GET CONNECTED

SISTER SCHOOL CONTACTS AND FEEDER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FALL 2010
Hey NASC! I hope you have all enjoyed your first weeks back at school! I know how hard it can be to get back in the swing of things. However, I am sure that you all have been working with your own student councils throughout the summer to make sure your Fall is excellent.

Something I am hoping you all have heard of is the Triangle of Success. This is my set of Presidential Goals that I am hoping you can work through with your councils, and individually. It is very important that we all stay goal-oriented, confident and motivating in what we are doing.

The Triangle of Success consists of three goals (or points) that will hopefully ensure your success. At the top of the Triangle is Communication, followed by Leadership Development, and finally Outreach. I believe that through communication at a school and state level, we will develop as leaders, and ultimately make a difference in our community. I have recently developed a “guide” for the Triangle of Success, which was discussed and worked on during our August State Executive Board meeting. This guide helps give specific examples of how your student council can work through each goal. This has been available to the Student Body Presidents at the regional President’s meetings, and can also be found on the NASC website - nevadastuco.org.

As I have mentioned many times before, I cannot say how excited and hopeful I am for this year. It is clear that the councils in our association care about what they are doing, and truly want to make a difference. I cannot wait to see what we can achieve together.

As always, I can be contacted through email at President@nevadastuco.org. I am happy to help you and your council in whatever way I can, as well as enjoy hearing what you are up to! Good luck this fall, and I will see you all soon!

Taylor Ashton
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State Executive Board President
Hello Nevada! I hope everyone’s in gear for the new school year!
We are moving into interesting times with the election season heating up and the upcoming 2011 Legislative Session. As we move forward, I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU AND THE STUDENTS YOU REPRESENT!
I met many of you at the State Conference at Spring Creek HS, but not all Student Council members were able to attend State. I want to hear from all student council members, regardless of whether they attended State! I also want to hear from students in other activities, clubs, athletics, and organizations; and your fellow students in your schools in communities.
The best way to share your thoughts is to join the Nevada Education First Group on Facebook. I will be transferring operations from the Education First Page to this new Group to allow for better communication with Student Councils, Nevada students, and other interested parties.
Please ask your entire Council, students in clubs and activities, student athletes, and students throughout your school and community to join the Group! Tell them about the possible massive deficit ($3+ billion) at the State level, and that as the Student Representative to the State Board of Education, I will be working alongside the State Board of Education to implore state leaders to ensure adequate funding for education. In addition, tell them that I want to hear their perspectives, ideas, concerns, and questions about anything pertaining to education in Nevada so that I can share them with our state leaders! Also, I will post updates on the Group; I am working on several projects and student-led initiatives, and will share more information via the Education First Group!
I plan to contact the state officers and student leaders of various student activities and organizations across our state; but because Student Councils represent the total student body of schools, including members of activities and organizations, I need your help in getting the word out! Tell your fellow students what I do and that I want to hear from them! Ask them to join the Education First Group! Encourage them to share their thoughts and perspectives on education! Remind them that together, we will make sure that EDUCATION COMES FIRST!
Can you imagine attending a school where there are only 5 students in your class? By class I mean entire grade level! That’s the average class size for Clark’s sister school, Gerlach High School in Gerlach, Nevada. Having a high school student body consisting of less than 30 students is a very surprising concept in a large city. But a small student population does not set them behind, as they excel in everything they do! Our council loved reading about their sports and various clubs in the yearbook that was provided with their gift. We really appreciated their gift as it gave us real insight to student life on the campus of Gerlach High School.

Deciding on the perfect gift for such an amazing school was not easy. Clark decided on sending Gerlach a shirt from our retreat with everybody’s signature. Alongside this item were many pictures of our retreat, including the photo scavenger hunt pictures. Gerlach really appreciated the new ideas we sent them & Clark is absolutely looking forward to working alongside this great school throughout the year!

Hey Nevada student councils! Sister school contact is very important as most of you know. In order to get the Silver and Blue star awards you have to have sister school contact. When thinking of a sister school activity you and your council need to consider the following: if it’s going to create a bond between you and your sister school, if you both will benefit from the activity and if the activity is possible for both schools to do. Sister schools are a great way to share awesome ideas with other student councils. You can share ideas about charitable contribution ideas, homecoming dress up days and activities, lunch time activities, fundraisers and spirit activities. Sister schools are great for many things and all you should take advantage and use the help and other ideas your sister school can provide!
Hi! My name is Courtney Anderson and I attend Arbor View High School as State Co-Chair for the NASC state board! Being in student council isn’t always about just checking off a list for your silver star but also to learn and share ideas to make schools the best they can be. Contacting sister schools and middle schools may seem quite simple, but taking it beyond the requirement is what really makes this special. Maybe, making spirit items for these schools will help bring a more sincere aspect to the connection, for instance hair ties, t-shirts, or signs. School spirit is never enough, and providing them with spirit items will make it easier. Personally, my favorite item is the hair ties that sometimes sports use. All you need is hair ties for each member (this is for the girls so maybe sweat bands decorated for the boys) and ribbon that is their school colors. To personalize the hair ties even more, you can get thicker ribbon and get puffy paint to write their name or school name on it. Just a simple thing as these can show your sister school and middle schools that you’re more than contacting but instead connecting.

Hey guys! I am Aaron Diaz your NASC Webmaster here telling you to GET CONNECTED! Middle schools are a very important part of our organization, because they take our spots as we move on. It is important that we kind of pave the way for them. I attend Valley High School where our feeder schools are Orr Ms and Fremont Ms. One example of what we do is each year we have a PB & J a-thon where we collect donations of bread, peanut butter, and jelly. We invite Orr Ms over and make as many sandwiches as possible. Not only is this a charitable event that helps feed many unfortunate people, it is also a great and positive way to meet and socialize with these middle schools. This is also a great idea for your brother and sister schools. Anytime you guys are having a social, or charitable event make sure to invite your sister and brother schools if possible, this will help make the NASC a stronger and more unified organization. Remember, GET CONNECTED!
Hey Nevada! School is in session and Arbor View High School has been striving to make this year’s council the strongest it has ever been. During the first week of school, our Aggie Student Council held our Fall Sports Assembly. In order to gain audience participation, we played several games from the TV show “Minute to Win It.” The crowd went wild as they watched their peers perform ridiculous tasks in 60 seconds. These games were such a success, that we sent a detailed description of 100 games to our marvelous sister school, Spring Creek HS! We hope that these games may be a source of fun and participation in the north, as well.

