

Being a Leader: Students' Perspectives



A Message from the President

by Kyle Hiser

Hey, Iowa! What's up?! My name is Kyle Hiser, and I'm a

junior at Shenandoah High School. I still think that it is hard to believe that a year and a half ago I had set a goal and didn't know if I would achieve it. That goal was to be elected to the IASC board. In addition to reaching that goal, I have achieved other accomplishments, including qualifying for state track and being a part of our varsity football team's first win in 29 games! In the goals that I have reached I have been very fortunate to

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enhance my leadership skills and meet new friends. This past year has been very busy with school, athletics and community involvement.

I have a dream that in the coming year we can do great things with student councils in Iowa. Therefore, I am challenging each student council across the state to participate in this year's state project, Voices for Victims. There are three ways you can participate: creating awareness, taking action, or fundraising. Can you imagine how much money we could raise and how many lives we could touch if each council raised \$100? Participation doesn't always mean raising money; I encourage you to brainstorm other ideas to help victims in your community. One easy idea to get started is to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Let's all have a helping hand in making this year's state project one we will never forget!

Past President's Reflections

by Abby Drexler

Looking back on the last two years since I was first selected to represent the state of Iowa as president for IASC, I can easily say it has been the fastest moving, yet most rewarding, time in my life.

Student council and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others has been an interest of mine for a long time. I cannot be thankful enough for how student council and serving as a state officer has helped me mature as an individual.

One of my favorite memories while serving on the IASC board was attending the National Association of Student Council's Conference in Indianapolis during the summer of 2010. There I had the chance to listen and learn from outstanding speakers and learn exciting cheers to show that Iowa really was a cool place to live after all!

Through the planning process for this year's state project, "Voices for Victims," I began to fully understand the potential student councils across Iowa have in making a difference for our communities, state and around the globe. I look forward to finally tallying the large sum of money and pop tabs collected which will benefit a variety of organizations, reaching our main goal of uniting student councils across the state.

I never imagined the close friendships that would result from being a state officer, but I consider many of the state officers and ILTC friends as my family, for I know they will continue to be supportive no matter where my future takes me. Student council has empowered me to believe in myself and the many talents I contain and to share those gifts with other people, so they, too, may learn to achieve.

In the end, high school is not about if your school threw the best homecoming



IASC Past President Abby Drexler (center) with members of the Bettendorf administrative team.

dance or whether your school can compete at state athletic competitions, but about finding a passion worth pursuing. For me, I can simply say student council and serving as an IASC state officer has been the passion I was able to offer my talents. So students, what passion will you pursue in high school?

Voices for Victims 2011-12 Iowa State Project

Voices for Victims is a versatile project that is meant to be moldable for any school/community.

We ask that you incorporate more than just your high school in this year's project as we try to strengthen our bonds with not only student councils, but all members of our community.

As a state, we have set two goals: raising \$25,000 as well as a goal of sending the Ronald McDonald house two million pop tabs. The results are to be reported by March 1, 2012. We can't wait to hear all about your projects and results at our email address: stateprojectiowa@gmail.com.

Read more about the state project at www.iowastudentcouncils.org/state-projects.

IASC Administrator of the Year

Dave Thompson, Bettendorf Community School District

At IASC's Fall Conference on October 31, 2011, Dave Thompson was recognized as this year's administrator of the year!

Mr. Thompson retired from Bettendorf High school at the end of the 2010-11 school year, where he had worked as an associate principal and the student council liaison for many years.

Best known for his passion when working with student council, Mr. Thompson made it a priority to attend

meetings and play an active role in helping students make decisions for events or contacting community members to aid the student council's efforts. He was never shy to offer up his opinions and out of the box ideas. Actively attending Bettendorf High School student council events, Mr. Thompson proved to be one of the most supportive members of the high school staff who was always looking for ways to improve for the next year!

Mr. Thompson will be missed from the student council family as he embarks on a new adventure, taking a position as principal of Annie Wittenmyer school.

Congratulations to Dave Thompson for all his efforts at Bettendorf High school and in being recognized as IASC's Administrator of the year!



Dave Thompson, Administrator of the Year, Bettendorf

IASC Warren E. Shull Adviser of the Year

Janet Young, Sioux City West High School

While reading this newsletter, you are probably thinking of ways to better your council, your school, or in some way improve your community. Odds are you have done something like this before.

