

# Fall Newsletter

W A S C N E W S L E T T E R



## WASC PRESIDENT

Dear Student Leaders and Advisors,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and is ready for another year of motivation and magic. The WASC board had a fantastic summer beginning with the National Convention in Denver and ending on a great note with SLC. NASC was an incredible experience full of memories, great speakers, leadership training and networking. This is really a great opportunity and I would encourage all student leaders who are interested to look into it for the coming summer. For many students from around the state SLC was the single most significant learning experience of their lives, myself included. It was a great camp this year and I am so glad WASC will be able to continue to offer this wonderful leadership experience to future student leaders.

We are now approaching the busiest time of the WASC year as summit and convention are right around the corner. I am very excited about the speaker and activities planned for this year's summit meetings. This will be a great planning time for convention as well as a great time to learn about leadership, share ideas, and network. If anyone is interested in presenting a workshop, being a small group leader, or chairing a platform, please contact me or any board member at or before summit. This is a great way to serve your state and share your leadership knowledge with others. Together we can make this a great and memorable learning experience. I look forward to seeing you all at summit and/or convention. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about how to get involved or general concerns.

As this is my last newsletter I would like to take time to thank the people who have helped me during my last two years serving on the board. First a huge thank you to my wonderful and supportive family and friends who were there every step of the way. Mary, Bruce, Amy, Trey and Matt, thank you all for your hard work and for the memories, I truly will cherish them. To my advisor, Mrs. Tanya Seeds, for all your support, encouragement, and time. I couldn't have done it without you, thanks for believing in me. To Liz, Joel, and the many mentors I've met through WASC who have taught me so much about myself and how to be a leader, thank you for leading by example. To my council and all the amazing leaders I've met from around the state, thank you all for what you do, my time laughing and making memories with you have truly been the highlights of my WASC years. Thank you all for allowing me the privilege of serving you for the past two years. We truly have an amazing organization here in Wyoming and this is because of dedicated and passionate student leaders and advisors. Thank you!

Thank you all for a year of Motivation & Magic,

Meghan Kolf

2008-2009 WASC President



# WASC VICE PRESIDENT

WASC is almost here! It has been an incredible year and we on the state board plan on ending it on a strong note. This summer has been awesome, Nationals was a great time which came with an even greater learning experience for all those who attended. After that came SLC, a wonderful weeklong experience that I personally had been looking forward to all year, as always it didn't fail to disappoint. I'm sure everyone who attended had a blast and those who have not attended SLC and have a chance to next year can talk to me, or any one of the wonderful students who attended, to find out what its all about! WASC is coming up which means positions as Workshop presenters and Platform chairs are open, it is also the time to start thinking about running for state office or regional rep. I know that I had a blast while being a workshop presenter, and serving as your vice president this year has truly been an honor. I would like to encourage everyone to think about presenting a workshop or platform. If you would like to present, or have any questions about workshops, platforms or state office please feel free to email me at

[Treydpierson@gmail.com](mailto:Treydpierson@gmail.com) or visit with me at WASC. I can't wait to see everyone soon!



# W A S C   S E C T A R Y

Dear Student Leaders,

This year has been a great year, filled with motivation and magic. Summit was a great success and I was so excited to see all of you again. WASC this year will “rock”, I hope that everyone can come and enjoy the great leadership activities, and leadership workshops. And I hope all of you can motivate others and create lots of magic at this years convention. Please make a note that the dates have changed for the convention this year . I have truly enjoyed working for all of you great leaders this past year. And I have been deeply touched by all of the support and help I have received in this past year’s term. It has been a honor to serve the great state of Wyoming.

If you need anything in the final weeks of this year please feel free to contact me at 307-871-8187 or [ematt\\_herron@hotmail.com](mailto:ematt_herron@hotmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Matthew Herron



Southwest Larissa Fleming

Dear Southwest Region,

I would like to thank you for voting me in for this term. Doing this job helped me develop as a better organizer, interpreter, and most of all, leader. I strongly encourage any one to try and be a regional representative for your Region. Here's a little story, I read one very early morning before breakfast at SLC over the summer called "Life On The Train."

Life is like a train. We get on. We ride. We get off. We get back on and ride some more. There are accidents and delays. At certain stops there are surprises. Some of these will translate into great moments of joy; some will result in profound sorrow. When we are born we first board the train, we meet people who we think will be with of us for the entire journey. Those people are our parents! Sadly, this is far from the truth. Our parents are with us for as long as we absolutely need them. They to have journeys they must complete. We live on with the memories of their love, affection, friendship, guidance and their "ever presence."

There are others who board the train and who become very important to us, in turn. These people are our brothers, sisters, friends and acquaintances, whom we will learn to love and cherish. Some people consider their journey like a jaunty tour.. They will just go merrily along. Others will encounter many upsets; tears and losses on their journey. Others still, will linger on to offer a helping hand to anyone in need. Some people on the train will leave an ever-lasting impression when they get off. Some will get on and off the train so quickly, that they will scarcely leave a sign that they ever traveled along with us or ever crossed our path. We will sometimes be upset that some passengers who we love, will choose to sit in another compartment and leave us to travel on our own. Then again, there's nothing that says we can't seek them out anyway. And once sought and found, we may not even be able to sit next to them because that seat will be taken. That's okay; everyone's journey will be filled with hopes, challenges, dreams, setbacks, and goodbyes. No matter what, we must strive to make do. We must constantly strive to understand our travel companions and look for the best in everyone.

