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Meet Your 2017 Officers

President – Cole Mitchell



Hey, New Jersey! I am Cole Mitchell and I am honored to be your 2017 NJASC President. Leadership is a burning passion of mine that I am looking forward to sharing with the rest of the state. The NJASC has been a part of my life since I was in middle school from being a Middle Level Representative to being a Junior Counselor at LTC. Thus, I have grown a love and passion for the NJASC. I am extremely excited to work alongside my fellow State Officers to continue to take NJASC to the next level!

I am currently a junior at Phillipsburg High School. I participate in the Student Council where I have held the positions of Recording Secretary and currently the Vice President. I have also been inducted into the National Honor Society. In both Student Council and National Honor Society, I participate and run charity events where I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with great people from my community. Away from my academic life, I also participate in soccer and lacrosse at the varsity level.

It is an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to be your President. I am excited to take on my role and work with the leaders of New Jersey to take student council and leadership to new heights. I would like to thank my advisors, friends, family, and everyone that has supported me. My fellow 2017 State Officers and I are looking forward to a great year of working with you and your school to make 2017 the best year yet! Please feel free to contact me at president17@njasc.net.

Vice President – Claire Donahue



What's up, New Jersey?! I am Claire Donahue and I am incredibly honored to serve as your NJASC Vice President! Student Council and NJASC have both played a huge role my life since middle school, shaping me into the leader I am today and providing me with opportunities I could only dream of. That is why I am thrilled to work alongside a board that feels the same way I do about inspiring students across New Jersey to harness their own passion for leadership and put it into action.

Currently, I attend Morris County School of Technology located in Denville, NJ where I have served as Freshman, Sophomore, and currently as Junior Class President. Throughout my years there, it has been my mission to transform the student council. We have more collaboration between grades and administrators, implemented student council service projects, and got our school an NJASC membership. It certainly has not been easy, but it echoes the mantra that you should be the change you want to see in the world.

I want to share this philosophy, my dedication, and my passion with students throughout the state. I am incredibly grateful for my advisors, teachers, administrators, family, friends, and officers that have supported me throughout this whole journey. I have high expectations for New Jersey this year; let's make it the best yet! Please feel free to contact me at vicepres17@njasc.net.

Treasurer – Khalid Alzubi



Hey, New Jersey! I am so honored to have been given the keys to help serve you and your schools as 2017 Treasurer. I have always been a leader by nature and lead with my heart, and am not afraid of a challenge. So, both fear and love have driven me to this office. However, I have not always held a leadership position. It wasn't until freshman year as class president when I held my first position in student council, but as my involvement grew so did my passion for this organization and helping my school and everyone in it achieve success. I hope to help all of you realize that it is not where you start that matters, but where you finish.

I am a junior at Parsippany High School where I am currently my school's treasurer. I am very involved at my school academically, athletically and obvious in student council. I run cross country and play basketball both for my school and for a club team in the spring.

I would like to thank all my peers and teachers who have helped me to become the person I am today by establishing my foundation as a leader. And I look forward to building on that foundation with all of you. The rest of the 2017 board and I are excited for a great year with you great people! Please feel free to contact me at treasurer17@njasc.net.

Secretary – Makayla Stokes



What's up New Jersey? My name is Makayla Stokes and I am proud to be your new NJASC Secretary for the year of 2017! I am honored to continue the legacy of state officers from Bayonne. Throughout my seven years of student council, I have held multiple leadership positions and I am now serving as my school's publicity chair.

I am a junior at Bayonne High School and I am currently involved in student council, class council, and both of the varsity cheerleading teams. Outside of school, I coach a grammar school cheerleading team and support the ALS Association and Relay for Life. Through these activities I have learned the importance of working with a team to accomplish a common goal. After attending my first NJASC conference in the seventh grade, then attending LTC as a freshman, I knew being on the state board was something I had to do!

I greatly appreciate this opportunity to serve as your secretary. I have high hopes for another successful year of the NJASC. I wouldn't be in this position without the endless support from my school, advisors, friends and family and for them I am eternally grateful. I can't wait to work with my fellow officers to make 2017 unforgettable! Please feel free to contact me at secretary17@njasc.net.

Executive Member of Publications – Sofia Harty



Hey, New Jersey! I am Sofia Harty and I am honored to serve as an Executive Member of Publications for 2017. My love for representing and influence from past officers motivated me to become State Officer. Being a leader is a recurring trend in my life. My leadership is not only evident in involvement in student council, and NJASC, but in other activities where I'm involved. I am currently a sophomore at Kinnelon High School and I am very privileged to be involved in other organizations and clubs such as: Varsity Club, Turkeys 4U, Girl Scouts, High School and club swim team, being President of my class, and an active member in my church.

