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PAL Attendees Invited to PennCORD Event

During the fall PAL Conferences, participants heard several different aspects of civic engagement. Students, advisors, and principals were encouraged by presenter Bob Tryanski to return home with commitments to join the “Keep It Campaign.” School teams worked to outline plans for implementation of various ideas embracing the civic engagement theme in their schools. On Tuesday, February 10th the Pennsylvania Coalition for Representative Democracy (PennCORD) is hosting a free program for teachers and students to interact on the civic engagement theme. PAL schools and other PennCORD partner schools are invited to bring displays that will

showcase their civic engagement efforts for Secretary of Education Gerald Zahorchak, First Lady Judge Marjorie O. Rendell, and program participants.

The following is information for those who would like to attend:

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Time: 9:30 AM–3:00 PM

Location: Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network, 6340 Flank Drive Suite 600 Harrisburg, PA

Cost: Free including lunch

Basic program goals for students:

- Display the exemplary work



Sarah Cashdollar and Nick Lavella show Pennsylvania's First Lady Judge Marjorie O. Rendell and her Chief of Staff, Beth Specker, the PASC displays at last year's PennCORD event.

- your school has accomplished in promoting civic learning
- Gain recognition for your school from the First Lady of Pennsylvania and Secretary of Education
- Exchange ideas with student representatives from across the Commonwealth
- Participate in a day of workshops geared toward an audience of Pennsylvania students.

For presentation guidelines visit www.penncord.org. Information on additional event activities can be found at www.penncord.org/events/43/

Activities to Plan for Second Semester

Second semester is full of opportunities to plan great activities. Consider the following when you are planning your second semester calendar:

Warm Fuzzy Drive. Collect hats, coats, mittens, scarves, and sweaters and donate them to a local homeless shelter to help the homeless survive the cold winter months as a com-

munity service project.

Walk for Warmth. Organize a winter walkathon to raise money to help pay the fuel bills of needy people in your community.

Friendship Week. In honor of International Friendship Week, February 17–23, assign each member a secret friend for whom to anonymously do nice

things while leaving clues to their identity. Sponsor a social activity at the end of the week where everyone meets their secret friend.

Bad Hair Day. Have some fun with the prevalence of winter hat head from students wearing stocking caps and other hats by sponsoring a bad hair day. Give prizes for students who have

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News & Notes

Two Executive Board Terms End in June; Applications Now Available

PASC Web Site Coordinator

The present three-year term of Web Site Coordinator, Dotty Noll will end on June 30, 2009. This article serves as notice to any individual desiring to apply for the 2009–2012 term. Resumes and applications will be accepted through postmark February 25, 2009. Interviews for applicants will be held as part of the PASC Executive Board meeting to be held March 6, 2009 at Pennridge HS. Please email PASC Executive Director Jim Finnemeyer for a job description and application information at PASCInfo@aol.com.

In brief the job entails:

1. Serve as the clearinghouse for all documents that are to be coded for the Web site.
2. Check Web site weekly to check that items are posted on a timely manner.
3. Follow up with student and advisor representatives on information that was to be submitted.
4. Submit additions to the Web site on current PASC, leadership, and subject appropriate articles.
5. Attend all meetings of the Executive Board. Meetings are held in January, March/April, August and at the state conference. Serve as an ex officio member of the board.

Middle Level Coordinator

Amy Kauffman's three-year term as Middle Level Coordinator will end on June 30, 2009. Middle level advisors who are interested in serving from July 1, 2009–June 30, 2012 in this capacity should submit resumes and application by postmark February 25, 2009. Interviews for applicants will be held as part of the PASC Executive Board meeting to be held March 6, 2009 at Pennridge HS. Please email PASC Executive Director, Jim Finnemeyer for a job description and application information at PASCInfo@aol.com.

The Middle Level Coordinator is responsible to:

1. Communicate with junior highs/middle schools/intermediate schools
2. Act as a liaison between those schools and the PASC Board
3. Produce a junior high/middle school/intermediate school column for each PASC newsletter.
4. Promote Blue (grade 7–9) summer leadership workshops
5. Serve as a consultant and advisor to the two student middle level representatives and their advisors on the Executive Board.

Middle Level Representative Report

Hello. My name is Janae Short. I'm a seventh grader at Union MS in New Castle, PA, in the western part of the state. I am very happy to be serving you as one of the middle level reps on the PASC Executive Board.



