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Hello Reader!

As the year is drawing nearer to its close, I'd like to thank you for your hard work and great efforts throughout the 2016-2017 year. The work that you've done has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. People like you inspire strength and unity in your communities and shed light onto important issues. I'm so glad to have been able to be a part of your journey and to see this year from a different perspective and be able to speak with leaders from all across our state. I'm honored to have been your president, and I'd like to give you a little bit more information on the largest aspect of my job, which is our service project for State Convention.

This year, you will have a choice! It's a little different than past years' service projects. You may donate to Lurie's Children's Hospital in Chicago or you may opt to donate to your local hospital. Some requested items from Lurie's Hospital are coloring books for all ages, board games, cards, plush toys, and crayons and colored pencils. Lurie's Hospital has requested brand-name items because sometimes generic brands don't work as well, and as a hospital rule- this part is *very* important- everything donated must be new! Now, I understand that financially this might make things difficult for some schools donating. It will not affect you negatively at all if you choose to opt for a local hospital for this reason or for any other reason. Please make sure that you talk with your local hospitals about their specific needs. If you are donating to Lurie's, you may bring your items to State Convention and that will be taken care of for you. If you are bringing items to your local hospital, please submit photo evidence of what you brought, or else it cannot be considered when making the selection of Number One District. Please don't be overwhelmed by Lurie's requirements. It's not about quantity, it's about quality! These kids are going to have a much better time with materials that work well and are easy to use. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at any time and I will do my best to respond speedily. I wish you all the best and I can't wait to see you!

Best wishes,

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SAVE THE DATE
May 4-6: IASC State Convention, Westin Yorktown Center (Lombard)

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District Updates

MEET YOUR 2017-2018 DISTRICT BOARD!



Top Row: Josh Goetze, Noah Farnam
Bottom Row: Bri Davis, Morgan Patrick, Kim Roskamp, Reka Jeckel, Sidney Ropp

Hopewell

Kaskaskia District @KDSC65 · 19 Sep 2016
We had a great turn out this week at the KDSC workshop today!



Eastern District @EasternStuCo · 15 Nov 2016
Congratulations to the old and new board members!




Kickapoo District Convention
"Leadership Around the World"
Saturday, March 4, 2017
CityView

Northeast District Convention
Friday, February 17, 2017
Ridgewood High School

Cenois District Meeting



District Meeting with guest Representative Keith Sommer



NCD @ncdstuco · 15 Oct 2016
A toy drive is our service project for Winter! Schools should contact a local hospital or another donation place to see what toys they allow



Local Council Feature

North Star Council (St. Charles, IL) is currently working with excitement to produce its annual Superhero and Princess Breakfast for the up and coming December month. This creative and engaging fundraiser was first brought to the drawing table by the Class of 2017 Council, then sophomores, now seniors ready to enjoy the growing success of the event for their final time.



The idea came from a group brainstorm following the North Star Council's Sadie Hawkins event back in 2013. Class of 2017 was determined to increase attendance to the dance for the following year, and quickly realized that creating the environment for their new Winter Dance proposal, Kickin' It in the Caribbean, was going to require some monetary backing.

Looking to do something enjoyable for children in the St. Charles community, and knowing all the power and magic that is Disney, the Student Council worked to bring favorite childhood heroes to life. Enlisting the help of a local costume rental company and appreciated parent volunteers, this event featured two breakfast shifts, complete with pancakes, sausage, eggs, and all the accessories. Children in attendance not only got to meet and take pictures with Elsa, Anna, Belle, Cinderella, Spiderman, and a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, but games, coloring, and a whim-of-the-moment dance party made the day one to remember.

The success of the event helped keep Princess and Superhero Breakfast a traditional fundraiser, now to be repeated this year for the third time, and Class of 2017 is looking to celebrate their impact.

One of Our Own

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, local elections took place across the state of Illinois. Unlike state and national elections, local elections have a much more direct impact on voters. This year, the Illinois Association of Student Councils' very own Isaiah Harlan of Galesburg High School and the Hopewell District ran for a position on the Galesburg C.U.S.D. #205 Board of Education. Harlan, the youngest of this year's candidates at only 18 years old, earned 1,027 votes (14.32%). Though he did not win the election, Harlan said, "It was a good run, and I was able to learn a lot from it."

Next year, Harlan plans to attend Bradley University where he will major in political science. His message to the IASC is this, "Young people must get involved! We need young people with fresh ideas and energy who are ready to change the status quo."

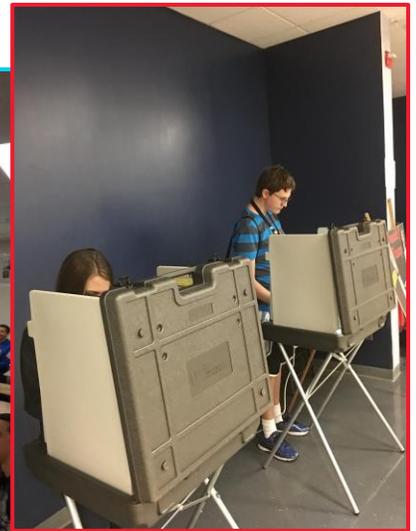
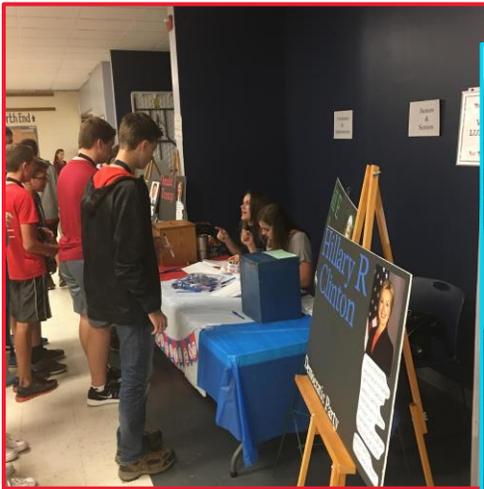


*"Politics ought to be the part-time profession of every citizen who would protect the rights and privileges of free people and who would preserve what is good and fruitful in our national heritage."
Dwight D. Eisenhower*

Election Day at Your School

Four months since President Donald Trump was sworn in as America's 45th President of the United States, and six months since he won the Election, the results are still prevalent in the minds of many. Mock elections are commonplace in schools across America during an election year. Take a look below to see how schools in the IASC voted for President of the United States.

- Bartlett High School: Clinton/Kaine (55%) -- Trump/Pence (29%)**
- *Columbia High School: Clinton/Kaine (19%) -- Trump/Pence (68%)**
- Galesburg High School: Clinton/Kaine (33%) -- Trump/Pence (41%)**
- *Johnsburg High School: Clinton/Kaine (29%) -- Trump/Pence (54%)**
- Olympia High School: Clinton/Kaine (23%) -- Trump/Pence (73%)**



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