



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS AND INFORMATION



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Student Council Leadership Workshop provides students the opportunities to meet and exchange ideas with other student council members, learn about student council issues, and discover their own leadership potential which will help to build a better world in which to live.

The Student Council Leadership Workshop also offers a special **Advisor's Council** for any advisor wishing to attend. Special sessions are held daily with the advisor council to network with each other and share ideas, as well as learn new ones.

Student Council Workshop has been rated as one of the best leadership training programs in the state. Some of the ideals that workshop delegates learn include goal setting, organization skills, communication skills, meeting skills, leadership skills and many other leadership techniques.

REGISTER NOW!!

"GLOW—Go Lead Our World" is the theme for the 2018 Summer Student Council Leadership Workshop. The workshop is held annually at Emporia State University.

This year's dates are July 15-20, 2018. Check out the workshop brochure sent out last month. The cost for the workshop is \$285 which includes 14 meals, materials (including a text book and t-shirt), instruction, insurance and most importantly, **the single, most significant leadership experiences** around. To register, go to the KSHSAA website and login with your user ID and password. Reservation deadline is May 25. Go to "Activities" and click on Workshop Enrollment to enter all of the information.

(IF DELEGATE NAMES ARE STILL UNKNOWN BY THE MAY 25 DEADLINE, PLEASE CALL ASAP WHEN THE NAMES ARE DETERMINED.)

Schools are reminded that students are allowed to attend the workshop once for basic training, and once as a member of the advanced council. All high school-aged students are welcome to attend.

The Student Council Leadership Workshop is not just for STUCO officers, but for all leadership Student Council members.

GLOW—
Go Lead Our World

**Celebrate
National
Student
Leadership
Week
April 15-21**

"As far as I am concerned, Student Council Workshop is the greatest place in the entire world to be. I only wish everyone had the privilege, or would take the opportunity to experience the magic for themselves."

- Kansas Student Leader on Summer Workshop

TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

2018
REGION 6 VISION
CONFERENCE



JUNE 22 - 24
AT
IRONWOOD RIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL
TUCSON, AZ

2018
NASC
CONFERENCE



LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
JUNE 25-27
AT
WAYZATA
HIGH SCHOOL
PLYMOUTH, MN



ADVANCED LEADERSHIP TRAINING AVAILABLE! STUDENTS WHO PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED STUCO CAMP CAN RETURN FOR THE ADVANCED LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AT SUMMER WORKSHOP

SELECTION FOR 2018 WORKSHOP STAFF COMPLETE

Selection for the coveted Junior Counselor positions is now complete for the 2018 Summer Student Council Leadership Workshop, "G L O W—Go Lead Our World". Over sixty applications were mailed out in January. The following students were chosen to represent their school and community in the role of junior counselor this summer for this year's workshop.

Junior Counselors:

Madisyn Babcock, Winfield HS; Maddie Baden, Pittsburg HS; Derek Bryant, Winfield HS; Whitney Crawford, Derby HS; Jenna Duncan, Olpe HS; Emily Finlay, Syracuse HS; Ryan Hirsh, Newton HS; Lauren Jack-

son, Rose Hill HS; Sydney Johnson, Beloit HS; Scott Ladish, Kansas City-Piper HS; Hannah Love, Valley Center HS; Marissa Lux, Olathe North HS; Carley Oxford, Satanta HS; Justin Plante, Plainville HS; Skyler Sprecker, Derby HS; Keaton Williamson, Minneapolis HS.

Senior Counselors:

Eugene Allyn, Valley Center HS; Courtney Ast, Cheney HS; Kayla Bevers, Olathe South HS; Ray Boese, Haysville-Campus HS; Brenda Breth, Oberlin-Decatur Community HS; Steve Buresh, Plainville HS; Tim Dussin, Satanta HS; Rod Garman KSHSAA; Jerry Green, Phoenix; Lori Kiblinger, Chanute-Royster MS; Jasmine Lowe, Kansas City

-Wyandotte HS; Ken Meyer, Concordia HS; Marilyn Ramsey, Wichita; Tiffany Scheffler, Kansas City-Piper HS; Bernie Schulte, Ellsworth; Sara Wilson, Derby HS.

