

NASC Program Updates

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The following is a snapshot of recent and current activities for NASC programs and awards. Please contact Jeff at sherrillj@nassp.org or 800-253-7746, x325 if you have questions or would like more information regarding those listed or others.

(Blue text - hyperlinks to web pages or email)

Warren E. Shull Awards

- A reminder that Shull applications are due on or before December 1, 2012. State associations that are unable to nominate due to timing of state conferences are encouraged to carry over their nominations to the next cycle, i.e., advisers selected in late fall of 2011 or spring of 2012 could be the 2013 Shull nominees. States affected by Hurricane Sandy or other significant disruptive events should contact NASC.
- Applications feature an electronic submission option. Letters and state director endorsements may be emailed to NASC. Please discourage advisers from faxing applications. If the electronic submission featured on the application is not used, it is preferred that applications be printed, scanned as PDFs and emailed to NASC.
- The 2013 applications include larger response areas so nominees can provide more detailed information in the various categories. Judging will be by the NASC National Advisory Council during their meeting in January

National Council of Excellence Awards

- Growth continues in the award. Over 30% of the 2011 councils honored were recognized previously.
- In 2009, a Continuation of Excellence application was introduced. Councils could use the Continuation application for 2 consecutive years, and then would be required to complete a full application. Advisers whose councils will be affected by this guideline have been contacted by email and reminders have been appearing in the NASC E-Bulletin.
- Deadline to submit or post-mark an application is February 15, 2012.

NASC Adviser Longevity Certificates

- Please remember to honor the 2-3 week lead time when you request longevity certificates. Certificates are bronze, silver, gold, and platinum levels. A certificate order form is included with the email carrying this program update and can be requested from Bonnie Reed (reedb@nassp.org).

Dale Hawley Awards

- Hawley Award certificate applications are attached to the email carrying this program update. An application may also be requested by email to Bonnie Reed, reedb@nassp.org.
- Applications must be used to request certificates and we ask those requesting certificates to please remember to do so at least 2 weeks prior to their being presented. Certificates arrive pre-printed with student names and dates, ready for signatures.

Ardis Kyker State Service Award

- NASC thanks the state associations that participated in the Kyker Award in 2012 and hopes more will consider applying for 2013. Applications will be distributed via email in early January. Deadline for applications will be April 15, 2012.
- The winning state association receives a mounted certificate and a \$500 cash award. Additional recognitions may be given on occasion in the categories identified on the application.

Bullying

- The NASSP Bullying Resource page continues to evolve. Resource links and anti-bullying projects were periodically highlighted in the NASC E-Bulletin throughout the year. We welcome any additional links that you can share and would like us to add.
- In connection with the overall bullying initiative, NASC staff participated in the National Anti-Bullying Summit in DC in August.

National Student Leadership Week

- National Student Leadership Week is April 14-20 and the theme for 2013 is *Student Leaders Raising the Bar*. Information will be posting on the web after the first of the year and the annual magazine insert will be published in March.

NASC Adviser E-Survey

- The 2012 NASC National Survey of Student Council Advisers ended November 18. Early tabulation of data shows an increased number of advisers with 1-3 years of experience, and an average of advisers having slightly more than 7 years of experience. A more complete reporting of the survey findings will be published in early 2013.

NASC National Conference

- Plans for the NASC National Conference in Las Vegas are in full swing and excitement is building for the June event to be held at Sunrise Mountain High School. A conference update and informational presentation will be made during the NASSCED meeting in Pinehurst. The conference web page can be found at www.nasconference.org and new information is being posted as it becomes available. NASC members can also visit the [Conference Event Page](#) on the NASC Facebook site.

LEAD Conferences

- The LEAD Conference in Phoenix, AZ was well attended and the conferences in Washington, DC and Chicago, IL are expected to draw higher numbers.
- Remaining LEAD Conferences are: Washington, D.C. [Feb. 1-3, 2013] and Chicago, IL, [Feb. 15-17].
- Each conference will feature a special presentation by Teen Truth: Bully and School Violence
- Next year's dates/locations: Nov. 8-10, 2013 in Denver, CO, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2014 in Washington D.C., and Feb. 14-16 in Chicago, IL

State Affiliation

- NASC State Affiliation Agreements expired on June 30, 2012. NASSP will begin a review of the current agreement after the first of the year as the first step of a renewal process. 33 state student council associations held affiliation with NASC-NASSP as of the expiration date.
- Details of State Affiliation will be discussed during the meeting in Pinehurst. Leadership and internal changes at NASSP delayed the release of new agreements.
- All state directors should have received an email from NASSP membership during the week of Nov. 12 providing information and password for logging into the NASC website. If one was not received, please see Jeff Sherrill during the NASSCED meeting or email [Jeff](#) at NASC.

Raising Student Voice & Participation

- Increased interest continues for RSVP, especially in the middle level.
- In early November Jeff Sherrill presented a concurrent session on RSVP in the Middle at the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) national conference.
- The 2012 National High School Principal of the Year is a strong supporter of RSVP and readily speaks about the positive impacts it has had on his students and school climate.

- A Breakthrough Middle School in Chesapeake, VA has added a technology twist to the RSVP process by incorporating videos, created by the facilitators as part of the summits.
- NASSP continues to seek out sponsorship funding to update the existing RSVP guide and to produce a new middle level guide.

From NASSP:

The Digital Principal Award is an opportunity to honor principals who exhibit bold, creative leadership in their drive to harness the potential of new technologies to further learning goals. The award also allows us to showcase models of leadership that encourage the use of technology in instruction and for principals' own professional use. NASSP will honor three NASSP member principals in schools that cover any subset of grades K—12. Criteria for the award are based on the [National Education Technology Standards for Administrators](#) (NETS*A), developed by the [International Society for Technology in Education](#), and the applications of those skills to further the [Breaking Ranks Framework for school improvement](#). Details are available on the [NASSP website](#).