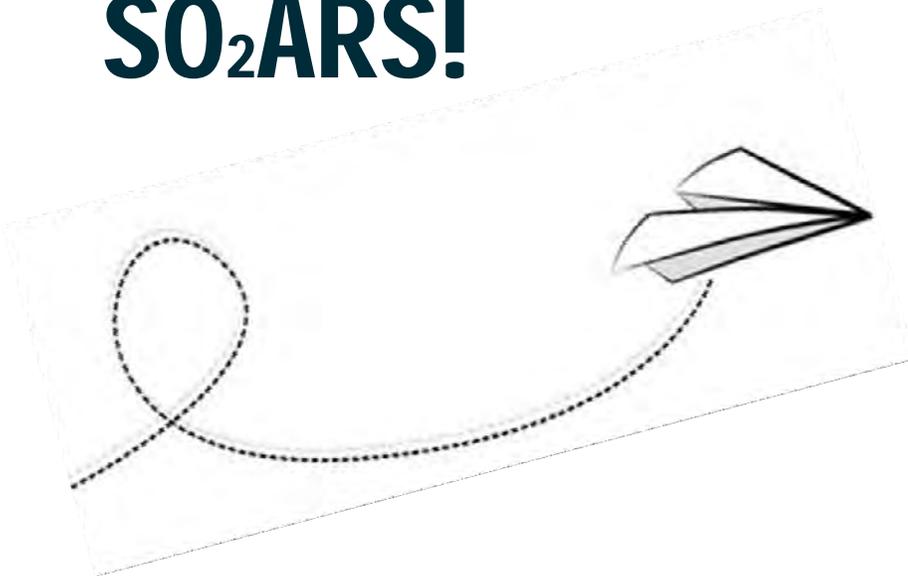




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HAPPY NEW YEAR NEW JERSEY!

2017

Welcome back New Jersey and Happy New Year! We are so excited for all the fantastic programs planned for the student leaders of New Jersey this year. In 2017, we intend to carry on the NJASC legacy: to train the student leaders of today as the adult leaders of tomorrow. We look forward to seeing all of you take action in your schools and communities, and inspiring others in the process. Let's make 2017 another successful year for NJASC!

As our term come to an end, the 2016 State Officers would like to give a hug thank you to all the student leaders of New Jersey who participated in or attended NJASC programs this year. The memories we've shared with you are beyond compare, and those experiences have helped each of us grow as leaders and individuals. Thank you New Jersey for all your support, and we wish the 2017 officers the best of luck.

OUR YEAR WITH NJASC



2016 Winter Convention



March Business Meeting



Region 2 Conference- Manchester, Maryland



NASC National Conference- Portland Oregon



61st Annual LTC



2016 Fall Business Meeting

2017 Presidential Candidates



Hello, New Jersey! I am **Brianna Hatch** from **Westfield High School**, and I am honored to be a candidate for the position of 2017 NJASC President. I have always been drawn to leadership, starting at age four, when I was convinced that ballet was my area of expertise, so I would provide extra help on certain moves and give tips to the other dancers. The only problem was, I exhibited this helpful leadership style on stage. In the middle of a recital. Twelve years later, I still possess that same passion for leadership and helping others, although I have learned to apply it in more practical and beneficial settings. During my years in middle school, I held the positions of Secretary and then President in the Student Council program, and went on to be a class representative in high school. I currently serve as the Secretary of my high school Student Government, and as the President of my Sophomore Class. I also contribute my leadership qualities in

my school as a varsity athlete for Cross Country, Winter and Spring Track - always promoting a welcoming, spirited, and unified team. Within my community, I use my leadership instincts to help others through the Girl Scout program, my most recent project being mentoring young scouts in the Elizabeth Coalition House for the Homeless. My volunteer work at Children's Specialized Hospital in an inclusive theater program really shaped my beliefs and goals as a leader: the idea that everyone possesses their own strengths, their own unique voice.

