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Welcome back to a new school year.

It's Rally Time!

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 \$15 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. You should have this information approximately one month in advance of the rally date. 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	High School	Chair	Advisor	Advisor E-mail
1	Oct. 16	Cane Bay HS	Og Nwaezeigwe	M. Smith	smithmichelle@bcstdschools.net
2	Nov. 10	Waccamaw HS	Tess Humowitz	J. Humowitz	jhumowitz@gcsd.k12.sc.us
3	Oct. 17	Calhoun County HS	Gabriel Bennett	K. Thames	kthames@ccpsonline.net
4	Oct. 9	Clover HS	Sydney Frascht	R. Morris	rhonda.morris@clover.k12.sc.us
5	Nov. 7	Riverside HS	Dillon Young	H. Greene	hgreene@greenville.k12.sc.us
6	Oct. 13	Crescent HS	Matthew Fortner	A. Pinson	pinsona@anderson3.k12.sc.us

All rallies will begin around 9:00 and end around 2:30 except District 3. District 3 rally will begin at 1:00 pm and end at 6:00 pm.

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, Marion, 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://goo.gl/forms/5MyyzYvscdEqQUoW2>

1. **Complete online membership registration.**
(An email copy of your responses will be sent to you.)
2. **Send check payable to SCASC.**

Membership year begins September 1, 2017 and runs through August 31, 2018.
(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,

Current Members Annual Fee: \$25 (This year only)

Current Members Palmetto Membership Fee: \$30 (This year only)

The amendment to the constitution now states that membership runs from September 1 to August 31. Current SCASC members have already paid for half of this school year. Therefore, your fee for this September is reduced.

Once membership is processed the school will be sent a receipt and a membership certificate.

From the Executive Director



I hope you had a wonderful summer break and a great beginning to the new school year. We are looking forward to a full program of leadership training and exciting student council activities that will enhance the skills and experiences for our student leaders. THANK YOU for all that you are doing and all that you will do for the students in your schools and around the state. For all the new advisors – WELCOME! SCASC is here to help you. Please call upon us and look to the wealth of experience in the veteran advisors in our state. You will find that they are a most amazing group and that they are knowledgeable, generous and willing to share ideas.

I am very excited to be working with the student leaders and SCASC student officers this year. We have an inspiring group of students who have already begun to show great promise as leaders. Brooklyn Kelley, our new state president, has already begun to make suggestions and to share ideas that will help improve our organization. Brooklyn and her advisor, Tracy Todd, have already begun to make plans for our state convention in March. Tracy attended camp this summer and stepped right in to help make our camp a successful venture.

I am very proud of the delegation we took to the National Association of Student Councils Conference at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, New Hampshire. We had 11 advisors and 20 students attend the conference. The conference was in June and was attended by approximately 1000 delegates from many states. As expected, the South Carolina students stood out as leaders, participated well, presented workshops, and most importantly represented us as the most polite group at the conference. Our students are amazing! Thanks to all the advisors who helped chaperone the group. Your help is greatly appreciated. There were many exciting things experienced at this NASC conference. Tracy Todd represented South Carolina as a finalist for the national advisor of the year and the delegation enjoyed a trip to Boston, where we visited the famous Faneuil Hall Market, took a Duck Tour, and attended a Red Sox baseball game.

Our summer camp this year was a success. The theme was “Expedition Leadership”. The advisors and student officers worked well together to make camp a great learning experience for more than 180 delegates. The advanced student leaders in council X presented workshops and worked diligently to write our mission statement, our goals, and to create our new emblem. Thanks so much to Jami Reese Darling from Laurens District 55 High School for designing the new logo. I cannot express how much I appreciate the dedication of the senior staff. We were a little short-handed with the senior staff members this year, but some past state officers stepped to lend a hand. With our awesome consultant, Chris Seifert from Pennsylvania, we explored the safari of leadership. Chris conducted three of the large group sessions, participated in council B, spent time talking one on one with students, and worked with our students, officers, and advisors. Chris taught, spoke, sang, and even did a little magic. I asked Chris to look at our camp and our organization as a whole and to make some recommendations for improvement. He left us with some really good suggestions, and I hope to implement some of them this year. One of his suggestions was to create an adult executive committee to help manage areas of our organization. I have already begun to appoint people for this committee. You may have noticed the new camp, trip, and membership coordinators listed on the executive board list. I will be looking for additional coordinators. If you have an area of expertise that could help us, please contact me so that we can add to our executive committees.

