
WASC Newsletter

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In Honor of Dr. Earl Reum

Wyoming has been so blessed to have had so much contact with the man known as Mr. Student Council. He and his inspiration are the reason we have a state association and a summer leadership program. The void his death has left us will allow us to step up to the plate and continue what he taught all of us over the years. But, oh, how we will miss him.

The text below is one of Earl's last writings . It's challenge is to all of us. There must be something yet that we need to do.

Essence for Success—Fulfillment:

Laughter is essential—focused on my and my humongous failures while experiencing life's amazing events. Family is basic/fundamental/precious—fleetingly changing.

Everyone needs something meaningful to do, something significant to hope for and someone of consequence to love. We also need a source of guidance, inspiration and recreation which is above and beyond ourselves.

Here's a test of whether my purpose in life has been achieved: if I am still alive, my mission has not yet been accomplished. There simply is something that must be done, by me, before my opportunities in life have vanished. I have rolled a car that was totaled—and I should have died. I have survived a plane incident that should have destroyed all the passengers in violent flames from aircraft fuel. There must be something I yet need to do!

I have always believed that my mission in life includes providing leadership education and skill development for elected young people who will bring peace to the earth in unique ways, success to their careers and who have significant impact in making the world a better place for us all.

Their influence has begun in their school, with their leadership groups...but it continues in every human encounter throughout their lives. It means: inspiration, determination, experiential lessons of life being lived successfully.

Letter From the President

Dear Wyoming Leaders,

Thank you all so much for voting me onto the new Council! Ever since I saw Megan Kolf running for State President two years ago, I've pushed myself and strived to be a better speaker and leader. (For those of you who didn't have the privilege of hearing her election speech, she did a Sarah Palin impersonation that I still, to this day, replay in my head). She was insanely inspiring and I wouldn't be where I am today without her unbeknownst (at the time) guidance. That kind of power is unparalleled and I hope to, one day, pass that kind of influence on to someone else.

A little about myself: I am seventeen years old, and I'm addicted to student council and student involvement; besides a couple of exceptions, every organization or activity Big Horn offers I am a part of. This includes Golf, Track, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Destination Imagination, National Honor Society, Drama, Future Business Leaders of America, Student Council (of course), Speech and Debate, and the Ramophones (Big Horn's own a cappella group). In my spare time I enjoy sleeping and "Facebook-stalking". I am a people-person, so feel free to email me anytime.

This past Conference was amazing, if I do say so myself, and I am SO proud of our small school hosting it. I want to thank the previous State Council, my advisors, Mrs. Ibach and Mr. Welch, everyone in the Council, and the countless random students who were willing to get involved and make it happen. I understand that the platforms this year were a little too controversially-worded to pass, but I encourage you to apply at least one of the two that did pass to your schools (suicide awareness and disaster relief). It seems like a long way off, but I'm already excited to work with Evanston to hold the 2011 WASC Convention...

Recently, I had the honor of going to the Region IV Conference in Minneapolis and had a great time. This was the first time I was able to get to know my fellow officers and I feel so blessed to have Brigit Kelly and Brittany Briggs by my side. They are ridiculous and a blast to be around. I couldn't have asked for a better team, you guys, and I know this year is gonna rock!

Lastly, I hope everyone is having a great year since Convention. Keep pushing your school's limits on Student Council and making school fun and personal for your fellow students. And don't forget to tell people about SLC...Our numbers are dwindling and we need more membership to keep this phantasmagoric leadership experience alive!

Sincerely,

Darien Gostas

Letter From the Vice President

Dear all Wyoming Student Leaders!

This past conference is the third that I have attended, and what a wonderful job Big Horn did! The state conference is always a blast, and I cannot wait to help with it this year. Thank you to Big Horn for putting on this amazing conference, and also a thank you to Evanston in volunteering for next years. As I look forward to this year with my fellow officers, I also look forward to working with you all around the state. I know that all of us will work our hardest to help improve WASC, and are excited to be part of the process.

