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Review

New Jersey Association of Student Councils



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Save the Date!

**Spring Awards
Program**

**Thursday May 15,
2014**

Great Adventure
Jackson, NJ

**NASC National
Conference**

June 25-30, 2014

Ocoee High School
Orlando, FL

59th annual LTC

**July 9-12 & 13-16,
2014**

TCNJ
Ewing, NJ

Welcome Back & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On behalf of the NJASC, we would like to welcome all the amazing leaders back from winter break and into the New Year!! We hope everyone had an amazing time off and is ready to start 2014 fresh and better than ever. As usual, we have many events planned for this year and cannot wait to share them with you! As the 2013 State Officers approach their final days on the Board, they'd like to wish all the candidates running for the 2014 State Office the best of luck. If their term is anything like ours was, it will be one they'll never forget.

In this issue you will get to take a peek at highlights from the past year and get a little insight about our 2014 presidential candidates, *Grace Manno* from Burlington Township High School, and *Robert O'Leary* from Cherokee High School. Also, don't miss our 2013 President, Madison Brown's farewell address!

Want more information? Don't forget to check www.njasc.org for upcoming events and additional information!



FLASHBACK TO 2013

IN PICTURES



Winter Convention- January 9th, 2013



First Meeting- February 4th, 2013



NASC Region 2 Conference- April 27th, 2013



Spring Awards Program (Six Flags) May 16th, 2013

NASC National Conference (Las Vegas, Nevada)- June 2013



NJASC Leadership Training Conference (LTC)- July 2013



Fall Business Meeting- October 29th, 2013



Executive Interview Meeting- December 16th, 2013

2013-2014 STATE CHARITY



In 2000 John Elliott, a Graduate of the Naval Academy, was struck and killed by a drunken driver on his way home for his mother's birthday. The driver had been arrested on DUI charges and released only to get back in the car drunk, killing himself and John. The HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers®, seeks to end drunk driving tragedies nationwide by promoting the use of safe and sober designated drivers. Our goal is simple: to register one million designated drivers and make having a designated driver become as automatic as wearing a seatbelt. The

HERO Campaign has already worked with a number of schools in New Jersey, including Ocean City High School, where each year a "HERO Walk" takes place on the famous Ocean City Boardwalk. Now as the NJASC State Charity, the HERO Campaign looks forward to partnering with many other New Jersey schools to raise both funds and awareness.

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2014 Presidential Candidates

**Meet Grace
Manno!**

Hello New Jersey! My name is **Grace Manno**, and I am truly honored and humbled to be chosen as a candidate to run for your NJASC President this year. Ever since fourth grade I have exhibited true passion for student leadership and began my journey as a leader. In middle school, I started participating in my school's student council and proudly held the position of Vice President as a freshman. Currently, I am the President of the sophomore class at Burlington Township High School. When I first attended LTC in 2012, I was truly inspired by all of the wonderful leaders throughout our state and dreamed of becoming a state officer. The experience of LTC - or to those of us who have attended, the most wonderful place on earth - sparked the possibilities of what a truly amazing student leader could do. I wanted to take in every bit of information I learned and bring it back to my school community. To further my education in leadership, I attended LTC 2 and learned even more valuable life-lasting leadership skills. After all of my leadership education and having witnessed all the good that this organization can do, I strongly believe that I am ready for the challenge of becoming a state officer.

As an active high school student, I thrive on being involved in many activities and interacting with as many people as I can. Aside from student council, you can find me dancing as part of the Marcia Hyland Junior Dance Company, singing, and playing the bass guitar in a band with my family and friends. I also have enjoyed performing in musicals and plays for years which has played a major role in shaping who I am. I am an active community volunteer and love to get involved in many different organizations, such as our local food pantry, Rotary Club, church, and Relay for Life event. Volunteering at my school district's elementary school on a weekly basis is one of my favorite opportunities, because working with children is a passion of mine.

Student council has always played a significant role in my life by providing me with many different ways to improve my leadership skills. Within my student council, I have been involved in sending more students to LTC, running a leadership workshop at the middle school, and reaching out to more students to get involved in our activities.

This organization has provided me with so many wonderful experiences and skills that are truly unforgettable. It is very important to me that every student leader has the opportunity to grow and blossom through the NJASC, just as I did. My school district developed a goal of *All Students Achieving*. I have taken this goal and applied it to my own life, and if given the opportunity to serve as your next NJASC President, I will work to ensure that this philosophy will be carried out throughout our great Garden State!