This year, our brother school is Centennial High School. On September 11th, our football teams are scheduled to play against each other. Centennial’s student council will wear white shirts tie-dyed with their main school color, which is blue. Our Aggie council will wear white shirts that are tie-dyed with our spirit color, red. Both of our councils will meet at halftime to pay tribute to the lives that were lost on 9/11. Members from each student council will carry a large flag across the field as the ROTC performs and “God Bless America” is sung. We hope that this event will allow our student councils to bond as well as show both of our schools that even though they are Bulldogs and we are Aggies, we are all Americans.

What could make you happier than to finish a dance set-up early? With Escobedo Middle School being A-tech’s feeder school, many A-tech council members joined their council in setting up the best 8th grade dance! With their dance themed, “A Walk to Remember”, A-tech definitely helped make it memorable. Not only was the set-up memorable, but the whole experience with A-tech and Escobedo working together was fun! Speaking of fun, A-tech had an end of the year luau themed gathering. With that in mind, and the thought of summer and sun, we decided to create a welcome back beach ball that provides our sister school, Beatty High School, with tips on welcome back activities. The beach ball includes awesome suggestions for fundraisers, assemblies, activities, and others that would make all students feel welcome at the school! Along with the ball, we added leis and other decorations to give off the luau, Hawaii feel! Hopefully they’ll put some of those ideas to use because we surely will!
Concerning sister school contact for this month, our sister school, Smith Valley HS, sent us a large sign going with their “unstoppable” theme for this year. They also sent us a signed Smith Valley Student Council shirt, as well as candy. All of the elements of the gift that we received were packed into a large cardboard tube, which has now established the standard for sister school gifts for the rest of this year. For our sister school gift that we sent to Smith Valley, we sent them a sign to go with our “adventure” theme for this year, in addition to a Student Council Survival Kit. We packed both of these into the same cardboard tube they sent to us and we will keep trading off the tube throughout the duration of the school year. As far as feeder school contact for this month, we are volunteering at one of our elementary feeder schools, Robert Taylor, at their open house. This is an event that we love to help out at and we are so excited to offer them our assistance.

Boulder City High School is working on staying in touch with our sister school, East Tech. We have recently sent a package to East Tech in our excitement to keep in touch and to share our ideas amongst one another. We currently mailed them pencils, erasers, pens and candy to say hello and start off a new year. Gifts will be mailed out each quarter to keep things moving. We have come up with the idea to have pen pals with East Tech student council to hear about what they as a class are doing to stay busy and keep their school involved in activities. Each student in BCHS’s Student Council will be given one student to write to from the other school throughout the course of the school year. The goal for us is to mail these pen pals out at least once a quarter, possibly more depending on how quickly they respond. We plan to keep this going all year, and we hope that East Tech will participate in this activity.

Wouldn’t life be so much easier and more fun if your sister school was in town? Fortunately for us at Canyon Springs High School, Southwest Career and Technical Academy, our sister school, is within driving range! Our recent contact was having us go and present a workshop on a forthcoming dance for them. Since SWCTA is a new school, we thought the topic would help them prepare for their first dance of the year. We were able to bond, and teach the SWCTA Coyotes the important aspects that a dance needs. This includes committees of assembly, dance, royalty, lunchtime activities, and half-time show. We also got to play fun games that made our beginning friendships stronger. Pioneers <3 The Coyotes!
Here at Cheyenne its our goal to do just that! This year we’re making big plans to make positive alliances and bring our schools together. Of course that begins with our sister school, which is new this year, Palo Verde! For the past two or three years we have been paired with Cimmarron-Memorial. Now we have the opportunity to bond with a fresh group of Student Council advocates.

Cheyenne is big on pictures, songs, and memories. Now we feel the need to get physical. No, we won’t bite, but we want to go out into the world with our sister school and have some down right fun! We’ve brainstormed activities like laser tag and bowling, or water gun fights at a mutual park. These outings will merely be for fun and friendship. Yet we also plan on placing community service into the mix. We want to feed the hungry and help our fellow teenagers on the streets with Palo by our side. Isn’t that what the bigger picture is all about? So yes, we have many ideas and plans for our sister school, not to mention our middle school this year. Also, we are open to doing projects with any school, so just remember, we don’t bite.

Coronado High School’s Student Council has always tried to assist our sister schools with suggestions and themes for our up and coming school year. Sometimes it is different to hear ideas from someone outside your school. The vision and concept can be refreshing and possibly open up discussions about topics or inspire things that have never been used. In May of 2010, the school year was coming to an end and we received the name of our sister school. Our sister school for the 2010-2011 year was Chaparral High School. We wanted to put time and care into the preparation of our gift so we made it part of our class final exam. We split the class into several groups who had to work toward suggestions for their next year’s Homecoming: Themes, Spirit Days, Assembly Ideas and Decoration Ideas. We then sent them the care package of thoughts and ideas. Also, we try to always plan a social event throughout the year to help us get to know each other a little better. In the past we have planned a bowling evening, kickball night, a picnic or even a campfire with s'mores’. We plan to work towards a fun and eventful gathering for the month of October or November.