Now I little about myself, I am a junior at Natrona County High School. For the past three years I have been part of our school's golf team, and cross country ski team. Other activities that I am passionately involved in would be the National Honor Society, in which I am the secretary, and our interact club. Although I spend most of my time doing school sponsored activities or of course that all joyous homework, we have all come to love, I do spend some of my spare time working on art or reading. I love doing both of these. In my Student Council life, which started as freshman, I have been involved in many amazing experiences. I look forward every summer to one of the most significant learning experiences of my life being SLC. It is literally one of my absolute favorite experiences in student council, and I recommend you all go! It is truly amazing. One other thing that I had the opportunity to do is attending the National Student Council Convention last summer. Seeing all of the other student leaders from around the nation, making lifelong friends is just the beginning of what the conference is all about. I also recommend all you student leaders looking at attending this as well. Again I look forward to meeting and working with many of you through out this year!

Sincerely,

Brigit Kelly

WASC Vice President

Letter From the Secretary

Dear student council,

As the new secretary for WASC , I am excited for any experience and task thrown at me and I will do everything in my power to make it a successful year for all. I need to give my thanks to the fantastic past officers Hannah, Jordan, and Matt and to Big Horn high school for the amazing WASC conference.

I will start by telling you a few things about myself like I enjoy golfing, snowboarding, and drama but I most of all enjoy being part of student council because student council gives us leadership skills we can use in every aspect of our lives. I would just like to wish all the councils good luck for the up-coming year .

I would just like to finish by saying that you are all a piece of the big picture. Charles Luckman once stated, "Success is that of the old ABC- ability, breaks, and courage. Being an active member in your council puts you on the right track to the old ABC.

Sincerely,

Brittany Briggs

WASC State Secretary

Letters From the Regional Representatives

Central Region:

Hello, my name is Ashlynn Stevens and I am the Central Region Representative for Wyoming's student councils. I am currently a sophomore at Kelly Walsh High School and I am actively involved at my student council at home. Along with my own student council I am involved in the state council as well. I have been to the majority of the state conventions and attended SLC last summer. Student council is one of my many passions, and my favorite thing about student council is the opportunities to meet new people. I am a very involved student at Kelly Walsh and I participate in many things. Cross country, indoor track, outdoor track, schools 4 schools, invisible children, accapella honor choir, encore honor jazz choir, I am also an active student in all honors classes. I am so thankful that I was accepted as your central region representative, I plan to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability. I love being involved, and I am such a happy person. I plan to run for a bigger position next year, and I hope to be accepted. I can't wait for what the year ahead brings me with my position I have now. :) Thank you all for your support.

Sincerely,

Ashlynn Stevens

Central Regional Representative

Northeast Region:

Hello everyone! I am Hayden Yeradi and I am a Junior at Wright High School. I am very excited to be the Northeast Regional Rep and hope that all councils have an amazing rest of the school year. Hope to see everyone at WASC!

Sincerely,

Hayden Yeradi

Northeast Regional Representative

Northwest Region:

Dear WASC,

How's it going? As the year has speedily passed by I've gotten to know my schools better. Haha, their my schools, nobody mess with them! :-) For those of my schools who actually returned my emails: THANK YOU!! I didn't realize how much work it would be to get in contact with so few

schools. When schools did not respond it just made it harder. A special thanks to Brittany Briggs for the kick in the butt once in a while... I don't know where I'd be without you. :D To all of the schools who heard my wonderful speech and still voted for me: Thanks guys! Wouldn't be here without you. I would not have experienced going out of my comfort zone and having a blast! You guys are the best. You know who else is the best? The head honchos who make everything happen... SLC, Summit, WASC, this newsletter... hats off to you, you worked your tail of this year and I think you deserve a round of applause! I've had an awesome sophomore year so far, and want to thank those of you who contributed to it. All of my Stuco buddies, my awesome advisor, and the student body. You guys made all the hard work worth it! I hope everyone is having a b-e-a-utiful year and will have a wicked aWeSoMe summer!! :)

This is Harley Davidson, your Northwest Regional Representative. Over and OUT.

Southeast Region:

Hello Wyoming!