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**Meet Robert
O'Leary!**

Hello New Jersey. My name is **Robert O'Leary**, and I am honored to be a candidate to serve as your next NJASC President. I am a Marlton native and currently a junior at Cherokee High School. I have attended every NJASC conference for the past two years and have been inspired by all the amazing students I have met. An accomplished man once told me, "Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right." This advice has impacted all of my actions as a leader. When faced with a challenge, I take bold steps to accomplish my goals. Anyone who has worked with me can attest to the fact that I put my heart into everything I do. A job worth doing is a job worth doing well.

I have challenged myself to participate in multiple activities and obtain leadership roles in several clubs. These roles range from Vice President of Fund-Raising for Future Business Leaders of America to Treasurer for DECA. My proudest accomplishment is to call myself Secretary of Student Council at Cherokee High School. As Secretary, I have transferred our means of communication from an outdated computerized system to a more modernized system utilizing mobile phones. Currently, I am working on getting a news board in our Student Council Homeroom, which will keep ambassadors informed about the club's events. Outside of Student Council, I participate in DECA, Renaissance, Debate, and more, but my favorite activity is to help in my mother's special education classroom. I enjoy interacting with the students. I love to make them laugh, but they are so fun-loving that it is usually me who leaves with a smile on my face.

Attending LTC and LTC 2 was a privilege which has sharpened my skills as a leader and taught me the importance of honesty, commitment, good communication, and a sense of humor. Also, the support of the amazing friends I have made and the knowledge shared by my teachers make me confident that I will lead the NJASC to a successful year. 2014 will be a great year for us as innovators and leaders; we will challenge ourselves, work hard, and accomplish more than we ever thought possible. Leaders of New Jersey- my name is Robert O'Leary and I would like to guide you to a year of success and achievement.

2013 *President*

Madison Brown's Farewell

Dear New Jersey's Finest Leaders,

Wow, time sure has gone by fast, it's already 2014! As we ring in the New Year, its time to elect new NJASC State Officers. Having attended the Winter Conference for seven years, it is with a heavy heart that I struggle to say goodbye at my final conference. Without a doubt, 2013 has been one of the best years of my life. To leave the hardworking, ever so talented 2013 State Officers, Lou and Wendy, and all of the memories in 2013 is certainly one of the hardest things to do.

As your president, this experience has had a tremendous impact on my life, teaching me what true leadership really is. I have had the pleasure of working with eight extraordinary people who share the same passion as I have throughout this journey, my fellow state officers. The bond we have formed and the memories we have made will forever link us. I thank them for their hard work and dedication this past year. The sleepless two weeks at LTC, the craziness at Regions, and the diversifying and unforgettable events at Nationals helped to bond us and teach us to become better leaders. Working with the HERO Campaign and experiencing firsthand the student councils across the garden state coming together for one cause and making a difference in our world, clearly demonstrates how we are Jersey STRONG.

There are no words to describe this unforgettable experience. NJASC has taught me to become a confident student, better friend, a more genuine person, but above all a great leader. Creating memories and working with the state officers, administrative assistants, and Lou and Wendy throughout this past year has been an incredible adventure. Thank you Lou and Wendy, for the guidance and wisdom that you have instilled in us officers throughout our term. I can never thank you enough for all of your hard work and dedication.

To my advisors, the Phillipsburg High School Student Council, and my friends and family thank you so much for all of your encouragement and support. I couldn't have done it without you. What truly inspires me every year are the student leaders of our garden state. A final thanks to you, the student leaders of New Jersey, for granting me this opportunity to be your 2013 NJASC President. You are the reason NJASC is so successful and spirited. When all is said and done, we can say we are Jersey STRONG.

With a heavy heart and much gratitude,
Madison Brown
NJASC President 2013

From Your 2013 NJASC State Officers...

We would like to extend a smile and warm regards to everyone who has helped and supported us to make our term on the NJASC Executive Board a success. We would like to thank the AA's for their continuous help throughout the year. We would also like to thank our friends at LTC, the parents, advisors, teachers, and administrators that have supported our organization. We would especially like to thank our amazing advisors Lou Miller and Wendy Booth-Sitzler for running such an outstanding program and helping us out every step of the way...we could not have done it without them. Most importantly we would like to thank all the leaders of



New Jersey that make up the NJASC. All the support we have received is greatly appreciated!

Our term as 2013 State Officers would not have been so great without all these contributors. Lastly, we would like to congratulate the candidates for 2014 for making it this far. 2013 is a year us State Officers will never forget. We would like to say a final goodbye and good luck to all in the upcoming year. Remember, we are **Students That Represent**

Our Next Generation!!

Want to apply for an award??

Visit the njasc.org **Award Programs** page to find out deadlines and more information!

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"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."
John Quincy Adams

Do you have any questions, comments, or concerns? Do you want to submit an article to the next Review? Contact me, Leah Watson, at review13@njasc.org or my 2014 successor at review14@njasc.org!