Although there may be several miles between our council and our sister school, we can still make contact and make it count. To help our sister school come to know our council, we recently sent pictures of our sleepover in the cafeteria to kick-off the school year. We also sent them Del Sol T-shirts, dragon pens, and candy. We included a letter explaining some of the activities we have planned for the school year. Along with the candy we included a calculator with clever phrases encouraging them to have a great year. This helps our sister school get to know us and understand a little bit of what we have going on at our school. Next, we plan to create a video to send to our sister school student council to help them know our council members, our school, our activities, and our spirit! To connect with schools in our area, we host an annual PB&J A-thon. We invite school in our area to join us in our cafeteria and make hundreds of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to give to local homeless shelters before Thanksgiving. It’s a great way to interact with other council and create bonds.
Getting connected with sister school gifts has helped our council expand our communication with other councils around Nevada. This year, our sister school is Lowry High School in Winnemucca, Nevada. Ever since the state conference, Steaven Rojas, our amazing president, and the rest of our executive council, have made the sister school gift a priority; not because it is mandatory, but because we just love getting connected! At the state conference, the relationship between our two councils just clicked. After that, we already knew how we were going to stay connected.

To start off the year, we devised a simple plan to stay connected; all we needed was a council to help us out. We had our Diamondback elections, got together a wonderful council, and executed our plan to turn in our first sister school contact in time. The plan was to send a postcard to Lowry from everywhere that we’ve individually been to. Our all-council postcard was from when we went to Zion Ponderosa Ranch, Utah for our council retreat. The plan was completed successfully. Our advisor, Ms. Wright, received an email from Lowry’s advisor stating that they have received so many postcards all from Las Vegas, specifically from Desert Oasis. We also sent a DVD of the Desert Oasis student council retreat in a Lowry decorated box which they also enjoyed.

In conclusion, the Desert Oasis student council family is very passionate about getting connected with the sister school gifts. The postcards and Lowry box is just the beginning. We are always thinking of ways to communicate with our sister school. I actually think sister school contacts are what keeps other councils close to each other, since we never have opportunities to bond face-to-face.

Desert Pines

HS Student Council has surfed a few other routes to get connected with our community and our sister school. In the midst of continuing to strive for becoming great leaders, we chose to help lead our fellow Von Tobel middle school students into a day of fun! Our middle school contact in June was a blast for us. Also, we’ve made our very first 2010/2011 sister school contact. Our new sister school this year is Wooster High School located in Reno, Nevada. We hope to stay in touch with our surroundings more often this school year.

Making our middle school contact, at Von Tobel MS pumped our spirits! We watched the students play games and participated with them. Our main duties were to supervise them, make certainty of their safety back and forth to different locations, and guarantee they had a thrill. We took advantage of the chance we had to interact with them and it benefited us as well.

Our very first sister contact was sent to Wooster HS in August. We decided to send them a spirited postcard with a photo of our Desert Pines HS Student Council. Attached, was a letter welcoming them into the new school year. Also, we included self-inflicted advice that would help not only them, but us as well through the school year. We hope they enjoyed it. There’s nothing better than getting connected in our web we call “community”.
Maintaining a solid relationship with your sister school and feeder schools is so important! They help to provide new ideas for your council, and it’s a great way to meet new people. In previous years, Durango partnered with our sister school to help out the community. Not only was it a great opportunity to meet their council, but we helped to cover graffiti in our own neighborhood. It was a great idea, and everyone had so much fun! Every year, our council goes to our feeder school and we help out with their annual school carnival. We help set up carnival games, and just make sure everything runs smoothly. It’s a great way to meet upcoming baby blazers, and we get to show them a little of what high school has in store for them. At our Battle of the Sexes assembly last year, we brought our feeder school’s student council to Durango to help us set up for the assembly. We showed them around our school, and we gave them some great ideas that they could take back to their school. We taught them how to make balloon arches, how to paint a poster, and better ways to be a leader at their school. At the end of the assembly, Sawyer performed a skit and a dance. Our feeder school had so much fun, and our students loved it! We hope that this school year we will be able to have more activities and contacts with our sister and feeder schools than in previous years.

To stay connected to our sister school we send them monthly gifts that are fun, useful, and personal. This is a great way to stay connected because our sister school is so far away. This summer we sent out little “Back to School” pencil pouches with a few school necessities to prepare them for going back to school. This gift is fun and also useful. The next time we send a gift we want to film a video of “A Day in the Life of an Eldorado Stu-co Kid”. We think this will be a fun way to let our sister school see what we do in our council and maybe give them ideas. Hopefully it will inspire them to make a video for us also. We also connect with our sister school through Facebook and other online sites this way we can talk to them whenever we want to and actually become friends.
Connecting with your feeder school is a great way to get your school involved in the community. Not only does it get your council interacting with younger students, it provides middle school student councils the opportunity to see high school student councils first hand; it’s a win-win situation! One way that Green Valley works with our feeder schools is by inviting them to our Homecoming festivities. Homecoming is a time that showcases our school, student council, and community. We encourage the middle school student councils to work with their school in creating a float for our annual Homecoming Parade. This allows them to really take in the whole high school experience, as well as get the opportunity to march in our parade! Also, during Homecoming, we invite the middle school bands to perform on the football field with our marching band during half-time. The students (both middle school and high school) really love the opportunity to work with their partner school. This is definitely a tradition that will last at Green Valley, and is hopefully something you can take back to your own school!

This year our sister school is Dayton HS in Dayton, Nevada. We love having a sister school from another part of Nevada, because it gives us a glimpse into the rest of our state. So far, we have created a huge card that our leadership class all signed and we sent it to them. Included in our card were some of our favorite leadership activities that we do in class. Every year we like to take a large group photo of our leadership class and send it to our sister school along with some updates on our current events and a friendly letter. We can’t wait to keep in touch with Dayton and learn from them as we share ideas, and stories about our experience as student leaders.