My name is Eden Brown and I am very excited to be your Southeast Region Representative! I am the Student Senate Parliamentarian at Central High School in Cheyenne. I love Student Senate, and I loved being involved in WASC this year and getting to meet all of you guys! I also love being in choir, dance classes, singing competitions, and hanging with my family and friends. I love watching football and Disney princess movies, eating pickles, and playing the piano. I am blonde, under 5ft tall, I and wear size 3 in kids shoes, just in case you were wondering what I look like :)

I have some great ideas for our region this year. Hopefully we can get some ideas flowing between councils and help each other with some original ideas during spirit weeks, holidays, dances, and anything else you can think up! We can all benefit if we help each other! And also, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at all!

Thanks!

Eden

Southeast Regional Representative

Southwest Region:

Hi everyone,

My name is Trilby Applequist and I am your southwest regional representative. I look forward to having a wonderful year working with all of you! I am a sophomore at Farson-Eden High School and I am involved in many activities including basketball, volleyball, track, FBLA, NHS, and, of course, Student Council. I have lived on a ranch in Farson, WY my whole life, which has taught me a good work ethic. I enjoy running with my dad and helping him on the ranch. My family and friends are very important to me

and show a lot of support with all that I do. I am very excited to be the Southwest rep this year and I hope that it will be a great learning experience.

Sincerely,

Trilby Applequist

Southwest Regional Representative

Letters From the Board Director

Dear Advisers,

It has been a very long time since we pulled away from Sheridan College after an outstanding fall convention. Being a small school adviser, I marvel at the work Big Horn put into the event and how well it came together. Kudos to Jodi, Rich, and the Big Horn Council. Hope they had more fireworks to celebrate their success.

In early December I travelled to Kansas City to attend the executive directors' meeting and NAWD. With so many major changes at the NASC office, it is good to know that as executive directors we are moving in a positive direction and are solid in making each of our state organizations as purposeful as ever.

Then, in December, Wyoming was well represented at the funeral for Earl Reum. He passed away on December 5 and his services were held on December 12. Hundreds of people were in attendance and when the priest ask those of us from out of town to stand, probably over half stood. It truly was a celebration of his life as a husband and father, a magician, a leader for student activities for his entire life, and a cherished friend to everyone. We can't express how much we will miss him but we are charged to continue his legacy.

Just last weekend, the three state officers and I attended the Region IV meeting in Minneapolis. The opportunity to share ideas with the other states in our region is priceless. I see an officer team that is committed to making this WASC year the very best.

We need each of you to help your council reach its full potential. I know sometimes that is a delight and sometimes a frustration but student leadership is critically needed now in education. It is the preparation for the 21st century.

Happy "spring is coming" to all of you. Please plan to send delegates to SLC and celebrate your council's success by applying for honor council. Send questions and concerns our way and we will do all we can to be a support system for our member schools.

Sincerely,

Mary

Letters From the Honor Council Applicants

Big Horn High School:

At Big Horn High School we, as a student council, undertook a feat that made Neil Armstrong's achievement look laughable. Okay maybe it wasn't that impressive, but I can honestly say that the thirty-three students who cooperated in the creation of this year's WASC Convention felt like a full-fledged NASA team. With the guidance of Richard Welch and Jodi Ibach, the former and current student council advisors, respectively, we accommodated nearly four times the amount of students that attend our high school. For over two days.

The process began in November of 2010, as soon as the previous convention concluded. We threw around ideas and made pre-arrangements for buildings to hold the influx of student council members we would be receiving in a year. And speaking of buildings, our new school, the center of the convention, was barely under construction. As our new school gradually took form, the development of the convention grew, entering into the 2010-2011 school year. We began to meet, with the five student council members and the advisors spearheading the operation. We prepared to the best of our abilities, and before we knew it, it was November 7th. From that night until the final bus departed two days later, Big Horn High School we were in overdrive. We sparked the mood of the entire convention from the start by cheering on every school as they arrived. We somewhat chaotically guided students to pictures and back to their seats, then to lunch, and then around the school for workshops. We finally had a break after the community service projects where the students either read to elementary students or created school supply kits to send to impoverished students. When the students filed back in for the dance we brought out the finale. With the assistance of Bruce Burns, we lit up the sky with an awe-inspiring fireworks show over our brand new football field.

