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Meet Your 2016 Officers

President – Sanjana Duggirala



Hey, New Jersey! I am **Sanjana Duggirala** and I am incredibly honored to be your 2016 NJASC President. Leadership is a burning passion of mine that I want to share with the rest of the State. NJASC has given so much to me over the past few years, enhancing my leadership abilities through both LTC and LTC Advanced, and I am beyond thrilled to work alongside my fellow State Officers to continue this chain reaction of excellence. I am currently a junior at the Mercer County Technical Schools Health Science Academy, where I participate in a multitude of activities. Outside of school, I serve as a mentor to underprivileged students and participate in community cleanup and outreach activities. Such volunteering activities give me immense satisfaction and have helped me to understand that in order to make a change in the world, I must put others first. I am excited to work with the aspiring leaders of the Garden State to build a better future and inspire them to push their limits and enhance their leadership potential!

New Jersey, the 2016 State Officers look forward to working with you to make this year SO₂AR!

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Vice President – Beau Bruneau



What's up Jersey? My name is **Beau Bruneau**, and I am ecstatic to serve as Vice President of the 2016 Executive Board. Student Council has always been a passion of mine, and serving on the Executive Board has been my dream since 2014, when my first session of LTC inspired me to become more involved in my school and in the NJASC. I am truly honored to be elected as your Vice President. At my school, Holy Cross Academy, I serve as Vice President of our Executive Board and I am an active member of the National Honor Society. I am on the varsity Wrestling, Cross Country, and Golf teams. Also, I held a marketing internship down the shore this past summer. My biggest role is Race Director for "Run for Your Cause 5k", a charity race that I created and organized to benefit the American Cancer Society, which raised almost \$2,000 in its first year alone. I'd like to thank my school, peers, and family for supporting me in my endeavors and pushing me to be my best. I hope to use the tools and

resources of the NJASC to make a real impact. Also, I'd like to represent our state among other states, encourage the sharing of ideas to and from my school, and develop relationships with other youth leaders. I am looking forward to a great year ahead and working with the other great leaders of the board.

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Secretary – Jessica Lail



Hello, New Jersey! My name is **Jessica Lail**, and I am both honored and proud to be serving as the NJASC Secretary of 2016. Throughout my high school career, I have been especially passionate about Student Council and everything it has to offer. After first attending LTC last summer, I aspired to be a State Officer to represent the state of New Jersey and my fellow student leaders. I am currently a junior at Kingsway Regional High School. I enjoy being an active member of my school and my community. I am a member of Kingsway's varsity volleyball, basketball, and track teams. Along with Student Council, I am involved in a variety of clubs such as Circle of Friends, World Wildlife Fund, National Honor Society, Pets Are Worth Saving, Interact, and Student Ambassador. In my community, I volunteer as a Sunday school teacher and help out with a local youth cheerleading program. I also play club volleyball and beach volleyball. Through my involvement in these activities, I have learned the value of teamwork, hard work, and dedication, and I am excited to share my enthusiasm for student leadership with the state of New Jersey. Thank you to the Kingsway Student Council, my advisors, my friends, and my family for

helping me reach my goal of becoming a member of the 2016 state board. I am looking forward to working with the student leaders of New Jersey to help expand student leadership across the state and achieve great things.

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Treasurer – Cindy Lin



Hello New Jersey! I'm **Cindy Lin** and I am sincerely honored to be your 2016 NJASC Treasurer. As the first representative from Pemberton Township High School, I am proud and ready to bring good fortune into this organization. Student Council has helped to develop my leadership qualities from a school level to a state level, and I hope to go even further beyond that. I am currently serving as my school Student Council Treasurer and President of FBLA; a proud member of Honor Society; and have been chosen as next year's Anime Club Treasurer. Although I am very busy, giving back to my community and school is a must. I volunteer at the Senior Citizen Center, animal shelter, and New Lisbon Developmental Center. My own leadership skills are still developing; however, I believe in myself enough to know I will make an excellent treasurer and team player. I bring humor, a unique perspective, and great enthusiasm to inspire younger leaders of this generation. We are all capable of greatness and power, it is

only left to us to truly take that beyond our comfort zone. And thank you, sincerely, to my advisors, friends, and family who believed in me and became my wings to soar this far.

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Executive Member of Special Projects – Vanessa Livingstone



What's up, New Jersey! I'm Vanessa Livingstone and I am extremely happy to serve as your 2016 Executive Member of Special Projects. I was inspired to become a State Officer by the way past officers have encouraged others to succeed, and it is my goal to provide that same inspiration to students statewide. I cannot wait to work alongside my fellow officers to make the leadership of New Jersey even stronger! I am currently a junior at Palmyra High School, where I love to be involved. I'm a two-time captain of the cheerleading team, and a first-time captain of the softball and basketball teams. I am a member of my school's Interact Club, National Honor Society, and Student Council, where I serve as the Executive Vice President. As a student leader, my goal is to instill my peers with the confidence and tools needed to be successful. As an NJASC State Officer, I hope to encourage other student leaders to break out of their comfort zones and reach their full potential. I could not be more excited to be a part of this year's Executive Board. I'm looking forward to making 2016 an amazing year for the

student councils of New Jersey!

