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Editor's Note

Welcome to the 2nd issue of the MASC E-newsletter. Many events have taken place since the last issue and this newsletter is loaded with information. With a look back at the past events of the year, an update on the state service project, a look forward to the MASC State Convention, and much more, this newsletter will provide you with all you need to know. So enjoy this installment of the newsletter.

-Zach Keller

MASC Vice-President

MASC Executive Committee Activities

Your MASC executive committee has been very busy the past few months. Not only are they making plans for the state convention, they're also attending leadership conferences and networking with other leaders from across the state and Midwest region.

Recently, the committee attended the Region IV Meeting and networked with student state representatives from Michigan, Wyoming, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and North Dakota. It was a great networking experience. With only one meeting, attention is being now focused on preparing everything needed for the state convention.



2010 MASC Executive Committee

Left-Right: Zach Keller (Vice-President), Gabby Menges (Convention Co-Coordinator), Kristen Emmons (President), Cari Browne (Secretary), & Ian Godfrey (Convention Co-Coordinator)

PAST EVENTS

President's Forum/ Officer Training

This past November, Student Council and Honor Society officers attended the President's Forum/ Officer Training held at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. It was a great conference that gave students the chance to network, idea share, and develop important leadership skills. Many students arrived Sunday afternoon and enjoyed an evening of fun mixers and relaxation.

The conference started the next day and was led by Joe Cavanaugh. He kept the day fun and exciting with fun games, activities, stories, and music. Students learned important values of a leader and improved their leadership skills. One of the leadership values that Joe emphasized throughout the day was the importance of respect. He told the leaders that they needed to respect other people, things, the community, and most importantly, themselves. The day concluded with a "campfire", where students talked about what they wanted to see changed in their school. The conference left a huge impact on the students who attended and it was a great experience for all.

Advisor Workshop

Student Council and NHS advisors from across the state met up at Arrowwood resort to discuss ways to make their organization stronger. The keynote speaker was Karen Dawson, an art, leadership, and service learning teacher and department chair with 32 years of experience. She led numerous group activities, shared important knowledge about being a student council advisor, and provided resources for planning ideas to the advisors. It was an extremely worthwhile event where all advisors took something to bring back to their councils.



Leaders in Action

(Above) Joe Cavanaugh intrigues a the group of almost 300 student leaders at Arrowwood Resort with his energetic story about respect and how leaders can make a difference in their school. Along with some music and games, the students had a great time networking and meeting new

people from across the state. (Right) Some of your Division Presidents pose for a picture after meeting with the MASC Executive Committee



STATE SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

Grand Rapids High School

Grand Rapids and Greenway Student Councils teamed up for this year's state service project, "Support Our Survivors", by hosting a "Charity Rivalry Exhibition" boys basketball game between the school's varsity teams. This was spurred by the rivalry the neighboring schools have had for years in hockey and football and that the teams no longer play each other in regular season play. All the proceeds went to help the families of GRHS student Haley Salo and Greenway student Paige Anderson who were at the time still undergoing treatments after surviving a collision with a bus in October that left another student dead.

Other aspects of the evening included cheerleaders, the GRHS pep-band, a shooting skills competition between the team's coaches and school's administration and a 50/50 split the pot raffle. The event was heavily backed by the community as the bleachers were full and final counts of money raised for the two girls was near \$3,000. The score of the "friendly" game? 0-0 as no points were awarded during the scrimmage.

Medford High School

Students at Medford High School have been doing a variety of things to follow the state service project and "Support Our Survivors". One such event included raising money for the American Red Cross in order to help fund disaster relief in Haiti. They raised over \$550 in one day just by having students make a minimum \$1 donation to wear a hat for the school day. Another event was the annual "Pennies for Patients" cash drive. The main event was the class penny wars, where classes competed to raise the most money. As an incentive, certain student and faculty were willing to do "crazy things" if a certain

amount is raised. Such events include, guys shaving their legs, faculty dying their hair for a day, and a syrup chug. Our goal is to raise over \$5,000 in the high school and elementary school. These are just a few of the events that Medford High School is doing to help "Support Our Survivors".

Orono High School

Orono Public Schools have chosen to help the survivors of the earthquake in Haiti. The project is lead by seniors Peter Goelz, Alison Golden, and Amy Larson and is requiring efforts from the entire community. Throughout the month of February, Orono have been selling t-shirts to students, staff members, and community members. All the proceeds go directly to purchasing the supplies needed to package dry meals for the people of Haiti. Each shirt sold raises enough money to purchase 50 meals.

Orono has teamed up with a non profit organization called ImpactLives who have agreed to match every dollar that Orono raises with meal supplies. On March 2, the high school will excuse all classes to package food in the gym. Students and staff will work side by side to help make a difference in the lives of the people of Haiti. Once the school day is over families and businesses within the community are welcomed to donate their time to help. Orono has raised \$10,000 dollars so far in it's efforts and plans to raise more.

Mounds View High School

Mounds View High School contributed to the state service project through an event known as "the Moonwalk". During the summer of 2009, one of the teachers from Mounds View past away after a long battle with breast cancer. The student council decided to

honor by raising money for her family and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The resulting, "Moonwalk", a walk-a-thon held at night on Mounds View's track occurred on September 26th, 2009.

It was a 4 hour event, with a live DJ and a band! It featured raffle drawings, t-shirt sales, and prize giveaways, such as gift cards to Chipotle and Massage Envy. Through all of the activities, Mounds View High School raised over \$10,000 for the family and the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Austin High School

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Austin celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. At the end of their program, 2 students, who had pieced together 3 minutes of news footage featuring the destruction in Haiti, shared the video with the students. After the video, a one minute countdown began as student council members walked up and down the aisles collecting donations. In this "miracle minute", the students raised \$705, which will be donated to "Feed My Starving Children".

