



VSCA News & Updates

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VSCA: Saving the Day with Leadership 2023

The VSCA State Office, the Officer Schools and Region Representative Schools, and the entire Advisory Committee are excited to invite your school to attend the 96th annual VSCA Convention, March 17-18, 2023 at Massaponax High School!

The officers and Advisory Committee members are working hard to create an exciting leadership event designed to enable members to share ideas, network with peers, and build stronger leadership skills to take back to their home schools. The convention will begin on Friday, March 13 with region meetings, a general session featuring keynote speaker [Heather Schultz](#), and breakouts. Our traditional awards banquet will be held in the evening followed by a variety of fun leadership team-building games. Delegates will spend the night in their choice of hotel and return on Saturday morning for a full day of Learning Labs, elections, a session with Virginia School Board representatives, idea exchange, our amazing pep rally, and more!

Use the information in **this guide** to help you register your school delegation for an amazing experience full of learning with hundreds of the best student leaders and their advisers

Learning Lab Presenters Needed for Convention

What does your council do really well? What's your most successful program? What tips can you share about holding efficient meetings or successful projects? VSCA invites all member schools to submit proposals for a Learning Lab workshop session to be conducted at the annual state convention next March. Proposals will be considered by a program review committee of student leaders on the Advisory Committee and will be evaluated on the timeliness of the topic, overall interest, a well-defined description, and relevance to student council issues.

Applications to present must be submitted by Friday, January 13, 2023 to be considered. Presenters should plan an interactive session 30 minutes in length for student leaders or student council advisers. Presenters will be responsible for supplying all materials (laptop, handouts, etc.) on a contributing basis; that is, they will not be

from across the Commonwealth. For additional information and links to various convention-related elements, click on the link below.

Convention Information

financially reimbursed for registration, travel, lodging, etc. Apply to present at <https://bit.ly/vscalrnglabapp2>. Those selected to present will be notified by February 1, 2023.

Interested in Running for Office?

Candidate information packets are available on the VSCA website for students interested in running for elected office for the 2023-24 school year. Elections will be held for the following positions:

- VSCA President School (Student must be a rising senior)
- VSCA Vice-President School (Student must be a rising junior or senior)
- VSCA Secretary School (Student must be a rising sophomore-senior)
- VSCA High School Representative School (8 positions available)
- VSCA Middle Level Representative School (3 positions available)
- VSCA Elementary Level Representative School (3 positions available)

All positions will be filled by member schools. Schools, once elected, will be represented on the VSCA Advisory Committee by a student and the school's SCA adviser, who will be jointly responsible for fulfilling all duties of office.

Completed applications to run for office are due by January 13. Check <https://www.scaleader.org/2242-2/> for more information.

Candidate Packet

VSCA Sate Service Project Selected

To correspond to our convention theme, *Saving the Day with Leadership*, the Advisory Committee voted to highlight the efforts of first responders and other essential personnel as the VSCA service project for 2022-23.

Schools are encouraged to conduct projects to show their support for and appreciation of local medical workers, firefighters, bus drivers, teachers, and so forth, then send it photos and a report of what was done. These projects will be highlighted at the state convention, and delegates at the convention will write notes of thanks and support for first responders at the convention.

More details and a submission form to participate in this effort will be posted on the website soon.



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