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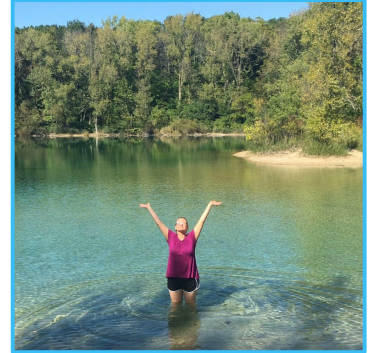
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President Adriana Saso

Being IASC President this year taught me so many things. I thought it would teach me mostly about leadership, but I was surprised to find that I learned mostly about myself and my relationships with others. Senior year, albeit stressful, has been wonderful to me. I'm so happy to have served as your president and I hope I have done well by you. I hope your endeavors to change your communities continue into adulthood and becomes a lifelong endeavor. I am so impressed with all of the work that's being done and the effort that you continually put in without question, without consideration of circumstance, without hesitation. I'm grateful for everyone I met along the way, and who I became because of it. I think of how lucky I've been to happen upon each and every opportunity in my life. I hope I have done well as your president, and I know you will continue to be strong and resilient leaders under the organization and in your daily lives. My advice leaving high school is to remember that love is everything. Love for family, for friends, for yourself, for education, for community – let it move you through life with strength and pride. If you're ever looking for me in the next four years, you can find me in St. Paul, Minnesota at Macalester College where I hope to study Neuroscience and pursue a career in cognitive linguistics (but no promises). I wish you all the best and I thank the organization and my fellow board members for a wonderful year.



First Vice President Megan Walsh

This year has been a crazy ride. Words cannot describe how much I have adored being the IASC First Vice President. It could not have been possible without the help of quite a few people and groups. Some of these people include my school and Student Council, the Eastern District, my family, my best friend Hannah Puckett, my advisor Janet Blade, and most importantly YOU! Thank you for letting me be the IASC First Vice President it has been a true pleasure.



Second Vice President Taylor Dickerson

Hello, IASC! It is hard to believe that my time with you has already come to an end. If someone had asked me my freshman year if I ever thought I would become Second Vice President of the IASC, I wouldn't even have known what IASC stood for. It's strange to think about now, as I cannot imagine what my life would be like without this organization. As my time rapidly draws to a close I would like to take this time to thank various people who have joined me along this journey.

While I am heartbroken to leave an organization that has been such a large part in my life for the past three years, I am excited to move on to bigger and better things. I can assure you that I will never forget our time together. In the words of Dr. Seuss, "You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!" and with that, I will be on mine.



Secretary Adriana Costa (Nick Peterson – acting)

Thank you to everyone who has been there for me throughout my Student Council career thus far in life. To Mrs. Ebens, thank you for seeing all the potential I have held since the 7th grade. You have given me so many opportunities and I am so thankful for them. To my Board, I love you all so much. I don't know what I would do without you guys. And a huge thank you to the IASC as a whole for letting me serve you as Secretary! This is goodbye...for now!



Treasurer McKenna Miller

I would like to thank my parents and Mr. Gordon for all their hard work and support in whatever I do. I have really enjoyed being a part of something bigger and will carry lessons learned from this experience with me throughout life.



Convention Secretary Amanda Shafer

I'll never forget walking into my first Student Council meeting as a freshman. I was terrified of all the upperclassmen, and to make it worse, I was shoved into a tiny corner in folding chairs with the other freshmen, per York StuCo tradition. I didn't feel at all like I could make an impact on even my Student Council, let alone my entire school or the whole state of Illinois. Here I am four years later though, on the other side of planning the biggest event of my life, one that has the potential to enact change in high schools across Illinois. Serving as the Convention Secretary has helped me grow as a person and as a leader. I will be forever thankful for the opportunities this position provided me with, and the friendships I made out of it.



Assistant Communications Director James Leichty

I remember coming home from school in the sixth grade and my mom reading me an email sent from my teacher; the email said that I had won my first Student Council election. I joined Student Council to be a part of something bigger, though I never thought of being a part of something as big as the IASC. My initial involvement created a foundation to serve and lead others. Serving on the '16-'17 IASC Executive Board was a goal of mine since attending the 2014 IASC State Convention. I would like to thank all those who enabled me to get to where I am today: Mr. Kieffer, the SJO administration, my family and friends, my teachers, and my fellow board members. The lessons serving on the Board has created will transcend my time in high school into college and beyond. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as you '16-'17 IASC Assistant Communications Director. I cannot wait to hear of the IASC's continued success.



Oh, The Places
You'll Go!

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