Remember that at any moment during our journey, any one of our traveling companions can have a weak moment and be in need of our help. We too, may vacillate or hesitate, even trip. Hopefully we can count on someone's bring there to be supportive and aware. The bigger mystery of our journey is that we don't know when our last stop will arrive. Neither do we know when our travel companions will make their last stop. (Not even those sitting in the seat next to us.) Personally, I know I'll be sad to make my final stop. I'm sure of it! My separation from all those friends and acquaintances I made during the train ride will be painful. Leaving all those that I'm close-to will be a sad thing. But then again, I'm certain that one day I'll get to the main station only to meet up with everyone else again- including my most favorite traveling companions.

They'll all be carrying their baggage- most of which they didn't have when they first got on this train. I'll be glad to see them again. I'll also be glad to have contributed to their belongings and have enriched lives, just as much as they will have contributed to my baggage and enriched my existence. We're all on this train ride together. Above all, we should all try to strive to make the ride as pleasant and memorable as we can, right up until we each make the final stop and leave the train for the last time.

**All aboard! Safe Journey! Genuine Anticipation of Highest Order! Significant Differences Made! Relevant Similarities Discovered! Bon Voyage**

Thanks again, I am looking forward to seeing you all at WASC Convention.

Your Southwest Region Rep,  
Larissa Fleming



Director Bruce Burst

A big HELLO to Advisors and Council Members:

My name is Bruce Berst and I am a member of the WASC Executive Board. I am in the last year of my second three year term. I recently retired from teaching, but continue as Student Council Co-sponsor at Natrona County High School.

Many schools started in mid-August, and some do not start until much later. The beginning of a new school year can be very hectic. If I can be of any help to any of you, or if you have questions regarding your Councils, Summit, WASC, NASC, NAWD, etc. please feel free to e-mail or call me. I am more than willing to assist in any way I can.

And hey, you new Student Council Sponsors, do not fear. Sponsoring a council is a very cool thing. I've been doing it for thirty years and I still look forward to it each year.

Wishing you a great year and looking forward to seeing you at Summit.

Bruce

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Director Mary Hashberger

Dear Advisers,

Welcome to the start of another school year. Mine has already been busy with student council activities. I believe the bonding we do now will have great benefits later in the year. The three schools in Goshen County took advantage of an evening leadership skills training. It was helpful to collaborate and also have our kids work together with schools they typically see as rivals.

The WASC board is planning a big fall. The summit meetings will be training opportunities. Ann Postlewaite, the Minnesota executive director will be joining us. Ann brings an incredible energy to everything she does. She will work specifically with the students on developing leadership qualities. I know it will be rewarding for all of our kids.

The fall convention change of dates could be problematic with the start of winter sports but I have already talked to my AD and sports coaches about why we overlap this year. Hopefully they will still have time to get the 10 practices in before the competitions begin. The board is thankful that Kelly Walsh is willing to host our conference and this was the best option for their schedule. So bring younger students if your juniors and seniors are varsity players. I trust our numbers won't be down.

At convention we will have two motivational speakers. The "Where Do You Cross the Line?" sponsored by our state government will be supplying a speaker for Monday morning. His message will deal with making smart choices and helping others do the same. Then on Tuesday, our keynote speaker is Josh Sundquist. Josh lost a leg to cancer when he was a child and the message he brings is uplifting, hilarious, and awesome for kids to hear.

If you have students interested in running for office or serving as workshop presenters or facilitating small groups, please let me know. Our convention depends upon their involvement.

Also, remember an opening on the board for an adviser comes up this fall. If you have any questions about board responsibilities, please let me know.

Have a great start to your school year.

Mary

## WASC CALENDAR

September 14	Summit Meeting	Riverton Holiday Inn 8:30-2:30
September 15	Summit Meeting	Casper Parkway Plaza 8:30-2:30
November 4	All applications for state office, all state student council, and adviser of the year	
	due	
November 16 & 17	WASC State Convention	Casper hosted by Kelly Walsh HS
December 4-6	NAWD Convention	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

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### ALL STATE STUDENT COUNCIL

Every school is eligible to nominate a senior for the WASC All State Student Council Award. This award is designed to honor 15 senior student council members. Every student nominated is awarded a certificate at state convention. The state board reviews the applications and chooses the most deserving students to take the 15 coveted spots. It is a dynamic way to thank a senior leader. The application will be on the website by late September.

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NEED WASC FORMS??? Check out [www.wyasc.org](http://www.wyasc.org) for all forms and applications for state convention and summit meetings.

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### NASC

Eight students and 3 advisers traveled to Denver in late June to attend the “Leadership with an Altitude” national conference hosted by Highlands Ranch High School. It was a high energy event and students were busy from early each morning until late at night. Highlights included outstanding keynote speakers like Alvin Law, a day of training at the CU campus in Boulder, and a fun evening at Elitches.

The 2010 national conference will be at Center Point, Indiana June 26-30. Our delegation will take a 2 day pre-trip and then represent Wyoming at the conference. More information will be available at state convention.

Director Amy Kassel

Welcome Back! I hope your school year is off to a great start. We welcome back our students by helping at registration and our president talks to the incoming freshmen and sophomores at Sophomore Orientation Night. Teachers new to our building were given a gift certificate to the school store and an East High lanyard. All teachers and staff were welcomed back with a package of Skittles with "You are the pot of gold at the end of our Rainbow" sticker attached. We also bought the student council members lunch and had our huge planning meeting for homecoming. We are looking forward to Summit and WASC!

Amy

