

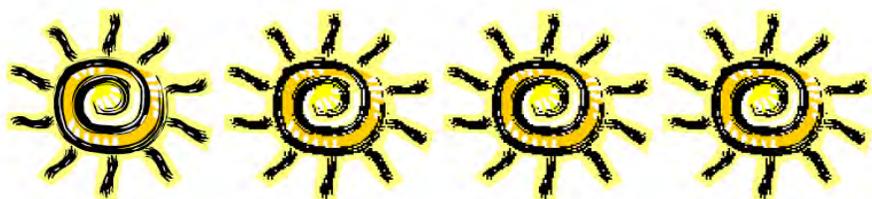


# NJASC REVIEW



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## Welcome Back NJASC!

Hello NJASC, and welcome to the 2014-15 school year! With the changing colors of the leaves and the dropping temperatures it is time to say goodbye to summer and hello to a new school year that will be filled with new cool projects and great achievements. Now is the time to show what great students, motivators and leaders we are.

This past summer the NJASC executive board flew down to Orlando, Florida for the annual NASC National Conference. It was a memorable and fun filled trip

that gave our New Jersey state representatives the opportunity to meet other student leaders from across the country and to pick up great new ideas for our schools.

Soon after returning from the Sunshine State, the board was back at it again, and were joined with hundreds of student leaders from across the state at the annual Leadership Training Conference at TCNJ. Keep reading to get an inside look!



# NATIONALS



From June 27-29, the 2014 NJ State Officers spent their time at Ocoee High School in Orlando, Florida for the annual NASC National Conference. Hundreds of students from across the nation were in attendance, sharing new ideas and engaging in leadership building activities. While at the conference NJASC was named the 2014 winner of the national Ardis Kyker State Service Project Award by the National Association of Student Councils. This award, presented annually, recognizes a State Student Council Association for its successful sponsorship of an outstanding service project that engages its members in support of a common charity or cause.

During their time in Orlando, the board met up with delegations from Region 2 at Universal Studios. For their pre-trip the State Officers spent two days in the happiest place in the world, Disney World! From riding Space Mountain to meeting Tinker Bell, the board had a blast in their time in Orlando.

The 2014 National Conference was an experience that will be cherished forever. The NJASC delegation that attended gained so much from this trip. Not only great memories, but new leadership skills that will last a lifetime.



# LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE



Once back in the Garden State, the 2014 State Board made its way to TCNJ to host the 59<sup>th</sup> annual NJASC Leadership Training Conference. This year there was a total of 284 students from across the state of New Jersey (and Arizona too!) that came together for the same common purpose, to become a better leader!

LTC is an incredible place to learn all about leadership; the positive environment and encouraging attitudes of the staff make skills such as public speaking and time management easy to pick up!

The 2014 Board loved every moment of this year's Leadership Training Conference and were sad to see it come to a close. They put their all into the conference. From late night skit planning to early morning poster making, they did a stupendous job at showing how much Jersey truly S.H.I.N.E.S. Hope to see you there next year!



**VISIT [WWW.LTCNJ.ORG](http://WWW.LTCNJ.ORG) for more information and to register online – become part of LTC 2015!**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER SCHOOLS!

We would like to welcome the following new member schools or schools that have returned as members following a few years away:

- Beverly City School
- Byram Intermediate School
- Deerfield School
- Ewing High School
- Freehold Township High School
- Hainesport School
- Heywood Avenue Elementary School
- Indian Mills Memorial Middle School
- Jersey City Citywide Student Council
- Knollwood School
- Manalapan High School
- Medford Memorial High School
- Northern Valley Regional High School
- Phillipsburg Middle School
- Princeton Charter School
- Public School #34 (Jersey City)
- River Dell Regional High School
- Rockaway Valley Middle School
- Roselle Park Middle School
- UC TEAMS Charter School & High School

## 2014 - 2015 STATE CHARITY



3 other students and two professors, were killed. Christine's Hope for Kids seeks to continue Christine's spirit and loving qualities; to help less fortunate children and to support local community agencies that work with and benefit children.

In January of 2010, 22 year old Christine Gianacaci of Hopewell Township, New Jersey, and several of her classmates from Lynn University, traveled to Haiti on a mission of hope; to help children and to feed the poor. When a massive earthquake struck on January 12th, the Hotel



Montana in Port-Au-Prince collapsed and Christine, along with

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# AWARD PROGRAMS

## Honor School Program

**Application due November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

(To Middle Level Representative Radhika Shah)

This self-evaluation award program recognizes Student Councils that have attained state and/or nationally recognized criteria with regard to overall council operations and participation in activities.

## Top Ten Projects

**Application due November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

(To Treasurer Brandon Palazzo)

These awards recognizes outstanding projects in the following categories: Educational, Fundraising, Service, School Spirit, Middle Level.

## Middle Level Student of the Year

**Application due November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

(To Executive Director Lou Miller)

This award recognizes an outstanding student leader at the middle school level.

## High School Student of the Year

**Application due November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

(To Executive Director Lou Miller)

This award recognizes an outstanding student leader at the high school level.

## Advisor Service Awards

Award pins are given to any Student Council advisor that is a "milestone" year of service (10, 15, 20, 25, etc.).

*All applications will be reviewed by the State Officers and winners will be announced at the Winner Convention.*

# CONSTITUTION REVISIONS

## PROPOSED REVISIONS TO NJASC CONSTITUTION – OCTOBER 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.*
- *These proposed amendments were posted in a special March edition of the NJASC Review, published and distributed electronically 60 days prior to the Spring Awards Program.*
- *These proposed amendments were accepted for consideration by the Student Council Presidents in attendance at the Spring Awards Program on May 15, 2014.*
- *These proposed amendments were posted in a special July edition of the LTC Ledger, distributed electronically 60 days prior to the Fall Business Meeting.*

*At the Fall Business Meeting, the Student Council Presidents' (or designates) will vote on whether to adopt these amendments; which if ratified will take effect on October 15, 2014.*

## COMING UP!

**Monday, November 17, 2014**

*Executive Meeting at Seneca High School.*

**Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

*Honor School, Top Ten Projects, Middle Level and High School Level Student Leader of the Year Applications due.*

**Monday, December 15, 2014**

*Executive Interview Meeting at Hamilton High School West.*

**Wednesday January 7, 2015**

*89<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Convention at The College of New Jersey.*



**Contact Mariela Jiménez!**

**If you are interested in having something included in the next issue feel free to contact me at [Review14@njasc.org](mailto:Review14@njasc.org)!**