When I am not at a club meeting or engaging in an organization I am most likely in the pool. My close friends and family are very familiar with my most spoken sentence, which is: "I can't, I have swim". Swimming is the reason why chlorine is my perfume, I wake up at the crack of dawn during summer

vacation, and why I constantly have aching sore muscles... but I love it, and it shapes me to the person I am today, teaching me responsibility, drive and passion. On the rare occasion where I say, "I can, I don't have swim", I enjoy hanging out with my friends and family, exploring nature and different leisure pursuits, and going on long walks with my dog, Pickles.

I am very eager to be a part of the State Board this year! I look forward to working with my officers, and making an impact on other students' lives. Special thanks go out to my advisor, Mrs. Sappio, for being along my side throughout the whole process, My best friends, teammates and my family for their unconditional love and support. Let's make 2017 a great year for the student councils of New Jersey! Please feel free to contact me at publications17@njasc.net.

Executive Member of State Charity – Kaelyn Baucum



Hey, New Jersey! My name is Kaelyn Baucum and I am delighted to officially be your 2017 Executive Member for State Charity. I am, if nothing else devoted to fairness, equality and especially equity. I value everyone's opinions, thought and ideas and whole heartily believe everyone should be able to contribute. I also am very ambitious, persistent and a go-getter. I let nothing stand in my way. Lastly I am very compassionate and empathetic. I am always willing to be the team's cheerleader, encouraging everyone to always do their best, while also always ready to lend an ear to listen or a shoulder to cry on.

I am currently a junior at Franklin High School where I participated in many different things. I am the Vice President of Student Government, Secretary of my Class Council, member of STFL, Girl Circle, and Varsity Swimmer etc.

Outside of school I am a part of a high school level sorority called, EA Xinos, centered mainly on community service. Leadership has always played a humongous part of my life. It was freshman year of high school attending the Winter Convention, when I set my sights on becoming a member of the NJASC Student Council. From the all the chanting, campaigning, and the speeches I knew this would be the right fit for me. I then set my plan in motion on how I would achieve this enormous goal. Just like I set a goal and accomplished it, I intend to completing any goals we set out together as I am honored to be serving you!

Though my excitement and eagerness is completely unfathomable, my passion, drive and commitment to being elected and having the chance to work alongside amazing and ambitious leaders is as clear as day. I would like to thank all my family, friends, Student Government members and my advisor for all their help and putting up with my countless slogan ideas! Together I believe we will continue to improve the NJASC and Student Leadership across the board with, heard voices, seen visions, and everlasting forward momentum! Please feel free to contact me at charity17@njasc.net.

Executive Member of Special Projects – Emily Brown



Hey, New Jersey! I am Emily Brown and I am so honored to be your 2017 Executive Member of Special Projects. Student council and being an inspiring leader are my biggest passions. When I went to my first NJASC conference I was so inspired by other state officers and other amazing leaders, I knew it was a dream of mine to run and can inspire the other leaders of our state. I am so excited to be able to do just that alongside my fellow state officers this year!

I am currently a junior at Warren Hills Regional High School. I love to be an active member not only in my school but also in my community. Along with Student Council I participate in Best Buddies, Junior Executive, Deca and Healthy Options. Outside of school I am a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Franklin Township Fire Department. I have also been a dancer since the age of 4 and am currently a member of The Starmaker School's dance company. Being a part of so many activities is so rewarding

and a great learning experience.

I would like to thank my advisors, my student council, my friends and my family for all the support in this opportunity. It would not have been possible without you! I can't wait to see what this year brings for the executive board, the NJASC and all the amazing leaders that are a part of it. Together we will make this year the best yet! Please feel free to contact me at projects17@njasc.net.

State Board of Education Student Representative – Karan Chauhan



What's happening, New Jersey? I am Karan Chauhan and I am excited and honored to be your 2017 State Board of Education Student Representative! Student Council and being a part of the NJASC is an integral part of my identity, and I have learned so much and grown as a person at all of the conferences, as an Administrative Assistant, and at LTC. I am so happy to serve the organization and people who have given me so much at a higher level with the rest of the amazing 2017 State Board.

