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Welcome back!

We hope you had an amazing winter break and that you're ready for the new year! The 2011 NJASC Executive Board would like to wish the best of luck to the newly elected 2012 State Officers and would also like to thank all student leaders for supporting us in the past year and continuing to be the best leaders of New Jersey.

AND OF COURSE

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STATE CHARITY

GOOD GRIEF !

Good Grief is a resource for grieving children and their families. Through our support center and workshops we help children during the difficult times of their lives and offer support and guidance to the adults in their lives. We currently provide direct services for children and adults coping with loss due to death.

Our MISSION is to normalize grief in our society and create resilient communities where children coping with loss grow up emotionally healthy and able to lead meaningful and productive lives. This is done through our year-round peer grief support center and educational workshops.



www.good-grief.org

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YOUR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES!

Michael Giovinco

Good morning New Jersey! It's a true honor and privilege to be in the running for your new NJASC President today. I am currently a Junior at Oakcrest High School in Mays Landing, NJ. Right now I'm serving as the Treasurer of my school's Student Council and I've been actively involved with Student Council since my Freshman year. Outside of student government, you can spot me on stage in my school's drama club, in which I either act or direct for four shows a year, or you may catch me singing with the choir. I also have held positions as Historian for Oakcrest's Thespian Society, Treasurer and Vice President of our Latin Club, and Treasurer of the Future Business Leaders of America. I became an active member of Student Council after my director sent me to Oakcrest's miniature version of LTC that we hold. Ever since I've helped organize numerous events through Student Council and I was sent to the NJASC's LTC last summer as Oak's only representative. I hope to be able to impact all of you, the world's future leaders, the same way that the NJASC has impacted me. If I am elected to be your next President, I will make sure to showcase the talent and leadership qualities that all of you have to everyone around the state and beyond.

YOUR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES!

Rachel Yee

Hello New Jersey! My name is **Rachel Yee**, and I am truly honored to have this amazing opportunity to be a candidate running for your next NJASC President. Currently, I reside in Eastampton and attend Rancocas Valley Regional High School, the home of the RV Devils. Having attended multiple New Jersey Association of Student Councils Conferences, I am constantly inspired by all of the wonderful student leaders I've met in our great Garden State. I have always had a passion for student leadership and advocating for the empowerment of students. My personal mantra is "See a need, fill a need". Student Council has enabled me to live out this philosophy.

Ever since the fifth grade, I have immersed myself with leadership roles in Student Council and student activities. Along the way, I have served as Overall Student Council President and Class Vice-President. While serving as Student Council President, I helped to formulate and organize a playbook which served as a roadmap for future presidents. I love the notion of helping others discover the power of the students' voice when working cooperatively with school administrators and parents alike to seek win-win solutions. I advocate that leadership can be demonstrated in anything you do and regardless of what position you hold. My other passions outside of Student Council include competing in fencing tournaments on the local and national levels. Although my high school does not have a fencing team, I successfully petitioned to represent RV in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association fencing championships this year. I am also involved in Future Business Leaders of America, Model United Nations, and actively participate in community service through the Key Club.

Having attended LTC, the friendships I made and lessons learned were truly unforgettable. Seeing what others are doing across the state truly inspired and solidified my resolve to challenge myself to run for State Office so I could contribute in a bigger way to the organization and hopefully make a significant impact. If given the opportunity to serve as your next NJASC President, I will work tirelessly to help reinvigorate a revival in interest in student leadership all across the state.

Farewell from your 2011 President Michaela Brown

Dear New Jersey,

With the New Year come new opportunities to take advantage of, new obstacles to overcome, and the ever occurring presence of change. 2011 has been one of the most amazing years of my life, and this is due entirely to the people, passion, and spirit of the NJASC. My term as President has changed my life in the most extraordinary ways. It has been an honor to work with Good Grief and unite the state with a charity that affects all of us. The National Star Leaders Conference in St. Louis, Missouri introduced me to zealous leaders across the country. However, my favorite part of my presidency was LTC. I will never forget those two weeks of friendship, leadership, and enthusiasm. It was remarkable to witness student role models transform into the future leaders of New Jersey in merely four days.

This experience has undoubtedly made me a better person. Your 2011 State Officers are the most outgoing, hardworking, and talented leaders I have ever had the pleasure of working with. I have been inspired by each and every one of them to constantly strive to be the best leader I can possibly be. The guidance of Wendy Booth-Sitzler and Lou Miller has instilled in me a passion that is steadfast and a faith in student leadership that cannot be broken. Most importantly, you... the student leaders of New Jersey have made my term as president unforgettable. The amount of motivation, enthusiasm, and courage I have seen from you leaves me at a loss for words. With the New Year comes a chance to continue to grow as leaders. I believe each of you has the potential to change your schools, communities, and our wonderful state.

It is with a heavy heart I finally say goodbye to the year 2011; for the last seven years I have attended this Winter Convention, saying goodbye to the NJASC feels like I am losing a part of myself. I want to thank the NJASC, the 2011 State Officers, and you – the student leaders of New Jersey for giving me this opportunity. It has truly changed my life forever. I find comfort in the fact that I know New Jersey has extraordinary leaders waiting to continue the spirit and passion of the NJASC. With complete confidence I believe New Jersey, student leaders, and the NJASC will always be BOSS.

With sincere love and gratitude,
Michaela Brown
NJASC President 2011

Coming up...

Spring Awards Program
Thursday May 10, 2012
Six Flags Great Adventure

NASC National Conference
June 22-27, 2012
Yukon High School
Oklahoma City, OK

57th Annual LTC
Session 1: July 11-14
Session 2: July 15-18
The College of New Jersey,
Ewing Township NJ

Special Thanks

To you! The student leaders of NJ for the continuous support with the NJASC. To Wendy and Lou for being the most amazing State Advisors any officer could ask for. And also to the AA's which without we wouldn't have had such a successful year. The 2011 State Officers would also like to pass on good wishes to all the candidates running for 2012 State Office!

Do you have any comments, questions, or concerns? Would you like to add an article to the Review? Well just contact me, Deidre Lewis, at review11@njasc.org or my newly elected successor at review12@njasc.org