



# The Reporter

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### Pass It Along

After reading *The Reporter*, check your position off of the list below and pass it on to the next person on the list!

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- President
- 1st VP
- 2nd VP
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Historian
- Comm. Chairs
- Class Rep(s)
- Other
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## The Constitutional Convention

Thirty years have passed since the last calling of a Constitutional Convention. This year's delegates were no different than those who attended 30 years ago. They were unsure of their role in this historical event. Nonetheless they came. Those 100 plus delegates and advisors representing 30 schools took time out of their busy schedules to make a difference. They traveled from the North, South, East and West with no real idea about what was going to happen. None of them knew how important they



were going to be in this whole process. However, these student delegates came with a commitment of change. After a brief overview, the delegates were masterfully led by Mr. Jay Mann through the process of constitutional change. The Constitution was divided into six sections. The delegates were divided into six groups; each group had an "A" and "B." The individual groups evaluated their sections and then combined to discuss and make recommendations that would then be presented to the entire convention. The outcome was overwhelmingly successful. The changes were explained with rationales for each. The delegates then returned to their groups to decide which schools were going to submit these changes to the IASC President.



All changes must be submitted to the IASC President by February 1, 2008. The changes will be discussed and voted on during the business session at the state convention in May. The Constitutional Convention was a success. The delegates not only reviewed the Constitution but also received a better understanding of the IASC and why we do what we do as an organization. Hopefully, it won't take another 30 years before the next review. Mr. Gary Clark  
IASC Executive Director

## Calling All Artists For The NASC 2008

For the second year in a row, the IASC would like for you to show off your artistic skills! The IASC is seeking t-shirt designs for the June 2008 NASC Conference that will be held at Northwest High School in Justin, Texas. The theme of this year's conference is "Hats Off to Leadership." Designs for t-shirts must tie in the state of Illinois and/or the theme of the

Texas conference. All designs may be one or two-sided with no more than two colors used within the design. The t-shirt color can be anything you desire and the designs may be computer or hand generated. However, all designs must be submitted on a CD. The winning designs will be chosen at the February board meeting. The winning designer(s) will be recognized at

the state student council convention in May. All entries should be sent to: Mr. Gary Clark, 12 Grandbrook Boulevard, Collinsville, Illinois 62234. The deadline to submit your creative ideas is January 28, 2008, so start planning today and have student leaders from across Illinois wearing your designs this summer!

**THIS ISSUES**

**FOCUS IS...**

**I = Information**

**A = ACTIVITIES**

**S = Service**

**C = Convention**

Take a look at all of the incredible ideas that people from around the state submitted to share with **YOUR** council on the topic of **ACTIVITIES!**

*“When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece.”*

*-John Ruskin*



# Couch Potato Contest

The Delavan High School Student Council is sponsoring a special activity for the high school basketball games this year. Students and community members who come to a home basketball game may enter the Student Council “Couch Potato Contest.”

To enter the contest, you sign up at the Student Council table and donate 10 cents. If your name is chosen, a member of the Student Council will announce your name and then at the

beginning of the varsity game, you are escorted by a student council member to the front of the gym and onto the stage. There you will find a couch and a table. During the game, with your special seating arrangement, members of the Student Council, dressed in black and white, serve you soda, chips and an individual pizza.

The Delavan High Student Council is excited about this activity, and we are advertising through posters and

in an article in our local Newspaper. This is a fun activity, and it helps build spirit and shows the involvement of the Student Council in our school activities.

*Earlene Schroeder  
Teacher-Delavan High School*



# Showing Faculty/Staff Appreciation

At Carlyle High School we do our best as a Student Council to show our appreciation for our faculty and staff. An idea that we have done in the past is to make our staff “Survival Kits.” We start with a 6” x 6” x 6” plain white gift box. Incorporating our school logo, we design the top and sides of the box. We then line the box with tissue paper and attach a hand written card from a student council member that thanks the staff member for all of his/her hard

work preparing for the school year. For brand new teachers at the start of the year, we place the following items in their survival kit: a package of Lifesavers, a new red pen, a school map, a Carlyle Indians button, their school name tag, a box of paper clips, a bag of rubber bands, and a \$10 gift card to a local restaurant.

For veteran staff members this year, we placed Hershey’s Kisses and Hugs, an Alka Seltzer tablet pack (for those moments when

things go wild), a new pen and pencil (to record a new school chapter), a box of raisins (to thank them for helping “raise” us), and a pack of post it notes (to offer them thanks for helping us stick to our goals) into the survival kit.

