



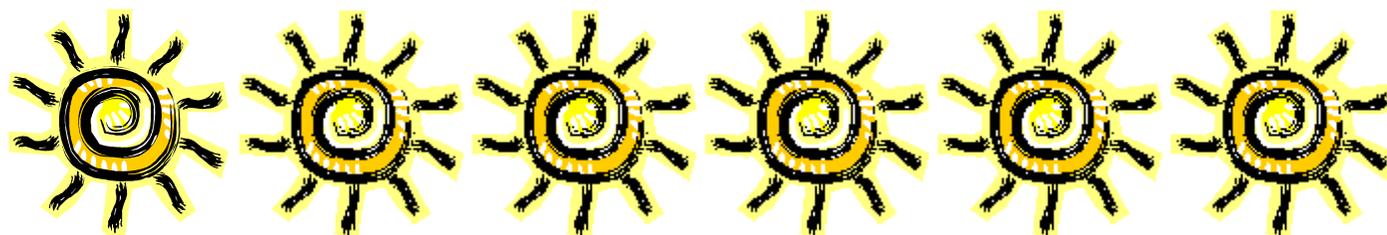
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In 2014, Jersey...

Students

Helping

Inspire

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Experiences

Statewide



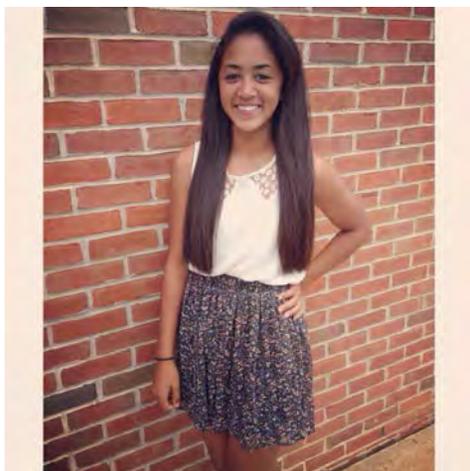
MEET YOUR 2014 STATE OFFICERS!

Grace Manno
President



Hello, New Jersey! My name is **Grace Manno** and I am honored to serve as your 2014 NJASC President. Words cannot describe my excitement and gratitude to have the opportunity to work with an organization as great as the NJASC! I look forward to seeing all of the things that we can accomplish as student leaders. As a sophomore at Burlington Township High School, I thrive on being involved in many activities and interacting with as many people as I can. You can find me dancing, singing, and acting in musicals, plays, or at my dance studio. I love to serve my community by being involved in our local food pantry, Rotary Club, church, Relay for Life event, and our elementary school. Student council has played a major role in my life since I was eleven years old. I believe that it is so valuable to work towards a goal with people who share the same passions and ambition. I also believe that there are so many people who want to be involved in student council, but are too shy to reach out. My goal for the NJASC is to empower strong student leaders to reach out to those people and engage them in student council work. By doing this, we share our experiences with more students and inspire others to become leaders in their schools and communities. I cannot wait to share my passion, experiences, and enthusiasm with other student leaders throughout New Jersey and to work with the 2014 State Officers!

Jamillia Bell
Vice President



What's up New Jersey!? I'm **Jamillia Bell** and let me first say what an honor it is to be your 2014 NJASC Vice President. Currently I am a junior at Rancocas Valley Regional HS and am very active in my own school's student council. Since 4th grade of joining student government, to then being elected as freshman and sophomore class president, and now becoming NJASC Vice President it's safe to say student council has impacted my life greatly. I've learned so much regarding effective communication and improving my own leadership skills. Aside from student council I'm involved with Varsity Club, Homecoming Committee, Team MEGA, and am captain of my cheer squad. During any free time I enjoy volunteering for Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity. With my position I hope to aspire future leaders and share the same enthusiasm I have about student council and leadership with students all across New Jersey. I can tell already the 2014 executive board is going to SHINE a light on some great ideas for this upcoming year that I simply can't wait for!

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Jenna Panek
Secretary



Hi everyone! My name is **Jenna Panek** and I cannot begin to express how excited and honored I am to be the 2014 NJASC Secretary! I am currently a junior at Monsignor Donovan High School in Toms River. I always laugh when reflecting on when my passion for Student Council truly became evident, considering that being elected the President of my elementary school's Student Council in the fifth grade seemed to be the biggest deal at the time. I look forward to sharing my passion for Student Council and leadership with the rest of New Jersey this year. A true passion of mine has always been community involvement. Aside from Student Council, I am involved in many clubs and activities, including varsity swimming, cheerleading, National Honor Society, and I volunteer in the Emergency Room at my local hospital. My passion and enthusiasm to make a difference each day has greatly shaped who I am as a person and contributed to the leadership qualities I have obtained. I am looking forward to an incredible year full of many accomplishments and the creation of lifelong friendships. I cannot wait to see what this year brings! It is a great honor to represent the NJASC as the 2014 Secretary!

