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Welcome . . .

... to the January 2007 edition of the NJASC Review. Inside you will find biographies of the presidential candidates, an introduction to LTC 2007 and much more. I hope everyone has had a great holiday and an even better start to the new year. As you look forward to 2007, I hope you keep our theme at heart.

The logo for "NJ's SHORE" features the text "NJ's" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. A small outline of the state of New Jersey is positioned above the letter "j". Below "NJ's" is the word "SHORE" in a similar bold, sans-serif font. The letter "O" in "SHORE" is replaced by a circular life preserver icon with four vertical stripes.

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As you probably already know, the January Convention will be the last function for the 2006 Executive Board. It has been an amazing year for all of us and we'd like to thank everyone who participated, whether it was at Nationals, LTC, or the conventions. In particular, as the editor of *The Review*, I'd like to thank everyone who has helped to make it the success that it is.

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Interactive Forums and much more!

As you know, elections for the Executive Board are held at our January Convention at TCNJ. If you are reading this after January 10th, go to www.njasc.org to see election results. Each candidate campaigns in the morning and then gives a speech to the presidents from around the state. In addition, the presidential candidates submit a biography to *The Review*. And so, without further adue, here are your presidential candidates for the 2007 Executive Board:

Tom Mumm, Livingston High School

A proud patriot born in South Brunswick, I moved to the majestic municipality known as Livingston in 2006 at age 16. Throughout my life, I have been passionate in regards to the fields of politics and student services. Becoming involved in school activities at a young age, I clawed my way to the top of my middle school by being elected 8th grade class president. I furthered my political career upon my entry into high school by successfully being elected social coordinator of the freshman class. Overachieving in events such as Powder Puff and class trips, I easily won the following year's election as school historian. After attending LTC during the summer, during my sophomore year as school historian, I captured historic events on camera and compiled a high-quality scrapbook as well as partaking in every school and class event I could. The events I could not make, however, were because I was attending the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.. As you may know, I was nominated for Vice President of the NJASC last year, but unfortunately did not come out on top. Not to be outdone, I ended the year on a good note by being elected the junior class president. However, I would never be able to fulfill my term that my fellow students elected me to, for I had personal troubles and had to move to Livingston, NJ. Once settled at Livingston High School, I quickly found my way into student council, and through hard work and determination, became nominated for president of the NJASC this year. I have introduced a plethora of new events to Livingston, including many things they never had before, such as enhanced performances at Pep Rallies, Powder Puff, and Spirit Week. I only have one interest in mind, and that is serving the fine students in high schools across New Jersey, and with my experience, I assure you, there is no better option

Sara Plotkin, Somerville High School

Hi! My name is Sara Plotkin and I am a junior at Somerville High School in Somerville, NJ. I am currently executive board vice president of my school's student council, and was a senator my freshman and sophomore years. In addition to being SC vice president I am drama club secretary and a member of many other clubs including Key Club, Spanish Club, and Mock Trial. Tennis is my favorite sport to watch and play, and I start for the SHS track team. I love performing, and I have been acting since I could talk. I've sung in many choirs, been in numerous plays and musicals, and take ballet, pointe, jazz, and lyrical classes. I am on Rodney Frelinghuysen's Congressional Youth Advisory Council and have attended many leadership conferences (including LTC of course!). When I grow up I aspire to be a famous actress, but if not, I plan on getting my MBA and working in the business world. Putting together my NJASC campaign has been so much fun, and I can only imagine how much fun actually being an officer could be. Student council is an organization that I hold close to my heart, because it has given me so much. I feel that being NJASC president would present me with the chance to give something back to the organization on a state wide level.

PROJECTS THAT WORK!

What exactly makes a project successful? Is it **participation**? Is it **profit**? Or is it **something else**? The Executive Board had to ask themselves this question in December when choosing the Top Ten Projects for 2006. You can go to www.njasc.org to see the winners of this award.

Every school has a homecoming and it almost always includes a semi-formal dance, a football game, and the crowning of a homecoming king and queen. That is where the similarities end. Here's a look at **Cherokee High School's** twist on the traditional homecoming as described by their vice president Loren Martinez...

