

The Gavel

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Bonita Guram, Executive Director Roger Mize, Assistant Executive Director

**Riley Wasse elected next SCASC President**

**Wade Hampton High School to Host**

**2020 State Convention**

Over 700 delegates and advisors traveled to Chapin High School for the 71st Annual SCASC Convention, March 29-31, 2019. The theme of the convention was “Oh Say Can You Lead”. This theme focused on being American. On Friday registration opened at 4:00 and included many types of fun activities. The opening general session included introductions of candidates, presentation of the honor council award winners, state officer’s one minute speeches, entertainment from Aratae, an awesome student band, and a keynote address from Lance Allred. Mr. Allred is a professional basketball player who lives with the challenge of being deaf. He gave us insight on how to continue to work toward our goals in spite of life challenges. The first general session was followed by district meetings, group mixers, and a dance party at the stadium to do the State Dance “The Shag”. The advisors spent part of Friday evening judging the project awards and enjoying Chapin hospitality.

On Saturday, the second general session featured Kyle Willkomwho shared lots of ideas about life and leadership. Mr. Willkom used his music to entertain and motivated the students to work together and to find strengths in themselves and their peers. The Terry McCoy Award winners were announced during the second general session. After the general session, the students attended workshops while the advisors met in the media center. During the advisors’ meeting, Roger Mize was elected the SCASC Assistant Executive Director. District elections and an old fashioned American cookout finished out Saturday afternoon.

When the students returned to the school on Saturday evening, they attended a banquet and awards ceremony. Project and scrapbook awards were presented and Ms. Amanda Pinson was awarded the 2019 SCASC advisor of the year. After the banquet, the students enjoyed a dance.

During the third general session on Sunday, state officer candidates presented speeches and votes were cast. A year in review video and the announcement of election results concluded the convention.

Congratulations to Banks Todd, Billie Williams, Roger Mize and the entire Chapin High School student council for such a wonderful and successful convention.

Thank you for all your organization, hard work and opportunities to enhance our leadership skills!



**Congratulations to the students, advisors and school student councils who received honors and awards at the state convention. See the list of award winners below.**

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Honor Council

Award 2019

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| Airport High School | Gold |
| Aynor High | Silver |
| Blythewood High School | Gold |
| Calhoun County High School | Gold |
| Cane Bay High School | Gold |
| Chapin High School | Gold |
| Colleton County High School | Gold |
| Crescent High School | Gold |
| Easley High School | Gold |
| Fort Dorchester High School | Gold |
| Laurens District 55 High | Gold |
| Mid-Carolina High School | Bronze |
| Newberry High School | Gold |
| Pickens High School | Gold |
| R.B. Stall High School | Gold |
| Richland Northeast High | Gold |
| Ridge View High School | Gold |
| Rock Hill High School | Bronze |
| Spring Hill High School | Gold |
| Sumter High School | Gold |
| Travelers Rest High School | Gold |
| Waccamaw High School | Gold |
| Wade Hampton High | Gold |
| Westwood High School | Gold |

Terry McCoy Hall of Fame Winners 2019

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| Jordan Abney | Gilbert High School |
| Savannah Azize | Westwood High School |
| Mary Kathryn Ballentine | Blythewood High School |
| Bladen Bates | Wade Hampton High |
| Jack Bauer | CrossRoads Intermediate |
| Chloey Bell | Easley High School |
| McCuen Bland | Chapin High School |
| Star Blevins | Green Sea Floyds HS |
| Emma Bridges | Bamberg-Ehrhardt HS |
| Isaiah Brooks | Sumter High School |
| Maddie Buisch | Greer Middle College Charter HS |
| Taylor Burger | Powdersville High |
| Holly Buxton | Dutch Fork High School |
| Chase Donaldson | Calhoun County High |
| Thomas Frank | Colleton County High |
| Emilie Glenn | Crescent High School |
| Margaret Greene | Richland Northeast High |
| Brina & Karlie Hayes | Dacusville Middle |
| Da'Myesha Haynes | R.B. Stall High School |
| Mary Catherine Horton | Waccamaw High School |
| Mallorie Jaeger | Newberry High School |
| Ramey Jenkins | Laurens District 55 High |
| Sarah Grace Jerkins | Gilbert Middle School |
| Micah Jordan | Pickens High School |
| Chanlan Ann Kasa | Travelers Rest High |
| Sophie Kastenholtz | Fort Dorchester High |
| Katie Kyzer | Airport High School |
| Keith Moore Jr. | Carvers Bay Middle |
| William Murray | Mid-Carolina High |
| Keshav Nair | Spring Valley High |
| Lilly Margaret O'Leary | Dutch Fork Middle |
| Claire Outz | Spring Hill High School |
| Alissa Pressley | Irmo High School |
| Kynan Robinson | TL Hanna High |
| Loren Short | Northwest Middle School |
| Kara Singleton | Aynor Hgh School |
| Otiana Thompson | Ridge View High School |
| Banks Todd | Chapin High School |
| Heather Varn | Manning High |
| Gracyn Whitaker | Pine Ridge Middle |

