

# WASC Newsletter

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## Student Council Leadership: Get in the game

Dear Wyoming Student Leaders,

School is back in full swing and I hope all of you had a terrific summer as the WASC board did! It was so great to travel and see how other state delegations worked when we attended the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. I was just as excited to gather with our own state leaders when we assembled for SLC in Casper, Wyoming. You guys really made that camp a magical experience as I know it's rare to have such a high quality of individuals all congregated together!

Transitioning into the fall, this is the most engaging time of the year with state convention vastly approaching. After seeing many of you at the regional summit meetings, I can see that this year's state convention will indeed be one of the greatest. I hope that everyone has had the chance to sign up to present a workshop, or be a small group leader, to chair a platform or the bold decision to run for a state office. If you have recently decided, please contact any of the board members; feel free to sign up as long as it is within the deadlines. I am so honored to be on the front lines of this year's state convention as it has been a remarkable experience. I can't wait to see all of you in November!!

This is my final letter before handing the position off to the next president, and I just want to say what other organization is greater? WASC is the most bubbly, accepting group of people I have ever had the privilege of calling myself a part of. I am proud to have served such an elite group. An extraordinary thank you goes back to the board, Mary, Ben, Amy, Jordan and Matt, you have been my family on the road and the memories that were made I will cherish. My council and family have been so supportive, you are amazing people and I only ask that you show everyone the kindness you granted me with. To all my friends across the state, oh the stories I will share about you! Laughter is the best way to describe my time with you. As you continue on your WASC path, continue to dedicate yourselves to leading the students of Wyoming. This state will not be the same without you!

Your comrade,

Hannah Gibbs

2010-2011

Hello, Everyone!

It yields a bizarre feeling to think the WASC year is ending, and will culminate in only a few weeks at the WASC Convention. It has been an incredibly formative year for me, and I would like to begin by thanking my fellow officers, and the adults, on the Executive Board: Matt, Hannah, Mary, Amy, and Ben. Additionally, I offer my heartfelt thanks to my own council members and sponsors, who have supported and aided me not only during my WASC term but also throughout my high school years.

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## Letter from the Vice-President

In September, we held our annual WASC Summit meetings in Riverton and Casper. We had an incredible turnout, including over 300 total delegates, and each student leader who attended gained invaluable tips and information to take back to his/her council, as well as learning about this year's platforms. These platforms, similar to resolutions, will be voted up or down at Convention, and I am personally working on their finalization currently. The platform topics include issues with dancing (especially sustainability, appropriateness, and safety); the unheard voices of students; disaster relief efforts; suicide awareness, and; sportsmanship. Know each of these issues thoroughly, especially in regards to their applicability in your own schools!

Though there is certainly enough preparation to complete before convention, I personally am quite excited, and hope you all are, too. Approach Convention as a truly precious opportunity to learn from great student leaders from around the state, who have great expertise in myriad student council functions. Most of all, network, meet new people; there is no more beneficial resource to a WASC delegate than his/her peers. Finally, I must say I have been thoroughly proud to represent the great leaders of WASC over the past year- keep up the amazing work!

**"If a man  
does his  
best, what  
else is  
there?"  
-General  
George S.  
Patton**

Sincerely,  
Jordan Colman  
WASC Vice-President

Dear Student Leaders,

Welcome back! I am sure that each of you had a wonderful summer. For the executive board our summer began with a trip to Indianapolis to the National Association of Student Councils meeting. The ten days that I was privileged to spend with the Wyoming delegation is something that I will never forget. Soon after the NASC conference it was time for SLC. This past summer was my first encounter with the SLC program and I wish that I would be able to return as a level two. Finally the executive board's summer was rounded out with a trip to Sheridan in preparation for the state conference in three weeks.

This year has already been very exciting. I hope that every one was able to attend the summit meetings in early September. These meetings offered a great chance to learn, as well as wonderful opportunity make friends. The stated meeting is approaching fast and I can't wait for the meeting to start. Bighorn High School has done so much for this conference and they deserve many thanks.

With the publication of this final newsletter, my primary obligations as your secretary will be fulfilled. My term is almost up and I would be remiss if I did not mention that the past year has been one of the best of my life. I am so glad that I got to spend time with you all and I hope that this coming convention will not be the last memories that I have of you. Thank you all for everything that you have done to make this year a success. I look forward to seeing you in three weeks in Sheridan.

Sincerely,  
Matt Bergene  
WASC Secretary

**Letter from the Secretary**

**Letter from the Board  
Director Mary Harshberger**

Dear Advisers,

Fall is an incredibly busy time for most of us. New school year, new council, new projects, maybe new administration. Enthusiasm runs high and you long for the chance to bottle some of it to pop open in late February.

We feel that enthusiasm with our own association. The summit meetings were a tremendous success. Thanks to all of you for bringing students. Hope it provided the needed catalyst to get the year off to a good start.