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Executive Member of Publications – Victoria Myers



Hey, New Jersey! My name is Victoria Myers and it is a privilege to serve as your 2016 Executive Member of Publications. As a class representative in my school's student council, I've been able to voice my opinions and ideas while also serving my school and local community. Thanks to that experience, I was motivated to become an NJASC officer. I'm am so honored to advocate for student leaders and to represent the State of New Jersey. I anticipate a great year of achievement along with my fellow officers. I am currently a sophomore at Rancocas Valley Regional High School. There, I participate in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Model United Nations (MUN), Youth and Government (YAG), and Fitness Team. I also play field hockey for RV as well as a club team. Through these diverse opportunities, I've had the chance to participate in various student government conferences, leadership workshops, days of service, along with physically challenging mud, color, and obstacle course races. I couldn't be more grateful for the vast amount of clubs and

activities my school has to offer. The immense diversity and sense of RV pride encourages all students to get involved in school and discover new interests. I hope that I can embody that same spirit to help make a difference in the lives of others. I am excited to serve and work with the amazing student leaders of New Jersey this year. Let's make 2016 unforgettable for NJASC!

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Executive Member of State Charity – Kevin Phildor



Hey, New Jersey! My name is Kevin Phildor. I am very proud and excited to say I'm your new 2016 Executive Member for State Charity. To tell you a few things about myself, I'm a nice and helpful person who loves spreading positivity around. I'm a sophomore at Hamilton High School West and a part of several clubs in my school, being president of my class, Student Council, Spanish club, Deca, Talented Tenth, Track & Field etc. Outside of school I'm also involved in activities at my church. I always love helping people in any way possible. It's always heartwarming being able to help someone in their life and aid them through their difficult times. Some of the outside activities I do at "Haitian Tabernacle Baptist Church " support our own charity. Since the dreadful earthquake that happened in Haiti on January 12, 2010 we organize and send boxes of clothes, items, books, utensils etc. twice a year. We have church members in Haiti who are able to deliver them to people. Each summer

we send our pastors and a few church members to Haiti for services and to give more as possible. We even have created a small school in a very poor part of Haiti, "Mirbalais", to give kids the basic education they need where they aren't able to receive it. When I went to the Winter Convention, I knew this was something I truly wanted to do. Helping schools all around in New Jersey was my goal. I can't wait to work with the student leaders & make this year one of the greatest!

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State Board of Education Representative – Ava Rybicki



Greetings, New Jersey! I am Ava-Kathleen Rybicki and I am so excited to be your 2016 NJASC State Board of Education Student Representative. Leadership has always been very important to me throughout all of my years in school, as I have fulfilled various leadership roles including being the current treasurer of Williamstown High School's Student Council. As a junior at Williamstown High School, I pride myself on being involved in a variety of student clubs and activities. I hold active membership in Senate, Student Council, Interact, Health Careers Club, National Honor Society, Friends of OTP, and the Varsity Swimming Team. Likewise, I am on the Philadelphia Soul football team's dance team and absolutely love performing at the halftime shows. Being involved in a variety of activities allows me to meet many new people and learn from their perspectives. Gaining insight from such a broad spectrum of people has opened my horizons and made me a stronger and more understanding leader. I look forward to not only leading and inspiring others, but learning from the people I meet along this exciting journey. The year ahead is going to be the best yet for NJASC as I am confident in my abilities to work alongside the other officers and make great things happen.

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Middle Level Representative – Shruti Nagpal



Hello, Jersey! My name is Shruti Nagpal, and it is an honor to serve as your 2016 NJASC Middle Level Representative! I have been involved in student council since I entered my first year at Melvin H. Kreps Middle School, and it has been an amazing experience so far. I currently hold a position of Community Service committee chairperson at my school, and truly enjoy being able to lead and help improve my community and township. Aside from student council, I am very involved in the sport of soccer. I play on a competitive travel soccer team for my township, and this has made me more passionate towards the game. In addition, I love journalism and writing newspaper articles. I take part in my school's newspaper club and hold the position as one of the club's general editors. Finally, if I am not fulfilling any of those activities, you'll find me reading! My favorite type of books

are fantasy novels; they have always seemed to steal my heart. I am truly excited to fulfill the position of Middle Level Representative for the NJASC this year. I am looking forward to great year filled with so many wonderful experiences.

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Let's So₂ar!



Region 2 Conference



This year's annual Region 2 Conference was hosted in Manchester, Maryland at River Valley Ranch from April 15-17. The NJASC board was able to bond and attend various workshops over the course of the weekend. New friendships with other region 2 leaders also developed as we participated in several leadership activities, mingled during meals, competed in the region 2 Olympics, and came together at a Saturday night bonfire. These experiences have certainly prepared us for a great year.

Our very own **Cindy Lin**, **Vanessa Livingstone**, and **Shruti Nagpal** collaborated on a workshop on personality traits and how they correlate to leadership called "True Colors." **Beau Bruneau** and **Ava Rybicki** lead a roundtable on successful fundraising. **Sanjana Duggirala** and **Jessica Lail** also lead one on generating school spirit. The NJ state board enjoyed working with the student leaders of region 2, and look forward to seeing them again at the NASC Conference this June!



Shout out to Parsippany Hills High School Senior, **Jeff Hunt**, who completed his two-year term as the Region 2 Student Representative.

LTC

Leadership Training Conference

Come spend an amazing 3 nights and 4 days of your summer at TCNJ for time of your life! We will be celebrating over 60 years of excellence for NJASC's Leadership Training Conference. Middle School and High School students will come together to grow and develop as leader, and of course, have fun! We welcome you to join us for this great experience!



1st Session: **July 13-16**

2nd Session: **July 17-20**

Visit www.ltcnj.org for more information. We hope to see you there!



Upcoming Events



June 1
Spring Awards Program
@ Six Flags Great Adventure



June 2
LTC Shirt Day



June 24-26
NASC National Conference
@Century High School in Portland, Oregon



July 13-16 & 17-20
61st Annual LTC
@The College of New Jersey



Farewell to 2015

A special thanks to the NJASC State Officers of 2015 for setting such a great example for the current board, and all student leaders of New Jersey. We commend you for all your hard work and commitment. You all have certainly set the bar high for the 2016 State Officers. Thank you for a MAGICAL year.