

# The Florida Sun



## Letter From the President!!

Welcome back FASC!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are preparing for a year full of service and excitement. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as your FASC President, and I am looking forward to an outstanding year!

Unfortunately, due to Tropical Storm Fay, the Executive Board was unable to meet Saturday, August 23. Not to worry though, the meeting has been postponed and the convention plans shall not suffer as a result. Make sure your calendars are marked for April 24-26, 2009 for the FASC State Convention.

As you all know, SASC is coming up in mid-October, and I hope you have all made plans to attend. It will be held in New Orleans by Archbishop Rummel High School and Thibodaux High School. Several exciting activities will be taking place such as visiting the D-Day Museum, the French Quarter, and the Natchez. "Vous voir là!"

The National Association of Student Councils created this program to identify outstanding leaders among high school students, and I have witnessed firsthand that Florida has no shortage of exceptional leaders. In fact, the very first Certified Student Leader in the nation, Weston Moore, is a member of FASC and we're very proud to call her one of our own. A huge thank you goes to Weston for representing Florida so well. I want to encourage you to meet the challenging criteria to become a Certified Student Leader.

Not only are remarkable activities taking place in both the regional level and the national level, but also right here at home. As president one of my responsibilities is establish a state project and motivate Florida schools to get involved. For the 2008-2009 year our state project will be "Serve the Seniors." Our wish for student councils around the state is for you to execute a project on behalf of the senior citizens, for that is a generation that typically does not receive an immense amount of our attention nor our time. For more information log on to [www.fasa.net/FASC/FASC-News\\_State-Project.cfm](http://www.fasa.net/FASC/FASC-News_State-Project.cfm) .

I look forward to meeting all of you at one of your district events or at the convention in the spring. If I can be of any assistance to you or your school, do not hesitate to contact me I am pleased to help you!

Thank you for your support,  
Tia Shallow  
FASC President  
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# Getting to know your officers!



Tia Shallow currently serves as FASC President. She was born in Michigan; although, she was raised in Tennessee. She is involved in several clubs at Pace High School including JSA, Beta, NHS, Anchor, and Rho Kappa. Olive Baptist is her church home and she is very involved in her youth group. Scrapbooking, baking, running, and going to the beach are activities she enjoys. In the future she would like to enter a career in the medical field.



Felicia Willis is a senior at Cooper City High and currently serves as FASC V.P. She enjoys singing, dancing, soccer, and cross country. This is her 4<sup>th</sup> year involved in student government and she has loved every moment of it. In the future she hopes to become a foreign correspondent.

Deonte Gatlin is currently a senior and serves as the student body secretary at Bay High School in Panama City, FL. He enjoys traveling, meeting new people, and hanging out with friends.



Alasdair Waterhouse is a senior at Estero High School in Estero, Florida. He is serving as FASC Co-Treasurer along with Taylor Rink for the 2008-2009 school year. Alasdair is a Representative to Student Council, and a member of the National Honor Society, Scuba Club, and Renaissance. He enjoys hanging out with his friends, playing musical instruments, and planning for a fantastic state convention. Alasdair has been accepted at Florida Institute of Technology and hopes to become a commercial airline pilot.



Taylor Rink is a senior at Estero High School and currently holds the position of FASC Co-Treasurer along side fellow senior Alasdair Waterhouse. She is also active in her third year of student government at Estero as Senior Class Representative where she greatly enjoys being a part of the behind the scenes action. Apart from leadership, Taylor is captain and the #1 seed of the Estero High Varsity Tennis team. Outside of school Taylor's life revolves around friends and music. Her principal instrument is the piano. She hopes to take to Berklee College of Music in Boston after high school and obtain a degree in music production and engineering to become a record producer.

Lindsey Woods is currently a senior at Ocoee High School. She has been a member of SGA since her sophomore year and has served as Recording Secretary and now as VP of Clubs and Organizations. Outside of SGA, she loves cheerleading, going to sporting events, eating, hanging out with family/friends, and of course shopping. The best piece of advice she has ever received from someone regarding leadership is "Learn something new each and every day from each and every experience, because you will never know when you, as a leader, will need to apply the lessons that you have learned."



Members of the 2008-2009 FASC executive board attended the 2008 National Association of Student Councils' Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. While at the conference, members attended numerous workshops and special events. They went to the world's largest honky-tonk, Billy Bobs, and spent an afternoon at Six Flags Amusement Park. The NASC members walked away with valuable leadership skills and lifelong friendships with students from all over the nation.

# District Reports

## District I

Hey, everybody! District One is gearing up for the new year. Our district meeting is on September 20, at Rutherford High School in Panama City, Florida. Our theme is Spirit Expressway! We sent out a ton of letters inviting schools to join our district, and we plan on rising to Mr. Roland's challenge of getting 25% of the schools in our district to join! Wish us the best of luck in our endeavor! And as always, remember, GO D1! GO D1! GO!

## District II

District II is excited about this upcoming year. Historically, our district has had the smallest representation in the great state of Florida. Well...things are about to change, as North Florida has begun an extensive recruitment process to increase SGA membership in our association. As many of you know, FASC can help your student government with creative projects, processing, and informational exchanges. We are spreading the word and challenge all districts to do the same!

