



The Gavel



Fall Newsletter 2019

Published by the **South Carolina Association of Student Councils**

Bonita Guram, Executive Director
scascguram@gmail.com

Roger Mize, Assistant Executive Director
rmize@lexrich5.org

District Rallies!

District Rallies are a one day leadership boost for your student councils. Each district chair is planning a day of leadership skill development and fun for your students. Rally registration is \$20 a person, students and advisors for on time registration. Schools are not limited in the number of delegates that they may bring. Each district chairman will be mailing information to schools in their district. Contact the chairman of your district if you have not received the information. If your school cannot attend the rally for your own SCASC district, you may choose another site. Contact the host advisor for registration information.

District Rally Schedule

District	Date	Host School	Chairman	Advisor	Advisor Email
1	Nov. 11	Bamberg-Ehrhardt High	Emma Bridges	Bridgett Kinard	bkinard@bamberg1.net
2	Nov. 11	Sumter High	Donte' Coleman	Dana Mitchell	dana.mitchell@sumterschools.net
3	Oct. 7	Spring Hill High	Priya Desai	Ryan Cole	rcole@lexrich5.org
4	Oct. 18	Spring Valley High	Johnathan Brown	Olisa Ashford	oashford@richland2.org
5	Nov. 1	Travelers Rest High	Chris Hall	Norm Nolen	nnolen@greenville.k12.sc.us
6	Nov. 4	Crescent High	Haley Pepper	Heather Dickerson	dickersonh@acsd3.org

All rallies will begin around 9:00 and end around 2:30.

Districts by Counties

District	Counties
1	Berkley, Dorchester, Colleton, Charleston, Jasper, Beaufort, Hampton, Allendale, Bamberg, Orangeburg
2	Sumter, Lee, Darlington, Williamsburg, Georgetown, Horry, Marlboro, Dillon, Marian, Florence, Clarendon
3	Edgefield, Aiken, Lexington, Barnwell, Calhoun, Saluda, McCormick
4	Richland, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Chester, York, Chesterfield
5	Oconee, Pickens, Greenville
6	Spartanburg, Cherokee, Union, Laurens, Newberry, Greenwood, Anderson, Abbeville

District Rally Objectives:

**To foster communication and networking among student leaders in South Carolina.
To develop leadership skills through team building, communication, listening skills, idea sharing, collaboration and presentation.**

SCASC Membership

Time to renew your membership

Don't miss out... Join Today...

Membership Link: <https://forms.gle/UvRpf6svEwBmCCXv8>

1. Complete online membership registration.
2. Send check payable to SCASC.

Membership year begins September 1, 2019 and runs through August 31, 2020.
(W-9 forms available on the website or upon request)

Membership includes participation in awards programs, voting privileges at the annual convention, leadership training, and publications, resources and materials.

Send your payment to: Bonita Guram , SCASC Executive Director,
1 Hillstone Ct. , Columbia, SC 29212

Make Checks Payable to: SCASC

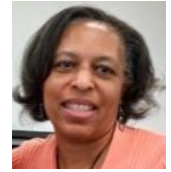
Annual Membership Fee:\$50

Palmetto Membership Fee: \$60

Palmetto membership includes \$10 which will be sent to the Terry McCoy Leadership Scholarship. This scholarship helps to send deserving students to the summer leadership camp, which was Mr. McCoy's passion. Palmetto members will be able to send one additional delegate to the Summer Leadership Camp.

Once membership is processed the school will be sent a receipt, a membership card and later mailed a membership certificate.

From the Executive Director



Welcome back to a new school year. I hope your summer was relaxing and enjoyable. Thank you for committing to serve as advisors and for all the work you do to promote student leadership in your schools and communities. SCASC is here to enhance student growth and to offer opportunities to you and your students to help improve your programs and develop stronger leaders. Please call upon us to help you and please continue to offer your expertise to us and to other advisors. Communication, networking and sharing ideas can set the framework to make our jobs more effective.



