



The Gavel



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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 \$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. 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. Hurricane Florence has effected the dates for some rallies. Look for changes in the schedule for Districts 2 and 4.

District Rally Schedule

District	Date	Host School	Chairman	Advisor
1	Sept. 22	Fort Dorchester High	Alex Barton	James Barton
2	TBA	Green Sea Floyd High	Star Belvin	Tracy Kienast
3	Nov. 6	Airport High	Trace Wingard	Daniel Bailey
4	Dec. 8	Richland Northeast High	Kennedy Perry	Regina Cherry
5	Nov. 1	Wade Hampton High	Rebecca Grant	Sandy Brooks
6	Oct. 12	Laurens Dist. 55 High	Allen Davis	Brooke Yarbrough

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://goo.gl/forms/OineMqT2ROWa0ci92>

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

Membership year begins September 1, 2018 and runs through August 31, 2019.

(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



I hope you had a wonderful summer 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. I have already seen dedication and hard work in this group of officers as they executed task and worked well together at the summer leadership camp and during the National StuCo conference in Wayzata Minnesota. Banks Todd, our new state president, and the Chapin High School student council have already begun to prepare for the state student council convention.



I am very proud of the delegation we took to the National StuCo Conference at Wayzata High School in Plymouth, Minnesota. We had 10 advisors and 24 students attend the conference. The conference was June 25-27 and was attended by approximately 800 delegates from many states. As expected, the South Carolina students stood out as leaders, participated well 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. A special thanks to Roger Mize for setting up

and organizing the trip. We learned a lot to help enhance the leadership skills in our state and we were able to network with student leaders from around the US and other parts of the world. We were able to experience the Mall of America and I especially enjoyed the Segway tour of Minneapolis. Beautiful weather and excellent tour guides made this the best post trip I can remember.

Thanks 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. Please feel free to contribute ideas and suggestions that will help us improve this association. I am looking forward to a productive and successful year.

- Bonita



SCASC 2018-2019 Executive Board

Executive Director	Bonita Guram	SCASC
Assistant Exec. Director	Wendi Wimmer	Greenwood HS
President	Banks Todd	Chapin HS
Vice President	Ogugua Nwaezeigwe	Cane Bay HS
Recording Secretary	McCuen Bland	Chapin HS
Corresponding Secretary	Gresham Gunter	Chapin HS

District 1

Chairman	Alex Barton	Fort Dorchester HS
Vice Chairman	Eve Mitchell	Cane Bay HS
2nd Vice Chairman	Emma Bridges	Bamberg-Ehrhart MS

District 2

Chairman	Star Blevins	Green Sea Floyd HS
Vice Chairman	Katherine Singleton	Sumter HS

District 3

Chairman	Trace Wingard	Airport HS
Co-Vice Chairman	Gracie Culley	Chapin HS
Co-Vice Chairman	Jordan Keisler	Gilbert HS
2nd Vice Chairman	Emma Carter	Chapin MS

District 4

Chairman	Kennedy Perry	Richland Northeast HS
Vice Chairman	Alex McLeod	Clover HS

District 5

Chairman	Rebecca Grant	Wade Hampton HS
Vice Chairman	Chely Dickert	Easley HS

District 6

Chairman	Allen Davis	Laurens District 55 HS
Vice Chairman	Emilie Glenn	Crescent HS

SCASC	<u>Executive Board</u>	2018-2019
<u>Advisors' Association</u>		
President	Daniel Bailey	Airport HS
President Elect	Amanda Pinson	Crescent HS
Secretary	Brooke Yarbrough	Laurens D55 HS
District 1	James Barton	Fort Dorchester HS
District 2	Tracy Kienast	Green Sea Floyd HS
District 3	Daniel Bailey	Airport HS
District 4	Regina Cherry	Richland Northeast HS
District 5	Sandy Brooks	Wade Hampton HS
District 6	Brooke Yarbrough	Laurens D55 HS
Middle Level Rep.	Bridget Kinard	Bamberg-Ehrhardt MS
Host President	Roger Mize	Chapin HS
Camp Coordinator	Amanda Pinson	Crescent HS
Travel Coordinator	Roger Mize	Chapin HS
SASC Host School	Michelle Smith	Cane Bay HS

