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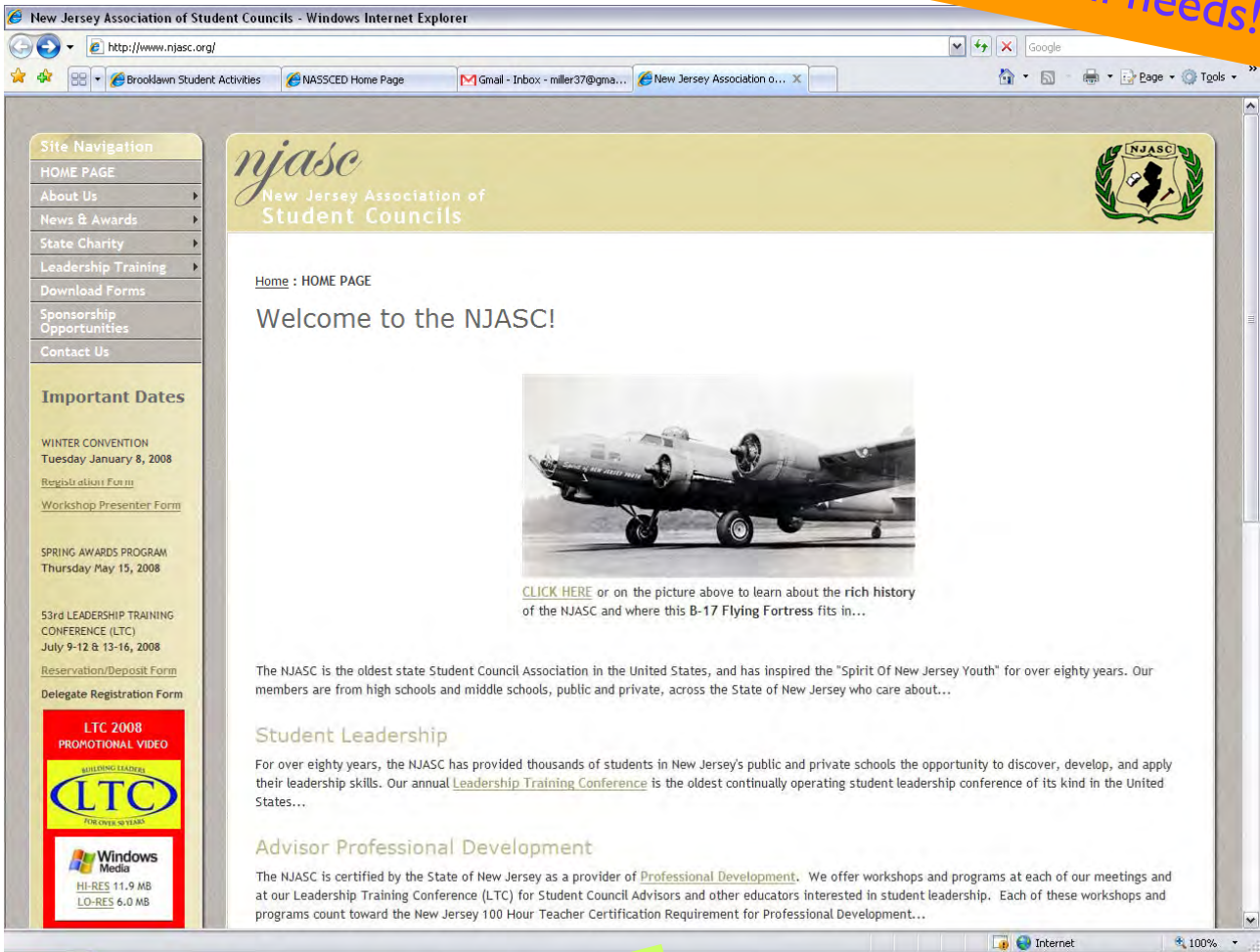
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## Welcome home...