The following day we guided students through the culmination of the Convention and bid a final farewell to student councils from every part of the state. Afterwards, we all sat in a group in the middle of the basketball court and for the first time, we relaxed. The wear was visible on all of our faces. However, underneath all of the work and chaos and stress, we still had fun. In fact, we had one of the best and most unique experiences of our lives. We met hundreds of new people and gained insight into their schools and their ways of life. We guided, we conversed, we listened, we laughed, we danced, we worked, and we didn't sleep much. But we, little 2A Big Horn High School, hosted the Wyoming Association of Student Councils Convention and had a blast.

Colby Wollenman
Big Horn Student Council Historian

Burlington High School:

Dear all you wonderful WASC members:

This school year has gone great so far, but we've noticed it's gone by uber fast. Anyone else notice? We're guessing it must be, because time flies when you're having fun. 8-) And we definitely have had fun at Burlington High School. To kick off the school year we hosted our Annual Back to School BBQ. Everyone pitched in and made it a great experience. Also, our Student Council hosted a movie party for Toy Story 3... that was great! Our presidente, Brandon Wardell, and our Stuco advisor, Nikki Tracey, has worked and worked for all of the fun activities we've done this year. Some highlights from the year so far:

1. Homecoming—crazy dress up days and awesome activities included: Grandma/Grandpa Day, and Jell-o Slip 'n' slide.
2. Snowcoming—PJ dance to start off the week, Winter Olympics theme, Human Curling, Biathlon, and a wicked pep rally to pump up our teams for the games!
3. Future Ski Trips—Both JH and HS will go skiing/snowboarding/sledding at Sleeping Giant and have loads of fun!!!

This is Burlington High School's update of the year so far. Thank you WASC for all of the wonderful experiences and memories. Have a great year!

Sincerely,

Brandon Wardell, President; Lyndsey Wardell, Vice President; Porter Jones, Secretary; Stormi Allen, Reporter

Natrona County High School:

NCHS student council has had a crazy past couple of months. October and November we had multiple events but in the few weeks we had of December we kept busy. We did our 12 days of Christmas, door decorating, assisted living gifts, and a couple more things. Winter break was a much needed thing for our council but when we came back we jumped right back into the swing of things.

As of now we are just starting our Make-A-Wish season and have lots of fun things planned in hopes of reaching our goal this year. Some of the events we are doing with Kelly Walsh in hopes to bring together the whole community in a common goal.

NCHS student council,
Brittany Myler
Student body secretary

Pinedale High School:

Dear WASC,

Pinedale has stayed pretty busy this year. The individual grades have been doing fundraisers all year in the form of bakesales, concessions, raffles, and all sorts of other things. As a

whole, we put on a Winter Formal Dance. Right now, our Student Council is doing a series of fundraisers to raise money for a local organization called the McKenzie Meningitis Foundation. Our current fundraiser is Penny Wars between the classes. Another project we have going, is a reusable bag campaign. We are trying to get more people in our school, town, and community to use reusable bags instead of plastic bags. Right now, there is a contest in our school to see who can design the best motto/design for a bag. We will then purchase bags with this motto/design on them and sell them. We hope to make our community a little greener.

Sincerely,

Pinedale Student Council President

Mariah Strike

Sundance High School:

The first fundraiser of the basketball season that Sundance High School StuCo performed raised well over forty dollars worth of money and food for their Crook County Food Pantry. Their project was operation Turkey Bowling.

The goal was to get as much community spirit and humor, as possible, while raising money to help their fellow citizens. SHS saw a great turn out of seven two-man-teams, plus the many onlookers that watched and laughed with glee as they saw very serious people hurling both frozen turkeys, and rubber chickens.

There were two lanes that the teams alternated on. Lane number one the teams threw a massive, twelve pound, frozen turkey. The turkey was wrapped with padding and then with a plastic sac to prevent any unwanted leaking. The competitors then hurled the frozen turkey down the lane to knock over as many pins as possible.

Yet, as it may seem, lane one had it easy. Lane two had to hurl light rubber chickens down the lane to knock as many pins as they could manage. As it may seem, many had trouble hurling the rubber chickens with enough force to knock over very many pins. Until one with good enough aim and a strong enough arm could pitch the chicken with enough force to knock over more pins than anyone.

Unfortunately it was not one of Sundance's own that won the tournament, but one of Spearfish, SD. The Turkey Trotters, as they were called, came in as the reigning champs. The Gobblers came in second, and the Stateline Strutters came in third.

