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This issue of the Reporter is focused on involvement. Articles this issue include a collection of various ways to ener-

gize council members an increase participation in an assortment of different activities. How often are the same people volunteering for projects and at attending meetings? It may seem to that the inactive members those inactive members could be shy or feel their input is not valued. The challenge is to reach out to those members and making them feel more comfortable and get more members involved in the school and council!

In addition, there are many ways for the

members of a local council to get involved in the IASC. With honor delegate positions and leadership seminars, and district activities, there is something for EVERYONE to do. Also the IASC offers many unique experiences to expand your knowledge and leadership at overnight leadership retreats and other workshops. Do not hesitate to become involved! Take the challenge to become involved in the various activities available in the IASC and it's districts and execute two different ways to get involved.

With something to think about– David Pileski, Reporter Editor

Honor Delegate Opportunities Await You!

By: Krystal Rhodes 1st Vice President

UNBELIEVABLE!!! School is back in session. That also means Student Council activities resume! It is not too early to think ahead to the 2009 IASC State Convention. It will be a blast with opportunities to learn tons of new information about Student Council. Make this experience at the IASC State Convention ten times better!

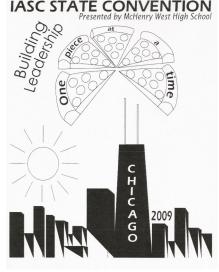
How? By applying for an Honor Delegate position. Serving as a Committee Member,

A Note from Convention Secretary Tori Weinberg:

Hello Everyone! This year McHenry West and myself are currently busy working to make this years IASC State Convention the very best. This year we are drawn back to Chicago where we will be at the Chicago Hilton. Chicago is a city of leadership and inspiration. I know that you and your Student Council will take much back to your school. As the school year begins, remember to keep the IASC State convention in mind!

Discussion Group Leader, or Recorder is a vital part of the Convention. These positions help others become better leaders, while meeting tons of new and amazing people from across the state! Taking Student Council to the state level means

having more fun! . . . Continued on page 3 under "An Opportunity for Everyone".



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What is happening at your council?

Throughout the school year, look for ideas for local councils or district events!

Please send updates with what is happening with your district, community service, fundraisers, or other unique projects at your council to share with other schools around the state!

E-mail YOUR news to d_pileski@yahoo.com

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Congratulations to all District Obbicers

An Opportunity for EVERYONE!

By: Krystal Rhodes 1st Vice President

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Remember, the IASC wants YOU to be an Honor Delegate at the 2009 IASC State Convention where schools are "Building Leadership One Piece at a Time."

> I. Become a Committee Member:

- The CREDENTIALS COM-MITTEE interviews, evaluates, and recommends candidates for the next State Board.
- The HONOR COUNCIL COMMITTEE reviews and judges Honor Council Books that are submitted by member school.
- The RESOLUTIONS COM-MITTEE reviews and composes resolutions, then presents them at a General

Session at the state Convention.

The CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE reviews submitted amendments to the IASC Constitution and presents them at a General Session at the state convention.

2. Be a Discussion Group Leader (DGL):

 Students organize and present a workshop and facilitate a discussion about a Student Council or school issue at the Convention.

3. Be A Recorder:

 For the less experienced student, this position assists the DGLs and evaluates ideas during the workshops.

Take on the responsibility of becoming an Honor Delegate at the 2009 IASC State Convention. Ask your advisor for an Honor Delegate application! If there are any questions or comments, call me at (217) 313 -6937 or e-mail me <u>k rhodes 09@yahoo.com</u>.

Other Honor delegate positions include:

- 4. Complete A Service Project:
- A Service Project Chairperson is responsible for providing goods or services for the convention.

5. Create a display for the Hall Of Ideas:

 A student prepares a handout and display that describes a unique activity or event at his or her school.

6. Be a Project School:

Questionnaires and surveys on a number of various topics are prepared and distributed to all schools in the IASC. The results are compiled into a Project Schools Booklet and passed out at convention.