We're going to stop there, because this is when we recognize what you are looking for: inspiration. If you truly want inspiration in ways of paving new roads, asking bigger questions and creating better events, look no further than the 2011 Adviser of the Year, Mrs. Janet Young.

Mrs. Young has served a student council adviser for 24 years! She has started regional conferences, served on the NASC board, and held multiple posi-

tions on the IASC board. Although these are all enormous tasks, Young is probably best known for her work as the West High School student council adviser. In fulfilling this role, she has aided several students in becoming state officers, started a coalition between Iowa Special Olympics and West High's student council, started community dinners between her high school students and local nursing homes, and has guided the council to a countless number of state and national distinctions.

While all of these accomplishments affected not only Mrs. Young's school, but also Sioux City as a whole, the most important contribution Mrs. Young has given to the student council family is

the knowledge she shares with students, staff, and fellow advisers she has helped along the way. Whether it's teachers walking to her room, or advisers e-mailing her from across the nation, Mrs. Young has a knack for knowing just how to advise the situation. As she steps down to be with her new granddaughter, Aubrey Marie Young, she will be missed in all aspects of student council. With this in mind, it is the IASC's honor to congratulate Janet Young and properly thank her for the inspiration she has given us all.



Janet Young, Adviser of the Year, Sioux City West High School

Courageous Leadership

On August 3 and 4, the School Administrators of Iowa Annual Conference was held at the Polk County Convention Complex in downtown Des Moines. This year's theme was Courageous Leadership.

The opening keynote address was presented by Douglas Reeves. In his address, he talked about the essentials of leadership focus. He discussed the latest research on change leadership and sustainability, along with standards of evidence that teachers, administrators and educational policymakers should consider when implementing educational strategies.

Adapting to changing leadership is what our student councils do. It was quite fitting for Abby Drexler, our state president, to address the conference attendees about our current state project "Voices for Victims." She did a nice job summarizing what IASC is all about.

Throughout the day the IASC board members had a booth promoting our mission, activities, and involvement at the state and national level. Board members answered questions on how administrators can help their councils be more involved at the state and national level.

Many administrators stopped by to discuss and ask questions about our cur-



Gov. Branstad meets IASC officer Sarah Olson at the SAI Annual Conference

rent state project, the state conference and state leadership training camp. By the end of the day the Association had talked to many school representatives around the state, which hopefully helped the individual advisers as they returned to school.

Diving into Leadership



by Sarah Olson

This past summer, roughly 30 students from across the state of Iowa gathered on the University of Northern Iowa campus for the annual Iowa Leadership Training Camp. The theme of this summer's camp was "Diving into Leadership." Throughout the week, we learned about many different qualities that are used to develop one as a leader. We learned to speak up about things we are passionate about, make our community a better place, communicate our thoughts in a proper fashion, and finally how to have confidence within ourselves and work our hardest to achieve our dreams. We worked very hard in our groups to host many fun events for the other campers such as a lip-sync, silent boat building contest and Olympics. The week we spent together may have worn us down, but we took away things that will help with our leadership skills for the rest of our lives.

Experience the National Leadership Conference

by Shelby Royer

This past June, I was fortunate to attend the STAR National Leadership Conference! It was definitely an experience I will never forget. The conference was held in a downtown St. Louis hotel, only about a quarter of a mile away from the famous Arch and St. Louis Cardinals' Stadium.

Each of the days had a full agenda. The days began and ended with general sessions. The general sessions were led by some amazing motivational speakers. One of the speakers even had us dancing! Multiple options of breakout sessions were then held. My pencil was going crazy taking notes! Many other activities were wrapped up in the days, along with simply exploring the city.

The best connections made at the conference were the friendships I developed. I can now say I have friends from all over the United States! Furthermore, I have acquaintances which are the beginning of one of a person's greatest advantages: networking!

This coming year's national leadership convention is going to be held in Oklahoma, at Yukon High School! I hope to see some new faces there this summer ... I'm already looking forward to going! It truly is an experience you'll never forget.

NASC National Conference Returns

NASSP and NASC have brought back the national student council conference. "Blazing the Trails of Leadership" will be hosted by Yukon High School in Oklahoma City, Okla., June 23-25. Keynote speakers thus far are Judson Laipply and Monte Selby. A variety of sessions will be provided on all aspects of leadership skills and service. Registration fee is \$365 per member. Deadline to register online at the NASC website (www.nasconference.org) is April 13. Registration includes: transportation to and from the high school, lunch and dinner Saturday and Sunday, and breakfast at the conference hotel Saturday through Monday (included in hotel price).