Our new executive board has already shown their commitment with the work that they did over the summer at our leadership camp and as delegates at the National Student Council conference. They are already hard at work planning and organizing activities for a productive SCASC year. I am pleased that the students have shown their dedication and developed as a group of leaders that are unified in their efforts to support this organization and each other. The district officers are diligently working and I am looking forward to attending the district rallies.

The state officers are working with Riley Wasse and Wade Hampton High School to plan the state convention in March. I hope you are making plans to attend the state convention, because I am sure it will be filled with inspiring leadership opportunities.



This summer 28 student delegates and 10 adult delegates attended the National Student Council conference in McDonald, Pennsylvania. Two of our students presented a workshop and all of the students represented us well on this national level. As usual, our South Carolina students stood out with politeness and elegant southern style. Thanks to all the adult chaperones for helping to make this experience possible.



A big thank you to all the advisors and students serving as coordinators and helpers and thanks to all the advisors for all you do for the students in South Carolina. I am looking forward to serving you and working together toward a productive and successful year.

- *Bonita*

From the Assistant Executive Director

Greetings SCASC,

Hope the new school year is going smoothly for everyone. For me personally, I have had a rough start, but things are going to get better. This hiccup has given me a better appreciation for my school and what we all do. We are in the most renowned and rewarding profession, and because we have added student council advisor to it, just makes it even better. Please remember, yes, we are here for our students but there are times we need to take care of ourselves. If you are not up to your full potential then the students can not be expected to reach theirs.

Again, I want to take the time to thank those of you who elected me to this position. As we go through the year, if there is anything that I can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a wonderful year and see you at some of the District Rallies.



Roger Mize

SCASC WEBSITE: thegavel.org

Awards, Awards, Awards!!

As you organize your yearly plans, remember the possibilities for awards. We have some amazing advisors, administrators, students and councils that deserve to be nominated and recognized.

Complete the online forms to apply.

Middle Level Advisor of the Year – Due by Oct. 14

Link: <https://forms.gle/dmHWaHG8wfLtk7Hv9>

High School Advisor of the Year – Due by Oct. 14

Link: <https://forms.gle/7cRM2HwzwnpiCkra9>

Administrator of the Year – Due by Nov. 9, 2019

Link: <https://forms.gle/d2LzQB31GB8SByoj8>

Terry McCoy Hall of Fame – Due by March 1, 2020

Link: <https://forms.gle/anyAovBih9ffQcSAA>

Middle Level Honor Council Due – Feb. 14, 2020

Link: <https://forms.gle/ufrTrLnnpngsxc2f7>

High School Honor Council Due – Feb. 14, 2020

Link: <https://forms.gle/mdL3MwDSxVMaTmX87>

South Carolina Association of Student Councils

Executive Board

2019-2020

Executive Director	Bonita Guram	Columbia SC
Assistant Executive Director	Roger Mize	Chapin HS
President	Riley Wasse	Wade Hampton HS
Vice President	Emilie Glenn	Crescent HS
Recording Secretary	Abi Norton	Pickens HS
Corresponding Secretary	Kallie Richbourg	Airport HS
<i>District 1 - Orangeburg, Bamberg, Allendale, Berkley, Dorchester, Colleton, Charleston, Jasper, Beaufort, Hampton</i>		
Chairman	Emma Bridges	Bamberg-Ehrhart HS
Vice Chairman	Anne Mathis Thomas	Colleton County HS
<i>District 2 - Sumter, Lee, Darlington, Horry, Williamsburg, Georgetown, Marlboro, Dillon, Marion, Florence, Clarendon</i>		
Chairman	Donte' Coleman	Sumter HS
Vice Chairman	Marilize Cornwell	Sumter HS
<i>District 3 - Edgefield, Aiken, Lexington, Barnwell, Calhoun, McCormick, Saluda</i>		
Chairman	Priya Desai	Spring Hill HS
Vice Chairman	Emmalee Gunter	Chapin HS
2nd Vice Chairman	Liz Schaffer	Airport HS
<i>District 4 - Richland, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Chester, York</i>		
Chairman	Johnathan Brown	Spring Valley HS
Vice Chairman	Yazmine Latimore	Ridge View HS
<i>District 5 - Oconee, Pickens, Greenville</i>		
Chairman	Chris Hall	Travelers Rest HS
Vice Chairman	Brennan Koontz	Wade Hampton HS
<i>District 6 - Spartanburg, Cherokee, Union, Laurens, Newberry, Greenwood, Anderson, Abbeville</i>		
Chairman	Haley Pepper	Crescent HS
Vice Chairman	Haleigh Tomlin	Laurens Dist. 55 HS
2nd Vice Chairman	Mason Gibbs	Laurens Dist. 55 HS