I am a junior at Parsippany Hills High School and serve as the treasurer of the Student Council Executive Board. I am also active in JSA (Junior Statesmen of America) chapter, MUN, French club, and FHS. I love music and play the bassoon in band and the saxophone in jazz band. I also enjoy playing and watching tennis and running. In the community, I participate in events organized by my school's SIA (Students in Action) club, and I volunteer with an NGO in India called the Lotus Petal Foundation that

provides free education and healthcare for underprivileged children in the Delhi. All these fulfilling experiences have helped me realize my identity and leadership skills I may not have otherwise could develop.

I am extremely grateful to the NJASC, my Student Council and advisors, family, friends, and the student leaders of New Jersey for this opportunity. I hope to make an impactful difference this year, working on important issues in our schools, a few of them being cultural tolerance, mental health, and being environmentally friendly. I look forward to serving the NJASC with my fellow State officers and creating even more opportunities for all students in our state. Please feel free to contact me at stateboe17@njasc.net.

Middle Level Representative – Emma Valle



Hello, New Jersey! My name is Emma Valle and I am overjoyed and honored to be the 2017 Middle Level Representative. My involvement in student leadership began in fifth grade when I was elected to the Student Leadership Alliance, or SLA. I really enjoy being involved in the fundraising, planning, and team building aspects of the program. From the day I made SLA until now, I have loved working with my school's Student Council. When the opportunity to get involved with Student Council at the state level was presented, I was immediately interested. Now, as a member of the 2017 NJASC, I am prepared to learn about my new role and the many ways that I can contribute to achieving the goals set forth by the Executive Board.

Apart from Student Council, I love acting and have played the roles of Sally Brown in Charlie Brown and the Peanut Gang, a fairy in Sleeping Beauty, Perdita in 101 Dalmations, and now Rafiki in the Lion King. I have also been an All-Star Cheerleader since I was four years old, which has given me the opportunity to perform and compete at locations all around the United States. I also participate in Yearbook Club and National Junior Honor Society, as well as take vocal lessons. One of my favorite activities in my free time is to sketch Disney characters or anything that comes to mind.

I am very grateful to my Student Council Advisors, Mrs. Boyer and Mrs. Gengaro, my school Student Council, and my friends and family for all the support they have given me to help me achieve my goal of being a part of the NJASC Executive Board. I am so excited to start serving in my new role and to see what new experiences the upcoming year holds. Please feel free to contact me at middlelevel17@njasc.net.

Let's Make an Impact!



Region 2 Conference



This year's annual Region 2 Conference was held from April 28-30 in Halifax, PA at Camp Hebron. At this conference the NJASC board became a family as we grew closer together by bonding through activities such as workshops, meals, and car rides. We also got to spend a pleasant and adventurous day at the Lake Tobias Wildlife Park. These experiences from Region 2 has definitely set NJASC's foundation for an impactful year!

Our very own **Emily Brown**, **Sofia Harty** and **Ruth Kowalski** did a workshop on valuating everyone's opinions called, "Elected to Lead Everyone". **Khalid Alzubi** and **Claire Donahue** lead a workshop emphasizing the importance of team-work called, "Team Time". **Emma Valle**, **Conner Leoni**, and **Kaelyn Baucum** did a roundtable of connecting the disconnect of the student council body with the student council board. **Makayla Stokes** and **Karan Chauhan** did a roundtable about dealing with administration in student council. The NJ state board enjoyed working and learning with the student leaders of Region 2, and look forward to seeing them again at the NASC Conference this June!

LTC

Leadership Training Conference

Come spend an amazing 3 nights and 4 days of your summer at TCNJ for a time of your life! We will be celebrating over 60 years of excellence for NJASC's Leadership Training Conference. Middle School and High School students will come together to grow and develop as a leader, and of course, have fun! We welcome you to join us for this great experience!



1st Session: **July 12-15**

2nd session: **July 16-19**

Visit www.ltcnj.org for more information.

We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events



May 24th
Spring Awards Program
 @ Six Flags Great Adventure



May 25
LTC Shirt Day



June 26-28
NASC National Conference
 @ Pinkerton Academy in Derry, New Hampshire



July 12-15 & 16-19
62nd Annual LTC
 @ The College of New Jersey

Farewell to 2016



A special thanks to the NJASC State Officers of 2016 for setting such a great example for the current board, and all student leaders of New Jersey. We commend you for all your hard work and commitment. You all have certainly set the bar high for the 2017 State officers. Thank you for making sure that New Jersey **SO₂ARS** this past