Virginia Student Councils Association

The Student Leader

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The Importance of Service

Those that have been active in Student Council for a while know the impact that service can have on your school and community. In my opinion, there is no more gratifying feeling than when you finish a project as a TEAM that makes someone else's life better.

I remember one year the school that I was an advisor at led a supply drive for a town just south of us in North Carolina that had been devastated by a tornado. The entire student body rallied to help those in this community get the supplies they desperately needed. A few weeks later, Moore, Oklahoma was also hit with a terrible tornado. I had at least three of my student council members come find me before school to share information that they had researched so that we could help.

Remember, as we approach the holiday season, every can you collect, every toy you donate, every dollar you give to a family in need makes a huge difference.

Thank you for being the future and understanding the importance of service to make each community succeed.

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VSCA Director

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Update from Prince George!
By: Esther Hong,
Prince George H.S., Region 1 Rep

The beginning of the 2016-2017 school year has been very busy and eventful for the Student Government Association at Prince George High School. We start preparing for the year with summer class meetings, which were very well attended. Our advisor had a Remind set up from the beginning of the summer with all members' contact information so there was great communication. This was a great way to start because this year our Homecoming Game was October 7, about two weeks earlier than it normally is, and there was a lot to do in a very short amount of time. Fortunately, the bad weather from Hurricane Matthew mostly passed Prince George, arriving after the Homecoming Game but pouring a lot of rain on folks on their way to and from our Homecoming Dance on October 8. Still, a good time was had by all.

For the first time, the PGHS SGA has been working with our county's food service director to help choose items that will be offered in our school cafeterias. The food service director has brought samples to our SGA meetings and our members have filled out surveys and giving feedback. Our members have also been invited to actually serve lunch to their classmates during National School Lunch Week. It certainly gives a new perspective on school lunches and the options we have.

Now that Homecoming has finished, it's the time that we really start focusing on some service projects. We will be having a fundraiser to help purchase new microwaves for our lunch room, and we partner with the Senior Class in a canned food drive that coincides with the annual Powder Puff football game right before Thanksgiving break. The Powder Puff game brings the whole school and community together. Our members will also be preparing for the Region 1 leadership workshop held at Prince George High School on Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 10am to 2pm. Busy times!

#ThankAPrincipal

By: Channing Whitfield, Grassfield H.S., Advisory Committee

The month of October is National Principals Month. The Grassfield SCA celebrated and thanked their 6 principals by writing why they were thankful for each and took a picture holding their words of thanks. The photos were posted on social media and printed so that we could hang them on their office doors. We are very fortunate at Grassfield High School to have the support of all the administration. They allow us to plan and implement many events in the hope that all students feel included and want to come each and every day to school. #ThankAPrincipal

Homecoming 2016
By: Daria Clinkscales
Courtland H.S., Region 3 Rep

On October 15th, we had our *"Enchanted Nights"* homecoming. We started off with a spirit week to lead up to our pep rally, homecoming game, and of course our homecoming dance. The spirit days were Pajama Day, Twin Day, Ballers vs Scholars, Tie Dye Day and Class Color Day: Freshmen are black, Sophomores are grey, Juniors are white, and Seniors are blue. On Friday, we had our pep rally game, which included our games of Hungry Dragons, Jousting (on scooters!), and a Toilet Paper Toss. Also, we had most of our clubs and class boards participate in making banners for our annual banner competition. The banners were walked around the gym, spoken about and then were brought out before our homecoming game started. Our opponents were the Spotsylvania Knights and we dominated them winning 64-0. During halftime we had our homecoming court introduced to the crowd and welcomed our 2016 homecoming King and Queen.

Since our homecoming theme was Enchanted Nights we had a medieval inspiration for decorations. In the entrance we had a drawbridge with an arch that lead into our gymnasium. On the walls we had shields decorated with our school colors and "torches". There were two photo booth stations one being a castle backdrop and the other a trellis. Many of the students took pictures at our photo booths and enjoyed our decorations greatly! Overall our homecoming week was filled with enjoyment, laughter, and tons of fun!

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Upcoming Events

11.4.16—Elementary and Middle School Workshop

11.4.16—Advisor Workshop

11.10.16—Registration Due for Advisory Committee Meeting

11.12.16—— Regional Workshops—3, 5,6,7,8

11.19.16—VSCA Advisory Committee Meeting

12.03.16—Regional Workshop—2

12.10.16—Regional Workshop—1, 4

1.21.16—VSCA Advisory Committee Meeting

Save the Date

2017 VSCA State Convention
March 24 – 26, 2017
Renaissance Norfolk-Portsmouth Waterfront Hotel