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**Project Winners 2019**

**Leadership Activities**

**Middle  Level**

1st:  Carvers Bay MS (I Too Have a Dream)

**1A-3A**

1st: Crescent HS (Middle School Leadership Day)

2nd: Manning HS (MHS Leadership Summit)

3rd: Newberry HS (Orientation Ambassadors)

**4A/5A**

1st: Travelers Rest HS

(Not Your Average Summer Planning Retreat)

2nd: Easley HS (Student Council Family Christmas)

**School Spirit**

**Middle Level**

1st: Pine Ridge MS (PARTY Party, Party is on our side)

2nd:  Dutch Fork MS (Pink-Green out Pep Rally)

**1A-3A**

1st: Newberry HS (Jingle with Joy)

2nd: Waccamaw High (Warrior Olympics)

**4A/5A**

1st: Easley HS (Covering the School in Love)

2nd: Chapin (Eagle Fest)

3rd: Ridge View (Bash the Bengal)

**Recognition**

**Middle Level**

1st: Dutch Fork MS (First Friday)

2nd: Pine Ridge MS (Just a Morsel of Gratitude)

3rd: Dacusville MS

(What Would You Do for a Klondike Bar?)

**1A-3A**

1st: Gilbert HS (Souper Teacher)

2nd: Crescent HS (Wall of Kindness)

3rd: Waccamaw HS (Senior Signing)

**4A/5A**

1st: Ridge View HS (We Got Your Back Dr. Mack)

2nd: Blythewood HS (Little Shop of Horrors)

3rd: Chapin HS (Senior Pledge Assembly)

**Community Service**

**Middle  Level**

1st: Carvers Bay MS (Courage to Fight Cancer)

**1A-3A**

1st: Gilbert HS (Tomohawk Fest)

2nd: Bamberg-Ehrhardht HS(Red Raider Book Blitz)

3rd: Mid Carolina HS (Military Care Packages)

**4A/5A**

1st: Airport HS (Reading Buddies)

2nd: Wando HS (Wandothon)

3rd:  Wade Hampton HS (Clement’s Kindness)

**Recreational Activities**

**1A-3A**

1st: Manning HS ( Fall Festival Carnival)

2nd: Bamberg-Ehrhardht HS

(Getting to Know student Leaders Through Fun and Fellowship)

3rd: Waccamaw HS (Winter Formal)

**4A/5A**

1st: Colleton County HS (Special Love)

2nd: Blythewood HS (Hallway Hopscotch)

3rd Wade Hampton HS (Midnight Jam)

Project Winners: If your school won for one of the projects, please email a copy or description of the project to [scascguram@gmail.com](mailto:scascguram@gmail.com). We want to make them available to share with other advisor.