Honor Council Scrapbooks



by Ginger Bechtold
IASC Scrapbook Chair

Once again, last year was a successful one for the Honor Council program. It was the first year with the newly revised scrapbook evaluation forms. The IASC board judged 25 scrapbooks.

Schools earning Honor Council Meritorious Distinction were Centerville, Harlan, Sioux City North and Sioux City West.

Councils earning an Honor Council award were Ballard, Bellevue, Bettendorf, Bondurant Farrar, Cascade, Clear Creek Amana, Corning, Eagle Grove, Emmetsburg, English Valleys, Estherville Lincoln Central, Lewis Central, Maquoketa, Riverside, Southeast Polk and Western Dubuque.

Five councils were awarded certificates of participation.

This year there were additional changes in the Honor Council program. Because of time constraints, this year's plaques were not presented on stage but were given to each school when they registered. The names of each school were included in a pre-program slide presentation and were read during the morning program.

Another change was to allow middle school councils to participate in the Honor Council program. Middle School student councils will be judged on the same criteria as high schools.

As a final note there were a number of schools that did not pick up their scrapbooks at the IASC Fall Leadership Conference in October. These scrapbooks were mailed to the schools. As it states in the Honor Council program guidelines, scrapbooks not picked up will be mailed to the school at their expense.

I am really excited about these new changes in the Honor Council program and look forward to another successful year.



Iowa student board members at the National Conference

Students Own New Roles



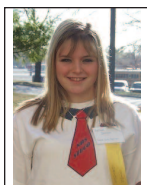
Chandler Mores, president-elect, Harlan

Chandler Mores

Hello, my name is Chandler Mores. I am currently a sophomore at Harlan Community High School. I stay busy with many activities such as volleyball, dance, golf, student council, Key Club,

Business Professionals of America, piano lessons, 4-H, and 4-H youth county council.

When I'm not running around due to my various activities, I love to spend time with my family and friends. I am a very amiable and gregarious person and love to put a smile on other's faces! One of my greatest passions, student council, started when I was in sixth grade. I was a member through eighth grade, and I have now been a member of my high school student council for two years, as well as class president my freshman and sophomore years. My dream was achieved this year by being selected to be a part of the state student council! I cannot wait to start my term and work with the other members. I know that together we can make this year successful and come up with great ideas for the betterment of IASC and student councils across the state.



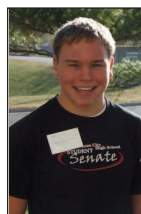
Rachael Johnson, 1st vice president-elect, Sioux City North

Rachael Johnson

Hello! My name is Rachael Johnson, and I am currently a sophomore at Sioux City North High School. I am actively involved in many activities throughout my school and community. I'm

involved in concert choir, basketball, student council, student advisory committees, best buddies, church youth group and Arc (for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities). In addition to all of these activities, I love spending time with my family and friends.

After attending the 2010 State Conference and 2010 ILTC summer camp, I knew I wanted to run for a state officer position. This fall I achieved my goal with the help of my family, friends and my wonderful adviser, Brenda Bush-Hanson. My goal for state student council is to bring new ideas to the table and find creative ways to implement them. After meeting everyone I will be working with for the next few years, I cannot wait to start this exciting journey.



Kyle Weiss, 2nd vice president-elect, Mason City

Kyle Weiss

My name is Kyle Weiss. I was born August 25, 1995, in the good old town of Mason City, Iowa, and have lived here all my life.

I, like many other teens, enjoy spending time with my friends and family and watching movies. I am involved in several activities at my school including band, choir, student senate, Best Buddies, yearbook, swim team, the Student School Improvement Advisory Committee, Youth Task Force and I participate in Silver Cord activities.

When I'm not at school you can usually find me practicing at the pool with friends; spending time at home with my brother, Jacob, and my parents, Jody and Kevin; cheering on the Hawkeyes; participating in activities at my church or working at the ice arena.

However, once summer rolls around, my jobs change and I can be found most days lifeguarding and teaching swimming lessons at the local aquatic center. Afterwards, I'll watch movies and spend time with friends. In the future, I plan to attend a four-year university to major in biology or chemistry with medical intent then acquire further education to become an anesthesiologist or go into some other medical profession.

