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New Jersey is IDEAL

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The 2008 board chose...

IDEAL

... as the state theme!



Initiating Dynamic Experiences
Among Leaders

Letter from the Editor

Hello, New Jersey! I'm Alicia Valko, the 2008 executive member in charge of Publications, and this year's editor of the NJASC *Review*. I am ecstatic about being a part of the NJASC, and I love my position. As the editor, I am able to bring the NJASC to you through the *Review*, which is sponsored this year by the 2008 Executive Board. I am looking forward to a fantastic year and I promise to keep you fully informed on all things related to the NJASC. Also, be sure to check out the website, www.njasc.org, for things like news and forms, or feel free to email me with suggestions or questions at review08@njasc.org!

Meet the 2008 board...



President

Jeff Desilets



My job, as President of NJASC, includes writing up the agendas for our monthly meetings. Besides being an active member in all of the state officers' events, I preside over our monthly meetings as well. I always enjoy my position in NJASC and I feel it gives me a great opportunity to practice my leadership skills. As always, I plan on giving all of my work my best effort for the remainder of the year.

Vice President

Leslie Pinero



Serving a one year term on the board as Vice President for the NJASC has been amazing and will continue to get even better. The best part about being on the board is not necessarily having my position but rather the other students who are on the board as well. In such a short time I have grown with them and created friendships that will last a lifetime. As Vice President, I am specifically in charge of the election process and serve as a member on the Board of Trustees. Our monthly meetings have become events I look forward to. I hope this year doesn't go by too fast so that I can take in and enjoy every moment as the NJASC Vice President.

Secretary
Brittney Katz



Being a part of the NJASC state student council has been a blast. As secretary I am required to record everything that goes on in our meetings. Everything that is reported is then composed into our "minutes" and is posted on the NJASC website. Besides recording what is done in our meetings, I got to attend the Region II Conference which was a life changing experience. Not only do I have fun and get to meet new people, I got to be a part of choosing New Jersey's new state charity. I can't wait to see what else is in store for the 2008-2009 executive board!

Treasurer
Tim Flank

I have the best luck of being treasurer of NJASC. I get to handle funds that I will not see until I am way older (hopefully). Although it's a huge responsibility writing checks and maintaining balances, it's still a ton of fun. I get to be in control of what I love most, money.



Executive Members:

*Review -
Alicia Valko*

My name is Alicia Valko, and I am the editor of the Review, as well as the LTC Ledger. My job is to update all of you on all things NJASC, and I love it. The best part of my job is being with the other state officers and meeting new people, and I hope to meet all of you at LTC this summer!



*Special Projects -
Nicole Escudero*



*Charity -
Tyler Krenek*



Hello, New Jersey! My name is Nicole Escudero, and I am your 2008 NJASC Executive Board Member in charge of Special Projects. My position on the NJASC board is an awesome one! As your executive board member in charge of Special Projects, i am in charge of all Standard of Excellence Awards, Community Smile Award, keeping contact with member schools, recruiting member schools and anything else Lou or Wendy throws my way! I love my position on the board and I can not wait to begin to fulfill *all* my duties as your Executive Board Member in charge of Special Projects.

I cannot wait to begin my term as State Charity Executive Member. I know the upcoming year will be one of the most memorable of my life. I know that by working with you, the students of New Jersey, and our current Executive Board, we will all have an extremely rewarding year.

I'm Jen Luck and I am honored to be your new 2008 State Board of Education Student Representative. Rest assured that I will fulfill all obligations of this position. First, I'd like to thank everyone who supported me in my NJASC campaign. To my awesome fellow Student Council officers, amazing advisor, family and friends, thank you so much for your love and support. And a special thanks to those who put their vote of confidence in me, it is greatly appreciated and I will not let you down!

*State Board of Education
Representative
Jen Luck*



*Middle Level
Representative*

Nick Nahrwold



Hi New Jersey, I'm Middle Level representative Nick Nahrwold. This position is great, you get to meet some many new people and learn and experience so many different things. Traveling is probably the best part of this job because you get to bond with your fellow state board members. It has truly been a great experience for me!

Advisor of the year



Marilyn Trotta has been the Student Council Advisor at Cherokee High School for the past 15 years, and will be retiring at the end of this school year. In the words of Principal Linda Rohrer, "Marilyn has made a profound effect on the students she advises - her enthusiasm, loyalty, and dedication have enhanced the daily lives of all our students." In the words of Student Council President Elizabeth Fox, "she is a dedicated teacher who always offers to stay after and possesses more enthusiasm than anyone I've ever met."