**School Pride**

**Middle Level**

1st: Dacusville MS (Spread the Love)

2nd: Northwest MS (Tory Days)

**1A-3A**

1st: Bamberg-Ehrhardht HS (Senior Crowning)

**4A/5A**

1st: Blythewood HS (Black History Month Banner)

2nd: Spring Valley HS(Be the Change)

3rd: Laurens Dist. 55 HS (Laurens Against Violence)

**Fundraising**

**Middle Level**

1st: Northwest Middle School

(Autism Awareness Week)

**1A-3A**

1st: Mid Carolina High School (Boo Fest)

2nd: Gilbert High School (Canteen Buy Out)

**4A/5A**

1st: Airport HS for Camp Chemo

Videos

**1A-3A**

1st: Mid Carolina HS (We are Family)

2nd: Crescent HS (Mr. Crescent)

**4A/5A**

1st: Spring Valley HS ( I am More)

**School Service**

**Middle Level**

1st: Pine Ridge MS (Let it Grow)

2nd: Dacusville MS (President’s Day Trivia)

3rd: Northeast MS (Kill the Flu)

**4A/5A**

1st: R B Stall HS (Mountain of Gratitude)

2nd: Westwood HS (Get Your Game On: Fresh Start)

3rd: Wade Hampton HS (Family Fun Fest)

SCASC 2019 **Scrapbook Winners**



**4A-5A Schools Gold:** Laurens District 55 High

**Silver:** Chapin High

**1A-3A Schools Gold:** Waccamaw High

**Silver:** Mid Carolina High

**Middle School Gold:** Dutch Fork Middle

**Silver:** Bates Middle

Advisor Awards

10 year certificate

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| Kristy Hood | West-Oak Middle |

15 year certificates

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| Joy Altman | Academic Magnet High |
| James Barton | Fort Dorchester High |
| Dr. Bernadette Darby | Heyward Gibbes Middle |
| Mary Chorey | Sumter High |

20 year certificate

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| Brooke Yarbrough | Laurens District 55 High |

Retiring

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| Rebecca Goodwin | Colleton County High |
| Michelle Smith | Cane Bay High |

5 year certificates

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| Sharonda Jacobs | Aiken Scholars Academy |
| Kim Baxley | Batesburg Leesville High |
| Billie Williams | Chapin High |
| Lisa R. Miller | Chesterfield-Ruby Middle |
| Michelle Woodward | Chesterfield-Ruby Middle |
| Brent White | CrossRoads Intermediate |
| Meredith Adams | Fort Mill High |
| Ben Tyler | Fort Mill High |
| Marion Jacobs | Greenville High |
| Charlotte Ihme | Greenville Technical Charter |
| Meredith Morgan | Hillcrest High |
| Heather Knight | Indian Land High |
| Hunter Ballenger | JL Mann High |
| Jill Ford | Palmetto High |
| Mike Hattan | Palmetto High |
| Hayden Woerner | Powdersville High |
| Elisha Revis | St. James High |
| Ellen R. Heatley | St. Matthews K-8 |
| Dana Mitchell | Sumter High |
| Danette Buddin | TL Hanna High |
| Courtney Jackson | Wren High |

SCASC 2019 High School SCASC 2019

Advisor of the Year Administrator of the Year

Amanda Pinson Dr. Cheryl Guy

(Crescent High School) (Westwood High School)

Thank you Advisors!

“You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give” -

Winston Churchill

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| South Carolina Association of Student Councils | | | |
|  | 2019-2020 Executive Board | | |
| Executive Director | | **Bonita Guram** | Columbia SC |
| Assistant Executive Director | | **Roger Mize** | Chapin HS |
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| President | | **Riley Wasse** | Wade Hampton HS |
| Vice President | | **Emilie Glenn** | Crescent HS |
| Recording Secretary | | **Abi Norton** | Pickens HS |
| Corresponding Secretary | | **Kallie Richbourg** | Airport HS |
| District 1 | |  |  |
| Chairman | | **Emma Bridges** | Bamberg-Ehrhardht HS |
| Vice Chairman | | **Anne Mathis Thomas** | Colleton County HS |
| District 2 | |  |  |
| Chairman | | **Donte' Coleman** | Sumter HS |
| Vice Chairman | | **Marilize Cornwell** | Sumter HS |
| District 3 | |  |  |
| Chairman | | **Priya Desai** | Spring Hill HS |
| Vice Chairman | | **Emmalee Gunter** | Chapin HS |
| 2nd Vice Chairman | | **Liz Schaffer** | Pine Ridge MS |
| District 4 | |  |  |
| Chairman | | **Johnathan Brown** | Spring Valley HS |
| Vice Chairman | | **Yazmine Latimore** | Ridge View HS |
| District 5 | |  |  |
| Chairman | | **Chris Hall** | Travelers Rest HS |
| Vice Chairman | | **Brennan Koontz** | Wade Hampton HS |
| District 6 | |  |  |
| Chairman | | **Haley Pepper** | Crescent HS |
| Vice Chairman | | **Ella DeNicola** | Mid-Carolina HS |
| 2nd Vice Chairman | | **Mason Gibbs** | Laurens Dist. 55 HS |
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| Secretary | | **Brooke Yarbourgh** | Laurens D55 HS |
| District 1 | | **Bridget Kinard** | Bamberg Ehrhardht HS |
| District 2 | | **Dana Mitchell** | Sumter HS |
| District 3 | | **Ryan Cole** | Spring Hill HS |
| District 4 | | **Olisa Ashford** | Spring Valley HS |
| District 5 | | **N. Nolen /D. McCarrell** | Travelers Rest HS |
| District 6 | | **Amanda Pinson** | Crescent HS |
| Host President | | **Sandy Brooks** | Wade Hampton HS |
| Camp Coodinator | | **Amanda Pinson** | Crescent HS |
| Travel Coodinator | | **Roger Mize** | Chapin HS |
| Photo,Video, Publicity | | **Wendi Wimmer** | Greenwood HS |

