

Winter Newsletter

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IMPORTANT MEETING TIMES:

- **Thursday, 4:30 PM** - OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOLS
- **Thursday, 5:00 PM**—DISCUSSION GROUP LEADERS
- **Thursday, 5:45** - ALL ADVISORS—We will have a short orientation meeting.
- **Thursday, 6:15**—NEW ADVISORS—for all first time advisors attending convention
- **Thursday, 7:00**—Opening Session will begin
- **FRIDAY, 11:30**—Advisor luncheon, business meeting and district meetings

2011 CONVENTION AT MEHLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

- Make plans to attend the 63rd Annual State Convention at Mehlville High School in St Louis, MO.
- The Convention Registration Brochure is included in this email. Be sure to read all information carefully.
- Regular Registration deadline for convention will be Feb 11
- Late Registration deadline for Convention will be Feb 28—an additional \$50 fee will be added to the cost. Your school will not be guaranteed convention shirts and nametags.
- You may wish to order Convention Shirts with the Convention logo for only \$15/\$17 each. Pre-Pay orders only.
- Your delegation may also choose to pre-order pizza to be eaten once you arrive at the school. The order forms are on website and pre-paid before you arrive.
- Health forms and Participant Commitment forms are on the website YOU MUST bring these with you to the convention.
- Host family information will be mailed back to you with directions to the school and updated information one week before the convention.
- Schools who plan to run for office should see information in the convention brochure. Follow the deadline/guidelines closely.
- Schools who would like to assist with student Discussion Groups, please contact: Vice President Schools:
Belton HS
SO Joplin JH
- Scholarships and Award information is included in this newsletter. Be sure to nominate your students for these awards!

State Honor Council Awards

Karen Haak, director of our Honor Council Award has announced the applications are available on the website. **ONLY** those schools who are eligible may apply. Please follow the application guidelines and direct questions to Karen. Remember, for the

award, photographs must be included in your application to qualify.

Pictures will be used in the Honor Council presentation at the state convention.

If possible email the pictures to Karen and include the name of the school in your email.

Karen's contact information:
705 Franklin
Moberly MO 65270
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SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS INFORMATION

Several scholarships and award recognitions are available to students and advisors from MASC.

Applications can be downloaded at:

www.mascl.org

SCHOLARSHIPS REQUIRING AN APPLICATION CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM WEBSITE

Many times in the past there have not been many applicants for these awards. Please take the time to assist your student leaders and recog-

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS SCHOLARSHIP

Completed applications must be returned directly to MSAE OFFICE, Jefferson City, MO.

\$1500 scholarship awarded to outstanding student council leader. **DUE: April 11**

Each school can nominate one senior- preferably your president or other officer

NONA HYDE – LENORA YOUNGER SCHOLARSHIPS

Completed applications **returned** by **March 1**.

Two scholarships to attend MASC Summer Leadership Workshop at William Woods University.

Provides full registration. Any student 9 – 11 in current school year is eligible

Interviews will be conducted at convention on Thursday- the nominee must be one of the regular delegates.

MARVIN FLEMING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Completed applications **returned** by **March 1**.

Letter of recommendation from advisor nominating student and outlining the student's qualities and experiences

Each school may nominate one student council member

Scholarship to MASC Workshop at William Woods University, Fulton, MO

MEL GUEMMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Completed applications **returned** by **March 1**.

Letter of recommendation from advisor nominating student and outlining the student's experiences.

Student must be a student council member and varsity letter winner in any sport.

Letter of recommendation from student council advisor Verification of varsity letter from a coach or athletic director.

Scholarship includes full registration to MASC Workshop at William Woods University, Fulton, MO

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR HIGH-MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARD

Completed applications **returned** by **March 1** to: Teresa Pedersen, Louisiana MS, Louisiana, MO

Student must be a registered delegate at MASC Convention

Current Junior High-Middle School student GPA of C or above Actively involved in Student Council

Interviews will take place at convention and winner will be announced Saturday morning.

DR. GRACE GARDNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Completed applications **returned** by **March 1**.

Provided to a Middle School – Junior High student to attend MASC Leadership Camp in June at William Woods

DENNIS LOCK AND KEVIN “CUBBY” HOUSKA SCHOLARSHIP

Completed applications **returned** by **March 1**

There are two special scholarships available to high school students to attend MASC Summer Leadership Camp in Fulton,

MO. One honors former executive director, Dennis Lock, who now teaches in Las Vegas, NV and the other is in memory of former camp JC and Mehlville HS graduate, Kevin “Cubby” Houska.

Cubby Scholarship—Application on the website.

Dennis Lock Scholarship—Send a letter of nomination, outlining student accomplishments to Terri by March 1.

Additional scholarships will be available for 2 students and 2 advisors in the April Newsletter. These scholarships will provide the opportunity to attend

Summer Leadership Camp in June.. Watch for updates!

Remember—check out the MASC website for scholarship applications. It's easy...and all the scholarship forms can be typed or downloaded!

NATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL AWARDS

National Association of Student Councils will be awarding Honor Council Awards for the third time this year through the National Office. The award documentation runs from January 1, 2010 to December, 31, 2010. Applications should be postmarked by February 15, 2011. There will be two levels of the award. Applications can be found at

www.nasc.us—Scholarships and Awards

The application process is very similar to the Missouri Honor Council Award.

Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to recognize your council.

Special Olympics offers a fantastic curriculum called: **GET INTO IT!** education and engagement tools for teachers and students. Get Into It@ educates, motivates and activates students to make a difference in their schools and communities. It aligns with important educational initiatives: service-learning, anti-bullying, character education, anti-obesity, changing school climate and inclusive collaboration. You can find the curriculum at: <https://getintoit.specialolympics.org/>

Does your school do Project UNIFY? (i.e. Special Olympics Program to create more inclusive school environments through initiatives like the R-Word Campaign, Unified Sports, Partners Clubs etc.) If the answer is YES, you may qualify to be part of a research initiative through SOMO and earn \$250 for yourself. Email: Jenny - jnewbury@specialolympics.org and let her know you are interested in the GET INTO IT Research Initiative. She will get you in contact with the right people. This is a great opportunity! Check it out!

INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR MASC STATE OFFICE?

Please read these carefully and call or email Terri if you have questions regarding state office.

- 1. Candidates for President may bring 8 delegates to convention. Other offices may bring ONLY 4 delegates.**
- 2. Candidates will be doing presentations from the stage. These will be done on THURSDAY night at the opening session.**
- 3. All candidate schools will be expected to have a campaign booth which will be set up Thursday evening and Friday morning.**
- 4. Schools who would like to run for office need to send a letter, de-**

claring candidacy by Feb 18, 2011 to Terri. The letter should be signed by the school advisor and council president. A letter from the principal giving permission to run for office should be included.

Candidate schools will receive guidelines and rules for campaigning after their candidacy letters have been received.

MAKE TRAVEL PLANS ACCORDINGLY—ALL OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOLS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING AT WEBB CITY HIGH SCHOOL ON THURSDAY AT 4:30 PM.

Officer Schools will be involved in the planning and arrangements for the State Convention. These schools need to send student representatives to MASC Sum-

mer Leadership Workshop in Fulton, MO.

OFFICER SCHOOLS MUST COMMIT TO ATTEND PLANNING MEETINGS THROUGH OUT THE YEAR.

All offices are held by high school level councils EXCEPT for 2nd Vice President.

*****PRESIDENT**—Convention host, 2011

*****1st VICE PRESIDENT**—Select topics and discussion leaders for high school delegates

*****2nd VICE PRESIDENT**—Select topics and discussion leaders for Jr High/Middle Level delegates

*****SECRETARY**—Oversee the Exhibit Hall for State Convention and create item of interest for the member schools: (examples: book of activities, calendar)

Missouri Association of Student Councils

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Email Terri to join the list-serve!

Show-Me Leadership Website:
www.masc1.org

NATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL CONVENTION June 25-27 2011

One of the highlights of the summer for many student council leaders is the annual National Convention. This year the event will be a joint conference between Student Council and National Honor Society.

The cost for the actual convention can be lower if you take advantage of the **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION**. This date is March 18. **COST—\$350**

REGULAR REGISTRATION—is May 16. **COST—\$450**

Go to the NASC website: <http://www.starleadersconference.org/>

FOR THE REGISTRATION LINK.

All delegates must register ON THE NASC WEBSITE **Send a copy of the registration form to Terri Johnson.**

Each school will be responsible for making their own hotel reservations. This is a different process than in the past. Students must be accompanied by an advisor. Student—advisor ratio is 12

students to 1 advisors. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to attend a NATIONAL CONFERENCE RIGHT IN MISSOURI.

All students are expected to travel with their advisors to the National Convention. **All the events will take place IN THE HOTEL—some meals will be provided, others will be the responsi-**



This convention will be an outstanding opportunity for students and advisors to learn and grow as leaders. This is a BRAND NEW FORMAT and will offer fantastic opportunities for students and advisors.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS—OUR STATE CHARITY

Special Olympics has long been our Charity of Choice. MASC donated nearly \$245,000 and logged over 10,000 volunteer man hours in 2010. We must continue to do our part and help this organization. Special Olympics will be highlighted at our State Convention this year. Your students will be moved by the presenters and learn how important their role is in its success. Each SOMO area has a contact person for you to work with. Go to the website for contact information and activities in your area!

If you are unsure of what you can do for Special Olympics, check out the Special Olympics website
somo.org

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Get a team together and fundraise \$\$\$ for Special Olympics. Prizes are awarded at State Convention to the top school fundraisers!

MASC is an official sponsor of the 2011 Torch Run!

While we are at the convention each state delegation wears special state shirts to distinguish their group. AND we trade items throughout the convention with other delegates. This of course, includes our Missouri Duck. Our trading items have included, pins, necklaces, magic wands, hats, keychains, and shirts. The trading package is \$50 per person and is payable upon arriving at the convention. This makes the convention tons of fun and is a great ice-breaker for everyone to meet and get to know each other.

CONVENTION HOTEL: \$139 + tax

Hyatt Regency at The Arch
315 Chestnut Street
St. Louis, MO 63102

Reservations can be made at any time and a credit card must be provided to confirm the reservation. A deposit of one night for each room will be charged to the credit card. The link for reservations is on the NASC website.