Janae Short and her advisor, Rose Ann Fulena.

In my free time I like to do a lot of different things like read and play sports. This spring I'll be competing in volleyball and track for my school. I like to play sports to get exercise. I like to read because books can take you anywhere, like a big adventure. You can also learn a lot of new things from reading books.

I'd like to share an idea with you that we do for my student council. It's a service project called Snow Buddies. You and a buddy shovel driveways that aren't yours without taking money or other rewards. Your buddy doesn't have to be on council, he or she can be a friend or family member. When you and your buddy shovel a driveway, you have the resident sign and date your Snow Buddies form. We don't count shoveling your own driveway because you should be doing that for your parents anyway. This project lasts for a whole month. At the end of the month, the Snow Buddies who served the most people get rewarded with a gift certificate to our local movie theater and pizza shop.

If you have any middle level ideas or concerns, you can contact me through my advisor, Miss Fulena, at ra_fulena@union.k12.pa.us or leave me a message at Union MS, 724-658-4501.

Note: The March PASC NEWS will feature an article by Reagan Martin of SRU Middle School, our other Middle Level Rep.

PASC: My World

By: Courtney Quisenberry, Region B Rep. 2007–2009

For me, PASC is a home away from home
 And a family I never knew I lacked
 Its unfathomable opportunities found no place else
 A tour of the world with unthinkable experiences
 Hope for the future, as well as faith in the present
 Service to one's school, community, and country
 Enthusiasm for learning, leading, and living
 Dreams that surpass the sky, but skills to ground them into reality
 Confidence in oneself, one's team, and one's goals
 PASC is so much more than words can tell, but I'm just one girl
 And this is my passion, my dream, my world
 However, as much as I can share my own emotions,
 I do also know that PASC means something different
 to each participant
 So please don't just retell my stories
 or count my memories as your own
 Take the time to experience
 Discover for yourself what world you can find
 If you only look around

Student Member-Elect to be Selected for State Board of Education

Since September 2008, Liz Williams, Pocono Mountain West HS senior, and Gardiner Kreglow, Bethlehem Liberty HS junior, have served on the Pennsylvania State Board of Education. Liz's term as Student Member will end with the SBE meeting of May 20–21, 2009. We are happy to announce that Gardiner Kreglow will be appointed for a second year to serve as the Student Member. Thus, PASC has been charged with the responsibility to select the next Student Member-Elect. This student will be named this spring and will begin his or her term as of July 1. Gardiner and the Student Member-elect will attend their first meeting in mid-July.

What Is the State Board of Education?

The State Board of Education sets all policies regarding public school education in the Commonwealth. They have Councils of Basic and Higher Education. The Board of Education has 17 adult members selected by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The chair and minority leader of the House and Senate Education Committees serve as well. The board meets in Harrisburg on Wednesdays and Thursdays in mid-July, September, November, January, March, and May. A detailed job description is available at www.pasc.net or by contacting PASC at PAInfo@aol.com.

What Are the Duties of Students on the Board of Education?

The new Student Member-elect of the Board of Education will join Gardiner Kreglow in representing the 1.8 million K–12 public school students in the Commonwealth. Although they can not be an expert on every issue or idea coming before the Board of Education and its committees, student members will be expected to do their “homework” to become knowledgeable about topics of

interest to Pennsylvania students, including special needs students and vocational and technical school students.

Working with PASC, the student members will use the PASC NEWS communications system, the PASC website, and PASC survey tools to communicate with their constituents. The students will report periodically to the PASC Executive Board and attend the state conference and January Executive Board meeting for face-to-face reporting and feedback. Student voice on the Pennsylvania Board of Education will be an incredible opportunity for the students involved as well as for all Pennsylvania students. Only 13 states in the nation have student representatives on their Boards of Education.

Who May Apply?

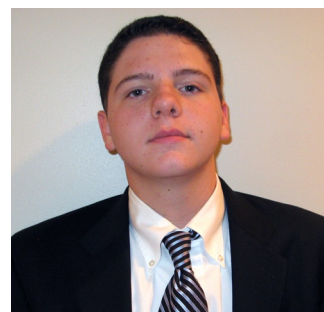
PASC is seeking to name a present **sophomore** to the Student Member-Elect position. It is our hope that, based on a January 2010 evaluation, the Student Member-Elect would become the next Student Member. The process will be implemented in the spring of 2009 to name the next Student-Member Elect, whose term will begin on July 1, 2009. Any sophomore in a public high school in Pennsylvania may apply for the position for

the 2009–2010 school year. Students do not have to attend a PASC member school to apply. Travel, meals, and lodging in Harrisburg or other meeting sites in the state will be paid for by the State Board of Education. Travel, meals, and lodging for required meetings of PASC will be paid by PASC.