SCASC WEBSITE:
thegavel.org

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

Come to the District Rallies

Come to the Advisors' Workshop
(January 28, 2018)

Come to the **State Convention**
(Chapin High School, March 29-31, 2019)

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

November 30-December 2, 2018
Leadership Lives Here
Atlanta, GA

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

2018 Summer Leadership Camp News ...

Student leaders from many schools across South Carolina participated in our summer leadership camp. The theme this year was “Leadership Through the Decades”. Each delegate received intensive training in his/her role as leaders in their schools, opportunities to meet and network with other leaders around the state and time for socializing and fun. Amanda Pinson coordinated the camp activities this year and we enjoyed competition between the councils, dress up days, skill sessions, team building, communication training, and a look back at how the past decades of leadership can shape leadership for our future.

Individual students were recognized for their outstanding work during the camp week. These students were the top nominees for camper of the week: Bladen Bates-Wade Hampton HS, Nick Bazemore-Pelion HS, Mason Gibbs-Sanders Middle, Emily Gilstrap-Pickens HS, Claire Lady-Wando HS, Coan Luquire-Wade Hampton HS, Josh Parga-Airport HS, Kallie Richbourg-Airport HS, Nyla Wizzard-R.B. Stall HS, Noah Zeis-Ridge View HS. The camper of the week winners are Nick Bazemore, Mason Gibbs, Coan Luquire. These student will receive paid registration to the Southern conference.

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 Chely Dickert-Easley HS, Gresham Gunter-Chapin HS, Jordan Keisler-Gilbert HS, Banks Todd-Chapin HS, Trace Wingard-Airport HS



From these nominees, Gresham Gunter 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 make the future of leadership more exciting than the past.



2019 Summer Leadership Camp is already being planned. Look for more information and start planning now.

SCASC Calendar 2018-2019

(Dates may be changed or added as needed)



September 2018

- 1 – SCASC Membership Begins (Update your membership online and send in your payment)
- 22 – District 1 Rally (Fort Dorchester High School)

October 2018

- 12 – District 6 Rally (Laurens District 55 High School)
- 12 – Advisor of the Year Applications Due**
- 19-21 – Southern Association of Student Councils Conference (Cane Bay High, Summerville, SC)

November 2018

- 1 – District 5 Rally (Wade Hampton High School)
- ?? – State Convention Planning Meeting for State Officers and Advisors (Irmo, SC)
- 6 – District 3 Rally (Airport High School)
- 9 – Administrator of the Year Application Due**
- 29-30 National Executive Directors Meeting (Atlanta, GA)

December 2018

- Nov. 30-Dec. 2 NAWD (National Conference on Student Activities)(Atlanta, GA)
- 8 – District 4 Rally (Richland Northeast High School)

January 2019

- 28- 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)

February 2019

- 15 – Honor Council Applications Due**
- 22-23 – North Carolina Advisor's Workshop (Pine Hurst, NC)

March 2019

- 1 – Terry McCoy Hall of Fame Nominations Due**
- ?? – Walk Through for State Convention (Chapin HS)
- 29-31 – State Convention (Chapin HS)

April 2019

- 5-6 Officer Turnover Meeting (Columbia, SC)

May 2019

- ?? – Camp forms and payment due**

June 2019

- 24-26 - National Student Council Convention (South Fayette High School, McDonald, PA)

July 2019

- 14-18 – Leadership Camp (Cherry Grove/Myrtle Beach SC)

A Word from Your President ...