<u>Advisors' Association</u>		
President	Daniel Bailey	Airport HS
President Elect	Amanda Pinson	Airport HS
Secretary	Brooke Yarbrough	Laurens D55 HS
District 1	Bridget Kinard	Bamberg Ehrhardt HS
District 2	Dana Mitchell	Sumter HS
District 3	Ryan Cole	Spring Hill HS
District 4	Olisa Ashford	Spring Valley HS
District 5	Norm Nolen	Travelers Rest HS
District 6	Heather Dickerson	Crescent HS
Host President	Sandy Brooks	Wade Hampton HS
Camp Coordinator	Amanda Pinson	Crescent HS
Travel Coordinator	Roger Mize	Chapin HS
Outreach Coordinator	Wendi Wimmer	Greenwood HS

Mr. S. Cakalaki invites you to get actively involved in SCASC!!



Leadership Opportunity for Advisors

National Conference on Student Activities
National Association of Workshop Directors

December 6-8, 2019

Planting Seeds of Leadership

Des Moines, Iowa

Go to: www.nawd.com for more information
 Registration Deadline : Oct. 30

Want Ideas and Help For You and your Student Council students?

Come to the District Rallies

Come to the Advisors' Workshop
 (January 27, 2020)

Come to the **State Convention**
 (Wade Hampton High School, March 13-15, 2020)

2019 Summer Leadership Camp News ...



Student leaders from many schools across South Carolina participated in our summer leadership camp. The theme this year was “Leadership Is My SuperPower”. Each delegate participated in council meetings that enhanced communication, planning and problem solving. Each day the students received leadership training, time to socialize and have fun, as well as opportunities to

meet and network with other leaders around the state. Amanda Pinson once again coordinated the camp activities and the delegates enjoyed competition between the councils, dress up days, skill sessions, team building, communication training, and a chance to develop their leadership superpowers.



Individual students were recognized for their outstanding work during the camp week. These students were the top nominees for camper of the week: **Slater Brill**-Easley HS, **Ethan Damron**-Green Sea Floyd, **Joy Dodd** -Northwest MS, **McLane Drawdy**- Starr Iva MS, **Gizzy Fish**-Spring Hill HS, **Mary Grace Galloway** -Chapin HS, **Caroline Hanson** – Wando HS, **Laurel Holley** – Riverside HS, **Jordan Keisler**-Gilbert HS, **Ian Kell**- Pelion HS, **Davis Leath**- Academic Magnet HS, **Mason Leath**-Academic Magnet HS, **Gavin McMillion**- Chapin HS, **Savanna Newman**-Fulmer MS, **Josh Parga**-Airport HS, **Joseph Pietrobono**- J.L. Mann HS, **Ellett Ward**-Chapin HS, **Jack Yarbrough**-Laurens Dist. 55 HS. Three student were awarded the distinction of Camper of the week and will receive free registration to the SASC conference or the SCASC state convention. Those three winners are **Ian Kell, Davis Leath and Ethan Damron**.

