



Welcome veteran and new Student Council advisors to the 2013-2014 school year  
From **Iowa Association of Student Councils Advisory Board**

(If you are no longer the student council advisor, please forward this to the current advisor, and send the name and e-mail address of the new advisor to [vgray@hcsdcyclones.com](mailto:vgray@hcsdcyclones.com) so we can update our records.)

What an exciting summer this has been! Eighteen advisors and students attended **national conference** in Las Vegas, heard fantastic speakers and brought back tons of ideas. The board met twice over the summer and we are SO excited to tell you about all the new opportunities for your Student Council!

Some other important information is highlighted below.

**Kelly Neiber Service Project Award:**

So many student councils do such awesome projects that we wanted to find a way to recognize your council for your great work. The board has created the Kelly Neiber IASC Service Project Award. This award is open to any student council in the state of Iowa who performs a service project. The best news is that there is a monetary award with this. The winning council will receive \$100 voucher for IASC activities—state conference, ILTC or adviser's conference. The deadline for submitting this project is September 6! Any project that you have completed from June 1, 2012 to June 1, 2013 is eligible. You can find more information on our website under Student Activities—Scholarships and Awards.

**Public Service Announcement:**

Have you heard the public service announcement about music from the Iowa High School Athletic Association? IASC is sponsoring a contest for students who would like to create a 15 second audio PSA promoting IASC and a 30 second audio promoting IASC and the current state project. The prize is a \$100 scholarship to any IASC event and will be given to the school's Student Council. The prize will be good for one year from the award date. Students may submit their PSA by using Audacity (free download program) to [iascstuco@gmail.com](mailto:iascstuco@gmail.com). You can submit it as an attachment to an e-mail. The deadline for the PSA is December 1.

**Iowa Student Leadership Conference:**

**State conference** will be Sunday, October 27 and Monday, October 28 in Des Moines at the Iowa Events Center. Students will hear A'ric Jackson from Georgia. His humorous and motivational message will keep the audience laughing, yet send them home with a memorable message. In addition, students will have the opportunity to attend three break-out sessions and network with other students. We have expanded Sunday night's offering. Rumor has it that A'ric will be preparing a Flash Mob Sunday night. After his presentation, The Media Guy will present a multi-media production entitled "Rewind." Schools may register either Sunday evening at 6:30 or Monday from 8:30 - 9:00. Schools may choose to eat lunch wherever they want. We encourage Student Councils to contact another council, meet for lunch, and have an exchange.

**Register** on the website: [www.iowastudentcouncils.org](http://www.iowastudentcouncils.org). The deadline for registration is October 11, 2013. Great news for those who sent a student to Iowa Leadership Training Camp at UNI this past summer—for you, registration is \$30 per student rather than the \$35 regular registration fee.

**Middle School students and advisors** are welcome. Please forward this message to your middle school advisors and encourage them to attend the conference. We will have middle school sessions designed for and presented by middle school students.

If your council has a project, event, idea you would like to share, we invite you **present a workshop** at the conference. You may register online by September 15, 2013. This year students who present a workshop (limit of three) will pay only a **\$15 registration fee**. Applications for presenting a workshop are on the website: [www.iowastudentcouncils.org](http://www.iowastudentcouncils.org).

#### **Honor Council Letters:**

If you submitted a scrapbook this summer, you should have received a letter through e-mail notifying you about the number of points you received for your scrapbook. If you did not receive this e-mail, please contact Vicki Carstens at [vgray@hcsdyclones.com](mailto:vgray@hcsdyclones.com). If you received an Honor Council award, you will be recognized at the fall conference.

#### **State Officers:**

If you have a sophomore student who wants to **apply** to become a state officer, the application is on the website. Three positions are available: President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President. Only ONE applicant will be accepted per school. Students who apply will be interviewed on Sunday, October 27 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. Once all applications are received, students will be contacted by the executive director. This is a wonderful leadership opportunity for students. The deadline for submitting applications is September 15. Go to [www.iowastudentcouncils.org](http://www.iowastudentcouncils.org) for application materials.

#### **State Project:**

This year's state project is "Everybody Needs a Hero." Your council can participate in the state project by raising funds, creating awareness, or taking action. The officers will present more information in the general session as well as break-out sessions at the state conference. Start brainstorming, planning and implementing your ideas for this year's state project. More information about the state project will be available at [www.iowastudentcouncils.org](http://www.iowastudentcouncils.org).

#### **School Administrators of Iowa Conference:**

Last week the IASC Advisory Board manned an exhibitor's booth at the SAI conference. We talked with many of your administrator's. So many of them said what great Student Council adviser's they had and what a valuable asset you are to their school. They support you even though they may not always tell you that.

The Advisory Board hopes you will take the opportunities to get involved at the state level—state conference, adviser's conference, Iowa Leadership Training Camp. If the board can help you in any way, please contact one of us. Our e-mail addresses are on the website. We look forward to seeing you in October in Des Moines!

**IASC and Iowa High School Athletic Association:**

The IASC Advisory Board feels so fortunate to have a strong partnership with the Iowa High School Athletic Association. They are supportive of our mission and all we do to build strong leaders. Thanks to Alan Beste, assistant executive director of the IHSAA, and Jared Chizek, the IHSAA is aware of our goals and activities. They attend all our meetings and help with many of our projects. We feel fortunate to have their support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the address below. I am currently updating the website, which should be completed by August 23. I look forward to seeing you at the fall conference!

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