On November 23, 2006, Thanksgiving Day, Cherokee High School's Student Council hosted its biannual Homecoming Thanksgiving Day Parade. The theme of this year's parade was "sports movies." The parade started at the St. Joan of Arc parking lot, marched along Willowbend Rd., and ended in the senior parking lot of Cherokee High School North. This parade, now in its second year, has grown by leaps and bounds. All four classes entered floats as well as twelve different Cherokee clubs. Even the townspeople got involved. The Marlton Recreation Pee Wee football players and cheerleaders marched, the Evesham fire department entered several pieces of equipment, and the fire house explorer troop entered a magnificent float depicting the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima and the raising of the flag at the Twin Towers on 9/11. Following the parade, the Cherokee football team played its sister school, Seneca High School, to conclude the homecoming festivities. During halftime the homecoming king and queen were crowned.

Prior to the parade, Cherokee's Student Council hosted an event called "Whack an Eagle." The golden eagle is Seneca's mascot, so in addition to raising funds to build floats for the parade, "Whack an Eagle" also promotes school spirit and got students fired up for the football game. Whack an Eagle raised funds to build floats for the parade. Students smashed a junkyard car painted in Seneca colors. It cost one dollar for three swings and all the proceeds were divided among the organizations participating in the parade.

Each school is different. Some schools have upwards of 3000 students, while others may only have a few hundred. Because of the statewide diversity among schools, not every project will work in every school. Think about something that is successful in your school, something that truly makes you proud. Does your school have a project or activity that is unique or do you perhaps throw an interesting twist on a traditional activity? Maybe your school came up with a great fundraiser for the Little Rock Foundation. Whatever it is, we'd like to hear about it!

E-mail your project descriptions to review07@njasc.org and your submissions may be included in the next issue of *The Review*! Also, don't forget to check out the NJASC **Web Forums**, where you can swap ideas with students from all across the state!

Leadership Training Conference

For two electrifying sessions each summer, the NJASC Leadership Training Conference (LTC) brings together over 300 students from across New Jersey. In four days and three nights, student leaders discover, develop, and demonstrate their leadership potential in a supportive and unique environment that will prepare them for the challenges which lie ahead.

LTC is the oldest continually operating Leadership Conference in the United States, having celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2005 and now looking forward to its "Next 50 Years." In 2007, LTC is undergoing a significant transformation as it moves one month earlier and to a new facility at The College of New Jersey in Ewing Township.

The NJASC looks forward to this opportunity to renew the many long standing traditions of LTC, as well as to establish new ones that will last for many years to come. All of the student leaders of New Jersey are invited to join the LTC Community by becoming delegates to LTC 2007!

For more information on LTC and to register your school's delegates go to www.njasc.org.

**July 11-14, July 15-18
at The College of New Jersey**

And don't forget about the NJASC State Charity...

The Little Rock Foundation

The Little Rock Foundation is an organization created to provide a connection for families of visually impaired or blind children to technology advancements, support services, educational opportunities, role models, national conventions, mobility specialists, Braille equipment, and toys. Some of their current projects include family resource centers in local area hospitals, a scholarship program, Camp Little Rock, and their annual holiday party. We encourage your support for this worthy organization. For more information on fundraising and donating to The Little Rock Foundation go to www.njasc.org.

For more information on the organization or if you would like them to make a presentation in your school, see below.

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And now a word from the President...

Students of New Jersey,

The new year has come! It's that time again: new resolutions, new opportunities, and new officers. On our last day as your NJASC Executive Board, we hope that we find you happy, healthy, and driven. Just as we have been driven to lead, to collaborate, to inspire, to change. After all, isn't that what student council is all about?

Over the course of the past year, we have had the pleasure of engaging with and representing you, the student leaders of the great state of New Jersey. From presenting a check of over \$175,000 to the Simpson-Baber Foundation to representing our state at the 2006 Conference of the National Association of Student Councils in Lansdale, PA, to summertime leadership training at Fairview Lake, to welcoming the Little Rock Foundation as our 2006-2007 charity, it has truly been an honor and a blast serving you.

And now it is time for us to ring in, or rather, vote in, the new year. It is once again time for you, the people, to choose your state officers. Thank you for allowing us to spend this year with you. Best of luck to the new board!

Happy 2007, New Jersey, and have fun with it, no matter where it takes you.

With love,

Tiffany Peng
2006 President

Dates to Remember

Spring Awards Ceremony

Thursday May 3, 2007
@ *Six Flags Great Adventure*

Nationals

June 23-27
@ *Blue Valley Northwest High School,*
Overland Park, Kansas

52nd Annual Leadership Training Conference

July 11-14, July 15-18
@ *The College of New Jersey*

Thanks again for reading!

If you have any questions or would like to contribute to *The Review*, email the editor at:

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