



# REPORTER

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## HEY, YOU...HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT SUMMER WORKSHOP?



IASC SUMMER WORKSHOP 2016

## DON'T BE SCURRED...BRING IT

JULY 18-21 | MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY, DECATUR

Once upon a time, in a land not so far away, there was a state high school student leadership organization. Most people called it the Illinois Association of Student Councils, or IASC. Every summer, the IASC held a leadership camp. The camp was held in addition to a series of fall drive in workshops held every fall.

One day, a brave and daring workshop director, Mrs. Ebens, came on board the IASC and

she decided it was time for a change. She gathered her loyal subjects and set out to makeover the summer workshop program. She recruited a long time friend of hers and the IASC, Mr. A'ric Jackson, and together, they created an all new and improved Summer Leadership Camp. This nearly week long camp is held at Millikin University in Decatur.

The Summer Leadership Camp of 2015 proved to be an excit-

ing and awesome experience for those students who attended.

The IASC Leadership journey continues this summer and we hope that you will join us at Millikin University, July 18 through July 21, 2016, for more exciting summer camp fun with Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Ebens. If you attended last year's workshop, you are encouraged to come back once again for part two of the leadership journey. This program brings unique styles of teaching leadership in addition to building a healthy network with strong leaders throughout the state with hopes that attendees will create powerful friendships that will last a lifetime. By attending this camp, attendees will not only make new friends, but will be able to bring what they learn back to their councils and be able to make an even bigger impact on their school.

### SAVE THE DATE !!!

#### IASC SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP

Monday July 18, 2016 through Thursday July 21, 2016

Millikin University - Decatur, IL

Register through the IASC website!

### What is the Reporter and why should I read it?

The Reporter is a quarterly publication produced by the Assistant Communications Director on behalf of the IASC State Executive Board. It is one of the most detailed forms of communication that the IASC has with it's members. The Reporter includes dates of important events such as meetings and workshops, along with information about

the state board members and districts within the state.

This edition of the Reporter contains information about the Summer Leadership Camp and also includes farewells from the 2015-2016 IASC Executive Board members.

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be found on the IASC website (www.illinoisstuco.com) under the Documents and Publications tab. Past editions of the Reporter are also available online.

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**PRESIDENT DEREK LAHEY**

I never really prepared myself for this day, but unfortunately, it has come. At the end of this weekend, my entire career of Student Council will be in the past. I am extremely thankful for everything that this organization has brought me. It brought me two incredible advisors that could easily be described as my second parents. The IASC has introduced me to random strangers that are now some of my best friends. The biggest thing that the IASC did was shaped me into the person I am today. From my advisors, to my responsibilities, I appreciate the way the IASC has changed me. For all of these reasons, I simply say thank you and farewell! Over the past year student council has taken over the majority of my life. It has brought me two closer to two incredible advisors that have raised me into a respectable young man. Without my advisors, I would just be an average student, but they have made me into something that I am proud of. Each and every student has an advisor that loves and cares for them. Without our advisors, we may never have had the opportunity to do the great things that we have done. I encourage each student to thank their advisors for everything that they have done. Without great advisors, student council would be nothing in our schools.

**VICE-PRESIDENT JASE LUCAS**

"Put others first." I ran for the office of First Vice President on the platform that member councils are more important than me, putting them before myself. I am so blessed that the IASC has allowed me to practice that principle on the board this year. Since the last convention, we have been able to improve on the Roundtable and Discussion Group programs. Expanded training requirements and topics suited to the needs of schools have built better sessions to help each of us maximize our learning at the state convention. As the year comes to an end, I would like to give thanks to everyone who has helped in these accomplishments and supported me this year. First, to my council - thank you for allowing me to use our resources and time to perform IASC duties. Second, I want to thank Mr. Gordon and Mrs. Ebens for your help getting to functions, settling issues, and figuring out the craziness of the year. To my fellow board members, thank you for the laughs, support, and even late night sessions. And to the IASC, I want to give thanks for the opportunity to serve on your board; thank you for your trust. Next year, I will be attending college at Biola University in California, far from the Illinois Association of Student Councils, but this year with the IASC has made a huge impact on my future. Working with student council leaders has reminded me what really matters - putting others first.

**2nd VICE PRESIDENT ALEC ROTH**

From my freshman year, when I was thrown into the mix of student council and all its activities, I have loved every second. Going into it, I would have never guessed I would be at the point I am today, as Wilmington High School Student Body President, former Prairie 8 District President, and my proudest accomplishment, IASC 2nd Vice President. My council, my advisor, and I have worked tirelessly to get to the point where we are today, and we have become a more involved and accomplished student council over the past four years. Student Council is more to me than just a club, it has been my lifestyle during

high school, and I couldn't have found a better place to express who I really am and discover who I can be. First, I want to thank our awesome executive board of the IASC. Without them, the convention couldn't go on every year, and I have learned that there is so much behind-the-scenes work that goes on before May. I would specifically like to give a shout out to Jase Lucas, for being a close friend throughout this year and I'm so glad I met you.

