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New Jersey's HOME

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The '07 Board chose...

NJ's HOME

...as the state theme



Hello!

This is the first issue of the NJASC review sponsored by the 2007 Executive Board! I'm Prerna Bhatia and I'm the editor for this year's Review. I'm very excited to be able to bring the NJASC to you via the Review. This year is going to be a wonderful year, and I plan to keep you updated about everything that goes on in our state. Not only will you be receiving hard copies of the Review, but be sure to check out the website www.njasc.org for the Review there and lots of other goodies such as news, forms, networks, and everything you could possibly imagine for your student council!

The 2007 NJASC Executive Board



You will meet the new Executive Board over the next 4 pages...

Meet The Board...

Hey New Jersey! The 2007 NJASC executive board is off to a great start and I love my job as president. Aside from putting together monthly agendas and chairing meetings, I, along with the executive board, attended a Region 2 Meeting in April. Region 2 is comprised of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware, and each state had a lot of great things to share. As a board we have also selected this years state charity and have been trained for the Leadership Training Conference (which you should attend!). As nervous as I was about all the responsibility that came along with this position, being NJASC president is a life changing opportunity and I can not wait to see what excitement the rest of the year will bring!

President
Sara Plotkin



Vice President
Jonathan Weisbrod



I hope you're all having tons of success as we reach the 2006-2007 school year's home stretch. To the graduating seniors, I wish you good luck in your future goals; and to the underclassmen and middle school students, I'm looking forward to meeting many of you at LTC! So far as a member of the NJASC 2007 Executive Board, I've been involved in reporting information on the NJASC Board of Trustees, to my fellow executive members. As a board, we're in the works on determining state charity, on top preparing for LTC and Nationals. Even though it seems a far way off, I've been organizing all the information of next year's state officer elections. Anyone considering running for office next year can find all the information they need regarding eligibility on www.njasc.org. If anyone has further questions regarding next year's elections, feel free to contact me at vicepres07@njasc.org. Together we can make a difference.

Hey everyone! Things are off to an awesome start with the 2007 NJASC Executive Board and I've already experienced so many great things as Secretary! During our first few meetings, the Board and myself picked the state theme (H.O.M.E) and a state charity as well. I also tried my first attempt at writing the minutes, which are posted on NJASC.org for all of you to see if you would like! A few weeks ago, the Executive Board and I were fortunate enough to attend the NASC Region II Conference in upstate NY. Not only did we learn alot of great leadership skills, we also met some really cool people! We're all looking forward to LTC in June and hope to see ALL of you there!

Secretary
Annie Valentine



Treasurer
Mina Ra



Hello everyone! My name is Mina Ra and I am the treasurer of the NJASC. So far, I have written a few checks for our organization. As treasurer, my responsibilities also include helping to choose the top ten projects of the year. It has been a great experience so far and I am looking forward to the upcoming events.

The Executive Members

Hey NJ! I'm Prerna Bhatia and I'm the NJASC review editor! I go to Parsippany Hills High School, and I am a junior. So far, this is the first edition of the Review and I hope you all like it. Other than writing, editing, re-writing, re-editing, and printing this I work with the rest of the NJASC members in making decisions about the charity, advisor of the year, etc. I'm looking forward to a fantastic year going to LTC and nationals as well! I hope New Jersey will become a better home throughout the year!!

Review

Prerna Bhatia



State Charity

Jessica Derrico



My name is Jessica Derrico and I am the executive member in charge of charity for the 2007 State board. So far this experience has been indescribable. I have had the pleasure of contacting charities throughout New Jersey and presenting them to the rest of the board. After much discussion we finally narrowed down to our top three. I am very anxious to select our charity for the 2007 and present them at six flags. I hope this year we can reach out together to make our state a better place.

Special Projects

Stephen Flynn

Hello, New Jersey. My name is Stephen Flynn, I'm a sophomore at Immaculata High School, and your 2007 Executive Member in charge of Special Projects. This year, it is my responsibility to coordinate the "Standards of Excellence" and "Community Smile" programs. I keep in constant contact with member schools to make sure you all get whatever awards you qualify for. The rest of 2007 should be filled with amazing experiences for all NJASC members.



State Board of Education Representative

Kayla Stoll



Hey, New Jersey! My name is Kayla Stoll and I am your State Board of Education Representative for the wonderful state of New Jersey! My role in NJASC is to attend State Board meetings every month and give the student perspective, or opinion, on many topics that are presented to the board. Then I give a report at our NJASC meetings and let the council know what's taking place. So far my experience on the council has been an awesome one. I have met so many new people, which is something I really enjoy doing, and have done many things that I will never forget! If anyone ever comes across a problem do not be afraid to approach anyone on the council, we are all willing to help!

Middle Level Representative

Michaela Brown

Hey, everyone. My name is Michaela Brown, and I'm the NJASC middle level representative. (I love to say that.) That basically means I'm in charge of the NJASC's Honor School Program. I have had a wonderful time fulfilling my duties as middle level rep so far. I wrote a letter to Governor Corzine and I'm continuing to work with the wonderful 2007 state board. I know we will accomplish great things. I have loved every minute being your middle level rep, and can't wait for the other great things I'll do as a part of the NJASC. The NJASC is an amazing part of my life that I enjoy very much. Thank you!!!!