**From the Executive Director:**

This has been another successful year for SCASC. Thank you to all the advisors and students who have worked so hard to make a difference in your schools and communities. District officers and advisors, we are grateful for all the hard work you put into your rallies and throughout your districts. Big thanks to the state officers for all your help in your specific areas. A BIG thanks to Banks Todd, Roger Mize and Billie Williams and the entire Chapin student council for giving us such a successful convention.

I look forward to working with the new state and district officers. I can already see that this will be a dedicated group. We will begin our endeavors this summer with the national conference in Pennsylvania and then the leadership camp at Cherry Grove.

Advisors, I truly appreciate all that you do for your students, schools and SCASC. Continue to let us know if we can do anything to help you and if you have ideas that will help improve the SCASC organization. I know you continue to work through the summer break, but I hope you also get a chance to relax and spend some quality time with your families and friends. I hope you have an enjoyable and restful summer.

Bonita



SCASC Membership

Remember that SCASC Membership will now run from September 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. Membership dues are due September 1. Dues are $50 for regular membership and $60 for Palmetto membership.

You will get a membership reminder in August. Information and the link for membership will be available on the website, thegavel.org. You MUST complete the online registration for membership.



**SCASC Leadership Camp 2019**

Sunday July 14- Thursday July 18, 2019

Camp Cherry Grove, FFA Leadership Center

1069 FFA Circle Drive, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

Cost: $250 students / $150 advisors

Leadership Is My Super Power

Registration cost covers all meals from Sunday dinner through Thursday breakfast, all materials and handouts, and lodging. T-shirts will be available for $10/$15 each and the FFA staff will run a canteen for delegates to purchase snacks. Advisors will need to find lodging outside the camp grounds in order to utilize the cabin space for student delegates.

**Online Registration**: Opened April 22, 2019 (7:30 am). Camp registration is now closed and camp is FULL. The link and paperwork are posted on [www.thegavel.org](http://www.thegavel.org/)

**Due Date**: Paperwork and checks by Friday, May 17, 2019

**What is Leadership Camp?** It is designed to help council members develop their leadership skills to be a more effective officer or council member in their schools. It is a training camp. It is a place for students to learn ideas from other leaders from across the state that they can use in their own schools. It is a chance to learn silly songs that will bond friendships!

**What we will cover during camp?**

1. Problem solving techniques: brainstorming, research, using resources effectively.
2. Leadership skills: listening, responding and overcoming blocks to communication, dealing with different audiences, conducting meetings.
3. Human relations skills: Keeping a group together, conflict management, increasing awareness of cultural diversity, relationships with community outside school.
4. Organization skills: parliamentary procedure, agenda preparation, roles in groups, assigning tasks, delegating responsibility.
5. Officer training: just what are the responsibilities of each office

**A Typical Day At Camp**

Delegates will be assigned to a council and will work to solve an assigned problem, create cheers and chants, develop a council skit and design a council flag. Each day, delegates will also attend skills sessions taught by our experienced staff members, meet with their council, attend electives, enjoy free time and have the opportunity to participate in a talent show, field day and camp parade. Throughout, the week delegates are able to network, make lasting friends, bond as a family and make memories that will last a lifetime.