- *Bonita*

WEBSITE: thegavel.org

The SCASC website is up and running. The web domain is the same as before. There are no passwords. Look for more info and links to be added soon.

South Carolina Association Of Student Councils

2017-2018 Executive Committee

Executive Director:	Bonita Guram	
Assistant Executive Director:	Wendi Wimmer	Ridge View HS
SCASC President:	Brooklyn Kelley	Easley HS
SCASC Vice President:	Connor Griffin	Wando HS
SCASC Recording Secretary:	Gresham Gunter	Chapin HS
SCASC Corresponding Sec:	Victoria Jackson	Ridge View HS

District 1 Officers:

Chairman:	Ogugua Nwawzeigwe	Cane Bay HS
Vice Chairman:	Lance Calcutt	Colleton County HS

District 2 Officers:

Chairman:	Tess Humowitz	Waccamaw HS
Vice Chairman:	Isaiah Brooks	Sumter HS

District 3 Officers:

Chairman:	Gabriel Bennett	Calhoun County HS
Vice Chairman:	Claire Ouzts	Spring Hill HS

District 4 Officers:

Chairman:	Sydney Frascht	Clover, SC
Vice Chairman:	Hailey Zalewa	Westwood HS

District 5 Officers:

Chairman:	Dillon Young	Riverside HS
Vice Chairman:	Sophie Povod	D. W. Daniel HS

District 6 Officers:

Chairman:	Matthew Fortner	Crescent HS
Vice Chairman:	Alexis Holman	Laurens District 55 HS

Advisors' Association

President:	Brooke Yarbrough	Laurens District 55 HS
President-elect:	Daniel Bailey	Pine Ridge MS
Secretary:	Erin Little	Laurens District 55 HS
District 1:	Michelle Smith	Cane Bay HS
District 2:	Julie Humowitz	Waccamaw HS
District 3:	Krystal Thames	Calhoun County HS
District 4:	Jessica Davis	Clover HS
District 5:	Heather Greene	Riverside HS
District 6:	Amanda Pinson	Crescent HS
Middle Level Rep.	Daphne DuBose	Gilbert MS
Host President:	Tracy Todd	Easley HS

Executive Committees Chairs:

Camp 2018 Coordinator	Amanda Pinson	Crescent HS
Travel Coordinator	Roger Mize	Chapin HS
Membership Coordinator	Wendi Wimmer	Ridge View HS



“A leader is one
who knows the
way, goes the way,
and shows the
way.”

John C. Maxwell

2017 Summer Leadership Camp News ...

Student leaders from many schools across South Carolina participated in our summer leadership camp. The theme this year was "Expedition Leadership". Each delegate received intensive training in his/her roles as leaders in their schools, opportunities to meet and network with other leaders around the state and time for socializing and fun. Playing upon the "expedition" theme councils developed solutions to problems, created a



fire torch that represented their council, and built a cardboard boat that became a part of our Wednesday afternoon council competition. Chris Seifert from Pennsylvania was our consultant, and he did a fantastic job helping the students to understand important aspects of their leadership role.



Individual students were recognized for their outstanding work during the camp week. These students were nominated for Camper of the Week. These nominees include Aubrey Anthony(Cane Bay HS), Savanna Blake(Spring Hill HS), McCuen Bland (Chapin HS), Justin Castro (Richland Northeast HS), Sky Davis(Westwood HS), Chely Dickert(Easley HS), Carolina Effinger (Chapin HS), William Galloway(Blythewood HS), Jordan Keisler(Gilbert HS), Zachary Kronsberg(Academic Magnet), Matthew Maixner (Waccamaw HS) Logan Redding(Pickens HS), Kyoko Simmons(Cane Bay HS), Banks Todd(Chapin HS), Angell Weaver(Airport HS). The **Camper of the Week is Justin Castro (Richland Northeast HS)**. Justin will receive paid registration to the Southern Conference in Orlando this fall.

Student state officers served as junior councilors during the camp week. The JC nominees who earned the Terry McCoy Leadership Award for service to SCASC were Lance Calcutt(Colleton County HS), Matthew Fortner(Crescent HS), Tess Humowitz(Waccamaw HS), Victoria Jackson(Ridge View HS), and Claire Ouzts(Spring Hill HS). From these nominees, **Claire Ouzts was awarded the JC of the Week** and will receive paid registration to the Southern Conference.

This summer workshop proved to be a great success and the student leaders left ready to explore the



world of leadership and to use the skills they developed in their schools and in their individual endeavors.