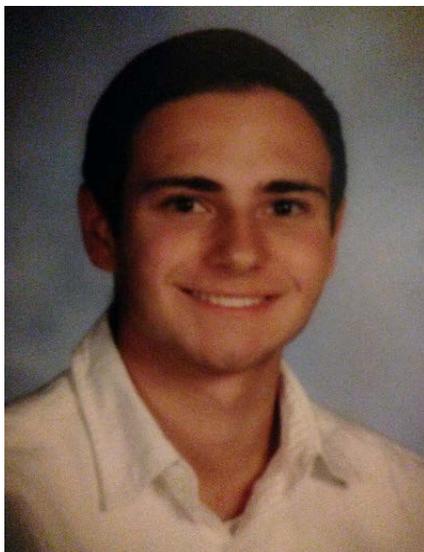
Brandon Palazzo
Treasurer



Hello New Jersey, My name is **Brandon Palazzo** and I could not be more honored to be your 2014 NJASC state treasure and cannot wait to see what this board can accomplish. I am currently a sophomore at Williamstown High School where I am very involved with student council, my class senate, and I am a student member on my district's board of education. I have been involved in youth leadership from age ten, first with the Boy Scout of America where I have held many offices on many levels, and then in my school with student council and class senate. I believe the best leaders are ambitious and hard working. My Idea of leadership can be summed up in a simple quote by one of my favorite presidents, Theodore Roosevelt, who once said, "Believe you can and you're halfway there."

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Anthony Raspatello
Exec. Member of Charity



Hey, New Jersey! My name is **Anthony Raspatello** and I am your 2014 Executive Member in charge of State Charity. I am a junior at Hamilton High School West, where I am actively involved in various clubs and activities. One of these is, of course, Student Government, where I have served as my class President for the past three years. I believe that there always has to be someone who steps up to lead, whether it be on a sports team, a club, or just among a group of friends. I always strive to be that person regardless of the activity. My definition of a leader is someone who inspires those around them to be the best that they can be. I aspire to be an inspiration to the students of New Jersey and better myself over the next year. I am thankful for this opportunity and look forward to making sure that New Jersey SHINES!

Mariela Jiménez
Exec. Member of
Publications



¡Hola New Jersey! I am **Mariela Jiménez**, your Executive Member in charge of publications. Currently I am a junior at Holy Cross High School in Delran, NJ. Along with being a State Officer, I am an Ambassador of the class of 2015 at my high school. I am involved in the Special Olympics, Spanish, Campus Ministry, NHS, and Key clubs at my school, and am on the Field Hockey, Swim and Lacrosse teams too! All of these activities have taught me responsibility and time management; also how to be a team player and to make sure everyone's voice is heard. In my position, I hope to show others the importance of leadership and the need for it in our lives. I cannot wait for what is in store for us as a board. We are a great bunch this year, I am confident that we will work together and make sure that Jersey SHINES bright during our time as state officers.

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Paco Abiad

Exec. Member of Special
Projects



Hi my name is **Paco Abiad** and I am the 2014 NJASC Executive Member of Special Projects! I am a junior at West Windsor Plainsboro High School South, and aside from being a State Officer, I am the current Student Council President of my school. I am also a sprinter and pole vaulter on the Track and Field Team and I play violin in my school's Philharmonic Orchestra. I try to be a leader and a friend no matter where I am or who I am with. It doesn't mean I have to be a perfect role model, I just believe in bringing out the best in all of my teammates and peers. I am so excited to be a State Officer and can't wait to see what we can accomplish together this year!

Russell Bauer

State Board of Education
Representative



Hello New Jersey! My name is **Russ Bauer** and I am honored and thrilled to serve as your 2014 State Board of Education Representative. Currently, I am a junior at Seneca High School where I am involved in Student Council, Track & Field, National Honor Society, and Debate Team. Outside of school, I am a member of my town's Rescue Squad and am an active sailor. I am a strong believer in the "Whole Person" concept where one should have a grasp on all aspects of life: academics, athletics, community service, character, and leadership abilities. Leadership means something different to everyone. To me, leadership is the ability to not only being able to successfully conduct a project, but the ability to inspire others to achieve success as well. Student Council and The NJASC have played a major role in my life for the past seven years. I strongly encourage you to stay on the leadership path. Though the path may sometimes be rough, the end result of achieving your wildest dreams is well worth the effort! It is because of the leadership of our students and advisors that New Jersey **SHINES** so bright. Feel free to contact me anytime at stateboerep2014@njasc.org. I look forward to meeting you!

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Radhika Shah
Middle Level Representative



Hi New Jersey! My name is **Radhika Shah**, and I am your 2014 NJASC Middle Level Representative. I am currently a 7th grader at Melvin H. Kreps Middle School. I have been an active member of Student Council for the past 5 years, and serve as my school's Secretary. Student Council is one of my greatest passions, and I am super excited for this upcoming year. My greatest passion, other than Student Council, is Indian Classical dancing. I have been dancing since I was three years old. Through my dance I have helped raise money for many local charities. I also love to swim and play lacrosse. To me, leadership is described in this quote Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." I believe this describes leadership perfectly because to be a great leader you must lead by example. You must do your part and fulfill your responsibilities so we can all reach our goals together.