The state and district officers serve as junior councilors during the camp week. Individual JC’s are also recognized for outstanding work. The following JC’s were recognized **Donte Coleman**-Sumter HS, **Ella DeNicola**-Mid-Carolina HS, **Mason Gibbs**-Laurens District 55 HS, **Emilie Glenn**-Crescent HS, **Emmalee Gunter**- Chapin HS, and **Riley Wasse**-Wade Hampton HS. **Riley Wasse** was selected the winner of the JC of the week award and will receive free registration to the SASC conference.



This year we had a unique opportunity to have a camp exchange with the North Carolina Association of Student Councils. Three South Carolina representatives, Ian Kell, Priya Desai, and Roger Mize, attended the NCASC leadership camp at Mars Hill University. Three North Carolina representatives, Zach Clemmons (NCASC state president), Maggie Bell (NCASC state vice president), and Keysha Mayfield (advisor), attended our camp at Cherry Grove. We were able to share ideas and compare the camp programs. We hope to be able to continue these types of exchanges and partnership with North Carolina.

The camp week was enriched by 5 first time advisors who went through the program. A big thank you to **Paige Fennell** -Ridge View HS, **Rachel Fountain** – Northwest MS, **Amanda Hastings** – Dillon HS, **Ashley Rousey** – TL Hanna HS and **Jessica Upchurch** – Colleton County HS. We were also blessed to have the former executive director, **Lola Richbourg**, conduct an inspirational and fun general session. Thank you, Lola, for continuing to share your expertise with us. We really appreciate all of them for giving up their time to enhance the camp experience for our students.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank our special council X members who worked so hard to provide us with suggestions to improve the election process and for setting up guidelines for the new officer positions.



This summer workshop proved to be a great success and the student leaders left ready to use their superpowers and become heroes of leadership in their schools and communities.

2020 Summer Leadership Camp is already being planned for July 12-16. Look for more information and start planning now.

SCASC Calendar 2019-2020

(Dates may be changed or added as needed)



September 2019

- 1 – SCASC Membership Begins (Update your membership online and send in your payment)
- 19- Deadline to register for the SASC conference

October 2019

- 7 – District 3 Rally (Spring Hill High School)
- 14 – Advisor of the Year Applications Due**
- 18 – District 4 Rally (Spring Valley High School)
- 26-28 – Southern Association of Student Councils Conference (Sulphur High School, Sulphur, LA)

November 2019

- 1 – District 5 Rally (Travelers Rest High School)
- 4 – District 6 Rally (Crescent High School)
- 11 – Administrator of the Year Application Due**
- 11- District 1 Rally (Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School)
- 11- District 2 Rally (Sumter High School)

December 2019

- 5-6 National Executive Directors Meeting (Des Moines, IA)
- 6-8 NAWD (National Conference on Student Activities)(Des Moines, IA)
- 14 – State Convention Planning Meeting for State Officers and Advisors (Irmo, SC)

January 2020

- 27- Advisor’s Workshop (Columbia, SC)
 - Middle Level Workshop (Columbia, SC)
 - Officer Training/Planning Session (Columbia, SC)

February 2020

- 7-8 – North Carolina Advisor’s Workshop (Pine Hurst, NC)
- 14 – Honor Council Applications Due**
- 28 – Terry McCoy Hall of Fame Nominations Due**
- 29 – Walk Through for State Convention (Wade Hampton HS)

March 2020

- 13-15 – State Convention (Wade Hampton HS)
- 20-21 – Officer Turnover Meeting (Columbia, SC)

April 2020

May 2019

- ?? – Camp forms and payment due**

June 2019

- 22-24 - National Student Council Convention (Eaglecrest High School, Centennial, CO)

July 2019

- 12-16 – Leadership Camp (Cherry Grove/Myrtle Beach, SC)

Southern Association of Student Councils Conference



The annual conference is the flagship event of the year. Hosted each Fall by the SASC President school, it brings together over a thousand student leaders and their adult advisors for three days of networking, leadership training, idea sharing, inspiration, service learning, and fun. The conference is also where new officers are elected, competition winners are awarded and milestone achievements are recognized.

