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ONE SMALL STEP

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"True leadership often happens with the smallest acts, in the most unexpected places, by the most unlikely individuals."

-Michelle Obama

From the Desk of President Kaushal



Dear IASC Members,

I would like to thank you for putting your confidence in me and the rest of the executive board for the upcoming year. We have a lot planned for the year, and we are very excited to continue to offer a quality organization for both students and advisors.

We will continue to offer our workshop program throughout the year -- this includes our One Day Drive-Ins, Dynamics of Trust, and Advanced Workshop. Illinois is also fortunate in the fact that we have the opportunity to host a national LEAD conference in Chicago, and have done so for many years. I strongly suggest that students and advisors look into all of these programs. They are a great experience for all levels of leadership. The skills you learn at these conferences will help you in many walks of life.

My personal challenge for this organization is for the member schools to have a year of new opportunities, and new experiences, not only for students in student council, but for the other students in your school as well. It is our job, as student leaders, to create opportunities for the students in our schools and community. It is time that we not only deal with matters of Homecoming and fundraisers, but we take into account matters occurring in the real world. We must understand how we feel and how others feel and make a positive change. If you really want to see change in the things you do, it's going to have to come from you. Advisors aren't going to, and shouldn't have to, put in extra work if you don't want to see something happen. This is where you need to show some initiative. Show your advisor that you are going to see the project through, instead of dumping it in their lap once it gets started; I can guarantee that they will be much more open to trying new things.

This is our chance to make a positive change for student councils across Illinois. We are the leaders of tomorrow.

Again, on behalf of the IASC Executive Board, we are looking forward to working with you and if you are ever in need or have any questions, please contact us and we will be happy to help. Have a great year and good luck in all that you do!

Yours In Service,
Priyanka Kaushal
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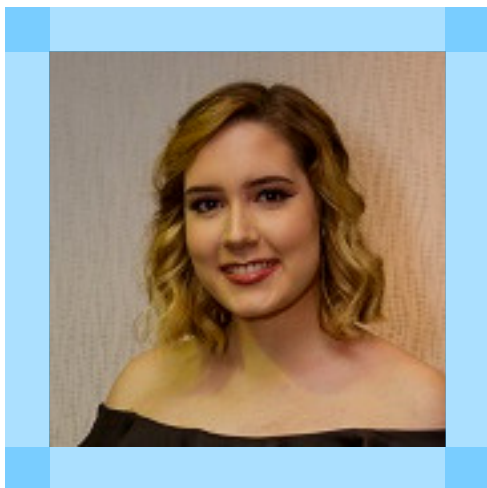


Meet the 2018-2019 Executive Board



Ashley Winters Public Relations Director

Hello IASC! My name is Ashley Winters, and I am your 2018-2019 Public Relations Director! I am currently a Senior at Amboy High School where I have been a member of the AHS Student Council since I was a freshman. Currently, I hold the position of president. In addition to Student Council, I am the Amboy FFA Chapter's Reporter, Class Treasurer, a member of Leo's Club, Outdoors Club, Band, and I participate in my school's Academic Team. Outside of school, I volunteer for several non-profit organizations and work at Woodhaven Lakes in the Recreation Department. I spend the rest of my free time doing homework or watching my favorite T.V. show, *The West Wing*. I can't wait to meet members from all over the state as I have the incredible opportunity to give back to an organization that has given so much to me!



Mia Boyer-Edwards Convention Secretary

I am Mia Boyer-Edwards, the 2018-2019 IASC Convention Secretary. I am senior at Columbia High School in the Kaskaskia District. I participate in theater and am the president of my school's chapter of NHS. By far, the Advanced Workshop that the IASC hosts every January is my favorite due to the strong relationships it creates between both students and advisors and the manner in which it reinforces lessons about leadership and teambuilding. I am ecstatic about this year's convention and can't wait to see the new face of leadership emerge in May.

Hadiya Jagroop Treasurer

Greetings IASC! My name is Hadiya Jagroop, and I am currently a senior at Oakwood High School. I would like to first thank you all for electing me as your 2018-2019 State Treasurer! Words cannot begin to describe how grateful I am to be given this opportunity to assist with leading this incredible organization in the coming year!



As I begin to look back on my time in the IASC, I am so grateful that I took advantage off all the amazing opportunities that this organization has to offer. I highly encourage you all to do the same. I pinky swear that it will change your life in the best possible way! (If you've ever been to summer camp at Millikin University, you know what I am talking about!) This year, I'm ready to have a recording breaking year in regards to membership numbers and participation from schools around the state. I am also beyond excited to meet and work with all of you this year! If you ever need my assistance for whatever reason or if you just want to talk, feel free to contact me @hadiyaj19 on any social media platform. Hope you all have an amazing year!



Elianna Panepinto Secretary

Hello everyone! My name is Elliana Panepinto and I'm so excited to be your IASC Secretary! I am currently a senior at Wilmington High School. Along with being the President of the WHS Student Council, I am the Secretary of the Tri-M Music Honors Society, a member of the National Honor Society, the Governor

of the ALA Illini Girls State, and a journalism intern for my town newspaper. I also participate in musicals, band, soccer, plays, and tutor. I'm passionate about dogs, feminism, and animal rights. After high school, I plan on going to Valparaiso University to study Political Science and Business. With everything I do, I absolutely love student council. After participating in it all of middle school and all of high school I can think of no greater way to close my StuCo chapter than with the IASC. Again, I'm so excited to see what I can accomplish with you amazing leaders this year!

