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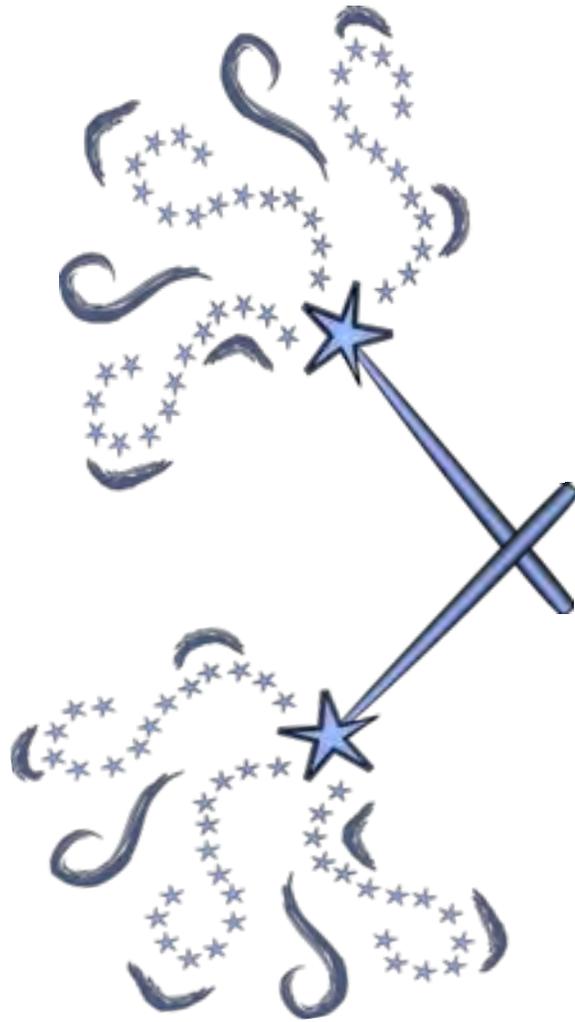


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**Making  
All  
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Ignite  
Change  
Among  
Leaders**



## 2015 State Theme

# Meet Your 2015 State Officers

## President Nina Trach



Hello Garden State! I'm **Nina Trach**, and I am thrilled and honored to be your 2015 NJASC President. As a sophomore at South Brunswick High School, I am constantly looking to get more involved in my school and community. I am currently the Underclassmen Representative on my Student Council, an active member in the Student Senate, and a Safety Ambassador. In addition to Student Council, I play for my school's varsity volleyball and swim teams and I also play club volleyball on the court and on the beach. I am so excited to be able to share my passion, dedication, and enthusiasm with the NJASC. My goal for 2015 is to get even more schools and student leaders involved in the NJASC so that we can grow together by sharing and learning from even more new ideas. I am looking forward to a MAGICAL year with all of you!

## Vice President Erin Contiliano



Hey NJ! My name is **Erin Contiliano**, and I am beyond honored to be serving as your 2015 NJASC Vice President. As a junior at Phillipsburg High School, I continue to be involved with Student Council and other activities while striving to make a difference in my school and community. Starting when I was eleven years old, I instantly fell in love with Student Council and it became a huge influence in my life. When I'm not in Student Council meetings I enjoy being involved with Field Hockey, Lacrosse, National Honors Society, Youth Group, and various community service activities. I encourage all of you to become involved in your own schools by being leaders, with the hopes of having incredible and MAGICAL experiences that you will never forget. NJASC has given me countless experiences that have shaped and changes my life; and I cannot wait to spread the

magic and impact others! I am extremely excited to make these memories with you!