Theme: "Building Leadership"

October 26-28, 2019

Sulphur High School, 100 Sycamore St., Sulphur, LA 70663

Registration & Info at sascschools.com

Registration fee: \$170

Registration deadline: Sept. 19, 2019

Sulphur Hotels: (Area code 337)

Best Western 625-9000 (\$114), Fairfield Inn 5282629 (\$140), Hampton Inn 5270000 (\$112),
Holiday Inn 6252500(\$124), Wingate 5275151 (\$109)

Lake Charles Hotels: (Area code 337)

SpringHill Suites 4741112 (\$129), Best Western 4775900 (\$99), Hampton Inn 4806443 (\$114),
LaQuinta 4789889 (\$109), Towneplace 4775824 (\$124), Wingate 5025112 (\$119), Tru 5646878 (\$109)

Schools desiring to attend must be current members of SASC. Advisor must complete registration and hotel reservations for your students. If your school has plans to run for an SASC office, please let the executive director (scascguram@gmail.com) know, so we can inform the delegates and work with you on your campaign.

Transportation to Sulphur, LA is difficult. Flying into Lake Charles is about \$400. Flying into Houston or New Orleans is about \$250, but then you must drive about 3 hours to get to Sulphur. A charter bus will cost about \$170 per person and the drive is more than 13 hours each way.

Don't forget to submit your projects and presentations at the Southern Conference.
Go to (sascschools.weebly.com), click on SASC Contests & Awards for awards info.

Projects can be submitted in the following areas:

- ∪ Outstanding Project (in each of 16 priority areas)
- ∪ Advisor of the Year
- ∪ Council Member of the Year (in senior and junior divisions)
- ∪ Public Speaking (in Senior and Junior divisions)
- ∪ Poster Contest
- ∪ Photography Contest

2020 Advisor Workshop...

Mark your calendars now for the SCASC Advisors' Workshop which will be held on January 27, 2020, at the Lexington 2 Innovation Center in West Columbia. Daniel Bailey, our SCASC Advisors association president, will be organizing the workshop again this year. Look to him for registration and planning. At this workshop, you will receive information about our organization as well as information about our state convention and other leadership conferences. You will learn about leadership resources and activities, and experience the expertise of veteran advisors from around the state. You will surely learn a lot. You will also have opportunities to share and network with other advisors across the state. This is a great opportunity for both experienced and new advisors to take a day away from school and to be reenergized with some new ideas and strategies.

2020 Middle Level Workshop...

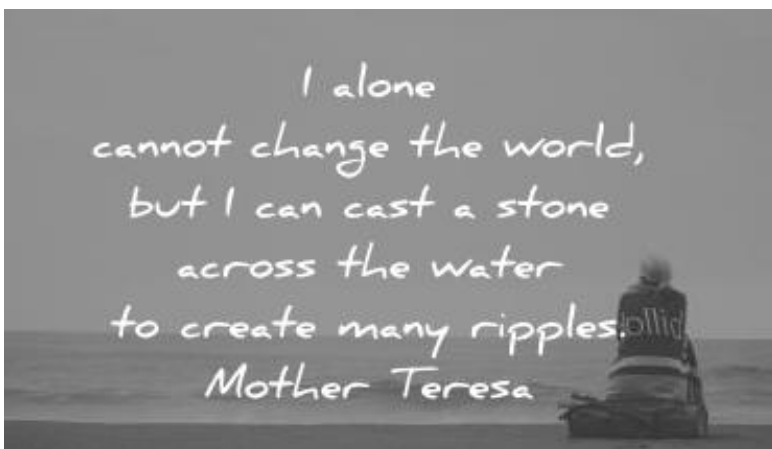
In conjunction with our Advisors' Workshop, we will again host a middle level workshop for middle school students. This is a great opportunity for your middle school students to work on developing and improving their leadership skills. They will work on projects with an emphasis on teamwork as well as learn about Student Council and SCASC. More information concerning this middle level opportunity will be coming!! Mark your calendar. (January 27, 2020, Lexington 2 Innovation Center, West Columbia.)