Selection Timeline

February 2: Public Announcement of the positions by the Department of Education to all school superintendents, school boards, the state principals' association. PASC NEWS announcement made to member advisors and PASC student leaders.

March 9: Deadline for application and recommendations by mail or fax



Gardiner Kreglow, Bethlehem Liberty HS junior, will be appointed for a second year to serve as the Student Member on the State Board of Education.

March 14–15: Screening of applicants by PASC Ad Hoc Committee

April TBA: Interviews in Harrisburg with sophomore finalists

July 15–16: First meeting of the State Board of Education for the 2009–2010 school year. New Student Member-Elect to attend.

Application Includes

- ♦ Basic contact information
- ♦ Student resume
- ♦ Two essays
- ♦ Three letters of recommendation
- ♦ Signatures of approval and support from the student, parent/guardian, school administration

Download the information cover letter, application, requirements and expectations, and overview of the State Board of Education at www.pasc.net

Application deadline by mail or fax is Monday, March 9, 2009.

Advisors: Please share this important information with your student leaders right away!

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State Board Of Education Report

By Liz Williams and Gardiner Kreglow

We attended our third Pennsylvania State Board of Education Meeting January 21 and 22. On Wednesday we attended both the meeting of the Council of Basic Education and the Council of Higher Education. In the past we attended only meetings for the Council of Basic Education, but changes in the meeting format allowed us to attend both. At these meetings we discussed college financial need, teacher improvements, and safety and wellness in schools for all students. A

final regulation was accepted by the State Board for chapter 14, which discusses special education services and programs; a proposed regulation was accepted by the Board for Chapter 33, which discusses college and university security; and an allocation of State School funds was agreed on by the Board to give \$10,000 from the State School Fund to the School Safety Working Group. The State Board of Education will be holding meetings in different locations across the state.

The March meeting will be held in Allentown at William Allen High School.

We have both been working on communicating with students throughout the state through emails and attending conferences. In order to further share the student opinion with the State Board of Education we need to hear from you. Please contact us at any time at sbstudentrep@yahoo.com or gkreglowsbe@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

2009 PASC District/Regional Conferences

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the district/regional conference in your area.

District	Date	Location	Contact
1	April 17	Villa Maria Academy	awalker@villamaria.com
2	same as District 1	(Region A)	
3	February 16	North Allegheny HS	District3conf2009@hotmail.com
4	March 20	Fort Cherry Jr/Sr HS	dhorrick@fortcherry.org
6	April 22	Greater Area Johnstown Vocational Technical School	mleonard@shade.k12.pa.us
7	April 3/4	Lewisburg Area HS	Bower_v@dragon.k12.pa.us
8	March 6	Halifax HS	czaplickin@hasd.us
9	April 22	Mountain View HS	aaten@mvsd.org
10	May 22	Northampton Area HS	remaley@northampton.k12.pa.us
11	April 1	Interboro HS	regionf@interborosd.org
12	same as District 11	(Region F)	
13	March 6	Boyertown Area Senior HS	jkusniez@boyertownareasd.org

Things to Do This Semester (continued from page 1)

the worst case of hat head or the most outlandish hairdo.

Hoop It Up. Take advantage of March Madness and plan a three-on-three basketball tournament or a faculty vs. students game. Or, if you have more than one school in your district, have a competition between faculty and student teams from each school.

Johnny Appleseed Day.

Celebrate Johnny Appleseed Day, March 11, with a variety of activities centering on apples and their nutritional value as healthy snacks. Sell plain apples or apple slices with caramel after school, work with the cafeteria staff to have apple treats available at lunch, or give apples to teachers with a note that reads "You're the apple of

our eye. Thanks for planting the seeds of knowledge!"

Prom Dress Swap. Invite girls from your school and neighboring schools to participate in a prom dress swap on a Saturday in March. Or, organize a consignment sale of prom dresses and take a percentage of the sale price to raise funds for your group.