



# VSCA News & Updates

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## Special Session Planned for Convention

With all the challenges brought about by the pandemic, many schools are struggling to create or maintain a positive school climate in which students and staff feel a sense of community. Because student leaders and their advisers have an important role to play in addressing these concerns, our annual convention this March will feature a special session for all delegates focused on building a positive school culture that includes everyone.

VSCA is excited to invite your school to **Seas the Day** by attending the 95th annual convention, to be held March 25-26, 2022 at Orange County High School.

**Regular registration ends February 15 so don't delay!**

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The session will be facilitated by Phil Boyte, author of the book *School Culture By Design*, creator of such programs as *Link Crew*, *WEB*, and *Breaking Down the Walls*, and founder of **Learning for Living**.

To maximize participation, the convention structure has been modified this year to have a virtual opening on Friday evening, followed by a one-day, in-person experience on Saturday at centrally located Orange County High School. The structure will be a bit different but the convention will feature the same spirit of sharing, collaboration, and energizing networking it has always had. For more details and registration materials, click on the link below.

## Candidate Information Packet

At the Advisory Committee meeting earlier this month, our elected delegates voted to make an exception to our bylaws for this year only in the qualifications to run for state office. Because last year's convention was virtual and the previous year the convention was cancelled, there was concern that the pool of candidates who have attended a previous convention (a requirement to run for one of the state offices) would be particularly small.

## VSCA Sate Service Project Selected

To connect with our Seas the Day theme, the Advisory Committee voted at the January meeting to conduct a plastic film recycling program as the state service project this year.

To participate, schools will do their

A motion passed to amend that requirement to allow candidates from a SCHOOL that attended a previous convention to run for office. Candidates still must be current members of the Advisory Committee, as stated in the bylaws.

Click the link below to access the information packet for running for state or regional office. **The deadline to submit paperwork to run is February 9, 2022.**

[Candidate Packet](#)

own plastic film recycling drive and report how much they collected to VSCA along with photos of student council members conducting the service project. These will be presented in a slideshow at the convention. The schools that collect the most will receive special recognition.

Reference **Trex recycling program** for information on conducting a drive or go to

<https://recycle.trex.com/view/programs>



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