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Hey IASC! As the school year reaches the finish line, IASC hopes you all had an amazing year of school! State Convention is shaping up to be even more exciting than years past and we hope you can all experience this convention with us. In this edition of The Reporter, you will receive the farewell remarks from the 2024-25 IADC Executive Board.

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President Kate Easton



As I reflect on my time serving as President of the Illinois Association of Student Councils, I'm filled with gratitude, pride, and optimism for the future of this incredible organization.

This year has been full of unforgettable moments, from the work behind the scenes, and connecting with councils across the state, to collaborating with an amazing Executive Board that has become like family. I have loved traveling around the state visiting districts and councils, seeing everything you have been up to

To the IASC Executive Board, thank you for your hard work and your unwavering commitment to the IASC. You've done amazing, everything worked as it should have and was incredible

To our advisors, mentors, and the adults who make this all possible, thank you for your trust in us and your guidance.

Your efforts and belief in student leadership allow us to thrive. You remind us that leadership is not only about taking initiative, but about lifting others as we climb.

And to every student council member in Illinois: YOU are what makes this organization so special. Your dedication to your schools and communities, your willingness to step up, speak out, and serve—it's inspiring. IASC is more than an organization; it's a movement powered by students who believe in making things better. Watching you all lead, grow, and take ownership of your councils has been the most rewarding part of this journey.



As I pass the torch, I leave with full confidence that IASC will only continue to grow, evolve, and inspire. The future is bright, not because it's guaranteed, but because of the people who will shape it: all of you.



Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for allowing me to serve. This year has changed me, and I will carry it with me always.

**Best wishes,
Kate Easton**



First Vice President Makenzie Zimmerman



Freshman year, as I watched the elections for the new IASC board, I leaned over to my advisor and asked how I could do that. I decided then and there that I wanted to run and my advisors pushed me to make sure I never gave up on that goal. On that Note, I would like to pay a great thank you to Ms. Ridings and Mrs. Hawkins. I can not put into words how amazing you both are and how much you have done for me throughout my journey. You both push me to be the best version of myself and if I need a hand you are always willing to give one. You dedicate your own personal time to student council and that will definitely not go unrecognized.



Student Council has been a huge part of who I am and being on IASC has taught me so much, such as leadership, quality and communication. Thank you to Gary Clark who has made a tremendous impact on the IASC for many many years and will always be a legend. Thank you to Kyle Gordon who always keeps everyone on track, I could not get done with what I needed to if it weren't for him. Lastly, thank you to Tyler McDowall, any question I had you were always there to help, no matter what time of the day it was, so thank you!



The 2024-2025 board will always be part of who I am. I could not be more thankful for the people who have served with me and would not trade this experience for the world. I want to encourage anyone who has thought about running to run because this is a once in a lifetime opportunity and you never know what could happen if you take it.



Second Vice President Faith Weaver

As I say goodbye today, I reflect on my unforgettable journey as your 2nd Vice President, grateful for the support of my family, friends, and amazing advisors, while feeling excited for the future as I leave this role behind. My freshman self would have NEVER thought I would be up here speaking in front of all of you today. But with that being said It has truly been an honor to work with such an amazing State Board and I am beyond grateful to have worked alongside such great students and advisors.



I've been incredibly fortunate to have the unconditional support of my family and friends, especially my Mom and Nana. I want to thank my student council as well. I couldn't thank you enough for being there and pushing me to be the best version of myself.

I also want to give my heartfelt thanks to my fantastic advisor, Mr. James. Without your support and encouragement, I would not be standing up here today. From the moment you mentioned running for the State Board, you have been with me the whole way. I have been very fortunate to have you as my advisor during my high school years. I also want to give a huge thank you to Mrs. Loepker, who joined our student council as an advisor last year but it feels like you've been here for years. You have done nothing but give encouragement to our student council and strive to make not only yourself but everyone around you a better person.



Leaving this position is indeed a struggle. Although it will be sad seeing everyone move on to build their futures, I am beyond excited about my own. Being a part of the IASC community has opened a lifetime of opportunities to build my very own future. I give so many thanks to our incredible advisors Mr. Gordon and Mr. Clark, who have worked so hard to prepare this convention for us. As it is sad to see Mr. Clark leave, your time here will always be remembered.



Thank you all for being such an incredible team, and for making my time here truly unforgettable. I wish you nothing but the best in your future challenges and I hope we will see each other again. Now this isn't the end, it's just a new beginning.