All the faculty and staff love to receive them every year and they are very much appreciative of the fact they were remembered!

*Lorie Demry  
Teacher-Carlyle High School*

# Homecoming Pep Assembly Fun

For our homecoming pep assembly this year, the CHS Student Council decided to get the teachers involved. We started off with “Survivor: CHS.” A team of five students and a team of five teachers, chosen by the student body, squared off in a game of dodgeball in front of the entire

school during the assembly. It took about five minutes for the students to eliminate every teacher in the competition. The students then were presented with the “Immunity Idol” and the teachers had to immediately vote off a member of their team. The competition will continue at our

next pep assembly as the teacher and student teams compete on an specially designed obstacle course and the immunity idol will once again be up for grabs!

*Jed Robbins-  
Student-Collinsville High School  
Student Council President*

# Need a Dance/Spirit Week Theme? We Have Them Here!

Sometimes nothing is harder than coming up with a theme for your school's dances, spirit weeks or even conventions. Here is a small list of ideal themes that can get your Student Council started on crafting the perfect event! A Gathering of Ghouls, A Hero's Homecoming, A Night In Paris, A Night of Stars, A Place in the Sun, A Tinsel Town Moment, Action Heroes, Affaire d' Amour, Alice in Wonderland, Around the World, Around the World in One Night, At the Hop, Autumn in New York, Back to the Future, Black Tie Affair, Black Widow's Lair, Board Games, Boogie Nights, Bourbon Street Masquerade, Box Office Bliss, Can't Fight the Moonlight, Carnival, Casino, Cartoon Mania, Chillin' in the Arctic, City of Lights, City Rhythm, Colors of the Wind, Dance through Time, Decades, Dreams, Disney (Dreams Come

True), Down by the Sea, Drops of Jupiter, Egyptian Allure, Escape to Paradise, Escape to Rio, Feelin' Groovy, From LA to the Bay, Frosted Twilight, Fairy Tales, Harvest Moon, History of Music, Holiday Wish, Hollywood Homecoming, Hollywood Magic, Hollywood Nights, In Vogue, Island Fantasy, Italian Serenade, Jungle Allure, La Noche Dorada, Las Vegas, Legends of Camelot, Mad about Mambo, Magic in the Snow, Manhattan Mystique, Mardi Gras Mambo, Medieval Magic, Multi-Cultural, Native Paradise, New York, New York, Night in New Orleans, Night Lights, Night of Stars, Night of the Golden Dragon, Night on the Town, North Pole Delight, On Broadway, Over the Rainbow, Paris Nights, Polynesian Sunset, Rest in Peace, Rhythm Divine, Rio Grande Requiem, River of Dreams, Road Trip, Rock Around the

Clock, Rock 'n Roll Fantasy, Saturday Night Fever, Sea Swept, Secret Garden, Shades of the Orient, Shanghai Moon, Simply Irresistible, Snowflake Wonderland, Soda Shop Hop, Space Voyage, Spirit of America, Springtime in Paris, Star Gazing, Stars on Broadway, Summer Wind, Sunset Oasis, Sunset Silhouettes, Superheroes, Tahitian Fantasy Cruise, The Circus, The Great Frontiers, The Oscars, The Zoo, Theme Songs, Tinsel Town Moment, TV Land, Under the Sea, Under the Stars, Underwater Escape, Western, Whispers of the Orient, Whispers of Winter, Wild Wild West, With All My Heart, World of Fantasy and Written in the Stars.  
Terri Johnson  
MASC Executive Director



*Do you have a great idea for the next Reporter? Please e-mail your ideas on Community Service to Joe Rule at [jrule@illinoisstuco.com](mailto:jrule@illinoisstuco.com) and your ideas may appear in the next issue!*

## Did Someone Say Fundraiser?

Thirteen years ago in Collinsville, members of the Collinsville High School Student Council wanted to revive their homecoming spirit week. The game, the dance, and class activities were planned as usual, but little did the council members know, that they would create one of the most beloved events in their high school's history: Mr. Homecoming. The brain child of Kristen Clark and Cory Franz, former CHS students, Mr. Homecoming is a pageant of sorts involving young men competing for the honorable title of Mr. Homecoming, based on school spirit. The plan was to find a way to involve all clubs and students at CHS in a school spirit activity. Every club was invited to enter a contestant to represent it. Contestants then competed in three major categories: native club outfit, talent, and formal wear with an interview. Students were excited about hosting a Mr. Homecoming pageant, although numerous