Administrative Staff:

Zac Blair, Kansas City; Andrew Cherry, Ellinwood HS; David Cherry, KSHSAA; Sarah Cherry, Ellinwood; Yessenia Villa-Gonzales, Fort Hays State University; Bob Hottman, Harper; Jayme Law, Washburn Rural Middle School; Fr. Mike Scully, Lawrence; Ted Wiese, Indianapolis, IN



ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES MAKE A WINNING TEAM

We often talk about nonacademic activities as a means for helping disengaged students connect to the curriculum. But for some students, academic involvement is central to a positive school connection. Competitive events that focus on academics can provide scholarly students with unique opportunities to explore new subjects, develop previously unpracticed skills, and collaborate with peers who share similar interests. The United States Academic Decathlon is a nonprofit initiative that inspires students of all achievement levels to work together to build confidence and attain academic success. Through

competitive events at the local, state, and national levels, student decathletes join forces with a team of peers to explore an annual theme. The themes are updated each year and include standards-based curricula in science, math, art, economics, social studies, music, and literature. For members of the Academic Decathlon team at Shaw High School in Columbus, GA, game show-style quizzes are just one of the creative ways students prepare for the multidisciplinary competition. In addition to challenges that measure academic strengths, the decathlon also requires students to deliver speeches, write es-

says, and participate in interviews by judges who ask about current experiences and future goals. The competition culminates with an exciting Super Quiz that requires teammates to take turns solving questions from each prescribed subject while a live audience looks on. Natasha Torres, Shaw's Academic Decathlon coach, explains that her group of 17 students meets two to three times a week, with several all-day practice sessions scattered in throughout the year. For additional information go to:

<http://alliance4studentactivities.org>

SPECIAL DAYS TO CELEBRATE!

If you're looking for something to celebrate as the school year draws to a close – check out the list below!

Here is a long list of “special days” celebrated in April and May of 2018!

Month Long Observances for April

- Autism Awareness Month
- International Guitar Month
- Keep America Beautiful Month
- National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- National Frog Month
- National Garden Month
- National Humor Month
- Mathematics Education Month
- National Poetry Month
- Stress Awareness Month

Week Long Observances for April

3rd Week – National Student Leadership
 4th Week – Week of the Young Child

Month Long Observances for April

- Autism Awareness Month
- Parkinson Awareness Month

Month Long Observances for May

- American Bike Month
- Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
- Asparagus Month
- Asthma & Allergy Awareness Month
- Better Hearing and Speech Month
- Flower Month
- National Bar – B–Q Month
- National Egg Month
- National Duckling Month
- National Hamburger Month
- National Mental Health Month
- National Salad Month
- National Photo Month
- National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
- National Strawberry Month
- Older Americans Month
- Transportation Month

Week Long Observances for May

1st Week - National Postcard Week
 2nd Week - National Pet Week
 2nd Week - National Police Week
 Last Week - National Backyard Games Week

“The GLOW of one warm thought is to me worth more than money.”
 - Thomas Jefferson

**Live to Connect ~ Live to Dream ~
 Live to Aspire**

G L O W— Go Lead Our World

We desire to inspire students to explore possibilities, connect with their school leader, and aspire with their school’s Student Council to reach for the impossible. Connect through dynamic STUCO staff. This year’s theme, G L O W seeks individuals with the desire to grow in leadership excellence and create positive, dynamic schools.

“Charm is a GLOW within a person that casts a most becoming light on other.”
 - John Mason Brown

MICHAEL CUETES—KEYNOTE AT REGIONALS



Michael Cuestas has established himself as part of the next generation of relevant Youth Speakers with a message that will have your audience laughing, crying, and even singing.

Michael grew up in poverty without knowing his father. He has lived in a homeless shelter, a center for victims of domestic violence, and even a tent. Michael was able to overcome these struggles and he encourages students to not accept average, but go for greatness.

He connects with teens at a level that is rarely seen amongst today’s youth speakers via his personal stories, entertaining humor, and compelling message.

Michael graduated college with a B.S. in Business Administration and has worked for 6 different Fortune 500 companies. Also, he was formerly a V.P. of Information Technology for an investment firm.

Michael lives in Minnesota with his beautiful wife and his adorable little girls.



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“Once people are 'unplugged,' I want them to feel the spontaneity, to feel passionate... to see another side that's free, and feel where whatever happens, happens. I want you to feel inspired.”
- *Alycia Keys*-

When X = Student Activities, Performance Follows!

