CHSAA Student Leadership Adviser Checklist

January 2020

“Life is beautiful not because of the things we see or the things we do. Life is beautiful because of the people we meet”
- Simon Sinek, author of Together is Better

NATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Registration has opened for the 2020 NatStuCo National Conference. If you have students interested in serving as a State Guide, have them contact Anna Swain: aswain@cherrycreekschools.org.

The National Student Council Conference is a unique opportunity for student council members and advisers to meet with their peers and enhance their leadership skills. During this memorable three-day event, student council members and advisers will roll up their sleeves and dive into robust leadership training. With high-energy, engaging speakers, and informative workshops, this conference never fails to send you home with the knowledge and enthusiasm to improve your council and realize your leadership potential. http://www.natstucoconference.org

For more information on how your council can volunteer, donate, or help in many other ways, contact the Conference Steering Committee Chairperson, Rashaan Davis, at: RDavis37@cherrycreekschools.org.

MONTHLY TO DO’S

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<td>Refocusing Calendar Items: This is a repeat activity from last year, but still important. With every new year comes new opportunities. This is the perfect time to rethink what’s left on your calendar for 2019-20 and reprioritize if certain things are still feasible to do or if there is anything new that has transpired and needs attention. This is also something you can do with your staff and administration as well. The biggest thing is to START!</td>
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<td>Event Evaluation: On the other end, how did that BIG event go? A simple evaluation tool is a great way to collect important information on the focus, logistics and changes to make for next years’ group of leaders. If an event went really well, consider presenting it at next year’s summer conference or at a Fall Summit!</td>
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**Wish Week Planning:** Whatever your school might be doing to raise money for your chosen charity, we encourage you to share with other student leadership programs the “how” and “why” your organization makes this happen. Ask a member of your organization to call or email another school within our state to see what they are planning to do this year. Even better, FaceTime or Skype with another council.

**Holiday Events:** Dr. King recognized the power of service. He famously said, “Everyone can be great because everybody can serve.” Observing the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday through service is a way to begin each year with a commitment to making your community a better place. [https://www.nationalservice.gov/serve-your-community/mlkdaygov/about-mlk-day-service](https://www.nationalservice.gov/serve-your-community/mlkdaygov/about-mlk-day-service)

**National Councils of Excellence:** All councils probably have an activity or service project that is of excellent quality and should consider applying for recognition through the National Student Council’s National Council of Excellence (NCOE) program. Find more information here: [https://www.natstuco.org/council-recognition/national-councils-of-excellence/](https://www.natstuco.org/council-recognition/national-councils-of-excellence/)

**Applications for your Leadership program:** We are just a few weeks away from course registrations for next year’s classes at your school. Get ahead of the game by reviewing your application and the processes for bringing in new members. This might also be a great time to make sure you have reserved facilities for your end-of-year celebration.

### OPPORTUNITIES

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<td>Nominate an Advisor for the CHSAA Student Leadership Advisor of the Year. To get the appropriate form contact Justin Saylor at the CHSAA Office: <a href="mailto:jsaylor@chsaa.org">jsaylor@chsaa.org</a> or call (303) 344-5050</td>
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<td>State Representative: Do you currently have underclassmen who shine in your council and are looking for an opportunity to serve at the state level? Have them apply to be a CHSAA State Representative. The link is live, and the deadline is approaching. For more information, contact Trey Downey: <a href="mailto:trey.downey@d51schools.org">trey.downey@d51schools.org</a>, <a href="https://forms.gle/pWdrrARGQPeAy5Gs9">https://forms.gle/pWdrrARGQPeAy5Gs9</a></td>
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**National days celebrations:** Pick and choose national days to share with your student body from this site. Examples for January are National Human Traffic Awareness Day (1/11/20); National Bagel Day (1/15/20); National Hugging Day (1/21/20); and National Compliment Day (1/24/20). [https://nationaldaycalendar.com](https://nationaldaycalendar.com)
**Monthly activity: Goal Ladders**  
Review why goals are important with your group. Consider using this quote: “Your goals are the road maps that guide you and show you what is possible for your life.” Then have them make goal ladders by writing their DREAM at the top of the ladder. Then on each step, have them write a goal and an action that will help them reach that goal. Take it one step further and add dates to the goals.  
[https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/page/files/goal_ladder.pdf](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/page/files/goal_ladder.pdf)

**Activity: 2020 Intention and Purpose**  
As a great way to start the year, lead a class discussion based on this reading from author and speaker Tim Elmore.  
[https://growingleaders.com/blog/the-one-thing-i-do-at-the-beginning-of-each-year-4/](https://growingleaders.com/blog/the-one-thing-i-do-at-the-beginning-of-each-year-4/)

**Reading: The Reflection of a Decade**  
Share this article that was written by Houston Kraft.  
[https://www.characterstrong.com/blog/196/the-reflection-of-a-decade](https://www.characterstrong.com/blog/196/the-reflection-of-a-decade)