

# THE REPORTER

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" Leadership is a way of thinking, a way of acting and, most importantly, a way of communicating."

Simon Sinek

# *From the Desk of President Kaushal*



Greetings IASC Student Leaders and Advisors,

Happy Spring! We are quickly approaching our annual State Convention and this year we have so much in store! Our theme “One Small Step” incorporates the power we have as student council members to be the change. With a few months left in this school year, now is the chance to take charge and put your plans of service and leadership into action.

Service is a great way to impact the community around you! This year with the Let It Be Us Service project we have already made a donation of 30+ backpacks! We also are starting a Let It Be Us IASC Scholarship this year and I encourage everyone to get involved and make a monetary donation to this fund as it provides a revolutionary impact to the education of foster care child! As Mahatma Gandhi once said, “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” This is your chance to get involved and help others!

I cannot wait to meet all of you in Lombard on May 2-4! We may be thirteen districts, but we are one state. And as a state and with your participation, we will continue to rise to excellence.

Yours In Service,

Priyanka Kaushal  
IASC President  
Mount Vernon Township High School

# 85TH IASC STATE CONVENTION

Register by April 3rd, 2019

## Dr. Monte Selby



Dr. Selby will be one of the keynote speakers at the 85th IASC State Convention. Dr. Selby, who is a Grammy Award winner, is a world-renowned songwriter, author, motivation speaker, and educator.

We are excited to announce that we have arranged discounted pricing for Dr. Selby to speak at IASC member schools in the days leading up to state convention.

Save the Date:

May 2-4, 2019

The Westin Lombard Yorktown Centre

Lombard, IL



# Why Attend State Convention?

By: Hannah Sheahan and Kylie Triplo

As two people who have previously been Discussion Group Leaders at State Convention, we think that going to state convention is an experience of a lifetime and one that you definitely shouldn't pass up!

At state convention you get to meet new people from districts all around Illinois. It is a great experience to get new ideas to bring back to your school and to meet new friends that you previously would have never known. We meet many new friends at state convention last year who we still talk to do this day. Some activities state convention includes are amazing speakers, fun discussion groups that promoted new activities in your schools, round tables that give you new idea to take home to your schools, and lots of new friends and fun!

We hope you consider going to IASC State Convention this year!

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# Why Attend State Convention?

By: Madeleine Brass

State Convention is an event I look forward to every year. There are so many aspects to State that make it enjoyable not only for me, but for my whole council. First, State is an amazing opportunity to learn leadership lessons. Each year there are enriching and engaging speakers who challenge every student to see leadership in a new light. Every student comes home with a new lesson and new perspective. Not only are you able to hear from speakers, you also get the amazing opportunity to talk to fellow student council members from around the state. Convention is a great way to share ideas and take them back to your council. Personally, Byron has successfully used numerous project ideas that were gathered from previous state conventions. Another amazing part of State Convention is seeing the year's accomplishments. As a state, we are able to recognize all the awesome things we did, and witness individual recognition, school recognition, and district recognition. We also get to vote on important aspects of our organization, including constitutional amendments and state officers. If you go to Convention, you get the chance to have your opinion on these matters. And of course, Convention is a wonderful place to make friends from around the state. There are plenty of opportunities to talk to people and form connections. State Convention is such an amazing opportunity, and I strongly advise everyone to go again or try it out for the first time! You won't be disappointed!!

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# District Spotlight

## NWD Spring Convention

Submitted by: Madeleine Brass

NWD President

NWD had a very successful spring convention this year! It was held in Plum Hollow, a bowling and laser tag facility; this choice provided lots of fun to our day! Students were mixed into groups, separating schools, and with these groups, they were able to bowl, gather ideas, and form new friendships. Of course, we also made time to run a business meeting where we elected new officers and acknowledged all the schools who participated in the service project. This year, the service project assigned the schools with the task of looking for a need right in their own town. This meant each council would find a need and create a project that addressed that need in their own community. Overall this process was very successful and produced creative and meaningful projects. After we showcased all the projects, students were able to split into several smaller groups where they played games and then discussed both local and state activities. The day was impactful and fun for all students!



# District Spotlight

## **KDSC Spring Convention**

**Submitted by: Hannah Sheahan**

**KDSC President**

The Kaskaskia District of Student Councils (KDSC) Hosted their annual district convention on March 14, 2019. The theme was “Fire Up Your Leadership!”, with Ted Wiese as the keynote speaker for the day.

Our district service project for this year supported Got Your Six Support Dogs, a local organization that provides fully trained service dogs and therapy to first responders and military members with PTSD both in our community and our nation as a whole. Over \$3,000 was donated by our district’s schools.

Congratulations to the new board installed, consisting of President Taryn Geiger, Vice President Kylie Triplo, Secretary Chloe Shemwell, Treasurer Shelby Davinroy, Events Coordinator Dani Landvogt, Convention Secretary Grace Longyear, and Media Specialist Abbi Geiger. On behalf of the KDSC, we hope you have a great and successful year! Good luck to the outgoing board members, President Hannah Sheahan, Vice President Nick Wolff, Secretary Ashley Szabo, Treasurer Kimberly Davenport, Events Coordinator Josie Johnson, Convention Secretary Shannon Wobbe, and Media Specialist Sophie Wichlac. May you take on all life has to offer in your new endeavours.

# LEAD conferences

Hundreds of student leaders descended on Lombard, IL for the annual LEAD Conference. The conference included amazing keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and gave students the ability to interact with other students from across Illinois. IASC Executive Director Mr. Gary Clark, President Priyanka Kaushal, 1st Vice President Kimberly Roskamp, Treasurer, Hadiya Jagroop, and Convention Secretary Mia Boyer-Edwards were in attendance representing the IASC Executive Board



# Workshop Corner

This year's IASC Summer Camp will be held on June 10th-12 at Millikin University in Decatur, IL. We are excited to have A'ric Jackson facilitate this workshop once again. With the theme, "Don't Be Scurred...Bring It!", students are encouraged to step outside of their comfort zones to broaden their leadership abilities.

Early Bird Registration (May 24):

IASC Member Schools Cost: \$350

Non-member Schools: \$400

After May 24th:

IASC Member Schools: \$375

Non-member Schools: \$425

All registration forms are due by June 1st!

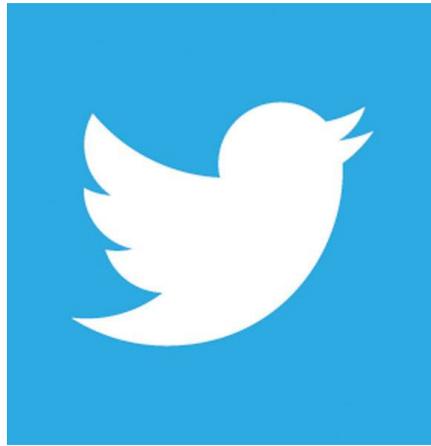
Registration and Camp Counselor applications will be available on the IASC Website soon!



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