For more information on these Honor Delegate positions, please contact the IASC Second Vicepresident, Keyanna Turner at

IASC One Day Drive-In Workshops

The focus of the IASC **Drive-In Workshops is** to help new council members and officers learn the basics of what a meeting should be. **Delegates will learn** parliamentary procedure and effective meeting/ communication skills. All Workshops begin at 9:00am and end at 12:30pm and offer an advisor's session. **Registration is \$20.** The dates and locations are:

Tuesday, September 23: Ramada Inn, Fairview Heights, Illinois

Wednesday, October 22: Unity High School, Tolono, Illinois

Friday, October 24:

McHenry West High School, McHenry, Illinois

Thursday, October 30: Morton High School, Peoria, Illinois

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Dancing with the Teachers for Change

By: LaMar Hawkins *Thornton Township High School*

During our activities through out the year at Thornton Township we have teacher dance competitions. At half time the sponsored teachers will present the dance they previously learned and practiced. While the teachers provide the comic relief with their exciting dance, certain students go around the gym with jars asking students and other staff if they would like to "tip a teacher". The jars with teacher's names on them and each chosen student represent that teacher. The teacher who raises the most money can win a prize or be named the Tippiest Teacher.





"NASC was one of the most influential experiences of my life." - Krystal Rhodes Ramsey High School

"If anyone ever has the opportunity to go, I highly suggest you do it. You will make so many new friends!" -Mandi Mushill Collinsville High School

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"I enjoyed meeting all the people from all over the state. We bonded over those three days." - Masood Haque York Community High

"It was a great learning experience, not only to get to know some more people from the state, ... also a lot of useful in-



running Sn smoothly and productively." – Garett Guthrie Carlyle Community High

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NASC 2008: Hats Off To Leadership!

By: David Pileski Reporter Editor

This summer, Illinois sent their delegation to the 72^{nd} Annual NASC National Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. From June 25^{th} through the 28^{th} ,



Strike A Pose!

Northwest High School in Justin, Texas hosted a very enriching National Convention. Over 1,500 students attended meeting and networking with leaders from across the U.S. and around the world. The various speakers and workshops at the convention helped to broaden everyone's perspective and encouraged new ideas. This year was the first year that the convention delegates were housed in hotels rather that host family homes. Though the hotels were used for the first time, few severe problems arose.

Some highlights from this convention included Tuesday afternoons "pumping" activities and a conference-wide CPR training session geared to help familiarize many with the important life-saving procedure. One of the more memorable events from the convention was Friday's exploration of the culture of Texas. Delegates were able to immerse themselves in the famous Fort Worth Stockyards and Billy-Bobs. Though the time spent there was very enriching, the delegates felt the heat of summer with temperatures nearing 100F.

Before boarding the bus for the ride back home, the candle lighting ceremony was touching. Everyone left

with many new friends
and lessons. Be sure not to miss out on the fun experience



experience *Illinois NASC Delegation* and next year's convention in Colorado, "Leadership with an Altitude", June 27-

Millikin Provides Memorable Workshop

By: David Pileski *Reporter Editor*

Inspiration and leadership was in the air at Millikin University in Decatur this summer as over 60 students from across Illinois congregated once

> again for the annual summer workshop. From July 28th through 31st, the Leadership '08 camp expanded the skills and talents of

all over Illinois.

With many interesting presentations from a variety of Illinois' best advisors and instructors, students received top of the class guidance. However, as the week progressed the students were able to apply what they learned in a variety of small group activities. In addition, sleeping in the dorms and using the facilities immersed the attendees into the college life. Student's home away from home became their club, a smaller group from the whole group. In these clubs, students were able to form friendships and dive deeper into leadership together.

However, the students did relax. While the weather was too hot to allow for outdoor sports, delegates had the opportunity to show their skills with a variety of indoor games such as trash volleyball and assorted board games. At night a variety of activities occurred including club Olympics and a talented variety show. When it came time to part at the conclusion of the closing banquet, many were disappointed to see it all end so soon. However, all the students left with a revived sense of leadership and strength and with new aspirations for their upcoming year.



Club D in deep thought

What Are YOU: "A Tigger or an Eeyore?"