...to the January 2008 edition of the NJASC Review. I hope that everyone has had a safe and happy holiday and is ready to kick off the new year! 2008 brings a new executive board to the NJASC, so the January Convention will bring the 2007 board's term to an end. Although we are leaving, I hope you can look back on our theme and remember that home is where the heart is and hopefully the '07 board will remain in your hearts, in your homes. The 2007 board graciously thanks everyone who shared this past year with us, whether experienced from Dorothy's home in Kansas for Nationals, at our conferences, or at LTC's new home - TCNJ.



In this issue you will find biographies of the 2008 NJASC Presidential Candidates, a recap of our annual events and much more. Because this is the last Review I will ever create, as editor I would like to thank all that have helped me make this and the LTC ledgers successful. And remember, the Review and LTC Ledgers are still on the website!

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## Meet the NJASC Presidential Candidates...

At the January Convention, elections for the 2008 NJASC Board will take place. Later in January, you can see the bios of the winners on the NJASC website at [www.njasc.org](http://www.njasc.org). During the Convention, the candidates will campaign to all of NJASC's members and then give their speeches to the Student Council presidents of New Jersey. The Presidential candidates were asked to submit biographies for *The Review*. Here they are...

### **Stephan Krygier, Burlington Township High School**

Hello Fellow Members of the NJASC! My name is Stephan Z. Krygier and I am running for the position of President for the NJASC's Executive Board. I know you all are dying to know more about me so to start out I will tell you that I enjoy long walks on the beach and beautiful sunsets. Just kidding, but not really. I currently reside in Burlington Township in the county of Burlington and attend Burlington Township High School. Service and leadership have always been a fundamental part in my life and I would probably do nothing but twiddle my thumbs all day if I had nothing to do. I have served as Class President for my Freshman and Sophomore years and I am now the acting Student Council Vice President. Within school I have participated in such activities such as Model Congress and this year I have started Model United Nations. Outside of school, I am my church's Christians In Missions Youth Group President and have been active in scouting since first grade. I am in Troop 117, Venture Crew 794, and Vice Chief of Membership for the Order of the Arrow (Scouting's National Honor Society). I have also held the positions of Service Chair and Chaplaincy Chair on Hunnikick 76's Lodge Executive Committee. In addition to those positions I withhold the ranking of Sergeant for Police Explorer Post 150 of Burlington County. This year I am running for President to give back to the NJASC because both Student Council and the NJASC have given me a lot over the years. See you at the Winter Conference!

### **Jeffery Desilets, Shawnee High School**

Hey New Jersey! My name is Jeff Desilets and I'm from a small town in the Pine Barrens of South Jersey. I have participated in my schools' student government since I was in sixth grade when I first had my heart set on running for State Office. I look forward to the chance at working with the NJASC for the State Charity, LTC, and everything else the Presidential position might entail! My hobbies include reading, playing piano, traveling, and of course, just hanging out with my friends. When I grow up I'm considering a career in the biomedical or political science fields, but whatever I do, I want to have a job where I can help people. I'm very dedicated to my school-work (my favorite subject is world language) but I try to not let it consume my life. I swim and run track for my school, Shawnee High. I also participate in a few clubs and bands as well (with student council of course as the main priority!). I spend my summers life-guarding and volunteering at a local animal shelter. However, I'd like to think that a person should be judged not on what activities he does, but by the character he possesses. I'm a hard-working, passionate, ethical, yet fun-loving individual who hopes to help make the 2008 NJASC year the best it can be.

Remember to keep supporting the NJASC State Charity...

# The Valerie Fund

The Valerie Fund has always been responsive to the needs of children and their families, while remaining true the mission of bringing quality care close to home. Our facilities, programs and volunteers assist thousands of children and their families, helping to achieve victories large and small everyday.

