

The Florida Sun



Letter From the President!!

To my fellow FASC members,

During the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, do not lose sight of what is truly important. I know as leaders in our schools and communities it seems as if we are always going, going, going, always striving to do better. I encourage you to sit back, relax, and cherish these high school memories before they are gone. As most of you know, I am a senior this year and time is flying faster than ever. It's hard to believe that it is almost Christmas. I recently found a great quote that I thought you might all enjoy. "Every morning you are handed 24 golden hours. They are one of the few things in this world that you get free of charge. If you had all the money in the world, you couldn't buy an extra hour. What will you do with this priceless treasure? Remember, you must use it, as it is given only once. Once wasted you cannot get it back." (Author Unknown) So please, make the most of this precious time we have to serve others.

There are several activities approaching us in the next few months. The executive board will be meeting in early January. As the districts hold their 2nd meetings I have been very impressed with what our state is up to. District 1 hosted their meeting in the Capitol Building and District 5 hosted their 2nd meeting at the Kennedy Space Center.

Of course, I hope you have all been working diligently on the state project. If your school is working towards a gold medallion, do not forget that participation in the state project is required. This year the state project is "Serve the Seniors." The elderly really do love the company of young people. For more information, view the power point at http://www.fasa.net/FASC/FASC-News_State-Project.cfm.

If you are looking to show how remarkable your school is, here is the perfect opportunity! NASC National Councils of Excellence is an award that is given to schools that complete required and additional standards. Think your school would be interested? Visit http://www.nasc.us/s_nasc/sec.asp?CID=1268&DID=55686 fairly soon because the deadline is February 15. Let's have a strong representation of Florida schools!

Save the date: April 24-26. The state convention is an activity you will want to Sharpie into your calendar! Registration packets will be mailed out soon. Estero High School is the host of the 2009 Convention. The theme is "Today FASC...Tomorrow the World."

I hope you all have a blessed holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you at the convention! Remember, you may e-mail me anytime. We are eager to help. ☺

Best Wishes,
Tia Shallow
Pace High School
FASC President





Vice President

The holiday spirit is in the air here here at Cooper City High School as our holiday projects are well under way. We recently hosted our second annual Souper Bowls of Caring event where the faculty, staff, students, and community where invited to our cafeteria for a night of entertainment. Soup donated by local resturants was served, bowls were auctioned off, and we even auctioned off students and faculty to eat dinner with. All proceeds went to the Ease foundation which is a local food bank in broward county we raised about \$2,500. Right now, our leadership class is planning a holiday party for children from the Ft. Lauderdale Sexual Assault Treatment Center. We recieved the names of 33 children and their christmas "wish list." We distribute the names to teachers throughout the school and students work together to grant the wishes of these children. At the party santa and his elfs distribute the presents and kids partisipate in arts and crafts as they eat dinner.

For every school wishing to host a workshop at the FASC 2009 convention please email me at state-vp@hotmail.com with the name of your school and a detailed discription of the workshop you would like to host. We have a limited amount of the number of workshops that can be held so get your workshop ideas in early.

Happy Holiday!
Felicia Willis

Hi everyone,

I hope the first semester for y'all was good and that your SGA has been working as hard as ours. We are working diligently to prepare for, what we hope will be, the best convention ever. Just a few reminders: 1. If you would like to present a workshop at the convention please let Felicia from Cooper City know this information; she is the one coordinating the workshops. 2. Don't forget to work on your resolutions. It was a blast getting to meet everyone that went to S.A.S.C. and I can't wait to see everyone again. I am hoping to make even more friends at the State convention, so if we have not met yet, please say hi when you are at Estero High School. Please be watching for your registration packets in the mail. They should be arriving at your school very soon. Please return the completed forms as soon as possible. If you have any questions fell free to email us at our email address which can be found at <http://www.fasa.net/fasc/State-Officers.cfm> under treasurer, or you can give us a call. Once again I can't wait to see you at the convention and remember "Today F.A.S.C. Tomorrow the World."

Sincerely,

Alasdair Waterhouse
Taylor Rink
FASC Co-Treasurers

Hello FASC

I hope everyone's school year is going as good as mine. I would just like to give everyone a heads up on a few things. First, I would like to encourage everyone to try and make it to the annual NASC Conference. The 2009 conference will be held by Highland Ranch High School in Highland Ranch, Colorado on June 27-30. I am also encouraging everyone to apply for the National Councils of Excellence Award. The award is much like our Medallion Council Book so it shouldn't be hard to put together and would be well worth the effort. Councils that earn the National Council of Excellence award will also receive a certificate proclaiming their achievement, recognition during the National Conference, and the name of their school will be published on the NASC website. The application is due February 15, 2009. Last year there were five Florida schools whom earned the award. This year we're hoping to have more of our Florida schools recognized so that the rest of the country is aware of the leadership of this great state. The application and more info can be found on the NASC website at <http://www.nasc.us>.

On another note, I would like to remind everyone that I am trying to put together a slide show to showcase the projects done by our member schools. I have not received any pictures yet so as of now the slide show has pictures of my school and a few others from the conferences we've been to. So please send me pictures from recent projects you've done this year, especially the state project, so that the slide show reflects the work of all of our Florida schools and not a select few. You can send me the pictures via e-mail at bayhighsga@bay.k12.fl.us.

Parliamentarian

Ocoee High School was elected President of the Southern Association of Student Councils at the recent conference in New Orleans, LA. Ocoee will host the 2009 conference, "Welcome to the Leadership Café- We're Ready to Serve" from Oct 17-19th. A tentative agenda and hotel information will be sent out in the spring. OHS is accepting donations for goody bags at this year's FASC conference. Monetary donations to help with conference costs will be accepted as well. Please contact Tara Bartlett at tarasochill@aim.com, Shruti Sharma at simplyshru@aol.com or Mrs. Wendy Cartwright at wendy.cartwright@ocps.net with questions or suggestions.

District I hosted its second meeting at the Capital on Saturday, December 6. Members had the resolutions meeting in the morning in the capitol building. After lunch, they toured Florida State University. Thanks to Pace High School (D1 Vice-President) for making the arrangements for that exciting meeting!

D3 meeting is @ Ocoee High on Jan 24th, 2009 The date was reported incorrectly in the last issue Sorry for the inconvenience.