There are many things our school does to stay connected, whether it’s with our middle school (Harney Middle School), our brother school (Faith Lutheran High School), or our sister school (Reno High School). For instance, every year with our middle school we have an ice cream social. It is a great bonding experience for both of our councils. Everyone enjoys the ice breakers, getting to know one and other, and let us not forget the great ice cream! As the school year comes closer to an end, their student council throws an eighth grade dance. We get as many people from our council to go and help set up. They really appreciate us going to help, and we’re glad to help with anything we can! ☺

We have several activities planned to do with our brother school this year! And we are looking forward to meeting them. We’re still thinking about what we should do with them. We’ve decided on either a slip-pin’ slide, a bonfire, a slippin’ slide INTO a bonfire, or laser tag. In our opinion, any of these would be great. These shall let us bond with one another, and we’ll really get to know each other. These are pretty fun activities, and we cannot wait to meet them! We recently sent a gift to our sister school. Below is a picture of our gift for Reno High School, along with a thoughtful card that was home-made!
For the 2010-2011 school year our sister school is Veterans Tribute CTA. We both have exchanged gifts to start off the new school year. Our council sent a large card saying “We love you”. Along with the card we sent start off the year supplies to help and encourage our sister school. The supplies we sent were metaphorical. For example, we sent a rock that said “we” as in “we rock” and a ruler that said “you” as in “you rule”. Veterans Tribute sent us a letter wishing us a great year and telling us about their retreat. During their retreat they made pennants to represent themselves and for the faculty and staff on their campus. They made an extra one for us to decorate and hang in our Stu-Co room.

At Pahrump Valley HS, we have sent our first sister school, Round Mountain, contact for the year. We did a ‘welcome back’ package where we sent them an assortment of pens, pencils, notebook paper, and sticky notes. We also added some candy to ensure their first week of school would have a touch of sweetness. A description of our First Day of School Assembly was the finishing touch to our gift. This assembly is designed to get the school pumped up about the year and unite the student body as a whole. Let’s face it, if the WHOLE student body is squished into the size of our gym, you know they are going to get to know each other a little better.
As the daughter of a Mid-Level Advisor, I have the inside scoop! Here it is... straight from the advisor of Sig Rogich Middle School.

1. Invite Middle School kids over to the high school to shadow that high school atmosphere.
2. Have the Mid Level Council come to the high school to watch assemblies.
3. Help your feeder schools plan assemblies.
4. Plan and participate in community service activities together.
5. Assist in dance set-up.
6. Teach middle school student councils parliamentary procedure.
7. Exchange ideas on increasing school spirit.
8. Conduct a poster-making workshop.
10. Check up on your feeder schools’ progress on earning their state award.

When it comes to Southeast Career and Technical Academy Student Council we always aim to have a good relationship with our sister school. Our first encounter with Bonanza (our sister school) was at the State Conference in Elko, Nevada. The first time we met them was at the same room for state. The Bonanza High School Student Council members are extremely friendly, and we enjoyed our bonding time. We even played an icebreaker with them to memorize each other’s name. While Bonanza and our student council were in line waiting for our self portraits to be taken, we took pictures with them and also said some cheers together to battle other Student Council members from other schools.

Bonding with your sister school doesn’t only mean the whole has to meet up and just have a little discussion, but you also have to give them a “sister school” gift. The gift that the Southeast Career and Technical Academy Student Council gave Bonanza was a framed picture of a photo we took with Bonanza’s Student Council members at state. We thought of giving them a framed picture of us so they could all cherish the good memories that theirs and our council had at the state conference. Aside from giving material gifts, we as a whole student council also give tours to junior high school students to further expand their knowledge about the opportunities that are waiting for them in Southeast Career and Technical Academy.

At Sierra Vista, our Sister School Contacts are a way for us to communicate ideas and to also have fun. For each of our contacts, we try to incorporate some new ideas for events and activities that we have done along with something fun too. A typical example of one of our sister school contacts would be to send a Homecoming shirt and write a note to them that talks about our theme for the dance and how we incorporated that into the decorations, invitations, and Homecoming week. Since Homecoming is in October we could also send Halloween candy so they could have something to share with their entire council. Sister school gifts that we have received have included everything from board games to braided bracelets of our school colors. Whenever we get a package from our sister school, we are extremely excited to open it and see what ideas we can utilize to benefit our own school. It is also super gratifying to eat some candy during the school day!
At Silverado High School, we do our best to get connected with our three feeder schools. Throughout the school year, our student council does various activities to make the students from Schofield Middle School, Silvestri Middle School, and Greenspun Middle School feel less intimidated and encourage them to get involved in our incredible school. For instance, student council hosts our annual “Shadow Day” where we have many eighth graders come and learn how the school works by following a current student at Silverado around for the day. The middle school students are able to pick up on how high school is different than middle school, but it is not as intimidating and crazy as it seems. The goal of this event is to help the eighth graders feel less intimidated and more confident and comfortable about going to high school. Also, the student body officers travel to each feeder school in order to teach the middle schools students about Silverado’s student council and, of course, to recruit incoming freshman. This gets many students involved in Silverado before they even have to step foot onto campus. Each of these events gets future students excited and spirited for Silverado. All in all, our feeder schools are very important to us, and we want to make sure that each and every incoming student feels welcome; we want them to love Silverado just as much as the students in student council.

This Summer, the student council of Spring Valley, sent a “Welcome Back to School,” basket to our sister school Sandy Valley. Inside the basket, we filled it with goodies such as school themed erasers, school themed bracelets, paperclips, glue sticks, pens, a bubble stick, and a voice enhancer, toy microphone. We decided to send these items because most of the gifts were simple, “Have fun at school,” utensils. However, we also decided to send them a bubble stick because, although we encourage that they do well in school, we also inspire them to have fun while doing so. The toy microphone was mainly sent to their Student Body President, so he or she can always project their voice in order to lead his or her council in the right direction to success. Last but not least, we included a letter from that explained each item and its purpose. Also to greet their council and welcome them back to school, as well as to show how happy our council is that our new sister school is another SVHS!
This year, the SWCTA student council of 2010-2011 attended and organized a retreat on August 19-20, 2010. To assist us, our sister school Canyon Springs was able to come to our school and teach us about their efficient and successful ways to plan the starting of a spirit week and a homecoming. We were able to speak about what three attributes a unified and dedicated student council should have; i.e. communication, teamwork, and dedication. We also accomplished in discussing a “checklist” of what we need to do to have a successful homecoming and spirit week.