Encourage Students to run for IASC Office

Every year at the State Conference in October, the IASC board selects three deserving sophomores to serve as president-elect, 1st vice president-elect and 2nd vice president-elect. All three are honorable and opportune positions, as the students will be actively involved in state board meetings, conferences, and most importantly, the state project. Once installed, student officers remain on the IASC board until their senior year, when they head the state project.

How to Become a State Officer

1. Go to the IASC Web site, www.iowastudentcouncils.org, and download the application form.
2. Fill out the application form and write an essay explaining why YOU want to be a state officer and send it in before the deadline.
3. Receive a scheduled interview time.
4. Interview with the IASC board at State Conference.
5. Receive the results at the Monday morning assembly.

Things to Consider/Remember

1. Any sophomore who is an active member of his/her student council can apply for state office.
2. As a member of the IASC board, there is a time commitment and expenses will arise. Be prepared to handle these situations (e.g., meetings, conferences, ILTC) and make state office a priority. Following are the dates of meetings and conferences: Winter officer meeting/ILTC Retreat; LEAD Conference - TBA; IASC Advisory Board Meeting - March 2013; State Adviser's Conference/ Student officer meeting - April 2013; ILTC at UNI - June 2013; NASC Conference - June 2013; SAI Conference - August 2013; State Officer Meeting/State Conference - Oct. 2013; Winter Board Meeting - Dec. 2013.
3. IASC is looking for positive role models as well as originality and helpfulness—students who want to make a difference and get involved at a state level.
4. State office is a fantastic opportunity to see the "bigger picture" of student council. Even if you are not selected, the interview process alone is extremely beneficial.



IASC Executive Director Kelly Neiber (second from left) displays her award.

In December, I was at my national executive director meeting (NASS-CED) and the National Conference on Student Activities (formerly NAWD) in Salt Lake City.

Along with picking up many ideas that I will share, I had the opportunity to hear a live performance of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir which is a must-see if you ever go there as it is utterly breathtaking.

I also got to spend some quality time with a former student council member from Cascade who was an ILTC delegate for several years before I nabbed her to be on the camp staff. She is doing postgraduate research at the university there and is going to be a doctor. I had a truly lovely time reconnecting and catching up with her. Moments like those are the most special part of my job because I get to witness the success stories of the kids who go through our programs. You should be proud of the work you do within your schools and communities, and I hope you get to see how what you do touches and positively affects kids.

Finally, I got to meet an Osmond! Sen. Aaron Osmond (Donnie and Marie's nephew) was a keynote speaker and did some breakout sessions. He's a fabulous supporter of education in the state and would be a great person to speak to all administrators.

The Alliance for Student Activities put together a short video about the importance of getting involved in student activities. Seems crazy that not everyone knows the value of being a part of things like student council advisers do, but unfortunately not everyone thinks like we do. So, the Alliance has done research with some astonishing numbers. For instance, 47 percent of the students who drop out are not flunking, they just aren't involved in any school activities! If middle school students aren't involved in anything, 52 percent

See you soon!

of them will drop out when they are in high school! People who are in charge of school funding must see this video. Contact me at kaneiber@aol.com for more information.

I heard some good speakers, all of whom were from Utah and, as always, was overloaded with information and ideas. Many sessions were on how to use technology and social media in student activities. I tend to show my age when I attend these workshops. I'm willing to learn, but there's so much out there to know. One idea I got was to use technology in branding and promoting your organization: Be self-promoters for the things we do. I recommend looking at your district policies on technology and having students sign releases.

During a luncheon session I received an award called "Keeper of the Flame." The award is in memory of Dr. Earl Reum who was a founding father of student activities and a mentor of mine, which makes the honor that much more special. It's given to a person who is thought to embody the spirit, philosophy and passion that Earl had for serving others. The award came as quite a shock and surprise, and I will do my best to be a worthy Keeper of the Flame.

I have been involved with student activities my entire life. I was in most

every sport, club and organization my high school provided. My second year teaching I naively agreed to be the student senate adviser, not realizing what that really entailed. The next year the principal handed me a registration form and instructed me to take a carload of kids to a conference in Ames sponsored by a group called IASC. There, I met a keynote speaker named Mike Smith and a lady named Mary O'Brien. I was hooked, and my life has never been the same. Those two seemingly small choices I made opened so many doors and have led to a 24-year career as a teacher, adviser, and IASC Executive Director.