By: Mr. Kyle Gordon *Teacher, Collinsville High School*

The 2008-2009 school year has begun for hundreds of thousands of high school students and educators throughout the great state of Illinois. As this school year begins, I challenge each and every



student council adult advisor and student member to get involved with the Illinois Association of Student Councils. There is no other organization in the state that provides more leadership activities, networking opportunities and training seminars for both adults and students than the IASC. For 75 years the IASC has shared its passion for building our nation's future leaders and helping both students and educators create student council organizations within their own back yards that help build stronger schools and communities.

As I read the book *The Last Lecture* by the late professor Randy Pausch over the summer, I took great interest in chapter 56 entitled "Make A Decision: Tigger or Eeyore". In the chapter he discusses the need to decide whether we go through life being a fun loving, daring and chance taking character like that of the Winnie the Pooh character Tigger or do we go through life as a sad sack that chooses to sit on the side lines like Eeyore. I hope that you choose to be a Tigger. I hope that you decide to get involved with the Illinois Association of Student Councils and take your leadership skills and share them with thousands of others across the state. You have something to share with others and also many things to discover that can help you and your school be the best it can be. That is what the IASC has to offer. Get involved with the IASC this

school year and help discover the Tigger in not only you, but your entire school!

There is something for everyone with the IASC. From students to educators we have you cov-

ered and cannot wait for you to get involved this school year!



Reaping the Benefits of State & District Involvement

By: Dr. Teresa Lane Superintendent, Dist. 156

Why should my council become involved in District and State activities? As an advisor, you might ask why should I give up additional evenings/ weekends to accompany my students so they may participate? As someone who has participated in District and State activities as both a student and advisor, I can tell you that it is time well spent. The benefits for both students and advisors are tremendous.

As an advisor you have a chance to network with other advisors which will provide opportunities to learn new ideas as well as develop relationships which can be mutually beneficial. In addition, the opportunity to serve as an advisor on a district or state board can provide a tremendous personal leadership experience. Any time that you can serve in a leadership role is a further opportunity for you to practice and hone your own leadership and communication skills. These are skills which can serve you well in your roles as teacher and advisor.

The benefits for your students and councils are enormous. The leadership training offered through the IASC leadership programs provide your students the tools they need to become effective leaders for your local councils. As I have watched hundreds of students over the past 30 years experience the opportunity to serve as District and State Officers, committee chairs, and many other leadership roles, the skills and enthusiasm they bring back to your local councils are priceless.

Once your council members become actively involved in District and State activities, the enthusiasm and skill levels continue to grow and it becomes a level of expectation for involvement. Some of the most active and successful student councils in the State are those that are the most active at the District and State levels. Personally, I can report that the skills that I use daily in my position are those that I learned from my own involvement, first as a student and then as an advisor and now as someone who still assists in presenting workshops for the Illinois Association of Student Councils.

For further information on how to become involved, please consult illinoisstuco.com for contact information for IASC Executive Board members.

ATTENTION ADVISORS:

Have an opinion or idea on your mind? I know you do! Well instead of keeping those brilliant ideas and thoughts bottled up inside, write for the *Reporter*! Share your experiences and wealth of knowledge with students and other advisors from across the state! Please e-mail your ideas, articles, or questions to David Pileski at d_pileski@yahoo.com.

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Chad Webster President



Krystal Rhodes First-VP



Keyana Turner Second-VP



Briana Hanny

Meet The 2008-2009 Executive Board

Hey everyone my name is Chad Webster and I am your 08-09 State president. As state president I intend to be alert to your ideas and needs, and hope to seek new and creative ones as well. My goals and objectives include representing Students of Illinois fairly and giving them a voice; to be a positive leader; to encourage more private and public schools to become involved at the state level; and to promote networking amongst schools, thus exchanging and sharing creative ideas. Another desire of mine is to increase student involvement and improve the numbers of member schools, and their attendance at state and district events.

Student council is an organization I have proudly been involved in for over 5 years. I have been President of my middle school, freshman class, sophomore class and student body president of Belvidere North High School which opened in 2007. In addition I am a member of the District 100 Strategic Action Team, the BNHS Student Advisory Team and the National Honor Society. In 2007, I was a semi-finalist from IL for the US Senate Youth Program as well as recipient of the Northern IL Red Ribbon Youth Recognition Award. Other accomplishments I have obtained include the Illinois Principals Leadership Award and Student Ambassador of the Year for People to People.