# Meet Your 2015 State Officers

## Secretary Matt Girardi



Hello New Jersey! My name is **Matthew Girardi** and I am the 2015 NJASC Secretary. I am very excited to be on the board, meeting new people and getting a chance to serve our wonderful state and bring as much to the table as I can. I am currently a Junior at Columbia High School in Maplewood NJ- Go Cougars! Aside from the NJASC, I serve as Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 5 in Maplewood, on the Order of the Arrow, as a member at large on Columbia's Student Council, President of Italian Club, and as a member of Columbia's Mock Trial, JSA, Hall of Fame, and FLES programs. Outside of Columbia, I work at the local library and am currently an acolyte at my church. Community outreach and giving back to others is one of the traits that I believe embodies effective leadership and creates a better community. I have had the honor of being able to be in an incredibly diverse environment in every sense of the word, seeing people from many walks of life, which has been an experience I am eager to use to

the best of my ability as Secretary. Leadership is about creating hope for others and inspiring new ideas and creative solutions. I am eager to see what lays in store for all of us ahead in what will truly be a MAGICAL year for NJ.

## Treasurer Alexei Sepe



How you doing, Garden State! I am **Alexei Sepe**, and I am humbled to be your 2015 NJASC State Treasurer! Currently a sophomore at Parsippany Hills High School (Go Vikings!), I have always dreamed of becoming a State Officer—a piece of this organization's backbone. The NJASC has been an integral part of my life, becoming an Administrative Assistant (AA) to the State the past year. I have learned so much from all the amazing people in this association. Being in the marching band, tennis team, newspaper club, French club, and chamber choir, I always keep busy, doing all the things that I love. Community service is another passion of mine, volunteering in my church and as a counselor at a local recreational camp during the summer. I hope that my enthusiasm, passion, and strength will

empower all the aspiring leaders of the NJASC. It is important that the students unlock their potential with the tools the NJASC offers. Lastly, I would like to thank all those who helped me to be where I am today. It's going to be a MAGICAL year with the 2015 State Board, New Jersey!

# Meet Your 2015 State Officers

## State Board of Education Representative Alexis Bailey



My name is **Alexis Bailey** and I am honored to serve all of you as the 2015 NJASC State Board of Education Representative. Leadership has always been one of my greatest passions. I cannot wait to explore my passion for student leadership to work and learn alongside all of you to make the great state of New Jersey even better! As a junior at Bayonne High School, I am a member of my Student Government and class council. I attended LTC in 2012 and LTC Advanced in 2013. This past summer I became a Junior Counselor at LTC. I also volunteer as a Girl Scout Daisy Troop assistant. In order to make my term as State Board of Education Representative impactful, I need your help! Throughout the year, I will be sending surveys to each school to learn about your concerns and try to make tangible solutions for these issues. In addition to participating

in surveys, feel free to email me at [stateboe15@njasc.net](mailto:stateboe15@njasc.net) with any additional questions, comments, or concerns. I look forward to diligently recognizing your concerns as well as your achievements and presenting them in Trenton each month. With your help, we can make 2015 a MAGICAL year!

## Executive Member of Charity Katerina Robles



New Jersey! I am **Katerina Robles** and it is my honor and privilege to be serving you as the 2015 Executive Member in charge of State Charity. So here is a little story about me: My passion is to help others, get involved, and challenge myself in the projects I do. It is always important to try to achieve your dreams. There is no one stopping you except yourself, so why hold back? I am a sophomore at Nutley High School and have been class president for the past two years. I'm involved in orchestra, soccer, and a large variety of clubs. Through all of these activities I've learned to become a better leader and team player. I'm extremely excited for this year on the state board. We have a great group of leaders ready to make New Jersey magical!

# Meet Your 2015 State Officers

## Executive Member of Publications

### Francesca Rodrigo



Hey New Jersey! My name is **Francesca Rodrigo** and I am beyond privileged to be elected your 2015 Executive Member of Publications. I am currently a junior in Edison High School. Other than being involved in student council, I'm an active member of clubs like ATAC (Assertive Teens Against Cancer, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and NHS. I'm also a Safety Ambassador for Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and a part of my church's Youth Group. Giving back to my community is a great feeling and I'm beyond lucky to have the opportunity of serving as a state officer. With the help of my fellow board, I promise to make this year MAGICAL. I hope to encourage other leaders to motivate others and influence their peers in a positive way. I hope you guys enjoy my reviews throughout the year and if you have any questions feel free to contact me at [publications15@njasc.net](mailto:publications15@njasc.net).