We are deep into convention plans. I am excited that we can follow up with one of last year's platforms on global awareness. The Invisible Children program on Monday will provide information about African children and relief efforts in third world countries. Our Tuesday key-note speaker, Bob Tryanski, comes to us from Kansas. Wyoming is one of the few states he's not spoken in previously so we are eager to have him be a part of convention.

For those of you who know Earl Reum the last update has been encouraging. Earl is still undergoing chemotherapy for cancer but has learned that the cancer is not in the skeletal system. This diagnosis states the cancer is more treatable than if it were bone cancer. Please keep sending email or snail mail messages—they have to be making a difference in the life of this incredible man who has done so much for Wyoming student council kids.

I hope you will encourage any students in your council who are interested in running for state office. It is an experience of a lifetime and we need well qualified individuals. It is a commitment of time but please reassure interested students that it doesn't eliminate them from being active in sports, their own councils, honor classes, and seeing their families.

I look forward to seeing you at WASC convention in just a few weeks.

Mary

**Letter from Board  
Member Amy Kassel**

Dear WASC Schools,

Thank you so much for your support of SLC this summer. We appreciate the great kids you send us every year. We need to really increase our numbers in 2011, so please ask your students to put SLC on their calendar now! The dates will be July 11-15, 2011 in Casper.

I hope Homecoming has gone well. We had a great turnout at all our homecoming events from karaoke to boys volleyball to the dance. It was a lot of fun! We also inducted six more people into the Hall of Fame at East High School. Our student council members were able to have lunch and converse with outstanding alumni from East.

Thanks to Big Horn High School for planning and hosting our WASC convention this year. We are really excited to come to Big Horn and Sheridan for the state convention. Please send in your forms for All-State Student Council, Earl Reum Advisor of the Year, Candidate applications, and registration in a timely manner.

See you all in a few short weeks!

Amy Kassel

Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone has had a good start to this school year. My school came away from Summit with a lot of good ideas. My wish is that every school came away with good ideas also and uses those ideas to make their schools a better place. Running and being the regional rep. has taught me a lot this last year and I encourage people to run for the office. It made me step out of my comfort level and meet some new people. Thank you for giving me this opportunity and I will keep what I have learned for a very long time.

Thanks again,

Kaylee Burnett

Southwest Regional Rep

**Letter from the Southwest Rep**

Hey Everyone,

The year seems to have begun greatly. There was a great turn out for Summit and I appreciate all of the support for the spirit and dance groups.

It was great to see everybody participating. WASC is right around the corner! I hope everyone is as excited as I am. Big Horn High School and the

WASC officers are working very hard preparing. There will be new workshops, new speakers, and new platforms; everything to get your anticipation

up for the convention.

I assume everyone is in the midst of homecoming? Our school is currently working on getting everything together. It's such a fun, spirit filled

time of year. I wish all the luck to your school teams and student council. If anyone needs homecoming ideas let me know. I have lots of ideas from

Summit.

Tiana Foley

Northeast Regional Representative

**Letter from the Northeast Rep**

Dear WASC,

Ah the final farewells, it was an honor and privilege to serve you this term WASC. I had a great time working with our President Hannah Gibbs, Vice president Jordan Coleman, and Secretary Matt Bergene. I felt I had experienced something special with you guys and cherished the time together. I also enjoyed the support of Mary Harshberger, our director who did a fine job this year, congratulations on your award. I can tell WASC will be great this year as we had an amazingly hard working group this year. SLC was a blast, and I got to meet a lot of leaders. It was great to be a part of WASC.

As for you Southeast Region schools, great job this year, hope to see you at the WASC convention! One last time though, work on those honor books! Get the recognition you deserve. Thanks for the awesome year everyone!

This is Moseh Cho signing out. Peace.

Southeast Regional Representative

**Letter from the Southeast Rep**

Dear WASC Members,

As this school year has just begun, most Student Councils have been putting efforts into Homecoming. We all can relate to hosting a homecoming with all the fun dress up days, the evening activities leading up to the game, and of course the dance and coronation. Glenrock had been focusing on homecoming, but now that it is over are working on all the events they have to come. They are planning on having at least one event every month, which includes their pumpkin carving, turkey games, and Christmas tree decorating. Natrona County started off their school year helping the incoming students at NC's orientation. Then they started focusing on homecoming, their first annual haunted house, and teacher recognition. Every student council is extremely busy, and looking forward to the year.

I wanted to personally thank all of the Central Region for the support you have shown me. It has been amazing to get to work with all of the schools around this area, and getting to know what all of your councils do. As student council continues to move on I hope that we all get the chance to learn about ourselves, and our leadership techniques. I cannot wait to see what all of the amazing leaders from around our state go on to do, and how you are all able to change the world! Continue to be involved in your councils, in your community, and of course stay involved with Wyoming's state council. I cannot wait to see all of your councils at the WASC Conference in November.