The peak in my passion for leadership occurred when I attended the LTC program, once as an incoming freshman, and returning for LTC Advanced as an incoming sophomore. Each year was individually rewarding and educational, but both inspired me to grow as a leader in ways that no other program has. Being in a place where everyone is constantly filled with joy - where everyone is accepting, where friendships made in three minutes last a lifetime - impacts an individual in ways I never imagined. I knew the instant that I stepped foot onto the TCNJ campus, with officers and counselors cheering, and campers who just arrived already feeling at home, that I wanted to be a leader on the team that had the power to create such a utopia where everyone felt important. I knew that if the NJASC had the ability to unite leaders from all over the state of New Jersey, it had the power to unite all those distinct ideas and personalities to form an unstoppable force of support for those in need and for New Jersey in general. Because of the NJASC program, especially LTC, I gained a new perspective and incentive to be a leader.

As the President of NJASC, I will continue to support the beliefs instilled in me as a leader through the experience I gained from LTC, my school activities, and from my involvement in the community. My main focus will be inclusion - stressing the importance and impact of every person's individual ideas and voice, and using those different personalities, different ideas, to benefit the State Charity and the state of New Jersey as a whole. I will continue to create the environment that the NJASC is known for - one complete with the same smiling faces, radiant enthusiasm, and strong relationships that I experienced at LTC and at every conference I have attended over the years. By creating this community for the leaders of New Jersey, I will ensure that everyone has the chance to contribute their opinions and goals. Through this fusion of individual ideas, the NJASC will be able to help the community in totally unique and effective ways.

2017 Presidential Candidates



Hey New Jersey! I am **Cole Mitchell**, a junior at **Phillipsburg High School**. I am running for President of the NJASC for 2017. Since the fifth grade when I achieved my first leadership position, I have dreamt of reaching new heights every year by working hard to help my school and my community. In the Phillipsburg High School Student Council, I have held the positions of Recording Secretary and currently the Vice President. In this program, I have organized many events and activities to fundraise for my school and give back to the community. As a result of my hard work ethic, I was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Away from my academic life, I also participate in soccer and lacrosse at the varsity level. From having both sports and school in my life simultaneously, I have learned time management, determination, and teamwork.

I have been active in the NJASC for four years. In the eighth grade, I held the position of Middle Level Representative on the NJASC board. It was there that I learned from my fellow board members how to effectively run a state board. The family, friends, and connections I have formed will surely help me in leading the board you will elect. I was also lucky enough to have been chosen to become a Junior Counselor at the Leadership Training Conference (LTC) which I have enjoyed for the past three years. When I leave LTC each year, I have a refreshed insight that motivates me to take action in my own school. The enthusiasm and positive attitude that is always generated from LTC is contagious and motivates me to find happiness in myself and bring it out in others around me. The connections I have made have helped me to form a thorough network which I will use to help drive the NJASC initiative and lead the program to new levels.

It is an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to run for President. If elected into this position by YOU, I can assure you that I will work hard with my board members to achieve greatness not just within our board, but with YOU and your school. My hope is that together as a team, we can prove the sky's the limit!

2017 State Office Candidates

President	Brianna Hatch Cole Mitchell	Westfield HS Phillipsburg HS
Vice President	Claire Donahue Zayna Jawed	Morris County School of Tech. South Brunswick HS
Secretary	Allyson Martinez-Gomez Makayla Stokes	Union City HS Bayonne HS
Treasurer	Khalid Alzubi Juliana Kim	Parsippany HS Mount Olive HS
Executive Member	Grissy Sime Emily Brown Chloe Levy Sofia Harty Kaelyn Baucum	Union County Acad.-Info Tech. Warren Hills Regional HS Cranford HS Kinnelon HS Franklin HS
State BOE Student Rep.	Karan Chauhan	Parsippany Hills HS
Middle Level Representative	Maya Fetzer Emma Valle Kunal Chauhan Syan Ghosh	Delaware Township School Stewartsville MS Brooklawn MS Central MS



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Established in 2010, Bianca's Kids is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children struggling due to mental, physical,

emotional, or financial issues. Their profits help grant wishes to these kids all across the state. To date, they have served over 13,000 children. Also, all donors get to see their contributions in action on the organization's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages.