2018 Summer Leadership Camp is already being planned.
Look for more information and start planning now.



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

Come to the District Rallies

Come to the Advisors' Workshop
(January 22, 2018)

Come to the **State Convention**
(Easley High School, March 16-18, 2018)

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



SCASC Calendar 2017-2018

(Dates may be changed or added as needed)



August 2017

Back to School

September 2017

1 – SCASC Membership Begins (Update your membership online and send in your payment)

October 2017

9 – District 4 Rally (Clover HS)

13 – District 6 Rally (Crescent HS)

16 – District 1 Rally (Cane Bay HS)

17- District 3 Rally (Calhoun County HS)(Evening Rally 2:00pm-7:00pm)

17 – Advisor of the Year Application Due

27-29 – Southern Association of Student Council Conference (Orlando, FL)

November 2017

3 – Administrator of the Year Application Due

10 – District 2 Rally (Waccamaw HS)

District 5 Rally (Riverside HS)

?? – State Convention Planning Meeting for State Officers and Advisors (Irmo, SC)

30-Dec. 1 National Executive Directors Meeting (Spokane, Washington)

December 2017

1-4- NAWD Conference (Spokane, Washington)

January 2018

22- Advisor's Workshop (Brookland Baptist Conference Center, Columbia, SC)

Middle Level Workshop (Brookland Baptist Conference Center, Columbia, SC)

Officer Training/Planning Session (Brookland Baptist Conference Center, Columbia, SC)

26-27 – North Carolina Advisor's Workshop (Pine Hurst, NC)

February 2018

15 – Honor Council Applications Due

March 2018

1 – Terry McCoy Hall of Fame Nominations Due

3 – Walk Through for State Convention (Easley HS)

16-18 – State Convention (Easley HS)

23-24 - Officer Turnover Meeting (Columbia, SC)

May 2018

2 – Camp forms and payment due

June 2018

25-27 - National Student Council Convention (Wayzata High School, Plymouth, Minnesota)

July 2018

15-19 – Leadership Camp (Cherry Grove/Myrtle Beach SC)

August 2018

31 – SCASC Membership Ends

A Word from Your President ...



From the time I began as President, I knew that this would be an opportunity of a lifetime. My experiences have been nothing short of life changing. With many different states were represented, it was a sincere pleasure to be at the 2017 NASC (National Association of Student Council) Conference in Derry, New Hampshire, representing the best state, South Carolina. We spent lots of time together learning and growing together for the sake of bringing back our experiences to our own individual schools to make a positive change. At Nationals, we made relationships with other student leaders, listened to inspiring words from keynote speakers, and had a great time going from place to place including Canobie Lake Amusement Park and Fenway Park for the Redsox game! When we arrived back in South Carolina after the conference, we spent some time reflecting and preparing for Camp Cherry Grove. Knowing how Camp Cherry Grove changed our own lives, we made it a point as state officers to come a few days ahead and ignite our passions and learn how to best serve the campers as Junior Counselors for the week to come. We had a guest speaker Chris Seifert at camp, and he truly was amazing as he captivated the attention of those around him and exemplified the most selfless leadership. I am so grateful for the unique talents represented within SCASC and it is incredible to hear the stories of growing leadership. With State Conference, on our mind, my council and I have been working hard on our very own 80's theme conference "It's a Full House of Leadership" at Easley High School in Easley, SC on the weekend of March 16-18, 2018. Once again, I am so grateful to SCASC for allowing me to host the State Conference and I promise I will not let you down!

*All the Love,
Brooklyn Kelley
SCASC State President
Easley High School*



AWARDS, AWARDS, AWARDS!!

As you organize your yearly plans, remember the possibilities for awards.

Applications for Advisor of the Year, Administrator of the Year and Terry McCoy Hall of Fame are listed below. Complete the online form to apply.

Middle Level Advisor of the Year – Due by Oct. 17
Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/E8H41eQXFCAHHu8Q2>

High School Advisor of the Year – Due by Oct. 17
Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/a39uqolypcSatU8g2>

Administrator of the Year – Due by Nov. 3, 2017
Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/CylYuHEJCETcieC52>

Terry McCoy Hall of Fame – Due by March 1, 2018
Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/WvzDr7UzRfaJmR62>

Updated Honor Council and The Scrapbook rubric will be on the website soon.