teachers were opposed. Many of staff at CHS believed that the contest was a poor idea and, ultimately, would be unsuccessful. Others thought the concept of guys prancing around on stage was demeaning. In the minds of students, it was intended to be humorous, clean fun. Despite the controversy, the first annual Mr. Homecoming pageant was held during the fall spirit week in 1995. Outside sources were brought in for judging, and newspapers were invited to cover the event. There was a small fee at the door, which has helped raise about \$1,000 every year. Mr. Homecoming drew many students and diverse groups of people who weren't always likely to attend a school function. Staff as well as students were pleased with the outcome and return year after year to see the event. Little has changed about the original format of the pageant. Talents have ranged from singing to hula hooping. First through third

place winners all receive prize money, as well as the first place winner's club he/she are representing. Student Council senior girls still escort male contestants and all clubs are still welcome to participate. Because of the immense popularity of the contest, there has been a spin-off female version: Miss Snowflake, created by Erin Yanousek, a 2006 graduate. The pageant is much like its male counterpart and plays a special role in Winter Spirit week. Other high schools in the area now hold their very own Mr. Homecoming, such as Carlyle, Triad, and East Alton. The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Mr. Homecoming has come and gone. It is now a vital part of spirit week activities, and a tradition that we hope never changes. Let it be an example to all Student Councils of what a group of motivated students can really accomplish.  
Ade Afolayan  
Secretary-KDSC

## Quick, Fun and Easy Fundraising Ideas

Do you ever wonder how you can mix fun and fundraising together for your Student Council? Well here are some quick ideas that can help!

- **The Human Jukebox:** Our Student Council created a "human juke box" outside one of the local grocery stores. People made a donation, chose a tune and we sang from inside the box! We made \$500 in one afternoon!

- **Penny Wars:** Set up a challenge for each class or classroom per floor to try and collect the most points (pennies). Points are given for pennies and negative points for other coins. Classes can sabotage other floors by placing other coins (not pennies) in their jars. The floor with the most positive points (pennies) wins a pizza party at the expense of the other classes.

- **Game Night** – Do you miss the good ole days of Scrabble and Monopoly? Bring out the board games, charge \$5 at the door, break into teams and let the fun begin! Or if you and your friends don't even remember what a board game is, break out the PS2 or the Xbox and break into teams. The team with the most victories wins a portion (30%-50%) of the pot and the remaining portion may be added to your fundraising.





**“You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all of the good you can do!”**

*-Anonymous*

*“The task of a great leader is to get people from where they are to where they have never been.”*

*-Henry Kissinger*

The Illinois Association of Student Councils wants to hear from YOU!



## State Service Project Planned: Project Smile

When you create a care package for sick children in hospitals, you give them a reason to smile! Imagine being stuck in the hospital without books, magazines, games, toys, or anything to cheer you up and help you pass the time.

This year the state service project is **Project Smile** and your local Student Council in your high school can make a difference!

Every year millions of children are hospitalized with severe health problems. Many of these kids are from low-income families where the parents are struggling just to pay the medical bills. These families often can't afford luxuries for their kids like toys, games and reading materials. The boredom that these

sick children develop can often turn into depression, which can lessen the chances that these children will eventually recover from illness and leave the hospital. Getting a care package lets a sick child know that somebody cares about him or her. So, we are going to make "Smile Box" gift packages for kids! Your "Smile Box" of books, crayons, children's magazines, comics, toys, games, or stuffed animals can provide entertainment and a distraction for a sick child.

**THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:**

Toys, stuffed animals, reading material and other items for should be new. The packages are generally given to young children, so keep that in mind and choose appropriate items for your care package. **DO NOT** put items that require batteries and food which will eventually run out into your package. Create a "Smile Box" from your high school Student Council and we will deliver your package to a needy child at St. John Children's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. Thanks for your interest in participating in the service project this year. It will truly make a difference in the lives of many children. Watch for more information on the website.

Kendalle Jerome Tanner

## In the Windy City: LEAD 2008

Leadership Experience and Development Conferences (LEAD) are for student council leaders and advisors in middle level and high schools from across the country. This year we are lucky enough that one of the LEAD conferences will be held in our own backyard! In conjunction with the IASC and Collinsville High School,

LEAD 2008 is scheduled for February 22-24, 2008, at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel in Chicago, Illinois! Energize your leadership by attending this incredible conference. As a LEAD conference attendee, you will return home better able to energize your student body and community. The LEAD conference offers national

level leadership training in areas such as team building, fundraising, and project planning at an affordable price. Because it takes place on a weekend, it is convenient for students and advisors since loss of class time is minimal. For more information visit [www.nasc.us](http://www.nasc.us) and we hope to see you in Chicago to "Energize Your Leadership!"