Roseville High School

Roseville Student Council donated \$1 of the Snow Dance tickets to support Haitian relief. The NHS also held a bake sale and sold 750 cupcakes. In all, they raised over \$500 for the disaster relief efforts in Haiti.

Red Lake High School

The student Senate at Red Lake County Central High School held a spaghetti feed with a free will donation for Haitian relief. They served 120 people and raised \$628.53. The money was donated to the American Red Cross to help assist the relief efforts in Haiti.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MASC State Convention

Your MASC Executive Committee has been working hard to put the finishing touches on this year's MASC State Convention, "Survivor Northwoods: Leadership by Nature", held in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Right now, your convention co-coordinators, Ian Godfrey and Gabby Menges, are shifting their gears from homecoming to the epic saga of hosting the MASC State Convention. They are searching for host families throughout the Grand Rapids community and spreading the word about the convention. They are also working on getting bids with local printers for the souvenir lanyards and bandanas for the convention.

The executive committee has already selected the keynote speakers for the convention. They are Bob Tryanski and Keith Hawkins. Both are nationally acclaimed speakers known for their captivating speeches and stories. Along with these fantastic speakers, there will be a number of workshops students will be able to attend. There are also many fun activities being planned, including games, mixers, and



competitions for the bonfire activity night. Finally, the banquet site has been set at the beautiful Timberlake Resort.

Overall, everyone on the executive committee is very excited for the upcoming state convention and Grand Rapids is working very hard to make you feel like you're in the northwoods. From finding moose costumes and planning the snacks for division rooms, to

obtaining decorations and sponsorships from local businesses, everyone is working very hard to make sure all the little things are in place in order to make this MASC State Convention an unforgettable experience. So pack your bags and get ready to survive the wilderness in Grand Rapids from April 10th-12th. From everyone on the state executive committee, we hope to see you there.

If you have any additional questions about the state convention, more information is available on the MASC website. Also, feel free to e-mail Ian Godfrey (IGodfrey.GRHS@Gmail.com) or Gabby Menges (gabriellemenges2006@hotmail.com) to find out more about the activities that will be held.

DIVISION INFORMATION

Division	President	High School	Color for State
Capital	Maraki Ketema	White Bear Lake	Lime Green
Central	Emma Sieling	Jefferson High School	Red
Eastern	Andre O'Rourke	Cambridge Isanti High School	Purple
Hennepin	Parth Shah	Wayzata High School	Black
Northeast	Taylor Patterson	Indus High School	Vegas Gold
Northwest	Kim Moe	Grygla High School	Green
South Central	Michael Strom	Sibley Easy High School	Navy Blue
Southeast	Lauren Spohn	Century High School	Orange
Southwest	Emily Ellingson	Willmar High School	Light Blue
Western	Jordan Rasmusson	Fergus Falls High School	Yellow



MASC Keynote Speakers
MASC proudly presents Bob Tryanski and Keith Hawkins as your 2010 MASC State Convention keynote speakers

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

New Procedure for Hot Topics

The MASC Executive Committee has designed a new procedure for the debate of hot topics for the upcoming state convention. It was created to make the process more efficient and productive than the past model of debating hot topics.

The beginning of the procedure will remain mostly the same. Divisions are encouraged to send their “hot topics”, or important issues, to the state office. However, the hot topic should only feature a general issue, such as “open campus lunch” or “removal of class rank”. There should be no purpose statement or supporting statements and a side should not be taken.

The hot topics will then appear at the state convention. As conducted in the past, a breakout session will occur where students will be able to attend a hot topic discussion room. It is during this time ONLY that the hot topic will be debated and a side chosen. Once a stance on the issue has been chosen, the purpose statement and supporting statements will be drawn up. This purpose statement and the supporting statements will then appear in the next general session. During this session, the hot topics will be presented and then voted on immediately following. There will be no debate during the general session. Once voted upon, the hot topic

will either pass or fail. All “passed” hot topics will then be sent to schools across the state showing what stance students have on important issues. The executive committee believes that this revised process will run much more efficiently and allow for more time to be spent networking with other students.

Doug Erickson Elected to NASC Advisory Council

On January 30, 2010, the MASC executive committee met at the Marriot hotel for the Region IV meeting. One of the items of business was the election of the new Region IV adult representative for the NASC advisory council. Your MASC executive board is proud to announce that Orono’s advisor, Doug Erickson, was elected to fill this position. He will serve a two-year term and take over for Kory Kath, who is currently serving as the Region IV adult representative on the NASC advisory council.

Idea Share

The MASC executive committee would like to encourage all student councils to post an event or idea on the idea share section of the website. It is very easy to do and requires only a few minutes to complete. Go to http://www.massp.org/best/masc_post.php and post your ideas that work today.

Important Deadlines

March 5, 2010

- Hot Topics due in MASC Office
- Names of division officers attending State Convention submitted to MASC office
- Advisor of the Year nominations due in MASC office
- Administrator of the Year nominations due in MASC office
- Outstanding Student Council nominations due in MASC office
- Officer of the Year nominations due in MASC office
- MASCA Student Council of the Year nominations due in MASC office

March 19, 2010

- MASC candidate forms due in MASC office

Important Dates

March 10, 2010

- Division Presidents Conference call to MASC Office

April 10th-12th, 2010

- 2010 MASC State Convention in Grand Rapids, MN

Before You Go!

If you are interested in running for a MASC state office, make sure to fill out all paperwork by March 19th. Also, if you have any questions about the roles and responsibilities of the positions, contact an executive committee member. Lastly, all nomination and registration forms can be found on the MASC website.

Questions or Comments?

If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter or have an article that you’d like to be in the newsletter, feel free to contact me at zkeller@myclearwave.net

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