

GASC GAZETTE

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Interested in Running for a State Office?

The annual GASC Convention is drawing near, and that means so are elections for the 2012-2013 GASC Executive Board. Running for office is an incredible experience for advisors and students alike, and an opportunity you should consider!

You may be asking, is my council even eligible? If your school has had an active student council for more than 2 years, and you deem yourselves organized enough to take on the challenge, go for it. Positions available this year include President, Vice President, Secretary and Journal. There will also be an Executive Director election this year.

Why wait? Be a state leader this year! For more information on positions and elections, visit the elections page under the convention tab at www.gasconline.net



GASC Funday is coming to **YOUR** Area!

Has your council always wanted to attend a funday, but you have been too far away from the school hosting it? Well you're in luck because this January several of your GASC Exec and member schools will be hosting fundays near you!

A Funday is a great way for your council members to gain knowledge on leadership, GASC and other fun aspects of student council; it's also a way for advisors to learn new ideas to make their council better. For more info, keep your eye on the www.gasconline.net homepage!



Convention is Approaching! The annual GASC Convention is quickly coming upon us, and your GASC Exec Board couldn't be more thrilled. We've been working hard all year to make GASC 2012 the best convention yet, and to help

all of our delegates to "Set Sail on the Leadership".

GASC will be held on Feb. 17-19 at the FFA Center in Covington, GA. Early Bird deadline for registration is coming soon, December 9th! If you post mark all registration info by this date, you'll pay a discounted price of \$135 per delegate/advisor. However, if this is too soon for your council, the regular deadline is Jan. 9th, and late deadline is Jan. 23rd. For all the forms and information you need, please see the registration page under the convention tab at www.gasconline.net



Day at the Capitol! On November 14th, the State Capitol Building in Atlanta, GA received over 100 delegates and advisors from around the state for an unforgettable day spent with some of the most powerful leaders in the state. Students from Elementary, Middle, and High School councils were given the opportunity to sit on the floor of the State House of Representatives and hear from not only the Governor,

Nathan Deal, but also the Secretary of State, Attorney General, the Governor's Wife and several other leaders from around Georgia. Attendees walked away with new knowledge of the inter-workings of the state government and priceless leadership tips from those who know it best! Overall, the summit was extremely successful, and a big thanks goes out to Lanier County High and Wayne County for organizing such a great event!

2012 GASC State Service Project

THIS MONTH, 1 OUT OF 4 TEENS WILL BE BULLIED BY HIS OR HER PEERS.

Bullying is a worldwide epidemic. It takes many forms: physical assault, cyber-bullying, isolation, to name a few. Sadly, it's become a part of school culture. This year, the Georgia Association of Student Councils will do its part to put an end to this sad reality. We've adopted anti-bullying campaigns as the official state service project for GASC. Over the course of the year, our goal is to raise awareness and promote tolerance across the state.

WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?

Organize and execute an anti-bullying movement for your school. Do something creative and

APPLY FOR AWARDS!

* Has your council done something extraordinary this year? Do you have a council member who's gone above and beyond, and really deserves to be recognized? Then you should apply for the awards presented at the GASC Convention!

Show the state how amazing your student council is and bring home a title like "Advisor of the Year," "Best Service Project," or even apply for our Senior Scholarship of \$500! For more info, visit the awards page under the convention tab at www.gasconline.net



impactful. Possible resources include www.gasconline.net and www.teachingtolerance.com.

WHAT TO BRING TO GASC?

Bring a summary/write-up to conference about your campaign and how it worked at your school.

After convention, we will compile all of the service project entries to be distributed to GASC member schools. This year, an award will be given for the best anti-bullying campaign, so don't forget to fill out your awards form.

MONTHLY POLL: HOW DO YOU STOP BULLYING?



"At Mountain View, we sold T-Shirts that promoted anti-bullying. Before we knew it, people from all over the community wanted one! Such a little thing really raised awareness!"

— Collyn Dixon, Mountain View HS



"At North, we're planning on starting within our own council, which will lead up to some events that we hope will make a major difference in the way our student body views bullying!"

— Kaitlyn Long, North Gwinnett HS

How does your council put a stop to bullying?

Awareness Posters	40%
Advisement Lessons	30%
Major Events	15%
Still Brainstorming!	10%
Other	5%