Thank you again,

Brigit Kelly

Central Regional Representative

**Letter from the  
Central Rep**

Dear WASC,

As the first semester of 2010-11, schools across the northwest region of Wyoming are gearing up for various homecomings, state competitions, and fundraisers. Cody along with other schools enjoyed the great weather for outdoor activities rather than the winter elements many schools dealt with last year. As the regional representative I would like to thank the contacts in my region for cooperating with the emails and messages I sent. Good luck to the next elected representatives and I hope everyone has a great school year!

Sincerely,

Jessica Neary

Northwest Regional Rep.

**Letter from the  
Northeast Rep**

**"A leader is a  
dealer in hope."**

**-Napoleon  
Bonaparte**

## School Letters

The school year at Glenrock High School has started off with a bang. With homecoming week scheduled the fourth week of school, our student council members were very busy planning dress up days and nightly activities. This year our dress up days were an ultimate success with a lot of participation. They consisted of color wars, senior citizen day, costume day, lumber jack/construction day, and purple pride day. Although our participation during the school days was good our nightly activities suffered a little. The most successful of our activities was sheet volleyball. There were several teams that made team shirts and cheers to show their school spirit. This year we plan to have at least one activity every month. Some of our upcoming events consist of a pumpkin carving contest, a scary movie night, a guess the turkey activity, Christmas tree decorating, and a blood drive. We hope continue our good student participation throughout the year!

**Glenrock High  
School Student  
Council**

Dear WASC members,

NCHS student council has hit the ground running this year starting with homecoming. We had a super sweet theme week which including things like decade day and hat day. Coronation went great. It had a good turnout and we had the most floats we have had in our parade for a long time. The entire event went very smoothly.

Besides homecoming we have held two tailgating parties to try to increase the school spirit and participation in the home games this year. We had a decent showing and we covered everyone with face-paint and spirit tattoos.

Now we are kicking off our Make-A-Wish fundraising with our 1<sup>st</sup> annual haunted house. The ideas have flowed and we are all super excited to put this on and include other clubs while doing it.

Other things that are currently preoccupying our time are trick or treat for cans, revising our constitution, and getting graduation stuff determined.

Sincerely,

Brittany Myler  
NCHS Student Body Secretary

**Natrona County High  
School Student  
Council**

**Congratulations to these schools who again have received Honor Council.**

Big Horn	East	Glenrock	Lander	Natron
Riverside	Central	Evanston	Kaycee	Lingle
Newcastle	Sundance	Cody	Farson-Eden	Kelly Walsh
Lyman	Rawlins	Worland		

**Honor Council**

We also congratulate Worland High School and Wright High School for being first year recipients.

Look for a new and improved honor council system in 2011.

**NAWD**

If you are interested in a training experience for all student council and activity advisers, the National Association of Workshop Directors is in Kansas City, Missouri this year. Information about registration follows or check out the NAWD website for more information.

**Conference Information**

**COST:** Registration fees for the 2010 National Conference on Student Activities are provided below...

- \$295.00 if postmarked with payment prior to 10/31/2010
  - \$325.00 if postmarked with payment from 11/1-15/2010
- \$350.00 if postmarked after 11/15/2010 or on-site

**NAWD**

All of the above fees include membership in NAWD for 2010-2011. The following discounts are also available...

- \$275.00 for all NASSCED members, if postmarked with payment prior to 10/31/2010
- \$275.00 per person (group rate) for any group of five or more registrants that send payment in the same mailing postmarked prior to 10/31/2010.

To see documents that provide more information about the 2010 National Conference on Student Activities go to <http://www.nawd.com/conference/2010/documents/>



## Make-A-Wish

### Make-A-Wish

Many schools will hold wish weeks for Make-A-Wish Foundation throughout the year. Although the weeks will largely go off with out a hitch it is VERY important that before the week starts the schools go to [www.wyasc.org](http://www.wyasc.org), print off the licensing agreement, and fill it out. This agreement allows you to use the Male-A-Wish logo with the consent of the foundation. With out this agreement the foundation will have no record of the fundraiser other then the money raised.

## Convention Deadlines

### IMPORTANT DATES

Rooming Lists to Holiday Inn	October 15
Gavel Ceremony	October 20
All State Student Council	October 27
Adviser of the Year	October 27
Registration	October 27
Officer Applications	October 27
Regional Representative Applications	October 27
Banners	November 1

### Calendar

November 8-9	55 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention	Big Horn/Sheridan
<b>2011 Tentative Calendar</b>		
February 4 & 5	Region IV Meeting	Minneapolis
June 15	Honor Council Applications due	
June 25-27	Star Leaders Conference	St. Louis
July 11-15	SLC	Casper
September 12	Summit Meeting	Riverton
September 13	Summit Meeting	Casper
November 7 & 8	WASC Convention	Evanston?

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