Is your advisor special?

The 2007-2008 NJASC Advisor of the Year Award will be presented in October at the **FALL BUSINESS MEETING**. We've changed this program to enable our Advisor of the Year to be eligible for the Warren E. Shull National Advisor of the Year award. Be sure to get application forms online at www.njasc.org because this is a great opportunity that recognizes the achievements of outstanding advisors in our state! All completed applications and recommendation letters are due to NJASC Executive Director Lou Miller by **September 1, 2007**. We recommend that any Student Council who is nominating their advisor should complete the paperwork in May or June.



Deborah Wiecezszak
Kawameeh M.S.

Student Leaders of the Year:



High School: Dennis Cunard, Williamstown High School

Dennis has led with distinction in many areas throughout his high school years, as President of NHS, captain of the Williamstown Braves Hockey Team, member of Class of 2007 Senate, and Corps Commander of Williamstown's R.O.T.C. program. In all of these roles, he has demonstrated leadership and dedication in immeasurable ways. Dennis also is involved in Transition Project, where upperclassmen reach out to freshmen and help them acclimate to the school. He also donates his time as a Friend of OTP, working with special needs students. In the words of Student Council Advisor Elizabeth Scott, "while he is a very busy person, he makes time for and sees the benefit of being part of these wonderful activities. His positive attitude and charisma encourage others to get involved."

Middle School: Alyssa Fishbach, Lopatcong Middle School

Alyssa has been a member of the Lopatcong Middle School Student Council for three years, and on its Executive Board for two. In the words of her Advisor Kenney Lutz, she "has the ability to get other students involved in school activities and to share the same enthusiasm." She is also a leader in academics, and on the school cheerleading squad. Her dedication carries over into her current work as Student Council President. She has a keen vision of what needs to be done and how things should be carried out. This enables her to organize and manage large scale projects for the school. Peers and teachers alike respect Alyssa for the devotion and effort she puts into everything she does.



The 52nd Annual LTC has been relocated!

The NJASC will be having the 52nd leadership training conference this summer. Although it has been moved to a new place, the same great things can be expected. Despite what “leadership training” sounds like, LTC is really an amazing experience in which you can learn an enormous amount about working together, and friendship.



Although there will no longer be a campfire, at The College of New Jersey, LTC’s new home there is going to be air-conditioning and real beds in townhouses!! TCNJ is in the center of New Jersey, so it is accessible to everyone. You will still have many opportunities to meet with other leaders, and staff to create friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. The experience you will have there will stay with you for your entire lifetime. You will never forget the laughs, the friends, the lessons, and the memories. If you are interested in attending the first session will be July 11– 14 and the second will be July 15– 18. The dates are changed due to many conflicting sports schedules. You can download application forms online at www.njasc.org. If you

“The time I spent at LTC were some of the best three days I’ve ever experienced. The people I met and the things I learned about myself were incredible and changed my life for the better. I hope everyone some point in their lives are as lucky as I was to be able to experience everything that LTC has to offer”

—Nicole Feldman, Mount Olive HS

attend LTC, it will not only look awesome on your college transcripts, but it will teach you many leadership skills that you can carry with you to school and onwards. Also, you want to become a state officer you must have attended LTC, so here is a perfect opportunity. The cost per delegate is \$325 including conference fees, food, and housing for four days and

three nights of one of the best experiences and breath-taking leadership opportunities you will ever have!

Don’t wait, send in your forms soon and get ready for one of the greatest experiences of your life!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE



Region 2 Meeting — Central Square, NY

From April 20-22 Sara Plotkin, Michaela Brown, Annie Valentine, myself, and Executive Director Lou Miller all traveled up to Paul V. Moore High School in Central Square New York to attend the annual Region 2 Meeting. Students from all five states of Region 2 - New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, New York, and Pennsylvania - attended this meeting and gave presentations on different topics such as lobbying, civic engagement, and leadership workshops. We delivered a presentation about how we select and work with our State Charity. We spent a lot of time getting to know the State Officers from other states, and by spending so much time together on both car rides we managed to know each other better than before. During the meeting we stayed in host families, which was a new experience for all of us. On the way home, we stopped at NJ's famous *Hot Dog Johnny's* and couldn't resist buying T-shirts. Through our journey and deep discussions along the way, we discovered that in leadership everyone should look out for each other, and no one should ever be left alone, as an island. So if you're ever in the cafeteria and you see someone eating lunch alone, be a leader, sit with them because no one should ever have to eat alone...



The NJASC 2007 board would like to thank the '06 board for doing such a wonderful job running the NJASC last year. Your shoes will be hard to fill! *The Executive Board: Tiffany, Brittany, Carly, David, Justin, Jessica, Kyle, John, Brian and the Administrative Assistants: Jim, Emily, Lauren, Amanda, Emily, Dominique, and Tiffany.* We miss you, thanks for everything, and good luck!!



Important Dates:

Nationals: June 22-28

LTC Session 1: July 11-14

LTC Session 2: July 14-18

Advisor of the Year Applications due: SEPTEMBER 1

Write to Us:

Do you have a special event, program, or person that you would like to tell the NJASC about? We would love to hear about it!

Email it to me at:

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