NJASC CONSTITUTION REVISIONS

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO NJASC CONSTITUTION – 2014

Proposed deletions are ~~crossed out~~ and additions are in **bold red type**. Any sections of the NJASC Constitution not referred to in this document will remain unchanged upon ratification of these revisions.

ARTICLE III – Affiliation

This association is affiliated with the National Association of Student Councils (NASC), ~~New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA)~~ and National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) ~~and the Middle Level Student Activities Association (MLSAA)~~.

Affiliation with other organizations involved with or having an interest in student leadership may be proposed by the Executive Board or Executive Director(s) to the Trustees of NJASC, Inc. for their consideration and approval.

ARTICLE VI – Eligibility for Candidacy

Section III

In order for a candidate to be eligible, he or she must be present at the Running for State Office meeting held during the annual Fall Business Meeting. To remain eligible, he or she must also be present at the Executive Interview Meeting, and at the Winter Convention to deliver his or her speech and be sworn into office if elected.

In cases of unanticipated personal emergency that would preclude a **potential** candidate from attending **the Running for State Office meeting held during the annual Fall Business Meeting**, Executive Interview Meeting or the Winter Convention, the approval of a two-thirds supermajority of the Executive Board may waive the attendance requirement of this Section for the event in question.

Section IV

A nominating committee, consisting of the entire Executive Board, shall begin work on elections and nominations at least ~~four~~ **three** weeks prior to the annual Winter Convention. Each member school in the geographic section ~~of eligible to submit candidates for the following that particular~~ year shall have the privilege of recommending one candidate for a position on the Executive Board. These recommendations shall be submitted at least ~~six~~ **five** weeks prior to the annual Winter Convention. The nominating committee shall then form a slate composed of at least one candidate for each office and submit this slate to member schools at **least one week prior to** the annual Winter Convention.

ARTICLE XI – Dues

The amount of dues **for the following year** shall be determined ~~at the annual Fall Business Meeting of the NJASC~~ **by July 1. If there is a change in dues, notification will be sent to the advisors of member schools by September 1.** The membership year shall be from ~~January~~ **December 1** to ~~January~~ **November 30** of the following year.

ARTICLE XIV – History

The birth of this association is marked by the first interscholastic conference of student council representatives in the country. This took place on January 14, 1927, at the invitation of the student council of New Brunswick Senior High School. This is now the annual conference of the NJASC occurring every January. As a result of the unification of the student councils in New Jersey, Columbia High School was selected to write a constitution creating a statewide student council association. It was at the following annual conference that an affirmative vote of 620 delegates representing 70 schools in the estate of New Jersey made this constitution effective as of 1933. The constitution has been amended numerous times since then in order to keep the association modern, the latest of which was made effective as of the **15th of October, 2014.**

As per Article XIII:

- *These proposed amendments were approved by the 2014 Executive Board on March 15, 2014.*
- *They were distributed to all member schools 60 days prior to the Spring Awards Program, in a publication of the NJASC (March 2014 Review).*
- *At the Spring Awards Program, a Presidents' (or delegate) meeting will be held in which at least one-third of the schools in attendance must accept these proposed amendments for consideration.*
- *If accepted, the proposed amendments will appear again in a special edition of the NJASC Review at least 60 days prior (August 14) to the Fall Business Meeting.*
- *At the Fall Business Meeting, a Presidents' (or delegate) meeting will be held in which at least 60% of the member schools must vote to ratify.*
- *If ratified, these revisions will take effect on October 15, 2014.*

LTC 2014 – OUR 59TH ANNUAL!

**NJASC
LEADERSHIP
TRAINING
CONFERENCE**

When?

Session 1

July 9th-12th

Session 2

July 13th-16th



This July, marks the 59th annual LTC summer program. The NJASC will be hosting this superb program at The College of New Jersey in Ewing. This is a chance for students in both middle school and high school to meet great new people and grow as a leader. For two sessions over 300 students will gather to bond together, explore new ideas, and create incredible memories!

VISIT WWW.LTCNJ.ORG for more information and to register online – become part of LTC 2014!

Only \$420.00 per delegate for the best time of their life!

Includes: Meals, housing, and all class materials!



COMING UP!

- April 25-27** **Region 2 Conference** at Ocean City High School in Ocean City, NJ
- May 15** **Spring Awards Program** at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson Township, NJ
- June 24-30** **NASC National Conference** at Ocoee High School in Orlando, FL
- July 9-12, 13-16** Our 59th annual **LTC** at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, NJ



Lastly, some thank yous are in order! Thank you to the 2013 NJASC Executive Board for all their hard work and dedication to the NJASC this past year. The 2014 State Officers would also like to give a HUGE thank you to the 2013 State Officers for all their help, love, and support in the transitioning process into our roles. They truly set the bar high in our expectations as aboard. Although we have massive shoes to fill, I am confident that we will do our best and we promise not to let you down!

Maddie, Emily, Colby, Samantha, Alex, Leah, Keya, Caitlin, and Cole

You guys did a wonderful job as State Officers and we hope to live up to your legacy. You will be missed! Good luck in your future endeavors!

If you are interested in having something included in the next issue feel free to contact me at Review14@njasc.org