I'm blessed to have worked with and known so many outstanding advisers and students in our great state of Iowa and around the country. By the time you read this, I will have embarked on a new adventure as the student activities coordinator for the Minneapolis Public Schools.

Although it is extremely painful to leave Iowa and the executive director position, I am excited to start my dream job in an area where my passion lies. I thank each and every one of you for touching my life. This isn't goodbye, it's see you soon.

Best wishes, Kelly Neiber
IASC Executive Director, 1997-2012

2012 Student Council Advisers' Conference Dive into the Depths of Leadership

Sailors claim the ocean emits a glow that extends for miles at night. You, too, will emit a glow when you take the plunge and "Dive into the Depths of Leadership" at the 2012 Spring Adviser's Conference April 16.



At this conference, advisers from across the state share their ideas and receive that much-needed boost to make it through the last quarter of the year. The spring Adviser's Conference provides inspiration and practical ideas you can take back to your school and use immediately. You'll have the opportunity to network with others, share what works and what doesn't, and get a head start on next year's state project.

Whatever career path your students take, they'll use the leadership skills they learn in high school. You have a huge impact on their future in your advisory role! Come share with other advisers what you're doing and find out what they're doing to impact that role. As always, there will be door prizes for everyone and a great lunch!

There are two ways to register: 1) online at www.iowastudentcouncils.org; or 2) complete the form on page 6. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the conference begins at 9. See you there!

2012 Spring Advisers' Conference

Dive into the Depths of Leadership

April 16, 2012

9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

School Administrators of Iowa

12199 Stratford Dr.

Clive, Iowa

Directions: From I-80/35, take the University Avenue exit and head west on University Avenue. Follow University to NW 123rd St. and turn right. Go one block north to Stratford Dr. and turn right. The SAI office is the third building on the left hand side of the street.

Cost: \$50

This includes: all materials, continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and door prizes.

The Chase Suite Hotels, 11428 Forest Ave., Clive, is offering discounted rooms for Sunday evening. To reserve your hotel room, call 888-433-6140. If you indicate that you're with School Administrators of Iowa, they'll give you a reduced rate, based on availability.

2012 Spring Advisers' Conference Registration Form

Name _____

School _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ School Phone _____ E-mail _____

Enclose a check payable to **School Administrators of Iowa** for \$50. We would like registrations by March 28, but you may register up to and on April 16. **Send conference registrations to:** SAI, 12199 Stratford Dr., Clive, Iowa 50325. Phone: 515-267-1115, Fax: 515-267-1066. You may also register online at www.iowastudentcouncils.org.

The Decades of Leadership: Leadership through the ages

Looking for an exciting, yet informative camp this summer? The annual Iowa Leadership Training Camp will be June 11-14 this year at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. The camp will end on Thursday, the 14th at 5 p.m.

New to ILTC?

This camp is a great way to increase leadership skills in a fun environment while networking with student leaders from all over the state. Campers enjoy beneficial sessions and action-packed nights. ILTC is a great way for student leaders to “break out of their shells” and step up to challenges. Even the most experienced and charismatic leaders can learn something new, such as how it feels to share the spotlight, work “behind-the-scenes,” or give back to the community.

No one could exemplify these traits better than the fantastic staff of teachers, advisers, and Junior Counselors at ILTC. During these few days, the Senior and Junior Counselors guide the students through big and small lessons on leadership, character, confidence and composure. These lasting lessons, along with many resounding laughs, are well worth the time and the money; all representatives will benefit their local councils with their experiences at ILTC.

Registration Procedures:

1 Registration forms are accepted on a “first come, first accepted” basis until the ILTC limit of 100 delegates is reached. Registration deadline is May 1, 2012; however, you may want to consider that the limit may fill earlier.

2 Delegates must be able to attend the ENTIRE program. Late arrivals and early departures are prohibited. Students ARE NOT allowed to drive to camp!

This camp is designed to provide delegates with the opportunity to acquire lifetime skills and experience personal growth, enabling them to successfully serve in any leadership position.

