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80th Annual IASC State Convention



With the end of the school year fast approaching, the state convention is only a few days away! A tentative schedule of the events can be found on the IASC website, illinoisstuco.org. The convention will take place at the Hilton Springfield from Thursday, May 1st, to Saturday, May 3rd. None of this would have been made possible without Mrs. Kari Ebens, IASC Convention Secretary Delaney Egan, and their Student Council.



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Congratulations to Mrs. Kari Ebens!

Congratulations to Mrs. Kari Ebens, advisor from Byron High School and advisor of this year's IASC Convention Secretary, Delaney Egan. Mrs. Ebens has been named Illinois's nominee for the 2014 NASC Warren E. Shull Advisor of the Year Award.. This award is given to an advisor who goes above and beyond what is expected of a student council advisor. Delaney Egan, the current convention secretary, gives her account on having Mrs. Ebens as a student council advisor,

"These past few years, the Byron student council, Mrs. Ebens, and I have gone through an incredible journey full of growth and fantastic

memories. Mrs. Ebens has taught me, as well as every other student who has been in this council, that we have to chase the goals we thought we would never accomplish. Mrs. Ebens and I have become very close over the course of the year as the host school for the 2013-2014 state convention. Countless hours of dedication have aided in making this a fantastic convention. She is always working on improving our craftsmanship and stays until all the work is finished. I can count on her with my life

and will always know that she has my back. I have learned so much from my council, specifically the Isaacs—Baylie and Brexton, former IASC Assistant Communications Chairperson and president respectively—and Mrs. Ebens. These years in council were the best of my life, and I wouldn't trade them for anything. I greatly suggest everyone to thank their advisors and try and get connected into the state portion of the Illinois Association of Student Councils. It is really a fantastic program."

IASC's Summer Workshop

When—July 21-24

Registration is due June 30th.

Where—Millikin University

Theme—Hunger Games of Leadership: Be the Spark

All student leaders are welcome to attend. Advisors have been sent brochures. Information will also be available at the state convention and on the website, illinoisstuco.org.

Advanced Workshop and NASC's LEAD Conference

At the Advanced Workshop, we were taught how to trust each other. We were able to learn more about ourselves and others.



At the LEAD Conference, we energized our leadership with speakers like Ted Wiese, learned how other student councils operate across the nation, and learned different leadership styles.



The Chicago District is Back!

Hello everyone! I am Carolina Viramontes, president of the Chicago District Association of Student Councils.

At the 2012-2013 State Convention the schools that were present wanted to work together to bring back the district board and have an active district student council. I took the initiative to plan the first couple meetings over the summer where we elected the 2013-2014 board and set goals for the upcoming year. Throughout this year we have

done a couple service projects, had a workshop, and built a foundation for the upcoming board. A project I am working on now is putting all our agendas, activities, pictures, documents, and advice together in a binder, so that the upcoming leaders will have something to fall back on and so they won't lose sight of what the district is all about; bringing leaders from all over the city together to communicate and work together for the betterment of

each school. The goal of this year was to create strong communications, mutual respect, and an environment where everyone felt welcomed and able to share their ideas, so that from this base, the district can grow in upcoming years. I hope to one day come back and hear about the increase in members and growth of the Chicago District Association of Student Councils.



Pjammin!

Pjammin is a fundraiser to help children with cancer. Money is collected for two weeks, and on the day of the event, students and faculty who donated wear pajamas to school with the idea being that children in the hospital are constantly in pajamas. Everyone who donates receives a gold ribbon and a wristband with the phrase, "No one fights alone." In addition, everyone who donates has his or her name written on a gold ribbon to be put on the wall. Daniela Lakosilova, a two-time survivor of Leukemia and a student council board member, started this

fundraiser 3 years ago at Ridgewood High School. After she graduated, we continued this fundraiser and expanded it to a local grade school, Union Ridge School. We have students, faculty, and families who all donate for this cause. IASC's Executive Director, Gary Clark, and the first Vice-President's Advisor, Jen McSweeney from Lake Park, also contributed this year. On the day of the event, there was an all school assembly where Daniela came back to speak of her experiences. The local newspaper came to take pictures of the event, too.

Our goal for Ridgewood was to raise \$500, and we far exceeded that goal with a collection of \$778. With the help of Union Ridge School, we were able to donate \$3042 to the American Childhood Cancer Association.

-Mike Jorgensen





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