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***SASC Conference News***

South Carolina represented well, and Cane Bay High School did an amazing job hosting the 2018 Southern Association of Student Councils Conference this past October in Summerville, SC. The theme of the conference was “Operation Leadership.” and more than 185 SCASC delegates and advisors, not counting Cane Bay, attended. The delegates attended workshops, listened to keynote speakers, and spent an evening at the SC aquarium. The South Carolina schools represented at the conference include Airport High, Bamberg-Ehrhardt High, Berkeley Middle, Blythewood High, Chapin High, Crescent High, Fort Dorchester High, Fulmer Middle, Greenwood High, Laurens District 55 High, Northwest Middle, Pickens High, RB Stall High, Ridge View High, Riverside High, Spring Hill High, SpringValley High, Stratford High, Sumter High, Travelers Rest High, Waccamaw High, Wando High and of course Cane Bay High.

South Carolina schools lead the way during the conference. Chapin High School was elected SASC parliamentarian. Several South Carolina schools presented workshops. Several SC advisors served as project judges and South Carolina schools won awards in many project categories. Trace Wingard, from Airport High School, was awarded the SASC student of the year and Fletcher Spigner, from Blythewood High School, was awarded the SASC advisor of the year. We are so proud of the work our student councils do and are delighted these students, advisors and schools were recognized at the conference. See the list of winners below.



The next Southern Conference will be at **Sulpher High School** in Sulpher, LA, October 26-28, 2019. The theme is “Building Leadership” The cost for registration is $170.

Information about the Southern Association of Student Councils membership and the SASC Conference, are available at their website <http://www.sascschools.com>.

SASC Award Winners

**Airport High School**

Community Outreach Project, 2nd place- Reading Buddies

School Service Project, 3rd place- Holiday Blitz Drive

Trace Wingard was named the 2018 SASC Student Leader of the Year

**Blythewood High School**

1st Place in the Academic Incentive Project category for Senior Assembly

1st Place in the Community Service Outreach Project category for Project Connect

2nd Place in the Student Service Project category for Freshmen First

2nd Place in the Print Media Project category for Spirit Week Photo Booths

Fletcher Spigner was named the 2018 SASC Advisor of the Year

**Chapin High School**

2nd place for Community Service - Fundraising

**Crescent High School**

1st Place for Print Media project

2nd place for Environmental Awareness project.

**Easley High School**

1st place Poster Contest  
2nd place Photography Contest   
3rd place - Membership Training

**Laurens District 55 High School**

SASC Outstanding Leader Scholarship- Ramey Jenkins

Citizenship and Patriotism: Patriotic Day- First Place

Membership Motivation and Development: Edisto Beach Week- First Place

Student Support Project: Raiders Against Violence- 2nd Place

**R.B. Stall High School**

Outstanding Project in Leadership Outreach/Mentoring for our Camp LEAD project.

**Wando High School**

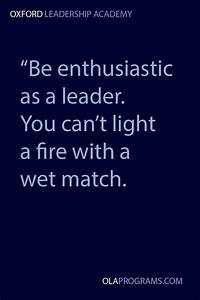
1st - School Spirit

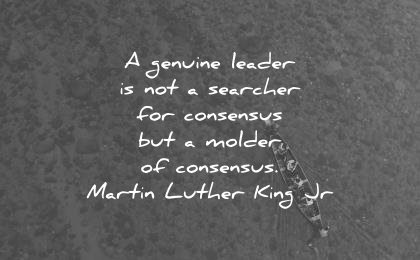
1st - School Service

3rd - Homecoming

National Student Council Conference

The NatStuCo conference will be at South Fayette High School in McDonald, PA, June 24-26, 2019. The conference theme is “FORGING STUDENT LEADERS”. South Carolina will be attending with 12 advisors and 26 student delegates. We are looking forward to experiencing the culture of Pennsylvania, learning new leadership skills and ideas, bonding with our new officers and networking with people from many states throughout the country.

Q**uotes for Students**







Have an awesome summer! Do It Right, Make it Big, Give it Class!!