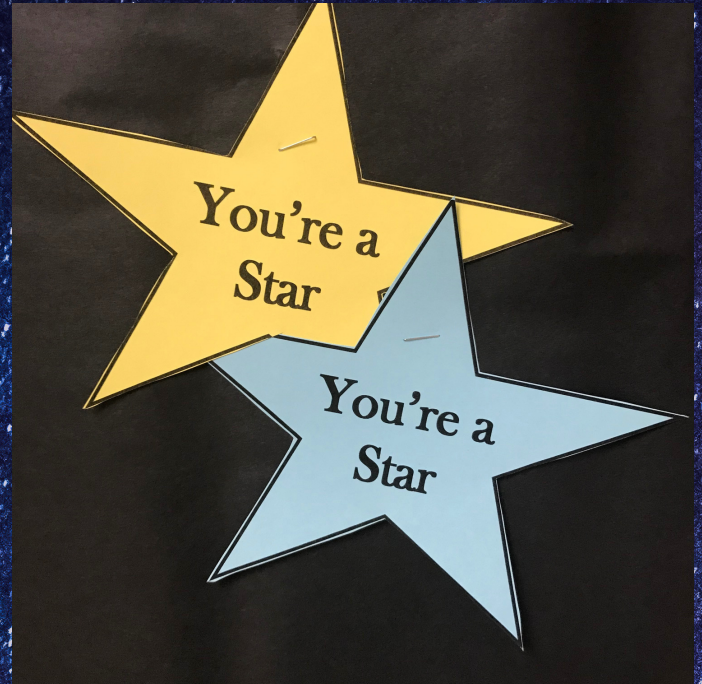
Submitted By: Madeleine Brass

NWD President

In order to spread positivity and increase school climate, Byron High School puts together an annual "You're a Star Project."

This project is super simple and very effective! During lunch time student can come up to a table, ran by stuco members, and grab a cut out paper star. On the back of these stars, students write compliments, positive messages, and words of encouragement to their fellow classmates or teachers/ staff.

These cards can be signed or anonymous, but they must include the receiver's name and grade. Once they finish collecting, student council members hang these stars on the designated student's locker. The project is a huge success in making students' days and overall increasing morale. If you want to try this project at your school, here are two helpful tips: make the stars free in order to have high participation, and make some generic stars so every student is able to walk in and see a positive message on their locker. Overall the students and staff of Byron love this project!



Advanced Workshop

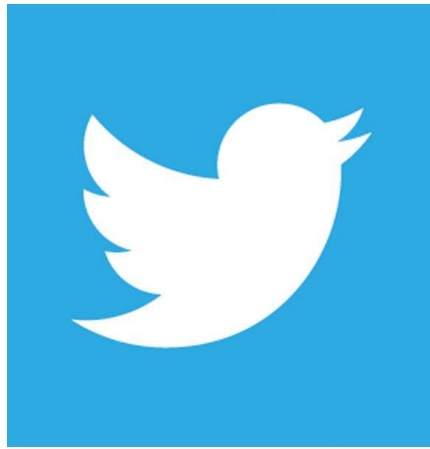


This year's Advanced Workshop was held on January 18-20, 2019 in Carlinville, Illinois. Advanced Workshop helps students explore values and how they impact our lives and leadership styles. It also offers a high ropes challenge adventure. Attendees were able to have fun while enhancing their leadership abilities.

The IASC is everywhere you are!



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