Canyon Springs generously created a checklist for us displaying what would need to get done: flag football halftime show, dress days, ticket sells, dance theme, and homecoming royalty. After being able to see their ways and assess it with how ours are different, we were able to come up with a few compromises on how our school could possibly do it the upcoming year. Afterwards, we were able to engage in a few icebreakers and then have lunch with them before getting back to work. Overall, our student council found the whole experience very enlightening and enjoyable, and the bonding we shared with them was too.

Valley High School’s Student Council, hosts numerous events and activities to get to know our sister school, White Pine High School, our brother school, Bonanza High School and our middle schools, Freemont, K.O Knudson, and Orr Middle School! Not only do our events allow us to interact with the fellow council members, they also give us yet another opportunity to give back to our Las Vegas community.

Around the holidays, we host a PB&J-a-thon. Where we invite all the Middle School Council members to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless shelter. We listen to music and have fun while also remembering those in need. With Bonanza High School, our brother school, we invite them to join us in running The Great Las Vegas Santa Run, a marathon where we raise funds for Opportunity Village. Not only do we have a fantastic time in our Santa suits, but we are getting to know each other and we are building a stronger bond.

Unfortunately, our sister school White Pine High School, is not in the Las Vegas area, so we do send them gifts and cards. We have sent them a mascot and also a piggy bank, so they can get started on their fundraising!

Connecting with all our middle schools, brother and sister school is a great way to learn new things and bring other Student Council members together around Nevada!
Virtual High School was ecstatic to be able to have both a brother and sister school this year as last year we were not able to. We thought long and hard about how to show the other schools who we were and to welcome our family back to a brand new school year.

For our first contact we decided to make a video since our school is based on technology. We recorded a tour of our school and had our officers introduce themselves to the other councils. We also sent them a welcome back card signed by VHS StuCo.

We are very excited to get to know our brother and sister schools and are looking forward to any activities we are involved in together. We wish they weren’t as far away so that we would be able to work with them more closely and on a more regular basis. Virtual High School is so looking forward to this school year, we will be sure to make it the best one yet!

Western High School’s sister school this year is Fernley High School. Their school is up near Reno and it’s not close to our school, yet we still manage to keep in touch with them. Every month we communicate with Fernley by sending them a package. This month our package included twenty dollars worth of school supplies like: glue stick; a planner; sticky notes; pencils; pens; highlighters; and a note. We like to include a note or letter because we believe it’s a perfect way of exchanging ideas with them and a way of further communicating with each other. Plus it’s another way to get to know our sister school’s student council better. For example, in the last package, we didn’t send a letter but we made them a note saying “Welcome back to school!” It’s our way of beginning to personalize things instead of just sending what is mandatory. Another thing we like to add to the package is photos of our student council members taking part of activities we’ve done in the last month, events like: Western’s freshman orientation; and our summer Student Council retreat. We make it a priority to document everything our Student Council participates in because this is a way of showing them what we’re doing and hopefully, it will give them ideas of what they can do. We’ve been inspired by many other schools, so one of our goals this year is to do the same for our sister school.
Our Battle Mountain High School Student Council likes to be involved with our Middle School, we enjoy interacting with the younger students and helping them out whenever we can. Every year our Executive Student Council officers go to the middle school and help them run their student council elections. We introduce each of the candidates and listen to each one of their speeches. Then we hand out the ballots to all the students, count up the results, and give the results to the advisor. We also involve our Middle School with most of our charitable contributions. BMHS wanted to raise money for the disastrous earthquake in Haiti, so we organized Hats on for Haiti. Both schools set a date and we advertised it all around both schools. We collected $1.00 from every student wearing a hat. Our middle school did great! Another charity we did was for one of our own families in Battle Mountain. One day their house had burned down and they lost all of their personal belongings. We knew we had to help this family out as soon as possible. We communicated with the junior high and we both agreed to have a clothing drive. The students brought in a variety of clothes and sizes that were fit for the family. Both our middle school and high school had a great turn out with both of the charities. We thank our middle school for helping us with these charities, they are a big help!

The sister school program is a fun activity that helps connect our student council with the student council of another school. There are several ways we communicate with a sister school varying from giving gifts to simply sending a note to say that we care. One way our school shows our sister school that we care is by sending a package with scrapbooking supplies at the beginning of the year. This allows our sister school to get a head start on their scrapbook. Another way we will make a connection is by sharing homecoming DVD’s and ideas. Along with our sister school, we maintain communication with our middle school. This connection is easy to maintain because Carlin is a K-12 school, and our high school shares a building with the middle school. Not only do we have the connection of shared hallways and teachers, but we also have a connection with activities which include a winter carnival, workshops, and sharing ideas from student council to student council. Using these and other methods, Carlin High contacts, connects with, and maintains a connection with our sister school and our middle school.
Each year we put on a mid-level conference for our junior high. We pattern this after our own regional and state conferences. We teach them leadership and how to stand up and do what is right in every situation. We put them through confidence building games and ice breakers. Even for how small our school is, there are a lot of differences between some of the kids. Some of them don’t get along, and sometimes through working together in these games it helps them build common ground with each other, and they learn that a lot more people than they thought share common ground with them. We go through a lot of planning and working together as a student council, and this brings us together as a council. So, not only do we help the middle school come together but we also help them learn leadership skills. We feel that this has helped in the past and we enjoy putting it on. Of course it is always fun for the middle school kids to get out of classes to play games and have some fun.

Every winter we have a spirit assembly to help pump up our students for a big game. Last year we changed this spirit assembly to a spirit education assembly. We invite the high school students as well as the middle school students. We educate the students by going through cheers with the cheerleaders, going through chants, and the school song. We also watch a slideshow of all the winter sports. We top the assembly off with a few fun class against class games. It’s a great way to pump up the kids and also get the middle school involved. The assembly really gets the kids going and come game time the air in the gym is electric.

