



The Student Leader – April/May 2013

The newsletter of the oldest state student leadership organization in the nation.

Beginnings and Endings

As you end this year, realize that the best way to start the next year is with thoughtful planning. The most successful SCAs have retreats or lock-ins during the summer to set the stage for being successful. I would encourage you to do all you can to prepare for an awesome year. Don't forget, that the best planning for student leadership events includes STUDENTS in the process!

This edition of the newsletter continues to put the spotlight on great student council activities from around the state including Prince George High School, Stafford Senior High, Buckingham High, and Hayfield Elementary School.

If you missed it in the last newsletter: We are proud to announce the officer schools for the Virginia Student Councils Association Advisory Committee for 2013 – 2014:

President School: Liberty High School
Bedford Division
Michelle Cox, Student Representative
Robin Waldron, Adviser

Vice President School: Stafford Senior High School
Stafford Division
Katherine Brandon, Student Representative
Robert Mead, Adviser

Secretary School: Prince George High School
Prince George Division
Kenneth Kidd, Student Representative
Marcia Edmundson, Adviser

I am looking forward to working with each and every student council adviser and student leader across the state in 2013 – 2014. Have a great summer!

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The 2013 - 2014 VSCA Advisory Committee

The VSCA Advisory Committee is instrumental in planning and developing leadership activities throughout the state. The following schools have been selected to take leadership positions on the 2013- 2014 Advisory Committee.

- President School: Liberty High School
Stafford Division
Michelle Cox, Student Representative
Robin Waldron, Adviser
- Vice President School: Stafford Senior High School
Stafford Division
Katherine Brandon, Student Representative
Robert Mead, Adviser
- Secretary School: Prince George High School
Prince George Division
Kenneth Kidd, Student Representative
Marcia Edmundson, Adviser
- Region 1 Representative Prince George High School
Prince George Division
Mandi Cummings, Student Representative
Marcia Edmundson, Adviser
- Region 3 Representative Stafford Senior High School
Stafford Division
Chris Ashton, Student Representative
Robert Mead, Adviser
- Region 4 Representative Orange County High School
Orange Division
Emmet D. Aylor, Student Representative
Laurie Limoge-Jamerson, Adviser
- Region 7 Representative Patrick Henry High School
Washington Division
Emma Buchanan, Student Representative
Amanda Chitwood, Adviser

Region 8 Representative Buckingham County High School
Buckingham Division
Hannah Sprouse, Student Representative
Mary Stearrett Adviser

UPDATE: VSCA ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED MEMBERS

Student leaders and their schools are encouraged to apply to be appointed members on the advisory committee. Additionally, we still have a number of open regional representative positions for high, middle, and elementary schools. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to become part of the VSCA Advisory Committee.

The following regional representative positions still remain open:

High School Representatives:

Region 2

Elementary School Representatives:

Regions 1/2/8

Regions 3/4

Regions 5/6/7

Middle School Representatives:

Regions 1/2/8

Regions 3/4

Regions 5/6/7

Please contact Mike Nelson at mnelson@scaleader.org to get more information about becoming an appointed member school of the VSCA Advisory Committee.

**VSCA APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBER
APPLICATION for 2013 – 2014**

This form must be typed or block printed. All sections of the application must be completed. Incomplete or unreadable applications will be returned.

Name _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Home Phone Number _(____)_____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex (circle one) M F

Current School _____

School Division _____ Region _____

School Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

School Telephone Number
_(____)_____

Student Council Adviser's Name _____

School You Will Attend in the Fall _____

Rising Grade Level (circle one) 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Postmark Deadline if June 1, 2013.
Mail completed application to:
VSCA State Office
VASSP/DSL
4909 Cutshaw Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23230
Call (804) 370-0822 if you need clarification.

SCA/VSCA Experience

Other Leadership/Extracurricular Activities

Please write a brief summary (at least one paragraph, not more than 250 words) explaining why you would like to be an appointed committee member on the VSCA Advisory Committee. You may attach an additional sheet if necessary.

If accepted as an appointed committee member, I understand the responsibilities of this position and will be willing to fulfill them to the best of my ability. I understand that I will be responsible for all expenses involved for attending meetings (motels, meals, transportation, etc.).

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

Adviser's Signature _____ Date _____

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____

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School Spotlight #1: Prince George High School

Leadership Workshop

The Student Government of Prince George High School conducted a regional workshop to help develop several key leadership attributes. During the Regional Workshop the SGA practiced their parliamentary procedure by making parli-pro Trail Mix. The SGA went through all of the different procedures for running a meeting, including Robert's Rules, and decided on the ingredients to put in the trail mix. The SGA, also, played educational games that focused on teamwork and leadership. The workshop turned out very well even though the participation should have been greater. Everyone that attended took away a renewed vigor for student government as well as new skills that will prove invaluable later down the road.

School Spotlight #2: Buckingham High School

Talent Showcase

The Student Council Association of Buckingham County High School holds a Talent Showcase each year and this year the showcase is scheduled for later in May. This talent showcase allows students from Buckingham County schools to show off their talent. The students have to sign up on a form and state what talent they would like to perform. Background checks are done on each student and once they have been approved, they (have to have good behavior), have to audition. The Student Council Association has an audition to pick out the students that will participate in the Talent Showcase. The profit will go into the Student Council Association's budget to generate funds for summer workshops and activities. Admission will be charged at the door and sold in advance. The auditorium has been packed each year and it seems to be a huge success. The SCA raise anywhere from \$600 to \$1000 at the event. The event allows students to be on stage and develop confidence to be in front of a crowd.

School Spotlight #3: Stafford High School

Exam Goody Bags:

The student council officer board assembled and distributed approximately 2000 goody bags to students as a token of good luck during exam week. The bags were assembled during the five officer study hall blocks preceding exam week and were distributed during the afternoon of the first exam day. Officers devised a system of routes that the bags were to be distributed on and managed to deliver all 2000 bags within 30 minutes. The goody bags contained a note wishing the students "Good Luck!" from the SCA, a Lifesaver mint, two Starburst candies, and a Tootsie Roll.

School Spotlight #4: Hayfield Elementary School

School Store and Hayfield Ornaments:

The biggest fundraiser of the Hayfield SCA is the SCA run school store. The store carries various school supplies that students need in their classrooms. Profits are given back to the school in the form of a check which is presented to the principal during the installation ceremony by the treasurer. The SCA tries to designate a specific use for the money, i.e. in 2011 – 2012 school year, the money went toward the new playground equipment fund. Throughout the school year Hayfield school ornaments are available for the families and friends of the SCA to purchase. There is a strong push during the holiday season for these pewter ornaments, which picture the school. Toward the end of the year, the SCA again pushes them for the sixth graders as a memento of their elementary years at Hayfield Elementary before they bridge to the middle school.

And finally...

Please continue to send in your great ideas so we can share all the wonderful activities of great student leaders with student councils throughout the state. Please submit ideas to Mike Nelson, VSCA Director at mnelson@scaleader.org, and I will try to get as many ideas as possible in our monthly newsletters.

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