With that, your 2024-2025 2nd Vice President, Faith Weaver, signing off.



Secretary Josie Heberling

Looking back on my time as Secretary of the Illinois Association of Student Councils, I am overwhelmed with gratitude, honor, and hope. This past year is something I will cherish forever. My fellow executive board members have become a family.



None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our advisors and the entire board. Their constant guidance and commitment have been instrumental in getting us to where we are today. Thanks to their dedication to fostering student leadership, we've been able to grow and thrive in ways we never imagined.

A huge part of this success is thanks to every single student council member across Illinois. Their dedication and willingness to lead are truly inspiring. It's been a privilege to witness each district's relentless efforts to uplift their communities, schools, and peers. Their hard work and commitment to making a difference have been nothing short of amazing.



As I pass on my position, I do not doubt that the Illinois Association of Student Councils will continue to flourish. The strength of this organization lies in all of you, and nothing would be possible without your effort and passion.



This year has been an experience that has helped me grow in ways I never anticipated. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as your secretary—thank you for allowing me to be part of this incredible journey.

All the best,
Josie Heberling



Membership Director Olivia Skertich

When I joined Student Council Freshman year I honestly did not think I would end up in a position like this. I had a lot of hopes, goals, and also some nerves talking to new people, but none of that could have prepared me for what the IASC has taught me over these past four years. A lot of people think of student council as just another organization that only plans school events, but for people who really dedicate themselves to it, student council is so much more than that. This organization is about learning leadership skills, teamwork, problem solving, and pushing through the hard times because you know the end is worth it. We work everyday to make sure we are making a positive impact on all of our members.



Over this past year I have had amazing opportunities to grow not just as a leader but as a person. None of that would have been possible without my advisor Mr. Kyle Gordon. I want to give him a huge thank you because if it was not for his constant support and encouragement I would not have had the opportunity to do all of the things I have done. He has always challenged me and pushed me out of my comfort zone which I believe in part has made me the person that I am today. I am so glad I can say that I am happy to step away from this because the incoming board is going to do an amazing job and this experience has well prepared me for what my future holds. I also would like to give a thank you to Mr. Clark for his work behind the scenes and always being willing to help no matter what the situation. Everything that you have done for us is far from being unnoticed.



To all of our student council members, thank you for letting me serve on your 2024-2025 board because being a part of this team has been one of the most amazing and rewarding experiences of my Highschool career. So, now that I am stepping away from this position I want all of you to know that you should do the things that scare you because they could be the best memories you will make. I hope to find myself in a position like this in the future because I will always love to lead others to be their best selves.



Thank you to everyone in the IASC for all of the support, memories, and opportunity to be a part of something bigger than myself.

I truly have loved serving all of you.



Public Relations Director Cam Meyer

Whenever I was spontaneously pulled out of my sophomore year World Geography Class to attend an LEDSC meeting, I never believed that it would ripple effect into me getting teary eyed while writing my farewell remarks for the office of Public Relations Director.



Student Council has been a blessing for me in my high school career and I truly cannot thank all of the people who have been there for me through the ride enough. Thank you God for placing this in my path. Thank you to my IASC Advisors for being there if I have any questions. Thank you to my Executive Board for being an awesome group to work with and making me laugh constantly. Thank you to my family for putting up with all of my busyness due to this organization. Thank you to my local council, MVTSH for becoming my second family, I wouldn't have wanted to lead another group.



One person that cannot receive enough "Thank you's" is my advisor, Dr. VanZandt. He and I have been through the ringer together, whether it is Vernois News, Student Council, or any of the many classes I've taken of his. Thank you for serving as an amazing mentor and teacher throughout these last four years and providing me with so many opportunities that I will be forever grateful for.

It truly has been an honor to serve as your Public Relations Director and do what I do best, which is talk. Thank you IASC for allowing me into this amazing organization and good luck to everyone. It's bittersweet to say this, but goodbye IASC.



With sincere gratitude,

Cam Meyer



Convention Secretary Jenna Hougham



Hello IASC! It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the 2024-2025 Convention Secretary, and it's hard to believe my term is almost over. Throughout my time on the board, I learned valuable skills that I can carry with me forever: organization, time management, public speaking, and more. I was fortunate enough to work with an outstanding executive board who made my job really easy!



I cannot thank my local council enough for being so supportive and helpful as we navigated the tremendous task of hosting the State Convention. I know the next executive board will continue to do amazing things for the IASC!