This year the middle school is starting its first leadership class. We as a council plan to meet with the middle school leadership council at least once every month. At these meetings we will brainstorm and come up with ways to get students more involved and make the school a better place for everyone. If we can help the middle school understand what spirit really is than our job will be much easier when they get to high school.
Here at Spring Creek High School we know how stressful being a conference host can be. So for our sister school contact, Arbor View, the state conference host this year, we try to be as helpful as possible. While preparing for the state conference we all learned that organization is very important to hosting the state conference. In our recent sister school contacts, we have sent jump drives, mailing labels, mechanical pencils, and other things we found to be helpful organization items. In our letters we have offered some tips we found very helpful. We also have sent Arbor View some gift cards to their local Domino’s Pizza. At Spring Creek we found that food helped reduce the stresses of hosting the state conference, and brought everyone together. We have also involved our middle school student council during the state conference. Some council members were dressed as a super hero.

At Wells High School, we reach out to the sixth grade by devoting a day of fun to prepare them for their upcoming year at our junior/senior high. The Student Council officers help them elect their class officers, tour their new school, and answer any questions the sixth graders might have. That evening, our school sponsors a barbeque for the kids and their families.

Our leadership class loves brother and sister school contacts! We like to send our schools packages with silly holiday themes, such as Jellybean day or eye patches for “Speak like a Pirate Day”. Our advisor also creates a video of homecoming to share with our brother and sister schools. It’s always great to hear how someone else is collecting money for a charity or a new theme to use for a dance.

WWHS: We’re Your Nerds
As the first week of school rolled around at West Wendover High School it brought our Student Council back together for another great year. There was a ton to talk about in our first meeting such as contacting our sister school. Realizing that we knew about as much about their student council as they did about ours, which isn’t a whole lot, we decided it would be best to introduce ourselves to our sister school with our first contact. We decided to enclose a picture along with a greeting card introducing all of our student body officers. Our slogan for our greeting was We’re Your Nerds: West Wendover Student Council. In the box, along with the card, we enclosed Nerds candy because we thought it was fitting of our slogan. As we move throughout the school year we plan to continue contacting our sister school and sharing our ideas with them.
With in the first two weeks of school, White Pine High School, White Pine Middle School, and a few other various schools participated in an assembly called Rachel’s Challenge. This program was created after the 1999 Columbine Shootings in Colorado. The program influences communities around the United States to, “Start a chain reaction of kindness.” Normally these assemblies are conducted with in the separate schools, this one however was a mass assembly held at the High School. This assembly unified the goals of the two schools into one, and helped increase the want for a better community. This was an amazing experience to share with the middle school, because many students 6th through 12th grade all shared their feelings in the matter. It was great to see the similarities that us as students all hold. This connection activity between the middle, and high school will truly make Ely a better community.

The new school year is already here (where did the summer go?!), and Bishop Manogue Leadership is so excited for another wonderful year! Our Welcome Back Week was a great success and our new freshmen feel right at home after our Adventure to the Rodeo.

Our sister school this year is Virgin Valley. We are really happy to get the chance to know the leadership team down there throughout the year. Our first gift exchange had a back-to-school theme. We sent a bunch of green and yellow colored (our school colors) school supplies, candy (yum!), and a welcome back note. We’re looking forward to the rest of the year and some more fun sister school gift exchanges!

Another important element of our student council and leadership program is recruitment. Because Bishop Manogue is a Catholic high school, most of our incoming freshmen come from the Catholic elementary and middle schools. We mostly work with our Campus Ministry program when recruiting new students. Campus ministry hosts one day retreats, like the Freshmen Retreat, in order to introduce prospective students to our school, and Student Council participates in those as leaders. We are very welcoming to any and all prospective Manogue Miners!
To keep connected with our sister schools, we usually send different gifts each month back and forth throughout the school year that either tells them about what is happening around our school or something we thought they would like. For example, every year we design and collect sports pins dating back to 1993; at the beginning of last year we sent our sister school (The Aggies) a ribbon full of sports pins and a letter explaining why we have them, which is mainly for student appreciation. We give them to all staff, varsity sports players, and clubs. In return, the Aggies sent us a few shirts throughout their year and different shirts from charity events they did along with a letter explaining what they have done for student appreciation. Another example of a sister school connection is when one of our sisters schools gave us a Build-a-Bear that we named Kevin. To show our appreciation, we sent our sister school a Build-a-Bear too; therefore, throughout the school year we would send each other different outfits for the bear. Also attached to the outfit was a letter explaining things we either did throughout the school year or things we were about to do to give each other different ideas for events or activities. As a result, we connected with our sister school with many gifts all through the year and explained what was going on around our own school to keep them included at Carson High!

Our Middle School follows the High Schools example so right before school got out our council helped with their councils Hawaiian Day party. We were there to help them with any questions that they had and too also give our suggestions on how to make what they were doing even better. They thought of everything from a water balloon fights, to fruit kabobs, to limbo dancing, and live music. It was a blast and they planned it very well. Churchill County Junior High School students also seemed to enjoy it as much as the Churchill County High School student council did. I am glad that we got to help because it showed them that student council is a lot of fun and worth every second of hard work. It was also enjoyable because we were all on the same page. We are all members of one big family. We are Student Council.
This year to welcome our sister schools, Churchill High School, and Shadow Ridge, back to school, our ASB wrote them a letter. We wished them luck planning homecoming and let them know how the beginning of our year is going. We wished them luck achieving their goals this school year, as we adventure out on the same adventure. We are so thankful that we found our sister school, after a minor confusion at state conference, we were glad to finally come in contact with them. We also got a very cute card from Churchill High School, that encouraged us about our school year! Since we are relatively close to Churchill High School, our ASB agreed that it would be a great idea to get involved with each other. Also, it would be terrific to maybe do a community service project together. With such a large difference in our student body, we think there is a lot of positive thing we can do with that. Since our very small school is hard to grasp, we would like to create a video of our student body, our one hallway, our five classrooms and our highway so our sisters school can see exactly what Coleville High School is about. Living in a small school is very different than living in a large school and town, and we would like to try to spread this experience. Our feeder school, Antelope Valley Middle School, has been taking a lot of classes over at the high school due to budget cuts. Since they will one day be over students at our school, we think it is important to make them feel comfortable here. We have many ideas to include them in our activities that we are planning for our school. This year has started great and we look forward to keeping both of our contacts strong!