ABC's of Leadership

A is for Art. Leadership is an Art, not a Science. One of my favorite quotes about Leadership is by Peter Koestenbaum:
B is for Boss. You will not succeed as a leader unless you learn to manage up. If you sink into a blaming mode regarding your boss, which many people do, you'll never empower yourself to become a strong leader. I am not talking about insincere flattery, but rather building rapport with your boss in the same way as you would any other colleague. Your boss is human too.
C is for Communication. Poor communication is the cause of more organizational problems than just about anything else. If you're an extrovert you need to learn to communicate concisely and to the point. And you don't have to express everything you're thinking. If you're an introvert you need to take those conversations that you're having in your head and put them out there.
D is for Development. Leaders develop their employees through coaching and mentoring. External leadership coaches can help, but there is no substitute for **your** time.
E is for Enthusiasm. If you don't demonstrate enthusiasm for your company and the deliverables of your group, how do you expect your employees to be enthusiastic and motivated?
F is for Focus. Leaders must develop a clear vision, mission and goals and frequently remind their followers of what these are.
G is for Growth. How does one grow? Through self-awareness, which comes from curiosity, reflection, feedback and seeking new experiences. Growth also comes from having the ability to share with others your true self.
H is for Health. Strong leaders need to be healthy in body, mind and spirit. Right food, thoughts and right exercise.
I is for Integrity. We only need to look around at the so-called "leadership" in our corporations and political organizations to see that integrity has been sorely lacking in our culture. Each of us must model integrity ourselves if we want this to change.
J is for Judgment. This is tied to integrity. Good judgment comes from demonstrating authenticity and truth telling. It requires that one learns from experience and applies logic to decisions.
K is for Kindness. This may be an unusual word to apply in corporate America, but it is essential in developing a healthy

culture in which members are rewarded for helping each other rather than backstabbing each other.
L is for Listening. Communication is two-sided. Listening is way more important than talking. Being an effective listener is a skill that can be learned.
M is for Motivation. Experts tell you that you can't motivate someone else, but you can and should establish an environment in which people will be motivated to contribute their gifts.
N is for Networking. Powerful leaders build alliances with others both within and outside the organization.
O is for Ownership. True leaders never live in the Blame Frame. They take ownership for problems and they listen to feedback without becoming defensive. I call this living in the Aim Frame.
P is for Performance. How clear are your performance expectations to your direct reports? How do you measure and reward performance? Most organizations do that financially. What other ways do you reward?
Q is for Quality. Leaders require, expect and reward quality products and processes.
R is for Rapport. One of the primary keys to effective leadership is developing the ability to have rapport with others. This may or may not include empathy, but learning to have empathy is a huge plus.
S is for Service. The concept of Servant Leadership is not discussed much lately, but we need it now more than ever. The premise of this kind of leadership is that you are there to serve your employees, not the other way around.
T is for Teambuilding. You are not going to succeed without your team. Learn how to build a cohesive team. To understand what teams should look like, read ***The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*** by Patrick Lencioni, the best book on team development that I've ever come across.
U is for Understanding. Seek first to understand, then to be understood.
V is for Vision. Leaders need to articulate and communicate a vision. Frequently that vision is determined by being developed jointly with the group.
W is for Worth. Do you enable your employees to develop self-worth or do you gradually cause it to go into decline?
X is for Example. (Sorry about that.) What kind of example are you setting for your employees? Do you say one thing and do another? For example, do you espouse balance yet you're always the last one to leave after a 14-hour day?
Y is for Yaw. To yaw is to swerve off course. All of us do that at one time or another. The way to stay on course is to solicit feedback regularly and to receive it non-defensively.
Z is for Zone. Athletes speak of being in the "zone". And leaders can learn to be there too. You know you're in the zone when everything is working for you just the way it should. That is no accident. Learn to visualize when you've been in the zone in the past and anchor that for yourself as you face future situations.

MARK YOU CALENDARS!
"Official Sites"
FALL REGIONAL CONFERENCE SITES

- **September 17:** Manhattan High School
- **September 18:** Spring Hill High School
- **September 19:** Winfield High School
- **September 20:** Iola High School
- **September 24:** Beloit High School
- **September 25:** Ellis High School
- **September 26:** Dodge City High School
- **September 27:** Pratt High School

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