The first District II meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, hosted by Pedro Menendez High School in St. Augustine. This initial meeting will give former non member schools a taste of what is to be gained. There will be a business meeting that covers district, state, regional and national opportunities, followed by a local politician speaking on the importance of being involved. Three sessions of workshops will be presented by the activities department at Flagler College. Gainesville High School will also be providing the traditional overnight meeting February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at Camp Crystal. This camp experience will focus on leadership training and development. Gainesville High School looks forward to working with the entire FASC.

If you have any questions please contact [Grdd\\_williams@yahoo.com](mailto:Grdd_williams@yahoo.com) - Gerard Williams, President or [Awbreylb@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:Awbreylb@gm.sbac.edu) - Linda Awbrey, Advisor. Have a wonderful leadership year!

## HELLO DISTRICT V!!!!

My name is Al Carroll, and you can probably tell by the caps and exclamation marks I am very excited to represent Astronaut High School as your District V President! I mentioned at the district rally that the level of participation in the Northern part of the district is low. We promised you 15 additional schools to our already amazing district, but we cannot do this alone. Brevard County is not the only county with low membership numbers. Before I leave office, I would like to see more participation from St. Lucie, Martin, Highlands, and Desoto counties. As for Palm Beach county, the heart of our district, I challenge you all to find a school in your county that is not as involved as your council and get them to District V so they too can experience the opportunities district membership has to offer. We are calling this district overhaul the Revive Five Movement. With your help, Astronaut High School's Promise to add 15 schools to our district can be surpassed! Our first district meeting will be held on September 18th at Spanish River High School at 9:00am. I hope to see at least five new schools at this meeting as well as all of our amazing active member schools! Help Astronaut High School Revive District Five. Good luck to you all and best wishes for your homecoming preparations!

Hope to see you at Spanish River!!!

Al Carroll  
SGA President Astronaut High School  
FASC District V President

## District VI

All the way in sunny South Florida, District VI is ready for the 2008-2009 school year. We are determined to increase membership within the District by writing personalized letters to all schools in Dade, Broward, and Monroe County. Our first District VI meeting will be held on Saturday, September 27th @ 9am. This meeting will be held at Everglades High School. We can not wait to see you all at the meeting!

# Additional Info.

Hello my name is Deonte Gatlin and I would like to start off by saying that it is a great honor having been elected to serve as the Florida Association of Student Councils Secretary. Student government has given me the opportunity to do all of these things and more. Through SGA, I have attained the skills needed to help myself and those around me. My advice to everyone is to face your fears head on. You get courage from your fears right after you go through it. So no matter what it is, never let it keep you down. You never realize your true potential until you have eliminated all of your obstacles, the biggest of which is fear. One more thing to remember is that even when winning is illogical; losing is still far from optional. Taking these two ideas to heart will give you the strength needed to overcome anything that may come your way, no matter how great it is.

As noted in my campaign skit and speech, I am trying to put together an online scrapbook/slideshow for FASC. In order to make this a successful project I will need pictures of student council activities. I am going to make a section dedicated to the state project so I will need lots of photos. Send all pictures to either my school email: [bayhighsga@bay.k12.fl.us](mailto:bayhighsga@bay.k12.fl.us) or my personal: [deon692002@aol.com](mailto:deon692002@aol.com).

I am looking forward to serving you as the FASC secretary and I will do everything possible to make sure that this year is one filled with fun and excitement. Thank You.

FASC Secretary,

Deonte Gatlin

## FASC District Meeting Dates

### 2008-2009

#### District One

1 <sup>st</sup>	9/20/08	Rutherford HS	9:00am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12/06/08	Capitol building	9:00am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	TBA	Pensacola HS	9:00am

#### District Two

1 <sup>st</sup>	9/17/09	Pedro Menendez HS	9:30am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2/6-7/09	Camp Crystal	TBA

#### District Three

1 <sup>st</sup>	9/20/08	Colonial HS	9:00am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1/31/09	Ocoee HS	9:00am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3/14/09	New Smyrna Bch HS	9:00am

#### District Four

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sept. 18	TBA	TBA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jan-15-16	FFA Training Ctr	TBA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	TBA	TBA	TBA

#### District Five

1 <sup>st</sup>	9/18/08	Spanish River HS	9:00am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12/5/08	Astronaut HS	10:00am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2/28/09	Royal Palm Beach HS	10:00am

#### District Six

1 <sup>st</sup>	9/27/08	Everglades HS	9:30am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12/13/08	South Plantation HS	9:30am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3/7/09	Cypress Bay HS	9:30am

# **2009 FASC STATE CONVENTION**

**Hosted by Estero High School  
and District IV**



**Today FASC...Tomorrow the World**

**APRIL 24-26, 2009**

**ESTERO, FL**

**You won't want to miss out on...**

*Superhero*

*Mixers*

*Hoops of Hope*

*Elections*

*District Talent Show*

*District Olympics*

*Field Night*

*Contests*

*Kristen Morse  
(Former Bachelor Candidate)*

*Football Star*

*Environmental Projects*

*FGCU*

*Banquet*