State and District Officer Training Session

All 2019-20 student state and district officers are invited to a training, evaluation and planning session which will be held at the same time as the advisors workshop. State officers should plan to attend and bring ideas to share about district rallies, summer camp, state convention and SCASC in general. This is a time to get the students input as we work to improve our programs and the leadership opportunities in our state.

National Student Council Conference NatStuCo

June 22-24, 2020
Eaglecrest High School
Centennial, Colorado



A Word from Your President ...



Ever since I was elected president back in March, my outlook on leadership and serving others has completely changed, and my experiences have shaped me into the leader I am today. In June, I had the opportunity, alongside JC's and other South Carolina delegates, to attend the 2019 NatStuCo Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. This opportunity allowed me to meet and grow closer with the South Carolina delegates and to interact with people from all across the country. Presenting a workshop and attending the State Presidents' meeting allowed me to meet people I am still in touch with today, but the most memorable part of Nationals was to walk across the stage holding my state flag, being able to represent the best state, South Carolina. Not only did SCASC delegates learn how to become even better leaders and listen to outstanding speakers at Nationals, but we also grew closer as a family.

Going into Nationals I had no idea of the relationships I would create, the fake wedding plans I would be a part of, the tinsel adding sensation, the tug-of-war battles we would win and the nicknames we would create (yes Diddy, that was directed at you). But as nationals was slowly coming to an end, it was time to kick it into gear, because camp was only a few short weeks away. Knowing how much camp had shaped us into the leaders we are, we made it our duty to give all campers the best week ever. We arrived two days early to prepare for the campers and to ensure we all served as great Junior Counselors that would emphasize passion throughout the entire week. Making posters, decorating cabins and finalizing our closings, we were finally ready to give our campers an outstanding week. And we did exactly that.

We had a fantastic guest speaker, awesome workshops, great council meetings, and lively general sessions. The campers left eager for the 2020 State Convention at Wade Hampton High School. With State only months away, my council and I are eager to host SCASC at Wade Hampton, the weekend of March 13-15, with the theme "The 20/20 Vision of Leadership." I cannot wait to host an unforgettable event and continue the tradition of making SCASC the best conference of the year. I'm ecstatic and cannot wait to see everyone at Wade Hampton State in March!!!

Sending lots of love,
Riley Wasse
2020 SCASC State President
Wade Hampton High School

SCASC State Convention

**Where: Wade Hampton High School
100 Pine Knoll Dr. Greenville, SC 29609
Telephone (864) 355-0100.**

When: Friday, March 14, 2020 – Sunday, March 15, 2020

Theme: "The 20/20 Vision of Leadership"

Cost: Student Delegates \$100, Advisors \$75

**Contacts: SCASC President, Riley Wasse
Host Advisor, Sandy Brooks (skbrooks@greenville.k12.sc.us)**

Hotel and Host Family Housing will be available

**Speakers, Workshops, Learning, Leadership, Networking, Awards,
Projects, Elections, Fun, Fun, Fun!!!**

DON'T MISS IT !!

Student Elections

**President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Historian,
Parliamentarian, District Chair, District Vice Chair, District 2nd Vice Chair**

1. Students interested in running for state or district office **MUST** have attended the summer leadership camp.
2. Advisors **MUST** contact the executive director to get information and forms. (Forms available after January 1, 2020)
3. Student **MUST** read and adhere to all guidelines, complete all paperwork, meet the deadlines and get confirmation and permission from the executive director **BEFORE** beginning any campaigning.