Second, I want to thank the Wilmington High School Student Council. You have put in endless work for me when I need it, and offered even without my asking. Being a state board members requires a lot of work and support, and I was lucky to have 42 helpers throughout this past year.

Third, and most importantly, I would like to thank my advisor, Mrs. Cassie Kilgore. After State Convention freshman year, and her earned nickname of Sassy Cassie, I knew that Mrs. Kilgore and I would work well together. I have never rethought that, and I'm so glad I was right. I couldn't have been blessed with a better advisor, that works as tirelessly and as hard as she does. Wilmington loves you Sassy Cassie. I have never regretted the choices I have made within the IASC. This organization truly has brought me farther than I could have ever expected, and I hope some of you feel the same way. Thank you to everyone who makes the convention possible every year, because without you, I wouldn't be the same person I am today.

**SECRETARY OLIVIA ROSS**

Hello everyone! This year has gone by so quickly. I feel as if I was just at Summer Leadership Camp yesterday! Now, I'm preparing for my final state convention. This amazing year of student council has a lot to do with this incredible organization called the IASC, not to mention the executive board (shout out to Derek, Jase, Alec, Ben, Anna, and Brandon). I have to give a huge thank you to my council and my advisor, Señora Blade! They have been so supportive throughout my entire student council career. I have so many memories from this year. It is definitely one for the books! I have learned so much! When it comes to leadership styles, I learned that I'm a thinker, although deep, deep down, I'm a socializer. I also learned that it doesn't matter if you win or lose, as long as you have fun! Winning can be pretty fun though, right Group E, the Summer Leadership Camp Champions? Something very important that I learned about myself this year, is that I'm a "quiet storm," as A'ric Jackson put it. I can walk into a room and completely change it, and I don't even have to say anything. Thank you, A'ric. Knowing this made me a stronger leader. Finally, I would just like to say thank you, IASC. Thank you for electing me to be your 2015-2016 Illinois Association of Student Councils Secretary. I'm forever grateful that you trusted me with this very important job. It has been so much fun and I will never, ever forget this experience! Abraham Lincoln once said, "The best way to predict your future is to create it." Thank you for helping me create my future, IASC!

**TREASURER BEN FREY**

The IASC has been an amazing experience for me. It has helped me develop not only as a leader, but as a person. I have met some

amazing people through this amazing organization, and I know the relationships I have formed will last for a lifetime.

**CONVENTION SECRETARY ANNA SALTZGIVER**

For the past few months, I been asking myself, how do I leave? How do I leave the thing that has kept me together for the last 6 years of my life? I will never forget my first student council meeting as a tiny 7th grader, my advisor told me you can sign up for one or more committees. So being the person I am, I signed up for all of them. I never looked back from that point on, never regretted any decision, never wanted to do anything else. Student council has helped me so much and in ways I never could have imagined. I want every person to know that student council isn't just about homecoming, but about helping your school and community. First I want to thank my council because I wouldn't be the person I am today without them. From waking up at 6 o'clock in the morning to hang signs to staying until 2 o'clock in the morning just to bake cookies. Second I want to thank my advisor, Mrs. Ebens, because I literally would not be in student council without her being so stubborn. I thank you for taking me everywhere you could and dealing with me and my challenges. I know I can be difficult at times. Third, I thank my parents for letting me go everywhere I wanted and didn't ask too many questions when I asked to go across the country. I know that sometimes it was difficult to let me leave, especially to Vegas, but I thank you for trusting me enough to go. You have taught me so much and cannot thank you enough. Now, I thank all of the friends I have met from the beginning. You all mean so much to me. Thank you IASC for giving me this opportunity and I love you all so much.

**ASST COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR****BRANDON ALBRECHT**

It's a really crazy thing when you think about it. I started my freshmen year of high school looking for something new. I knew that I loved to plan things so a few of my friends suggested that I run for our school's student council. I began freshmen year and absolutely loved it. I never thought that it was the organization for me. Going into sophomore year, I was elected treasurer, then, vice president the year after. As I prepare to take on my senior year of high school, I step into the position of my council's president - a goal that I immediately set after my first few weeks on student council as a freshmen. Another goal was to be on this state board, which was probably the biggest I had set yet. It had been since 1998, since my school had the opportunity to host a student state board member. Now, I need to thank a few important people. I really want to thank my fellow state board members for dealing with me all the time. The times when I was excessively organized, and the times I couldn't keep my head on straight. I also want to thank my advisor, Amy, or mom, since she pretty much is a second mother. You are always there for me and you continue to push me to become a better leader every single day. Another huge thank you needs to go to my parents. You deal with my absolutely crazy schedule and rarely ask questions when you text me asking where I am and I'm half way across the state or, one time - the country. The last thank you needs to go to my friends. You have been so supportive of my position in the last year and continue to show support when I pull all-nighters (thank goodness for coffee) or need notes from a day that I was gone. I get through it because I have friends like you by my side. Lastly, thank you IASC.