3 Make payment by check only. Do not send cash. Make checks payable to School Administrators of Iowa (SAI). Please send \$350 per delegate with the completed registration form below to: SAI, Attn: Iowa Leadership Camp, 12199 Stratford Drive, Clive, IA 50325. Registration fee after May 1 is \$450.



Campers “dive into leadership” at ILTC Camp '11

4 No refunds are given for cancellations. Substitutes are permitted (same gender required). Call 712-568-6804 or e-mail bruce.maffit@gmail.com for substitute instructions.

The registration forms and further information can be found online at www.iowastudentcouncils.org.



It takes a team to spell ILTC!



Iowa Leadership Training Camp - "Diving into the Depths of Leadership"

June 11-14, 2012

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls

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5. Obtain all required signatures. Make a copy of your completed form for future reference. Attach payment.

Please print legibly or type this form!

Please retain a copy of this form for your records.

Name of student _____ Home phone () _____

Personal Information (circle one) Male Female Age _____ Grade in School (Sept. '12) _____

Parent/Guardian name _____

Student Home address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Delegate e-mail _____

High School Represented _____

List any special needs, allergies, medical or diet requirements (be specific) _____

_____ Vegetarian? Yes ___ No ___

Person to reach in an emergency _____ Phone _____

Relationship to student _____

What is your leadership position this fall? _____

Have you attended ILTC before? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, when (year)? _____ T-shirt size _____

This certifies that we understand the contents of this registration form and recommend this student to the Iowa Leadership Training Camp.

Principal or Designate's Signature

Signature of Adviser (include home phone number)

Student Agreement: My signature of this document indicates that I agree to abide by and adhere to "The Code for Behavioral Expectations" established by the Iowa Association of Student Councils and the School Administrators of Iowa and all other regulations established for my safety during this week. **I understand that a refund will not be provided if I am unable to attend.**

Delegate Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

By signing this form you are hereby giving consent to the Iowa Association of Student Councils to use photographs and videotaped images of camp attendees for promotional, editorial, and advertising purposes.

Please mail completed registration form with payment to: School Administrators of Iowa, Attn: Iowa Leadership Training Camp, 12199 Stratford Drive, Clive, IA 50325.

Registration fee for forms mailed after May 1 is \$450!

WARREN E. SHULL IASC ADVISER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINEE

(Revised 1/20/97)

Sponsored by Iowa Association of Student Councils

The IASC Advisory Board wishes to honor an outstanding Student Council Adviser in the state of Iowa for their dedication. This award began in honor of Warren E. Shull, who founded the National Association of Student Councils in 1931. He recognized that leadership is service and many student council advisers across the nation are also guided by the same principles of Warren E. Shull. While the award does single out individuals on the state level, the purpose of the award is to highlight the many contributions made by all student council advisers throughout our state and our country.

CRITERIA

1. A minimum of three years of service as a student council adviser.
2. The individual cannot be nominated if they are currently serving as a member of the IASC Advisory Board.
3. Have been actively involved in work with the Iowa Association of Student Councils, LEAD conferences, and/or the National Association of Student Councils.
4. Have shown in some way or at some time, dedication to the cause and principles of student councils.
5. Show ability to inspire leadership, dependability, and responsibility through role modeling of these qualities.
6. Have the following materials submitted to the selection committee (IASC Advisory Board) and postmarked no later than April 1.
 - a) A resume created by the adviser which includes three references.
 - b) A letter of recommendation by the principal/supervisor of the adviser.
 - c) A letter of recommendation by the Student Council President.
 - d) A letter of nomination if nominated by an individual outside of your school district (if not one of the three listed above).
7. Selection of the recipient will be made by the IASC Advisory Board, who will review all nominees.
8. All information should be collected by the person nominating the individual and sent to: Vicki Carstens, IASC Executive Director, 1710 20th St., Harlan, IA 51537. ATTN: Adviser of the Year.
9. The selection process will take place during the June board meeting and all nominees will be notified of the results. The award will be presented the following fall at the annual Iowa Student Leadership Conference in October.
10. Former recipients of this award are eligible to receive the award after a 5-year waiting period.

POSTMARK NO LATER THAN APRIL 1.