## Executive Member of Special Projects

### Riyan Kabir



Hey New Jersey! I am **Riyan Kabir**, your 2015 Executive Member of Special Projects. Currently, I am a sophomore at Kinnelon High School, where I actively take part in many clubs and community activities. Beyond Student Council, I am involved in our school Newspaper and Honor Societies. I also volunteer at a local hospital and a YMCA where I assist teaching beginners swimming. Responsibility and time management are basic pillars of leadership, which I acquired through leadership roles in my community. I have learned to be a part of a team, working with numerous individuals through clubs and activities over the years. I believe that it's the goal of leaders to actively guide their community through example and all of my experiences have educated me in being a better, more effective leader. I have learned that a small group of people can achieve great things if they set their minds to it. I am truly honored and excited to be a part of your NJASC Executive Board, New Jersey! I am confident that we can work together to achieve many great things this year and to create impactful connections among schools statewide. Together, we can make this year truly MAGICAL!

# Meet Your 2015 State Officers

## Middle Level Representative Diya Patel



Hey there New Jersey! My name is **Diya Patel** and I'm your 2015 Middle Level Representative. I am currently a 7th grader at Brooklawn Middle School. Ever since third grade when I saw the presidential candidate speech for President of the United States, I knew that one day I would like to be President of the United States. Now being on the state board feels like my goal is coming together one piece at a time. During my free time you can always find me on stage acting singing or dancing in school productions. I also love to dance ballet and sometimes Indian contemporary. I am also a tutor to kids in 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grades. I look forward to working with the state board and can't wait for everything that's ahead in this magical year.

We look forward to making this year  
**MAGICAL**



# Region 2 Conference



This year's annual Region 2 Conference was held from April 24-26 in Livonia, NY at Camp Stella Maris. Your NJASC board was able to get closer and attend different workshops. We were also able to attend a Red Wings Baseball game in Rochester, NY. The bonds that were made will definitely make this year magical.

Our very own **Erin Contiliano** did a workshop on time management called, "How to Handle A Lot On One Plate". We hope to bring this workshop to Nationals this year! **Nina Trach** and **Alexis Bailey** did a roundtable on advertising in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, while **Katerina Robles** and **Francesca Rodrigo** did a roundtable on the process for choosing a state charity.



Parsippany Hills High School Junior **Jeff Hunt** is currently the Region 2 Student Representative on the NASC National Advisory Council, and was the student co-chair for this conference. Jeff will continue as our Region 2 student leader through June 2016.

Your state officers and administrative assistants worked well with the student leaders of PA, NY and MD – and we look forward to seeing them again at the NASC National Conference in June!

# LTC Leadership Training Conference



**What better way to spend your summer than to go to LTC? This July will mark NJASC's 60th annual Leadership Training Conference. This year we will be celebrating 60 years of excellence. All students in Middle School and High school are welcome to come down to The College of New Jersey to meet awesome people, grow as a leader and have a great time!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Session  
July 15-18**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session  
July 19-22**

**Visit [www.LTCNJ.org](http://www.LTCNJ.org) for more information and to register!  
You don't want to miss out! 😊**

# What's coming up?



June 4 – **Spring Awards Program**  
@ Six Flags Great Adventure  
**JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> – LTC SHIRT DAY**



June 25-30 – **NASC National Conference**  
@ Rio Rancho High School in  
Albuquerque, New Mexico



July 15-18 & 19-22 – **60<sup>th</sup> Annual LTC**  
(Leadership Training Conference)  
@ The College of New Jersey

## A Farewell to 2014



Just want to give a special shout out to the State Officers of 2014. They are an example of nine leaders who have truly inspired New Jersey! Thank you for your hard work and dedication. State Officers of 2015 have huge shoes to fill. All of you truly SHINE.

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