## Region 5 Update

Student Council events.

\*Leadership For Student Activities Magazine, the award winning monthly magazine (September-May), is full of informative articles and ideas for student council activities and projects and tips for advisers. It is free with your NASC membership.

\*Certified Student Leaders Pro-

gram: Please visit the NASC website at [www.nasc.us](http://www.nasc.us) to learn more about how students can be certified by the NASC as an outstanding Student Leader.

Hope to see you at LEAD 2008 in Chicago this year!

Janet Young and Ross Justice  
Region 5 Representatives

# Looking Ahead To Allerton



Reserve the date! January 26-27, 2008, is the annual Advanced Workshop! The Advanced Workshop is for those students who have either attended the Summer Leadership Workshop or a One Day Drive-In. This workshop concentrates on you as a leader and how

your morals and values affect the decisions you make as a leader. The workshop is held in a picturesque setting at Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois. Housing is provided at the Conference Center in the mansion or one of the other lodges on the grounds. The registration fee is

\$115 and will be limited, so do not delay! The registration form is listed below. Additional registration forms are available on the web at [www.illinoisstuco.com](http://www.illinoisstuco.com). For more information, please contact Ms. Lorie Demry at [ldemry@illinoisstuco.com](mailto:ldemry@illinoisstuco.com).



Planning to head for Texas in June 2008 for the NASC Conference?

Please visit [www.nasc.us](http://www.nasc.us) for details on how you can be a part of the "Hats Off to Leadership" experience!



## Illinois Association of Student Councils 2008 Allerton Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male / Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Advisor's Home Phone and Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I attended the \_\_\_\_\_ summer session or \_\_\_\_\_ one day drive-in  
 Cost of \$115 for IASC members, with registration, is due by January 11, 2008. Non-IASC members or registering after January 11, 2008 is \$140.  
 Make check payable to IASC and mail it and the registration form to:  
 Lorie Demry  
 18523 Oak Drive  
 Carlyle, Illinois 62231

Applications for the 2008-2009 IASC Executive Board are available online and will be due to the First Year Advisor-at-Large, Mr. Jay Mann, by March 11. The offices include:  
 \*President  
 \*First Vice-president  
 \*Second Vice-president  
 \*Secretary  
 \*Treasurer  
 \*Reporter Editor  
 \*Webmaster  
 \*Chairperson of the Board (State Convention Host in 2010)

**IASC State Convention**  
**May 8-10, 2008**  
**Springfield Hilton Hotel**  
**"The Magic In Leadership"**  
 Take part in all of the magic through...  
 Leadership Workshops  
 Nationally Renown Speakers  
 Networking  
 And so much more!

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing."

-Abraham Lincoln



The WebmasterReport

Hello IASC. It is hard to believe that the school year is already half over. As webmaster, I have made sure that our website is constantly updated with the information you need to help plan your StuCo events and make being a member school an incredible experience. On the site you can find forms, a calendar of events, the board directory, and even a forum to discuss issues relevant to your council. So take time to visit [www.illinoisstuco.com](http://www.illinoisstuco.com) and see what's new. Enjoy your Winter break, have a great holiday season, and gear up for the state convention in May!

-Vik Saluja



# President's Update

Greetings IASC! I hope everyone is looking forward to the holiday season and a brand new year.

I would like to thank everyone from across the state for his/her involvement with the IASC this year. Our One Day Drive-In Workshops were packed with eager students and advisors, the Constitutional Convention was a historic success, and as the Advanced Workshop approaches, yet another successful event is just around

the corner.

As we look forward to the new year, please remember to make your arrangements to join students and advisors from across the state at the IASC State Convention on May 8-10 at the Springfield Hilton Hotel for the "Magic In Leadership" experience. I know that Atwood-Hammond High School has been preparing for this event for over a year and will present the greatest state convention the

IASC has ever seen.

At this year's convention, I have arranged for our keynote speaker to be Bill Sanders. He is the co-author of Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul.

He is a dynamic presenter and has impressed numerous audiences with his stories, personal experiences, and energy.