Arianna Goss 2nd Vice President



My name is Arianna Goss and I am your 2018-2019 Second Vice President. My involvement list is longer than I'd like to admit but here are just a few examples. I'm involved in FBLA, Student Council, class officer, Spanish Club, Beta Club, Trio Upward Bound, beekeeping, and more! My high school is the Newton Community High School, where I am currently a senior. My favorite activity would, of course, be the annual state convention. It's so wonderful to be to meet some amazing kids who want to become the best leader they can be! I am thrilled to be able to play a role in that process.



Kimberly Roskamp 1st Vice President

Hey IASC! It's your First Vice President Kimberly Roskamp here! First off, I would like to thank everyone for electing me as your 2018-2019 First Vice President. It is an astounding honor, and I have had an amazing time serving you so far! I am a senior at Midwest Central High School, and I have been a very active member in student council since 6th grade. I was Secretary and President of the Hopewell District before running for my current position. Aside from student council, I am a part of the cheerleading squad, President of my local NHS, and a member of many other clubs in my school. I volunteer at my local food bank, at my church as a singer on the praise team, and many other events in my community. My favorite IASC event is the IASC Summer Workshop. It is the perfect environment to meet new people while figuring out who you are and who you want to be as a leader. I have grown in my leadership tremendously in the two years that I attended. The IASC has given me so many opportunities, and I am very excited to give back to an amazing organization that has given so much to me. I love helping others, and I am so glad that I can help others grow in their leadership through honor delegate applications. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Priyanka Kaushal

President



Hello IASC! My name is Priyanka Kaushal and it is an honor to be serving as your 2018-2019 IASC President. I am a Senior at Mount Vernon Township High School, which is located nearly an hour east of the great city of St. Louis. Student Council has been an essential aspect of my high school career. I started my Student Council journey in sixth grade and fell in love with the leadership opportunities combined with the service projects. At my high school, I was recently re-elected Class President and re-elected onto my Executive Board as Second Vice-President. Outside of Student Council, I am involved in HOSA as our chapter President, Future Business Leaders of America, Youth & Government, National Honors Society, and WYSE. I am a HOBY Illinois Central-South and HOBY World Leadership Congress 2017 Alum. I am also a dedicated varsity tennis player as well as a committed dancer at my local dance studio, Centre Stage Studios. When I am not participating in my multitude of activities, I love to spend time with my family and friends.

I have met friends from all throughout the state and have continued to grow in my leadership, all thanks to endless opportunities provided to me by my advisors, Mr. Jamey VanZandt and Mrs. Sarah Watts, and the IASC. I am so grateful that I have been able to take advantage of all of the opportunities that the IASC offers and I am eager to give back to this great organization this year as state board president. I am elated to work with such hard-working leaders for the success of our organization. Together, we will rise to excellence.

Member School Spotlight

O'Fallon High School Ties Success

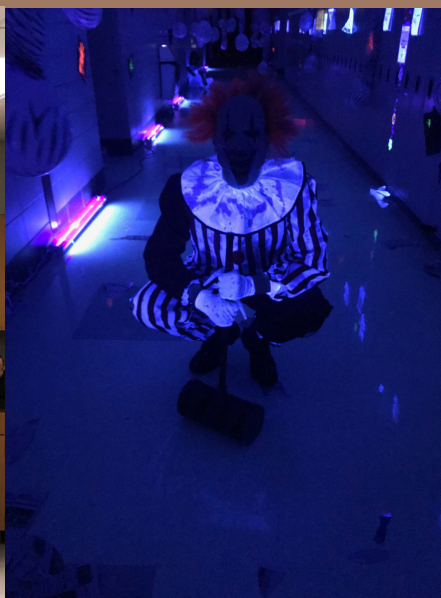
By Shelby Davinroy

Throughout the month of September, O'Fallon StuCo hand-tied 15 woolly blankets during our advisories for children at Children's Hospital. Council member Mohammed Ashkar came up with the idea which was a great idea for our monthly service project. With faculty, scissors, and plenty of helping hands, our council simply enjoyed the activity!

Byron High School Hosts Haunted House

By Madeleine Brass

This year, Byron Student Council hosted their first Haunted House, inviting the whole community. We decorated the upstairs circle around our library; this contained four hallways which were each a different spooky scene. Groups were escorted by student council tour guides through the halls where other student council members waited in costume. In order to have maximum participation, and appeal to our entire community, we had a lights on and dark time. The lights on time was from 5-7 and was geared towards younger audiences. The dark time was from 7-10 and provided a true scare for our older participants. , We partnered with our high school food pantry and asked people to bring in either \$4 or a needed food item. Overall, everyone walking through or performing had a great time.





Upcoming Events



11/3: The Dynamics of Trust Workshop will be held Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 1:00-4:00 at Lake Williamson Center in Carlinville.

Dynamics of Trust focuses on team building and is a great opportunity for student council members, executive boards, district boards, or any other group of leaders. The team building activity includes a low ropes course that is a fun and exciting experience, just as much as it is an educational one. In addition, there will be discussions on how to improve the IASC and district organizations.

11/19: The IASC Executive Board will meet for its quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 19th, 2018, at the Wyhdam Springfield City Centre. All interested students and advisors are welcome to attend.

1/18-20: Advanced Workshop will be held January 18-20, 2019 at Lake Williamson Center, in Carlinville, IL.

Advanced Workshop helps students explore values and how they impact our lives and leadership styles. It also offers high ropes challenge adventure. Registration will be limited so don't delay in sending in your form. Students must have attended previously attended either the IASC Summer Workshop or a Drive-In Workshop in order to be eligible to attend Advanced Workshop.