In the many positions and committees I have participated in I have gained vast experience. These experiences include communicating with people, planning events, and getting others to participate. The conventions and leadership academies have further assisted my leadership skills. In addition, the qualities and characteristics I have such as leadership, citizenship, integrity, and honesty have helped me to be a better student council member. The volunteer opportunities are numerous and rewarding. Student Council is not just a club for me, it is a passion. I enjoy all the work involved and look forward to new and interesting activities.

Hey everyone! My name is Krystal Rhodes, and I am your 2008-2009 IASC 1st Vice President. I'm a senior at Ramsey High School (probably about one of the smallest schools you've ever set eyes upon) and I'm also a member of band, choir, NHS, and scholastic bowl.

Upon entering high school, I saw Student Council as an opportunity of expanding my leadership horizons. Now, three years later, it's all coming into focus! It's not about me anymore; Student Council has become a way to help others on their journey of being the best leaders they can be, and to show them how they too can make a difference. That's why one of my goals this year is to bring more people into the wonderful world of the IASC by showing them what an great opportunity it is to join the fantastic organization.

I'm looking forward to an amazing year with the IASC! I can't wait to meet all of you this year, and I hope to see your Honor Delegate application for the IASC State Convention floating across my desk sometime very soon! If you have any questions for me or the rest of the IASC board, don't hesitate to ask. We're here to help you!

Hi, Everybody! Keyana Turner here, your IASC Second Vice President, I hope everyone's summer was amazing, and that you're all experiencing a great start to your school year, I know I am!

This year I'm going to be a Senior at Quincy Senior High School, in Quincy, Illinois. I'm going to be doing a lot of work with my school's Music Department (I play the violin and sing) and with the Key Club, but most importantly I'll be doing my duty as your Second Vice President, an office I'm really excited about.

As Second Vice President I'll be working with First V.P. Krystal Rhodes in recommending honor delegates to the board for the convention this year in Chicago. So if you're interested in applying for an honor delegate position in the areas of Hall of Ideas, Project Schools or Service Projects, I'm the one that will be receiving your application, so be sure to keep an eye out for my mailings this Fall!

Hi everybody! I am Briana Hanny, your 2008-2009 IASC Recording Secretary! I am currently a senior at Whitney Young Magnet High School. I am very excited to be a member of the IASC Executive Board! I look forward to all the great experiences and hard work to come!

Although I may dedicate most of time to the IASC, I am involved in many other activities. I serve on the executive boards of my school's student council, African American Culture Club, and I.M.A.N.I. (Inspiring Minors And Neglecting Ignorance) Club. I am also involved in the book club, debate team, and the National Honor Society. As the 2008-2009 IASC Executive Board, we have much work ahead of us, and I can not wait to contribute all that I can! Have a wonderful school year!

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Hello Illinois! My name is Mandi Mushill and I am honored to serve as this year's IASC Treasurer. I am a senior at Collinsville High School in Collinsville, Illinois. I have been involved with Student Council in some way, shape or form since I was in junior high school. I have literally grown up while making my way through the ranks of the IASC. From volunteering at the 2005 NASC conference hosted in Collinsville as an eighth grader, to helping host the LEAD conference last year in Chicago, I have taken part in nearly every aspect and program that Student Council has had to offer. And I am truly a better person for taking that journey.

As your State Treasurer, I am in charge of membership for the organization. I collect the \$50 membership dues, issue both membership certificates and cards, and take care of all financial aspects revolving around the IASC. If you ever have any questions regarding membership or would like to help me in recruiting new members for the organization, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope you and your school choose to get involved with the Illinois Association of Student Councils. It has certainly made a profound impact on my life and my future endeavors. It is truly an organization that has helped prepare me for the future, enriched my school, and offered me the chance to network with people from across the state of Illinois. Get involved with the IASC and I look forward to seeing you in the near future.



Mandi Mushill Treasurer



Tori Weinberg Conv. Secretary



Leslie Sabick Webmaster



David Pileski Reporter Editor

Hey Illinois! My name is Tori Weinberg and I am proud to serve as your 2008-2009 Convention Secretary this year! Other than Student Council, I am a part of my schools Student Leadership Team, Varsity Tennis Team, and Yearbook. For fun I love to read, hang out with friends, and of course go shopping.