To help support our 2016-2017 state charity, you can organize your own fundraisers in your schools and communities. Representatives are more than happy to come speak about the Bianca's Kids cause at various events. We hope all you student leaders are ready to get involved and support their great cause!



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2016 Presidential Farewell



To New Jersey's dearest,

I can't believe that it has already been a year! It feels like just yesterday that the State Officers and I were on stage being inducted, filled with excitement for the extraordinary year ahead. Over the past twelve months, I have fallen even more in love with the NJASC and everything that it does. Encouraging student leadership and providing you, the student leaders of New Jersey, with a platform to grow and thrive is incredibly empowering because it provides you with the skills and experiences you need to soar. I am confident that we have achieved our goal of building a better future!

I am incredibly grateful to have gotten the opportunity to meet eight other individuals who have become a second family to me. Each of the State Officers has brought a different perspective and personality to the Board, which has allowed us to learn from each other, making us much stronger as a team. My fellow State Officers constantly inspire me to be my best and have been an integral part of what has made this experience so memorable. I am also grateful to have had the privilege of travelling to the Regional Conference in Maryland and the National Conference in Oregon, where we met the most impassioned leaders and inspiring speakers, and grew closer as an NJASC family. Last but not least, it has been our absolute honor to work with Bianca's Kids and be a part of their mission of showing children that they are loved.

Serving on the Executive Board has shown me the different aspects of leadership. I have realized that the path to leadership is driven by learning and that all parts of the journey must be seen in a positive light—even our missteps. The road ahead is not always perfect, but it is yours, so make the most of it. Above all, I learned that the NJASC exemplifies the true purpose of leadership: to produce more leaders.

The NJASC's success is largely attributed to our Administrative Assistants, who never cease to amaze me with their enthusiasm, dedication, and friendship. The State Officers and I are also eternally grateful to Lou and Wendy, the most dedicated individuals that I have ever had the honor of knowing. Their admirable efforts, guidance, and endless support are truly an inspiration to us all. A wholehearted thank you goes out to the Health Science Academy, especially my advisor, Ms. Rachel Hendrickson, for being remarkably supportive. All of you have epitomized true leadership and have allowed me to have this truly rewarding experience.

To the student leaders of New Jersey, each and every one of you has so much potential and your futures cannot look any brighter. The State Officers and I loved meeting you, during LTC and our conferences. You have shown us tremendous amounts of excitement, passion, and positivity. You are truly the heart of the NJASC and are the reason that New Jersey SOARS!

With a new year comes a new start, so make this the year that your “later” becomes your “now” and your dreams become your realities. This is not a goodbye, but just the end of a beautiful chapter and the beginning of another.

With love and heartfelt gratitude,

Sanjana Duggirala



2016 Farewell



After soaring through another successful year for NJASC, the 2016 State Officers have many people to thank for their help and support. First off, we'd like to thank our Administrative Assistants. All of the hard work you do at all of NJASC's programs is greatly appreciated, we wouldn't have our success without you.

Secondly, we like to thank our amazing Executive Directors. Lou and Wendy, we are infinitely grateful for everything you do to make NJASC as amazing as it is. Your support and guidance has led us through this great year,

and we cannot thank you enough for that. We also send a huge thank you to our LTC family for supporting us and giving us an incredible LTC experience. Thank you for an unforgettable summer.

Lastly, thank you to all the student leaders of our wonderful state for embarking on this journey with us. Never forget, New Jersey Students Organize to Achieve Real Success! We hope the 2017 officers have an experience as amazing as ours, as they lead New Jersey through another great year of student leadership!

Upcoming Events

- ✚ **Winter Convention** @The College of New Jersey – Wed. January 11th
- ✚ **Executive Transition Meeting** @Mercer County Technical Schools Health Sciences Academy – Mon. February 6th
- ✚ **Spring Awards Program** @Six Flags Great Adventure – Wed. May 24th
- ✚ **62nd Annual LTC** @The College of New Jersey – July 12-15 & July 16-19

