

MAHS Newsletter



Minnesota Association of Honor Societies

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“Hunger Awareness” Is A Success

As the 2010-2011 school year wraps up, so does the 2011 MAHS State Service Project “Hunger Awareness” come to a close. Here’s a look at back at how Minnesota NHS Chapters contributed to to the State Service Project and made a difference in their communities.

“Hunger Awareness”

By: Kurt Haag, MAHS Secretary

NHS Chapters across the state have contributed to “Hunger Awareness”, the 2011 MAHS State Service Project. NHS members from St. Clair Secondary recently participated in a 30 Hour Famine. Along with the fasting, students also organized a bake sale, made posters, created a video, and wore t-shirts in honor of the event. The St. Clair chapter successfully raised \$2,000 to support the hungry! Other chapters ran a traditional food drive, like Roseau High School who collected 957 pounds of items and \$1,171.69 in donations. Both Harding High School in St. Paul and Mahtomedi High School experienced success with their accumulation of 2,129 pounds and 1,200 pounds of items, respectively. Lake of the Woods High School in Baudette used creativity in their food drive and collected items at various sporting events. The Lake of the Woods chapter also invited opposing schools to bring items to support the food shelf. Kingsland High School in Spring Valley went trick-or-treating for food items on Halloween, collecting several hundred pounds of items. Students from Irondale High School participated in Feed My Starving Children and a homeless sleep-out. These events are among the many

from NHS chapters across the state. The work of these NHS members has helped make a huge difference in the lives of the hungry. MAHS wants to thank everyone for their hard work and for making the 2011 State Service Project a huge success!



Becker NHS members collected these items while trick-or-treating on Halloween.

Chess Tournament

*By: Paige Borst,
MAHS Vice-President*
Last month the Bertha-Hewitt National Honor Society hosted a school-wide Chess Tournament in hopes of bringing more school unity to their school. Kids in grades 7 through 12 were eligible to participate and compete for the

title of Chess Champion of the Year. There were about twenty-five students who participated and each were each placed into a random bracket. The tournament was played with single elimination rounds and took place during the High School's lunch hour. All and all the tournament was a great opportunity to get kids thinking while still getting them to communicate with the others around them. Bertha is thinking of other fun activities that can get more students and teachers involved and really make lunch time worthwhile.



New 2011-2012 MAHS Officers

President Svati Pazhyanur

Svati Pazhyanur, 16, is currently a junior at Eastview High School. Svati is President of Eastview's chapter of NHS, an active member on her school's debate and speech teams, and is involved in choir, Service Linc, and Student Council. Outside of school, she enjoys volunteering in the community, swimming and reading (especially anything by Fareed Zakaria or John Green).

Vice-President Charlie Wilcox

I'm Charlie Wilcox, and I am a junior at Chisago Lakes High School. In my humble opinion, I think I'm somewhat humorous and not unintelligent. I stay involved in several activities in school. I am a member of Math League, Link Crew, and play tuba and trombone in various bands within the school. I have participated in the Fall Musical, emceed the variety show, and thrown varsity in Track and Field. Besides that, I am a captain of Speech and Knowledge Bowl, Drum Major of Marching Band, and president of NHS. I am passionate about parks and trails (I bike to school every day), and am on the

Lindstrom Park Board. I also work at McDonald's. In my spare time, I read voraciously, curate a record collection, and write when I can. I plan to go to college for an English major after next year.

Secretary Daniel Harren

Daniel Harren attends the Bertha-Hewitt High School. During the school year he is involved in the Senior High Choir, Select Choir, Senior High Band, Jazz Band, Solo and Ensemble for band and choir, Knowledge Bowl, One Act Play, Varsity Track Team, the Musical, and he also helps younger students develop their reading skills by participating in his school's Reading Buddies Program. Outside of school he sings and plays piano for the choir of the church that he attends, teaches religion to the 5th and 6th grade classes, plays tuba in the Community Band in a neighboring town, helps clean up the community by picking up litter, and he also spends as much as he can working on his parents' farm.

Outgoing Officers

From left to right: President Lisa Ramroop, Secretary Kurt Haag, and Vice-President Paige Borst



2011-2012 MAHS Officers

From left to right: Secretary Daniel Harren, President Svati Pazhyanur, and Vice-President Charlie Wilcox



2010-2011 MAHS Award Winners

The MAHS executive officers have announced the 2010-2011 award winners - they are as follows:

Service Project:

- Becker High School - "Give Back Day" - The senior class and junior NHS members got out of school for a morning and went around the school and community serving others. Service included gardening, school clean-up, park maintenance, Faith in Action, Kids Against Hunger and more.

- Eastview High School - "Fill the Bowls" - Eastview students created ceramic bowls and sold them, served a meal, and provided entertainment at an event at their school.

Yearbook:

- Alternative Category - Eastview High School

- Creative Category - Prior Lake High School

- Digital Category - Becker High School

- Thematic Category - Richfield High School

All-Star Chapters:

- Becker High School

- Eastview High School

- Prior Lake High School

- Richfield High School

All-Star Team:

- Mandy Chan, Richfield High School

- Melissa Fast, Becker High School

- Taylor Francis, Prior Lake High School

- Alissa Wong, Eastview High School

Scholarship Winners:

- Lauren Bach, New York Mills High School

- Stacy Glaess, Cannon Falls High School

- Mari Liestman, Becker High School

- Matthew Mittlesteadt, Eastview High School

Arbor Day Service

By: Kurt Haag, Secretary

The Becker High School National Honor Society celebrated Arbor Day 2011 with Becker's second grade class. NHS members led small groups of second graders in a lesson about trees, their basic structure, and their important role in the environment. The kids also had a chance to draw their own tree pictures and more. When the event was all over, each student received a tree to bring home and plant anywhere they would like. The event was both a blast for the NHSer's and second graders alike.



STAR Leaders National Student Conference

St. Louis, Missouri - June 25-27, 2011

Minnesota is looking to send another delegation to the STAR Leaders Conference this year. Students will bus down to St. Louis and do some sight-seeing in and around St. Louis before the conference begins. The Minnesota delegation will be traveling by bus, leaving Thursday, June 23 and returning early on Tuesday, June 28. Anyone interested in attending this event should contact Ann Postlewaite at ann@mail.massp.org. The cost of registration is \$350 if you register by March 18, otherwise the fee goes up to \$385 after that date.



<http://www.starleadersconference.org/>

Summer Leadership Academy

Sunday, August 7 and Monday, August 8, 2011

St. Cloud Holiday Inn

Come join other student leaders in National Honor Society, Student Council and sports captains and other school leaders for an active day of leadership training and networking! A variety of topics will be discussed, Leadership – What is it? ethical leadership, running effective meetings, goal setting, calendar planning and much, much more. Early bird registration must be completed by June 22. For the Monday session, the fee is \$48. For both Sunday evening and Monday, the fee is \$53. An Advisor’s Academy will also be happening during this event.



2011 Leadership and Experience Development (LEAD) Conferences

Albuquerque, New Mexico - November 11-13, 2011

Washington, D.C. - February 3-5, 2012

Chicago, Illinois - February 17-19, 2012

MAHS is interested in taking a Minnesota Delegation to one of these conferences, so here are the dates to get you interested in attending!