We from Sundance High School StuCo hope that this idea may come in handy for any of the other sixty-five other Student Councils of this fine State of Wyoming. Have a great Christmas, New Year, and every other day for the remaining year!

Forrest Holso
Sundance Student Council

Torrington High School:

Torrington High School Student Council is busy all year long, not just during homecoming week. We try to do some kind of activity each month; community service, school service, school spirit or teacher appreciation.

Our theme the past two years has been S'MORES: Student Council Motivating Others to Reach Excellence, and our goal has been to involve MORE students in MORE activities MORE often.

Some of the activities we've done this year include: sponsoring blood drives three times a year; cupcakes and thanks to teachers on National Cupcake Day. We made a paper chain with every THS student's name on a link as one of our 12 Days of Christmas activities. We have hosted a movie night with canned food for admission, Penny Wars and two soup suppers at ball games for a student with cancer and his family. We are planning on Valentines and Easter Eggs for all students later in the year, Wish Week and our infamous Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament.

Along with some of the "F-groups" (FBLA, FCCLA, FFA) we will be hosting an Activities Fair for 8th graders this spring to help them get more involved in activities when they are in high school next year, especially Student Council!

Respectfully Submitted,
Sammie Schlager, Secretary
THS StuCo

Worland High School:

Worland High School is very excited to start off this New Year. We hope to make this semester just as fun as the last, and to improve from previous semesters. Last year we made over one thousand dollars for Make-A-Wish, but this year we are hoping to make even more. Many ideas have been passed around such as selling cabbage burgers last year, and maybe even hosting a three on three basketball tournament. Along with Make-A-Wish fundraising we plan on keeping some traditions alive. This year we are filling coffee mugs with school supplies for the teacher to show how much we appreciate them. We are also going to keep are Mr. /Ms. Warrior pageant alive. This pageant lets a few students from each class show their school spirit. It consists of a talent, spirit wear, and interview portion. This pageant makes a great Student Council fundraiser. We are also going to try to fit in a few more pep assemblies for the year. It will be a busy year but we are looking forward to it!

– Worland High School

Wright High School:

We started our year out with a bang that being student and teacher appreciation. We taped a pen and inspirational quote on every students locker which was easy to do because our

school is small. We also did a teacher's breakfast which was great as it set a good mood for the beginning of the year.

Next we did our Homecoming week. It went great as we did dress up days with an after school activity that went with each day for example: circus day with a carnival that evening, Hawaiian day with a beach volley ball game with a few elementary kids before the big match. If anyone has any questions Wright Stuco is more than willing to share just contact us, our ideas work better for small school, but they may be able to be modified.

Sincerely,

Wright Stu Co

WASC Calendar 2011

April 10	Second newsletter article due	
June	Board Meeting	Conference Site
June 15	Honor Council books due	
June 25-27	Star Conference	St. Louis
July 11-15	SLC	Casper
August 10	Third newsletter due	
September 13	Board Meeting	Riverton
September 14	WASC Summit	Riverton
September 15	WASC Summit	Casper
November 7-8	56 th Annual Convention	Evanston
December 2-3	National Activity Adviser Training	Salt Lake City

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### Opportunity for Adviser Training:

Next December, the national adviser training conference will be in Salt Lake City. Since this is probably as close as it will ever be to Wyoming, I hope you will consider attending. More information will be available later this spring and I will post it on the website.

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## WASC Honor Council Applications

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Honor Council Application information is on the website. All applications must be postmarked by June 15. They can be sent via US Mail to Mary Harshberger, P.O. Box 371, Lingle, WY 82223 or by UPS to Mary Harshberger, 520 Main Street, Lingle, WY 82223.

Documentation is critical in your application. It can be clearly labeled photos, press releases, programs, posters, announcements, sign-up sheets, or just about anything else. Please also provide a description when it is requested in the application.

If you have any questions please let Mary or any other board member know and we will help wherever we can.

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## WASC Website/Facebook Page

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Our board has been working updating the website which is [www.wyasc.org](http://www.wyasc.org). We have also been working on getting our Facebook page updated and publicized. This would be a great means of communication through all of the councils around the state. There it is possible for us to put the newsletter for everyone to look at as well as give and get ideas from around the state.

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