



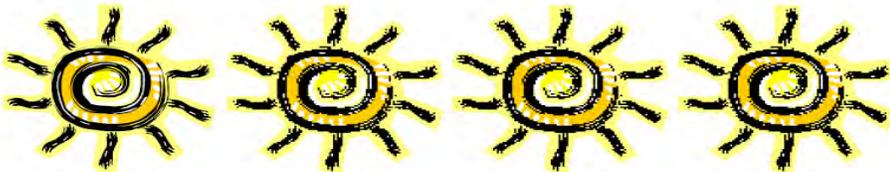
NJASC REVIEW



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Welcome Back and Happy New Year!



As 2014 came to a close let's reflect on our accomplishments in e past year and look forward to what is to come in the next year! We hope you had a wonderful time off and are ready to welcome 2015 with open arms. We have many events planned for the student leaders of New Jersey this year and cannot wait to share them with you! As the 2014 State Officers terms come to an end we'd like thank each and every one of you for making this an experience we shall never forget! It has been honor to serve on behalf of a state that truly SHINES. Best of luck to the candidates running for the 2015 State Board!

In this month's review you will view the highlights of 2014 and get to know our 2015 presidential candidates, *Catherine Lanigan* form Parsippany High School and *Nina Trach* from South Brunswick High School. Also be sure to read our 2014 President, Grace Manno's farewell address on page 7!

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!

2014 Flashback



Winter Convention – January 8th,



1st Meeting – February 3rd, 2014



Region 2 Conference – April 18th.



Spring Awards Conference – May 15th, 2014



NASC Conference - June 2014



LTC – July 2014



Interview Meeting – December 15th, 2014

2014 - 2015 STATE CHARITY



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 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.



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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: CAT LANIGAN



Hello student leaders of New Jersey! I'm Cat Lanigan of Parsippany High School and I am so excited to be running for NJASC President! I first became a part of student council in elementary school, and from there my passion blossomed. After becoming a member of my student council executive board in 8th grade, I decided to attend LTC. Best decision ever!

LTC taught me more about life, leadership and myself than I had ever expected. It helped me discover confidence, brilliance and determination within myself, leading me to become the current president of my junior class. The friendly and inspiring leaders at LTC

taught me that leadership is more about others than it is about yourself. I learned that as a leader, the impact you leave on others is the most important.

Outside of being active in my school's student council, I keep myself very busy. In doing this, I have learned to manage my time effectively and get things done under pressure. As a leader on my school's field hockey, swimming and track team as well as our Varsity Club vice president, I have learned to value team above self. Also, being one of the only girls on my club ice hockey team has taught me to strive towards what I want in the face of adversity. Long, strenuous days of conditioning have taught me that it is important to push not only yourself but your teammates to be the best they can. Being involved in athletics has taught me valuable lessons in leadership, commitment, perseverance and teamwork.

I also am very involved in my community—as a youth lacrosse coach, volunteer at a special need's school and an active participant in my church's youth group. I think giving back is a crucial part of understanding the challenges that many face. It has shaped who I am today and led me to discover that I love helping others.

I would not be where I am today without the past, present and future state officers constantly inspiring and believing in me. As president, I would like to pass this inspiration on to future generations, and help leaders find beauty and potential within themselves. I can only hope that as your NJASC president I could uphold this program's wonderful philosophy, as well as give back to the leaders of New Jersey the life-changing inspiration they have given unto me.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: NINA TRACH



Hello Garden State! I'm Nina Trach, and I am thrilled and honored to run as a candidate for your NJASC President. Leadership has played a large role in my life, ever since I first attended LTC three years ago. I left with a passion for public speaking and problem solving, so I returned the next year as a junior counselor, continuing to learn from others. I was exposed to skilled leaders who inspired me to share my new knowledge with my peers. I learned that the possibilities created by student leaders are endless and I sought to take my leadership education even further. I returned this summer as a delegate for LTC Advanced, as well as a junior counselor so that I could teach others the valuable lessons LTC provided me.

With my LTC experience I began high school with a strong desire to become a leader in my new school, and served as an officer on my freshman class council. This year I am the student council Underclassman Representative at South Brunswick High School and an active member in the Student Senate.

I am constantly looking to get more involved in my school and community. Besides student council, I play for my school's varsity volleyball and swim teams, which have provided me with a strong sense of teamwork and the skills of a peer leader. I am also the captain of my Princeton Volleyball Club team and I volunteer at a local swim club and at my church too.