Dayton High School has started out the year great with welcoming arms and new traditions! We have sent out our brother and sister school presents and received a few back. During our leadership retreat we had bonding time and discussed many things for the year, one of them including this year’s homecoming theme. We have set many goals for ourselves as a class and as individuals and looking forward to a great year.

For our sister and brother school, we sent tool belts, along with markers, tape and notepads. We are hoping their leadership class can stay organized and start out the year with a few helpful accessories to use around their school.

As for Homecoming, Dayton High School presents a Tim Burton Homecoming! We are really excited to put on all the fun activities we have planned and start up some Dustdevil spirit. The week of homecoming we will have a Powderpuff Football game, a movie night and of course the Saturday dance. The dance is themed a Nightmare before Homecoming, we will be decorating along the lines of the movie. Along with the hallways and assembly to match Tim Burton’s other films. We are very excited for this theme and are optimistic about the outcome we will get.
Sister School Contact is an important way to share our ideas with another school in our state. Every year we meet our new sister school at the State Conference, where we are able to learn a little about their school and the members of their council. Throughout the year, we send them gifts, along with ideas and plans for the upcoming year so they can use our ideas to help them. At the beginning of this school year we sent them a picture of our council from our summer retreat as well as a letter explaining many of our new ideas and projects for the year. We also sent them a bunch of pencils that we gave out on the first day of school to our returning students. In past years, each student was assigned to write a pen pal letter to a member of our sister school. In these letters we wrote about our leadership position and our hobbies and attached a photo. It is truly important to take full advantage of the friendships and bonds created with our Sister School each and every year.

Middle School contact is a great way to prepare incoming students for the journey of high school and introduce them to what our school has to offer. Every year, we hold an 8th grade night where incoming freshmen come to our school and learn about clubs, sports, and other activities offered every year. We have different booths set up around our school for 8th graders to come and ask questions. We also travel to our feeder middle school and play introductory and team building games as well as many icebreaker activities to get them more comfortable.

For Incline High School staying connected with the local middle schools and our sister school is a priority. So far this year to keep connected with our sister school, Indian Springs, we have mailed a package containing a small scrapbook of Incline High School leadership activities, Incline High School cup holders, beads and Dum Dum lollipops. We also sent them a letter confirming that we received their package of scrapbook paper and a picture of their leadership class. In order to keep in touch with our sister school we continue to mail packages with information about our leadership class and amusing items.

In order to keep connected with Incline Middle School we have helped them design posters and decorate the interior of their school for a middle school dance. Along with helping decorate for the dance, we also offered chaperones to facilitate with the event. In order to inform the incoming freshman about the Incline High School leadership program and how they can get involved, at the end of the year the executive officers visited the local middle schools and conversed about the ways they can get involved with the class the following year. In the future we will continue to stay connected with our sister school and the community’s middle schools.
At McQueen, our Stuco/Leadership program leads a number of activities that enable us to connect with our feeder schools. The biggest way we do so is through Lancer Day. Lancer Day is an event we host in the spring for all the middle school students enrolling at McQueen the coming fall. During a school day, the kids are bussed to McQueen where approximately eighty mentors are awaiting their arrival. The kids are divided into different groups, based on the buses they came on. Each group is assigned a different color and the student mentors are all wearing this color to ease confusion. There are about fifteen mentors to each group of about forty students. The groups then go to their assigned station for that time period. The stations are as follows: picture ID, counselor meeting, activity fair, and SRO presentation/student board. The activity fair is held in the courtyard and consists of several mini stations, each representing a different club or sport we offer. At this station, the incoming freshmen have the opportunity to talk to McQueen students that are a part of these sports or clubs and sign up for all activities they are interested in. The SRO presentation is held in the little theater, where the administrators go over school rules. There is a student board present to answer any questions the eighth graders may have. After all groups have visited each station, we have a mini-assembly where we teach the incoming freshmen cheers and our school song. Lancer Day is fun for both the mentors and the incoming freshmen, and it has really eased their transition into high school.

Smith Valley loves “sister schools” we have had some great ones in the past and this year is no exception...GO BASIC HIGH SCHOOL!! We are doing something pretty cool this year with our sister school! We sent them their first gift in a really BIG mailing tube, we challenged our sister school to send back their gift to us in the same tube (we want to see how many gifts we can exchange using the same tube). They accepted the challenge and sent us our first gift using the tube! It will be fun to see how creative we can be throughout the year! This idea might work with something else too...not just a tube!
Silver Stage High School’s 2010 freshmen orientation, social, and parent night was held on the 28th of April. First, throughout the school day, students from the SSHS Leadership class talked to individual groups of eighth-graders about grades, classes, teachers, sports, and other extracurricular activities. The incoming freshmen really enjoyed icebreaker games led by the Leadership students. Next, they took tours of the school to help get a feel for the atmosphere at SSHS. Students met with the counselor and registered for classes for their first high school year. They then enjoyed a free lunch at around the same time as our regular first lunch period, giving the eighth graders a chance to mingle with current SSHS students. That night, the school put on a social and parent night for our feeder school where the students learned more about the classes they were going to be taking and the parents and the students got a chance to meet with their future teachers here at SSHS. Overall, the day was a success and we have the utmost confidence that we helped the incoming freshmen feel much more comfortable with their new school. As far as next year goes, the Leadership class strives to be more organized and have a more-planned schedule for the day to ensure that we focus on all of the important information crucial to our incoming freshmen. Contact with the feeder school is important, but it can be fun as well. We know the students had a great time and we hope they will feel welcome in their new life as a Nighthawk.
In the last year, Spanish Springs High School has had much interaction with our sister school and the middle schools in the area. We sent our sister school, Faith Lutheran, examples of our homecoming planning and idea binders, which are full of ideas for themes and events to use for homecoming week. In return, they sent us very creative scrapbooking supplies for our historian to use. The middle schools which feed into Spanish Springs, Yvonne Shaw and Sparks, worked with the high school this year to bring the incoming freshmen to the high school at the end of their eighth grade year, called Cougar Day. The incoming students took a tour of the school, guided by both staff and older students. This event allowed the students to hear from some of the elective and honors class teachers to help them decide what courses to take. The incoming freshmen were given a chance to find their way around so that they didn’t have as much trouble on their first day. The tour also highlighted the many extracurricular activities, such as sports teams and clubs. Hopefully, it also helped to acclimate them to the high school environment. At the end of the day, we gave each eighth grader a shirt with school colors to wear on our spirit days. In the next year we hope to continue this great interaction with both the middle schools and our sister school.