Ever since I was elected president, I've been able to see leadership and SCASC through a different perspective. I'm also thankful that this position has allowed me to make life lasting memories. In late June, alongside other JCs and delegates across the state, we attended the NatStuCo conference at Wayzata High School in Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Before we went to the conference, SCASC made a stop by The Mall of America where we not only shopped and walked around all of their 6 floors, but also where we rode roller coasters and other amusement rides. It was a check off the bucket list to see the biggest mall in all of America. When we went to the conference, I was beyond blessed to carry the South Carolina state flag across the stage and represent this amazing state as well as the best organization in the nation, SCASC. After making friends, hearing inspirational speakers, and learning stuff to bring back to our school, we headed to downtown Minneapolis. Here we rode Segway's, watched people fall off the Segway's, took pictures, and saw other touristy sights. When we got back home, we recovered from the conference and began preparing for Camp Cherry Grove. In order to be more prepared and less stressed, we came down two days early. The first day we took out all the boxes and unloaded all the trucks. The second day we made all our posters, or signs, decorated our cabins, etc. Later that night we went to a Legends Concert where we saw singers who reenacted singers like Elvis, Jimmy Buffet, and Michael Jackson. After that we stopped by cookout to grab some milkshakes and burgers. Sunday was game day for us JCs - the campers were coming down. In order to give the campers the best week of their lives, the JCs made it a mission to bring the enthusiasm and passion all throughout the week. And that's exactly what we did. I'd say that this camp truly created a family and a connection through all of SCASC. After our AMAZING keynotes, council meetings, workshops, and general sessions, the campers left camp eager for the State Conference at Chapin. With state preparation amping up, I'm trying to find the best speakers, the best food, and the best DJ possible for our Conference. With the theme being "Oh Say Can You Lead?", American patriotism is going to be seen all throughout the weekend of March 29-31. And last but not least, I will not let SCASC down. I'll do everything in my ability to make sure SCASC continues to thrive. I'm beyond excited and cannot wait to see everyone!!

Love to all,
Banks Todd
SCASC State President , Chapin High School

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. 12
Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/zAx4JY6fKzSdtn6b2>

High School Advisor of the Year – Due by Oct. 12
Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/7fSDQU81x0ShRB4K2>

Administrator of the Year – Due by Nov. 9, 2018
Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/VctfgD1pjkhqv70E3>

Terry McCoy Hall of Fame – Due by March 1, 2018
Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/fMH5kQxUgwDtMbxI3>

Honor Council and The Scrapbook rubric can be found on the website. (thegavel.org)
Double check the application directions to insure you meet the deadline dates.
Impress us with your projects and scrapbooks. Bring them to the state convention.

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: "Operation Leadership"

October 19-21, 2018

Cane Bay High School, 1624 State Rd., Summerville, SC 29486

Registration & Info at sascschools.com

Registration fee: \$170

Registration deadline: Oct. 5

Hotels: Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Airport Hotel & Convention Phone: 843-747-1882
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Charleston Airport & Convention Center Phone 843-554-2100
Doubletree by Hilton North Charleston Center Phone 843-576-0330

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/udOxZ66SUIZXEh8f1>. This will give us the information we need to coordinate our South Carolina group.

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.

**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

2019 Advisor Workshop...

Mark your calendars now for the SCASC Advisors' Workshop which will be held on January 29, 2019, at Brookland Conference Center in West Columbia. Daniel Bailey, our SCASC Advisors association president, will be organizing the workshop 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 consultant, Chris Seifert from Pennsylvania. You will surely learn a lot and be entertained by Chris' presentation. 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.



2019 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 29, 2019, Brookland Conference Center, West Columbia.)

State and District Officer Training Session

All 2018-19 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.

I alone
cannot change the world,
but I can cast a stone
across the water
to create many ripples.
Mother Teresa

National Student Council Conference **NatStuCo**

June 24-26, 2019
South Fayette High School
McDonald, Pennsylvania

SCASC State Convention



**Where: Chapin High School
300 Columbia Avenue. Chapin, SC 29036
Telephone (803) 575-5400.**

When: Friday, March 29, 2019 – Sunday, March 31, 2019

Theme: "Oh Say Can You Lead" (American/Patriotic)

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

**Contacts: SCASC President, Banks Todd
Host Advisors, Roger Mize and Billie Willams**

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, 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, 2019)
3. Student **MUST** complete all paperwork, meet the deadlines and get confirmation and permission from the executive director **BEFORE** beginning any campaigning.



Advisor Elections

Elections for the SCASC Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director will be held during the advisor's meeting at the state convention.

Advisors interested in running for these positions may contact Daniel Bailey (danielbailey@lex2.org) to get an application.