My school, McHenry High School West Campus, will be hosting the 2009 State Convention at the Chicago Hilton, on May 7-9. This year's theme is, "Building Leadership One Piece at a Time," and we're planning on having an intense competition between schools that lasts the whole weekend. Let me remind you that this is the 75th annual IASC State Convention, and the best one yet. I'm looking forward to an amazing year with the IASC, and I hope that you make yourself a part of that. I hope to see your registration forms very soon! If you have any questions about the IASC State Convention, or anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact me. I cannot wait to meet all of you!

Hi IASC! I'm Leslie Sabick and I am your 2008-2009 IASC Webmaster. I live in Bloomington and I am a senior at Normal Community High School. Besides Student Council I run Track and Cross Country. I am also in Marching Band and a member of Key Club and Peer Leadership. Outside of school I'm involved with 4H. I enjoy scrapbooking in my free time.

My duties as your webmaster include keeping the IASC website up to date and fixing any problems with the website that may occur. This year I hope to add some success stories to the website regarding how the IASC has helped others grow and how others have learned as much as I have. The IASC has much to offer, so get involved! Visit the IASC for upcoming events. Feel free to contact me with any problems or suggestions. My email is LRS11591@gmail.com and my phone number is (309) 275-2357. I'm very excited to be the IASC webmaster and looking forward to a great year!

Hello IASC! My name is David Pileski, and I am excited and honored to be your 2008-2009 Reporter Editor. This year I am a senior at Lake Park High School in Roselle. Beyond Student Council, I am a very active member in Youth and Government. In addition, I also serve on my school newspaper, the Perspective, where I am on the editorial board as the Political Editor. Honestly, if you had told me two years ago that I would enjoy English or journalism I would have laughed.

Outside of school I work at a nursery yard (plants not children) and also participate in 4-H. Gardening and horticulture are a pastime that I enjoy as often as I can, whether in my backyard, at work, or volunteering in the community. However, I see myself in the future digging out justice in the courtroom more than the garden.

As I look to the future many things come to mind for the IASC. I hope to expand the audience of the Reporter as a whole. I will continue to strive to continue to find most relevant articles but also get more students, like yourself, to write and share your opinions. The IASC is truly your organization and I encourage you to express yourself and your school by sharing your ideas and more! If you are interested please contact me with any questions you may have. My email is: d_pileski@yahoo.com I hope to hear from you soon and enjoy your time in Student Council!

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Project Forum: Olympics and Jails

By: Benjamin Trotter O'Fallon Township High School

At O'Fallon, the school participates in Olympic Games. A team of ten students find a teacher and make him or her their sponsor. The teams battle in a series of games before and after school.



Some games for example would be egg tosses, balloon races, obstacle courses, eating contest, and more. The top two teams from all the games then compete at the pep rally for the first place title. StuCo collects a twenty dollar deposit from the teams to cover for the games. Usually there are approximately twenty teams.

By: Ashley Young Shiloh High School

At the school dances, Student Council creates a jail. We advertise that students can put their friends in "jail" for ten minutes if they pay three dollars. The person in jail can choose to get out of jail early for five dollars or wait the entire ten minutes in the jail. Many people enjoy this tradition and is an easy way to make money for various projects and fundraisers



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Calendar Of Events

September 6-7: State Board Meeting at McHenry High School, McHenry, Illinois Tuesday, September 23: Drive-In Workshop at the Ramada Inn, Fairview Heights, Illinois Wednesday, October 22: Drive-In Workshop at Unity High School, Tolono, Illinois Friday, October 24: Drive-In Workshop at McHenry High School, McHenry, Illinois Thursday, October 30: Drive-In Workshop at Morton High School, Peoria, Illinois December 13-14: State Board Meeting at Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois January 24-26, 2009: Advanced Workshop at TBA February 7-8: State Board Meeting at IHSA Headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois February 27— March I, 2009: LEAD Conference in Lombard, Illinois Leadership Academy: April 18-19, 2009 at IHSA Headquarters, Bloomington, Illinois May 7-9, 2009: State Convention in Chicago, Illinois June 27-30, 2009: NASC National Conference in Colorado