

March NASSCED Newsletter

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To: NASSCED Membership <members@nassced.org>



Dear Esteemed NASSCED Members,

“Adversity does not build character, instead, it reveals it.” Dr. John Wallace

Two short weeks ago, the newly elected NASSCED Board convened in Reston, VA. As a newly appointed member, I can tell you; this group was certainly not short on experience, nor on passion. As we began to gauge the landscape we would soon maneuver on our leadership journey as a board, it became apparent that adversity surrounded us. Not the typical “what color should our shirts be” type of adversity. It was the kind of adversity that brings 70,000 people to Madison, WI, to fight for the future of education. Unless you’ve lived under a rock for the past several months, it should be apparent that priorities in education are shifting, mentors have passed, conferences have taken on a new face, and our role as board members, to be honest, was clearly in the midst of change.

The above quote encapsulates what we as a board began to think about. In times of adversity, we do not have problems to deal with; rather we have choices to make. Challenges are gifts, opportunities to learn and reveal character – and that is exactly what we took inventory on. As members of the NASSCED Board, we knew it was our duty to become the flagship for state directors on their own journey to keep youth leadership programs vibrant and available for young people today and in the future. So with an abundance of enthusiasm, on behalf of the NASSCED Board, I introduce: the NASSCED News Letter – the first of many new initiatives to serve you in your role as directors!

Each month, on behalf of the NASSCED Board, I will be sending out a news letter featuring an inspiring message, resources surrounding a topic of interest, state programs highlighting these topics, and dates to remember (that’s what happens my friends when you get up and leave to go to the restroom during a meeting - you get appointed editor!). The exciting thing though, this is only the beginning!!! We, as a board, will continue to focus on incorporating these topics in our meetings and conferences in the upcoming year! Upcoming topics include:

- **April:** Effective Officer Training
- **May:** What you “really” need to know for the STAR Leaders Conference
- **June:** Branding and Marketing your Programs – just to name a few!

I will be contacting several of you in the upcoming months to assist in my “reporting” and I would appreciate ALL the

insight you might have!!

With summer soon approaching, we thought March would be the most appropriate month to highlight “Summer Leadership Programs” across the United States. Today, we highlight New Jersey!

New Jersey has a very extensive leadership summer program. Now entering its’ 56th consecutive year of operation, LTC continues to thrive and inspire student leaders each summer. For many years a “camp” in the woods and now a full blown “conference” at a college campus, LTC has evolved through the years just as its’ sponsoring state association has. Nearly six decades later, the original intent and purposes remain the same and so does the end result. The 56th annual NJASC Leadership Training Conference will be held from July 13-16 and 17-20, 2011 at The College of New Jersey. For more information about the New Jersey Association of Student Councils and its annual LTC program, please visit the NJASC website at www.njasc.org.

States with summer programs include:

- Arkansas
- Arizona
- California
- Catholic (TACSC)
- Colorado
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Louisiana
- Massachusetts
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

Dates to Remember:

- NASC/NHS/NJHS Star Leaders Conference - June 25 to 27, 2011
- NASSCED Summer Board & Membership Meetings - June 25, 2011
- NASSCED Winter Board Meeting - November 30, 2011
- NASSCED Winter Membership Meeting - December 1 to 2, 2011

Thank you again for ALL you do for student leadership in our nation! I look forward to our journey together this upcoming year. We have SO much to learn from each other!

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