National Student Council Conference

June 25-27, 2018
Wayzata High School
Plymouth, Minnesota

Southern Association of Student Councils *Conference*

Theme: "Leaders, Inc"

October 27-29, 2017

Ocoee High School, Ocoee Florida

Registration & Info at sascschools.com

Registration fee: \$200

Registration deadline: Sept. 26

Hotels: SpringHill Suites and TownePlace Suites at Flamingo Crossing (\$129 per night)

Schools desiring to attend must be current members of SASC. Advisor must complete registration and hotel reservations for your students.

***Important - If your school is planning to go to this conference, please complete the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/tAsNKwEjS0d93GWw1> This will give us the information we need to coordinate our South Carolina group.

We have plans to charter a bus that will leave on Thursday morning (Oct. 26) and return on Monday (Oct. 30). We must have enough interest to fill the bus, so if you are interested in riding this bus, contact Wendi Wimmer at wwimmer@richland2.org.

We are also planning to go to Disney on Thursday, afternoon. Let Wendi know if you would like to go to Disney. We will try to get group rate tickets.

There are plans to charter an additional bus. This bus will be leaving on Thursday morning and returning on Sunday night as soon as the conference is over. This group also plans to go to Disney World on Thursday night for "Mickey's Not So Scary Party" (Contact Roger Mize at Chapin High School if you are interested in going on this bus.)
rmize@lexrich5.org

If your school has plans to run for an SASC office, please let Bonita, Wendi, and Roger know, so we can inform the delegates and work with you on your campaign.

REMINDER: The Southern Conference in 2018 will be held at Cane Bay High School in Summerville, SC. It is exciting to have the opportunity to have this event in South Carolina. Start making plans now to attend and to help Cane Bay High in any way they may need.

2018 Advisor Workshop...

Mark your calendars now for the SCASC Advisors' Workshop which will be held on January 22, 2018, at Brookland Conference Center in West Columbia. Brooke Yarbrough, our SCASC Advisors association president, will be organizing the workshop this year. Look to her for registration and planning. 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 from an outside consultant along with opportunities to share and network with other advisors across the state. This is a great opportunity to take a day away from school and to reenergize for with some new ideas and strategies.

2018 Middle Level Workshop...

In conjunction with our Advisors' Workshop, we will again host a middle level workshop for middle school students. Our presenter will work with the middle level students while we are in the business portion of the workshop. 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 22, 2018, Brookland Conference Center, West Columbia.)

State and District Officer Training Session

All 2017-18 student state and district officers are invited to a training 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.

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

-Maya Angelou

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John C. Maxwell

South Carolina Student Councils Help Hurricane Victims

If you are interested in helping, you may read the note from Terry Hamm, the Texas Student Council Executive Director, to get information about what is most needed by some of the Texas schools.

-- Hello everyone – the following is from Terry Hamm of Texas...

Texas appreciates the many good wishes and offers of help we have received from our student council family across the United States. If your state or your council wants to help a specific school/council or TASC district, we have a link at www.tasconline.org with specific needs. (Look for the hurricane relief link.) We have several entire TASC districts that have been impacted, and those district presidents have registered for their districts. (You can see a [map of the districts](#) here.)

Sadly, we have more schools flooding today because of dam failures and cresting rivers. Thank you for your prayers, your warm wishes, and your concern.

Terry Hamm
Director, Texas Association of Student Councils

THE KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY OF OUR STUDENT COUNCILS ARE SURELY APPRECIATED BY THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY. THE PROJECTS LISTED BELOW ARE JUST A FEW FROM SOME SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS.

At WJ Keenan High School, we are beginning a Keenan Kares Campaign. The purpose is to collect items (toiletries mainly) to send as care packages to victims of Hurricane Harvey. We welcome the list of items you have to share. We will be glad to add them to the list of donations.

Charlie LaRosa has been itching to get this going for us. I am going to reach out to Rockport Fullton High - who looks like they are in need of help. We are going to send financial donation - hoping to get some clubs at ChapinHigh in on that with me and we will send requested items as well.

Mitchell Elementary is adopting Rosa Parks Elementary from Fresno Texas.

You can Help by purchasing t-shirts!

We have partnered with some schools in the Houston area where our teachers at Spring Hill have a connection to some of the teachers there. We are selling shirts that can be found and ordered at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/lhdYMeWRox5D7ixv2>.

All money will be going to area Houston schools.

Our council has started collecting items for Harvey victims. We have collected water, can goods, and pampers and other personal items. We will be collecting until next week. We were planning on sending them to Texas via one of the agencies in the area.

Rock Hill High School

The Gilbert High School Student Council collected supplies for Hurricane Harvey victims last week. They were delivered to the town of Batesburg-Leesville where they were loaded on a truck headed for Houston.