Marilyn will now be our state nominee for the Regional and National Warren E. Shull Advisor of the Year awards, which will be announced at the 2008 NASC National Conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

Student leaders of the year

Justin has been a leader throughout his high school years, as President of Student Council, captain of the Varsity Football and Basketball teams. His excellence on the field earned him a News 12 Statewide Scholar-Athlete award. His excellence in leadership started a Winter Coat Drive, raised money for the "Oceans Of Love" cancer support organization, and can be seen on a regular basis in the weight room when he works with and mentors underclassmen.

In the words of Advisor **Patricia DeFelice**, "he is able to balance academics and co-curricular activities very well." This is an understatement, as



he is ranked 6th out of a class of 420 with a 4.7 GPA, has been on the Honor Roll for all four years, serving as an active member of NHS, and represented his school at the Hugh O'Brien ("HOBY") Youth Conference - all while he has "been instrumental in returning school spirit to Lacey Township High School."

Lauren has been a leader in the Lopatcong Middle School Student Council for three years, and currently serves as its President. She has coordinated many events including Talent Show, School Spirit Day, Almost Anything Goes, Mini-LTC, Street Cleanup, and Dress Code Fashion Show. In the words of Advisor **Kenney Lutz**, she "has moved our Student Council to the top in all areas and is willing to help others in doing the same." She leads in academics, and as captain of the school cheerleading squad. Her dedication carries over into community service

- she has volunteered at the local food pantry, visits local senior citizen centers to do arts/crafts, and traveled to Newark to participate in a diversity project. Both peers and teachers respect Lauren for the devotion and effort that she puts into everything she does.



Leadership Training Conference

This summer, the NJASC will be hosting the 53rd annual Leadership Training Conference! The conference will once again be held at The College of New Jersey, which is LTC's new home as of 2007. TCNJ's facilities are ideal for LTC - there is air conditioning, which is a godsend in the hot July weather! LTC is the oldest continual leadership conference in the United States, and in my opinion, the best. LTC is, as the name suggests, a conference devoted to teaching its delegates how to be better leaders.



There are 12 interesting and interactive classes that are spread over 4 idyllic days, and over 140 students were in attendance for each session last summer. LTC is a truly inspirational experience that will stay with you for the rest of your life, and you'll be able to develop friendships that will last you a lifetime. If you are interested, session one is from July 8-12, and session 2 is from July 13-16. The cost per delegate is \$325, which includes housing, meals, and the conference for 4 days. All information for LTC can be found on the website, www.njasc.org!

Testimonials

LTC is something that cannot be fully described or understood unless you have experienced it first hand. This past summer, after hearing how fun LTC was, I was invited to go and was more than ready to finally see what the 'LTC Experience' really was. It is a world like no other; a virtual reality. For four days you live with hundreds of strangers who, in minutes, become your closest friends. In four days you learn more about leadership and yourself than you ever thought you would learn.

-Leslie Pinero

NJASC's LTC is a great experience that I wish everyone could attend in their lifetime! So if you haven't already, join the fun and come to this summer's 2008 LTC at New Jersey's very own TCNJ.

-Nicole Escudero

LTC was not only a blast; it also taught me leadership skills that will last a lifetime...The experience I had at LTC will not only help me in my upcoming school year, but it will help me in all of my future encounters...I give all the thanks in the world to LTC for its impact on me.

-Tim Flank

LTC is truly a memorable experience. Besides the excellent workshops that are based on solid principles of leadership, perhaps the best opportunity of all is the chance to meet and work with some of the other nascent leaders of our state as well. I know a teacher at my school who, over 20 years later, still remembers his experience at LTC and is able to apply what he learned in the classroom. In short, LTC is a great experience and I personally recommend it to all of the student leaders in the state of New Jersey.

-Jeff Desilets

Region 2 Conference

From April 4-6, the other state officers (minus Nicole Escudero and plus Chris Salemme) and I attended the Region II Conference in Maryland. There were three other states in attendance: Pennsylvania, New York, and Maryland. Delaware was unable to attend, but they are also included in Region II. The other state officers and I had so much fun! We met tons of new leaders from other states and learned many new things, such as lobbying. Not only did I make amazing friends, learn new things about leadership, but I also got to know my fellow state officers! Being at the Region II Conference reminded me of my experiences at LTC, and I'm so glad I went. And I want to encourage all of you to go to LTC this summer! Check out the next page or the website (www.njasc.org) for more info on it!





Special thanks to:

Once again, I'd like to thank the 2007 Executive Board for all of their hard work last year and for helping us adjust to our new positions!

Also, we would like to thank Joe Fasanella for letting us use his "clubhouse" for state officer training, and Pam Freund for being a wonderful teacher during state officer training. We look forward to seeing you both at LTC!

Coming Up...

Spring Awards Program

May 15

Six Flags Great Adventure

NASC National Conference

June 24 - 30

Northwest H.S. — Justin, Texas

Leadership Training Conference

Session one: July 9 - 12

Session two: July 13 - 16