NOMINEE'S NAME _____

NOMINEE'S POSITION _____

NUMBER OF YEARS SERVICE IN THIS POSITION _____

MEMBER OF NASSP/NASC (CHECK ONE) _____ YES _____ NO

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

SCHOOL PHONE _____

NOMINATING PERSON'S NAME _____ TITLE _____

NOMINATING PERSON'S ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

NOMINATING PERSON'S TELEPHONE _____

INFORMATION CHECK LIST (Please be certain you have included all requested information)

_____ Adviser's Resume (including 3 references)

_____ Administrator/Supervisor's Letter of Recommendation

_____ Student Council President's letter

_____ Nominating Person's Letter of Recommendation (if not one of the above individuals and is outside of your district)

SEND COMPLETED NOMINATION MATERIALS TO:

Vicki Carstens, IASC Executive Director, 1710 20th St., Harlan, IA 51537, ATTN: Adviser of the Year Nominee.

DEADLINE: Postmark no later than April 1.

IASC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINEE
Sponsored by Iowa Association of Student Councils

Category (check one): Middle School Principal____ H.S. Principal____ Superintendent ____

This form must be returned to Vicki Carstens, IASC Executive Director, 1710 20th St., Harlan, IA 51537, and postmarked no later than April 1. Additional support materials may be attached.

Name_____ Title_____

School_____ Telephone_____

School Address_____ City_____ Zip_____

Name of school district media relations contact person_____

Local newspaper_____ Phone_____

Address_____ City_____ Zip_____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet in support of your nomination. This form must be signed by the nominator and the administrator nominated and must be accompanied by a resume and two letters of support from student council officers, teacher, and/or parents. Only complete applications will be considered.

1. How long has the school or school district been under this administrator's supervision (a minimum of three years is required in this position to be considered for this award)?
2. What is the total student population and school environment (ie: urban, rural, suburban)?
3. Please describe features of the school or district under the administrator's leadership that demonstrate how leadership programs have flourished under his/her administration (ie: student council, national honor society, class cabinets/officers, and other related leadership activities). Include answers to the following:
 - a) How have student leadership programs in the school or district been expanded or improved as a result of the administrator's efforts?
 - b) Have students or programs in the school or district been involved in student leadership at the state, regional, and national levels?
4. How has the administrator been an active advocate for student leadership in the community?
5. Please give examples of administrator's outstanding leadership, school management, or rapport with student leaders, students, teachers, or parents.
6. Please add any additional information that supports this nomination.

Signatures:
Nominator_____ Date_____

Title_____ Telephone_____

Nominee_____ Date_____

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2011-12 IASC Advisory Board Members



(Listed are the current board members and the year their term ends.) There is currently an adviser opening on the board. The application is online at www.iowastudentcouncils.org.

Kimberly Beaudin, Dec. 2013
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Ginger Bechtold, Dec. 2012
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Vicki Gray Carstens, president, Dec. 2015
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Laura Grommesh*, Dec. 2015
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**IASC is pleased to welcome these people to the Board. Read more about the students on page 4 and the adviser below.*

Catherine Lechtenberg, secretary, Dec. 2012
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IASC Student Board Members

Welcome New Board Member Laura Grommesh

Hi, I'm Laura Grommesh, and I've been drifting around the adviser circuit for 16 years now. I took a three-year break, but was pulled back in and have been having a blast since. The break renewed my energy and enthusiasm. I'm excited to be on the board, and hoping to serve you all well. At Mason City High School I teach German and coach speech as well.

Outside of school I'm working to get a dog park built in town for my two "kids," Laika and Lydia, possibly the most spoiled dogs around. I look forward to bringing new energy to North Iowa.

New IASC Leadership

Vicki Gray Carstens has accepted the position of IASC executive director. Vicki is a long-time educator from Harlan who has been an IASC advisory board member since 2006. She has been the student council adviser in Harlan since 2002. Vicki is married to another educator, Kenard, and has two adult children. We are excited for Vicki to assume this important position.

Executive Director Carstens commented on Kelly Neiber's leaving (read more on page 5): "We'll all miss Kelly's smile, laugh, enthusiasm, vision and expertise. I know I can't ever fill her shoes; however, I am excited to serve Iowa as the executive director of IASC. Student council is my passion. I feel so lucky to have the opportunity to share that passion with Iowa students and student council advisers. I also feel lucky to work with a strong advisory board committed to making IASC the best it can be."

Additionally, Bruce Maffit, who has been a camp counselor for 12 years, will assume the role of Iowa Leadership Training Camp director. Bruce works for Transitional Services of Iowa in Sioux City. Welcome, Bruce!