From the unbearable despair of loss rose the rebellious, unconquerable seeds of hope. Thanks to the thousands of caring contributors and volunteers, today there are seven Valerie Fund Children's Centers for Cancer and Blood Disorders located in major hospitals in the tri-state area, providing caring and comprehensive health care to more than 5,000 children and their families each year.

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## Upcoming NJASC Events...

### Spring Awards Program

Thursday May 15th, 2008  
Six Flags Great Adventure

At this meeting, over four thousand students and advisors from throughout the state come together to recognize Student Councils for their community service, donations to the State Charity, and exceptional student leadership. After the Awards Program, attendees can enjoy access to the many rides and attractions at the park. There will also be professional development sessions for Advisors, who will receive credit for 2 PD Hours upon completion.

### NASC National Conference

June 24-30, 2008

Northwest H.S.—Justin, TX

The NJASC State Officers and the New Jersey delegation of about forty students and advisors will travel to the Fort Worth area. They will meet student leaders from each state, Canada, and Puerto Rico with whom they will share ideas and make everlasting friendships. The experience is truly an unforgettable one! Our pre-trip will be, for the first time, in conjunction with all of Region 2 including NJ, NY, PA, MD, and DE. Attending Nationals is a special experience in which delegates from New Jersey bond and create valuable memories!

# 53rd Annual LTC

July 9-12 and 13-16  
The College of New Jersey

The NJASC's annual Leadership Training Conference (LTC) is the oldest continuously operating conference of its kind in the country. LTC 2008 will be our second year at the College of New Jersey, our new home. This July, hundreds of delegates from all over New Jersey will gather at TCNJ to meet each other, work with the Junior and Senior staff, as well as the 2008 NJASC State Officers.



Delegates to LTC 2008 will experience four fun-filled days and three exciting nights, during which there will be valuable classes, an entertaining social program, and many new friendships to make. The skills learned and friendships made will last a lifetime. The LTC experience is truly life-changing!

Forms to get your deposits in and reserve spaces for LTC 2008 are now posted on the NJASC website at [www.njasc.org](http://www.njasc.org). Join your fellow student leaders for the experience of a lifetime!

Thanks for reading The NJASC Review !!  
If you would like to submit an article or have any questions, email the 2008 editor at [review08@njasc.org](mailto:review08@njasc.org)! If you have any questions for me you can e-mail me at [review07@njasc.org](mailto:review07@njasc.org) as well. Thanks for reading, and have a fabulous year!  
-Prerna Bhatia, 2007 Review Editor

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# Now a final goodbye from your 2007 NJASC President..

Students of New Jersey,



With a new year comes much change. As one year ends, and another begins, we all will face new challenges, experiences, hardships, and milestones within our student councils, as well as our lives. The calendar has changed and the slate is clean, it is time to make the most of your role as a leader. Each of you will grow as leaders this year, whether it be in student council, on the sports field, or even in the classroom. Maria Robinson once said, "Nobody can go back and start a new

beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending." Now is your chance, New Jersey, to start fresh, to take the lead and make the change. Change is one of life's constants, and if we do not change we do not grow. The state of New Jersey is full of some of the greatest leaders, and 2008 is the time to utilize your resources and realize your potential to have a positive impact on those you serve.

It is amazing to think that a year has passed since the 2007 board was elected, and in that time we experienced so many incredible things. From selecting the Valerie Fund as the 2007 state charity to witnessing the incredible amount donated to the Little Rock Foundation, philanthropy largely impacted our term. Then, of course, was our unforgettable trip to nationals in Overland Park, Kansas, a conference whose valuable lessons and memories will stay with us forever. We also made The College of New Jersey our new HOME for our annual Leadership Training Conference (LTC).

Words cannot describe the journey of being an NJASC state officer, and we wish the greatest happiness and success to those elected to the 2008 board. Thank your for this opportunity to serve you over the past year. We can truly say that being NJASC State officers has changed our lives. Never hesitate to seize the day, and may 2008 bring each and every one of you great joy.

Endless love,

Sara Plotkin

NJASC President 2007