State Officers act as role models for the members of the NJASC and after years of involvement I know I am ready to be this role model for others. Over the past three years the NJASC has given me the chance to grow as a leader and an individual and I want to continue to give back. This organization brings leaders together and I strive to be part of providing these experiences and opportunities to all of you, the aspiring leaders of New Jersey. Together, we can all become better leaders.

2014 PRESIDENTIAL FAREWELL



To the Most Amazing People in the Most Amazing State,

It's hard to believe it's already 2015! I think I can speak for all of my fellow state officers when I say we wish 2014 never had to end. This experience with the NJASC has been undoubtedly one of the most valuable in my life, and I owe it all to the 2014 State Officers, Lou and Wendy, and the talented student leaders of New Jersey. It's hard to move on from an experience so meaningful, which is why the NJASC will always have a special place in my heart.

Serving as president, I was blessed with the opportunity to learn from the brilliant leaders working alongside me. Each of them taught me invaluable lessons which have made me a better leader and person. I am eternally grateful for everything I have learned

from them, and all the memories we have shared. Everything we accomplished as a board truly was a team effort; working together towards a common goal has created a special bond between us, along with many memories. The experiences we've had working to serve the student leaders of New Jersey and bettering ourselves at leaders was truly special, and I thank them for sharing this with me. Through my time with the 2014 State Officers, I have been a part of the transformation of 9 individual leaders, to a team, to a family. From the bonding experience of LTC, to joining student leaders across the country at nationals, the leaders on this board have exemplified why Jersey S.H.I.N.E.S.

The indescribable experience of serving as part of the NJASC has made a major impact on my life by teaching me to become a better leader. It has taught me how rewarding it is to be a leader who values others above themselves. I have learned the most meaningful moments are not the ones where we step in front and take charge, but the ones where we take a step back and watch others excel. I feel nothing but pride when I think of everything the student leaders of New Jersey have accomplished in 2014.

Every person who has been a part of this experience has touched my life in so many ways. Thank you to our administrative assistants who were always there when we needed a helping hand, encouragement and support, or a friend to make us smile. Lou and Wendy have shown us an example of two people who are dedicated to improving the lives of student leaders. Thank you for teaching us to put our whole hearts into everything we do, and guiding us through this journey. I would also like to thank my family, friends, and Burlington Township High School for their support on this endeavor. I could not have had this amazing experience without the support of our principal, my advisors, and my peers.

To the student leaders of this great state, there are no words to describe how grateful I am for this opportunity to have served you. I am constantly inspired by your dedication, ideas, spirit, and positive energy. Every time I get to be around so many brilliant leaders, I feel a revival in spirit and energized to carry on the work of the NJASC in my own school and community. You make the NJASC the organization it is, and with your work and dedication, Jersey will always SHINE. Thank you for being you!

With gratitude to have served,
Grace Manno
NJASC President 2014

Adieu FROM YOUR 2014 STATE OFFICERS



As our term comes to a close we have many thanks to give. For starters, a huge thank you to the Administrative Assistants, we couldn't have done anything without your help and support. Next, a huge thank you our parents, advisors, schools, teachers, and administrators for the continuous support every step of the way of this journey. Also, a shout out to our LTC family, we've learned so much from you and are so grateful for your support. Another grand thank you to our advisors Lou Miller and Wendy Booth Sitzler. We are truly

blessed to have them running this great organization. Their love and guidance during our time as State Officers is greatly appreciated, we surely could not have had the success we did without them! Lastly, but certainly not least, a colossal thank you to all the amazing student leaders of New Jersey for making this wonderful state of ours truly SHINE.

Congratulations and the best of luck to the 2015 State Board candidates! We hope your time on the board is as fun and memorable as it was for us. We could not ask for a better bunch of leaders to take our places. Good luck in all that you do, and never forget that we are Students Helping Initiate Experiences Statewide!

COMING UP!

- SPRING AWARDS PROGRAM
Six Flags Great Adventure
June 4th, 2015
- NASC NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
June 25th-30th, 2015
- 60TH ANNUAL LTC
TCNJ
July 15-18 & July 19-22

Do you have any questions, comments, or concerns? Do you want to submit an article to the next Review? Contact me, Mariela Jiménez, at review14@njasc.org or my 2015 successor at review15@njasc.org!