Please take care, enjoy the holidays, and study for final exams. I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

-Jessica Rumbold

## First Vice President's Update

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and preparing to enjoy the holidays. I would just like to update you on my IASC activities. First of all, I would like to thank all who applied for an honor del-

egate position for this year's state convention. I have received numerous impressive applications and have been very busy scoring them. I will be sending acceptance and denial letters out to all who

applied by the end of December, so be sure to keep an eye on your mailbox. Once again, thank you for applying and have a safe and happy holiday season.

-Lenny Bolton

## Second Vice President's Update

Wow! I cannot believe how fast the school year has gone by! I hope your school year is going well and that all your student council events have been successful. During the month of November, I received numerous applications for honor delegate positions and was overjoyed with the response! I received 170 honor delegate applications. I was especially pleased with the re-

sponse to the new Community Outreach Program. I received 40 applications for it. I have been pouring over all of the applications for Project Schools, Service Projects, and the Hall of Ideas. Thank you to all who applied. Acceptance and denial letters will be sent out soon to let everyone know what is going on in a timely manner. I've also been busy planning the Community Out-

reach for state convention. We will be working with the students of Butler Elementary School in Springfield. It will be a fun-filled experience for everyone involved! I look forward to seeing you all in May and sharing so many awesome ideas with you at convention!

-Joe Knauf

# Secretary's Update

Hey Illinois!! How has the first half of your school year been? I hope I was graced with your presence at either the One Day Drive-in at Atwood- Hammond High School or the Constitutional Convention! Both were successful, but I would like to remind the students who attended the Constitutional Convention to turn in your suggested amendments to Jessica Rumbold ASAP (by February 1, 2008)!!! Also, as you may know the deadline to turn in an Honor Council application is coming

up quickly (January 14, 2008). Again, all the forms and contact information you need are on the website. The next time I will see most of you will be at the Honor Delegate Workshop in February. Until then, send in your applications for the Honor Council Book, contact me if you have any questions, and have a great winter break!!

-Jenna Haynes

# Constitutional Amendments

All Constitutional Amendments must be postmarked by February 1, 2008. Please send them to the IASC President, Jessica Rumbold.



# Treasurer's Update

Hello IASC. I am proud to announce that the IASC has over 105 member schools. As you obviously can tell, I am having an awesome year as your Treasurer! I am excited that this many schools

want to be a part of the IASC. Obviously, good news about the IASC travels fast, and school officials recognize the great leadership role that Student Council can play in their school. I look forward to

spending time with many of you at Allerton and the other great events that the IASC will have coming up this year. Take care and enjoy your winter break. We deserve it!  
-Mike McHugh

“Leadership is the capacity and will to rally men and women to a common purpose and the character which inspires confidence.”

-Bernard Montgomery

# Convention Update

Hey IASC! As the 2007 year comes to a close, the 74th annual IASC State Convention draws nearer. Registration will be coming out soon! Be sure to get your forms in early because there is limited seating at the formal banquet taking place Friday, May 9, 2008. The deadline for registration is April 1, 2008. On Thursday, May 8th, your council will be able to participate in the Amazing Race

of Springfield, taking place before the First General Session beginning at 7:00 p.m. It will be a race around downtown Springfield to several historical spots where you will answer trivia questions. The teams that answer all the questions correctly will be entered in a drawing to win prizes! There will be a cost of \$12.00, but team size is unlimited from each school! Nationally known hypnotist,

Andy Dallas, will be our entertainment Thursday night and don't forget your dancing shoes for the dance following the formal banquet on Friday night! Atwood-Hammond High School is preparing for an exciting convention! We hope you are ready to find “The Magic in Leadership” at the 2008 State Convention!  
-Brooke Bryson





**Collinsville High School**  
**2201 South Morrison Avenue**  
**Collinsville, Illinois 62234**

# **Attention: Student Council**

## **Calendar of Events**

**December 8-9: State Board Meeting at Collinsville High School, Collinsville, Illinois**

**January 26-27, 2008: Advanced Workshop at Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois**

**Saturday, February 16, 2008: Honor Delegate Workshop in Normal High School, Normal, IL**

**February 1, 2008: All Constitutional amendments are due to Jessica Rumbold**

**February 16-17: State Board Meeting at IHSA Headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois**

**LEAD Conference in Chicago, Illinois February 22-24, 2008**

**Leadership Academy: April 5-6, 2008 at IHSA Headquarters, Bloomington, Illinois**

**May 8-10, 2008: IASC State Convention in Springfield, Illinois**

**June 25-29, 2008: NASC National Conference in Justin, Texas**