



NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

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Dear Fellow Advisor,

As we enter the 2024-2025 school year, it is a challenging – but exciting – time for student leaders and faculty advisors alike. We, your New Jersey State Student Council Association, are here to help you navigate the path!

Since 1927, the New Jersey Association of Student Councils (NJASC) has provided student leaders and their faculty advisors throughout the Garden State the opportunity to network and share ideas while discovering, developing, and applying leadership skills to serve their middle or high school communities. The skills learned, friendships made, and experiences shared not only benefit student leaders throughout their time in middle and high school, but in their collegiate and professional lives as well.

We are inviting you and your student leaders to JOIN US! Annual membership in your New Jersey State Student Council Association for this year remains **ONLY \$50.00 per school**, entitling you and your students to take advantage of many programs, events, and opportunities for recognition designed to improve leadership skills and the overall student experience in your school. Active participation in NJASC is not just for Student Council; our programs and events are open to ALL co-curricular clubs and organizations in your school – when your school joins NJASC, it is for everyone in your school!

NJASC is a valuable resource for networking and sharing ideas while providing professional development for advisors, enabling student representation on our State Board of Education, and fostering student involvement in school and community. With **Online Registration** now open you can quickly begin or renew your NJASC membership while gaining access to a wealth of other information on our website at <https://njasc.org>.

So, how can NJASC help you and your student leaders?

- NJASC is registered with the New Jersey Department of Education as a licensed **Professional Development Provider**. We offer programs for advisors and other educators interested in student leadership at each of our conferences to exchange ideas, support those new to our profession, and network with colleagues throughout the state. If you are looking to get professional recognition for being an advisor and the support this role so richly deserves, then NJASC is the place for you!
- For nearly 70 years, NJASC has provided outstanding leadership training for thousands upon thousands of students from all over the Garden State. Each July, our annual **Leadership Training Conference (LTC)** brings together over 350 middle and high school student leaders at The College of New Jersey, as well as over 100 dedicated Junior and Senior Staff members from all walks of life. LTC blends practical workshops with experiences from peers, advisors, and past delegates in a unique informal setting. Delegates learn and practice valuable leadership skills such as effective public speaking, communication skills, project planning, conflict resolution and positive problem solving. If you are looking to get your student leaders invigorated and prepared to meet the challenges that await them, then LTC is the place for them to be! For more information, please visit our LTC website at <https://ltnj.org>.

2024 NJASC STATE OFFICERS

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NJASC offers **Seasonal Conferences** throughout the school year at which thousands of student leaders and advisors come together; a summary is provided below. You can also learn much more about these and other NJASC programs on our website at <https://njasc.org>

- On **October 8, 2024**, we will conduct our **Fall Conference** at The College of New Jersey. In addition to a nationally recognized motivational speaker, important association business will be conducted that includes the beginning of the process leading to the election of nine student leaders as our 2025 NJASC State Officers. Registration will be approximately \$25.00 per student and advisor.
- On **January 8, 2025**, we will conduct our **99th annual Winter Convention** at The College of New Jersey. At our State Convention, nearly two thousand student leaders and advisors convene to elect our State Officers, network with advisors and students from over one hundred schools, hear nationally recognized motivational speakers, and share council projects/ideas with each other. The afternoon program will consist of over thirty breakout sessions, where students present and share successful programs from their own Student Councils. Registration will be approximately \$30.00 per student and advisor.
- In **March 2025** (date T.B.D.), we will conduct our annual **Advisors' Workshop** in-person at centrally located Melvin H. Kreps Middle School in East Windsor, where advisors can take advantage of the opportunity to network and share great ideas with colleagues while receiving valuable training. Advisors attending this event also become part of a statewide professional community, in which members are encouraged to provide mentoring and support. Registration will be approximately \$40.00 per advisor.
- In **May 2025** (date T.B.D.), we will conduct our **Spring Awards Program** in-person at Six Flags Great Adventure. Over three thousand students and advisors join us in recognizing Student Councils throughout New Jersey for their community service, charitable donations, and exceptional student leadership. Following the award presentations, all in attendance also get to enjoy the rides and attractions in the park. For over forty years, NJASC has coordinated an annual State Charity program with over \$4,000,000 in donations raised from Student Councils throughout New Jersey for a variety of worthy student-selected causes. Registration will be approximately \$50.00 per student and \$40.00 per advisor, which includes full theme park admission.

Our goal is to include ALL middle and high schools in the state of New Jersey in our growing community of student leaders and faculty advisors. We look forward to meeting you and your student leaders, and having your school become an active member of your state Student Council association. If you have any questions about the NJASC and our programs, events, and opportunities for recognition, please visit our websites at <https://njasc.org> and <https://ltnj.org> (for LTC) or contact either of our Executive Directors at the e-mail addresses below.

Thank you for your service to student leadership in your school and community.



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