Connecting. We have heard countless times that we need to better our communication skills between the schools. To achieve this we at Yerington High School connect in an old-fashioned way with our sister school. We use the United States postal service. Email is a fabulous invention as is the phone and its wonderful partner texting. Yet who does not enjoy the joy of a package being delivered and the anticipation in opening it. Thus the moment of truth begins when that box is opened. What a great way for us to set to know who and what our sister school is like or likes. It is also a chance for them to perhaps learn a little bit from us. When we communicate with our sister school in this chosen snail mail manner, we assign two to three kids from our stuco to send a gift box. In stated gift box we traditionally send a letter, along with our favorite candy, a small toy, and the occasional picture. This is how we communicate with our sister school.

For the first sister school contact, we sent our sister school some scrapbook supplies. We sent them a few different things for each season, a few background papers, and some stickers for decorating. We figure that everyone could use some scrapbooking materials, and it’s a fun and creative way to show them what kinds of things we are interested in. Along with the scrapbooking supplies, we sent our sister school a letter explaining what we do at TMCCHS, and a little bit about our student body and our local community. This year, our sister school is a lot like our school, i.e. a non-traditional high school. Because of this fact, I think this year will be one of the best! Also, our sister school sent us a letter and an awesome ice breaker with a cool Las Vegas souvenir. We are very excited about getting to know our sister school a little better in fun and creative ways.
From arriving on the 23rd and enjoying delicious food from Steak & Shake to the emotional farewells we shared with our tour guides, there are absolutely no words to describe the best weekend of my life. I’m pretty positive that’s an understatement.

The 2010 NASC National Conference perfectly instilled in all the delegates leadership, service, and even a little Indy 500. Center Grove High School hosted the national conference where Nevada made sure to be known. On the first day, Nevada hosted a dance party in our state room where many states including Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Louisiana showed us their dance moves. Apart from the many friendships formed with other states, we also experienced life changing motivational speakers. My personal favorite being Ted Wiese who handed out “I am #2” buttons, which I make sure to wear every day. But we can’t forget the delicious turkey sandwiches which preceded the notorious Indianapolis Motor Speedway where many got the chance to go around the legendary track. On Monday we got to be kids again as we attended the Children’s Museum with a partnering child from local Boy’s & Girl’s Clubs. Right after we had a candle lighting ceremony with real candles, the flames were passed on and signified the conclusion of the conference.

Finally Tuesday morning the closing session was held where it all began, at Center Grove High School. For the last time we were going to see our newly acquired friends. As we left the room promises of Facebook and Twitter requests were exchanged. Looking back, time does go faster when you’re having fun. In these 5 days, time had never moved faster.

-Neimy Escobar (Clark HS)
Today was the day that it all officially began. All of us Student Council Students, not exactly knowing what to expect. As we wake up early and meet down in hotel lobbies wearing signified t-shirts. It was only the beginning of meeting new people and learning lessons for life.

All of the States got on their bus; next stop was Center Grove High School! The moment you arrived you could feel all the positive energy and excitement surrounding you.

As we got off, we received tons of high fives and started to get pumped up. We find our State Guide, and who would've thought that out of all fifty states we brought the most people, so we got the huge band room as our home room.

To warm things up we went to an “ice breaker” put on by Keith Hawkins and then went to lunch. Little did we know that that was the beginning of turkey and ham sandwiches, while people eat and finish we all start to mingle and get to know everyone, and traded pins and little things to receive things from the others.

After all that we head to our State Rooms and discuss the rest of the night and play little games to get more familiar with each other.

The Opening General Session was a moment that really made you feel like the time at Nationals will change your life forever. They had a sensational keynote speaker named Ed Gerety, who inspired you to believe in yourself and many other things that will make you a better leader.

Following that, we boarded our buses for Community Dinners, half went to Mount Olive, which is a church, and the others went to another. At Mount Olive they had many activities you could choose from, and even had a band playing. It was very humid so you definitely had to stay hydrated, and the food was delicious!

Lastly, we got on our buses and headed back to our hotels to get re-energized for the next day. Overall the day was definitely long, hot, humid, but productive and exciting, and we were just warming up for the rest of it!

-Alicia Kelly (Lowry HS)

Nationals was a very busy day. We started off with a nice buffet type breakfast at 7 a.m. After that we walked about 1 mile to IUPUI where we heard different speakers. After the university we boarded the buses to go to the War Memorial. There we watched a clip put together by mid-level about characteristic traits that tied in with the war followed by a tour of the memorial. The tour was very special to me because we seen brave people who fought for us and the first helicopter used in war. Following the memorial, we boarded the buses again to go to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway where we toured the museum and the track. We saw some of the first cars that were raced and heard about the brick that is at the start/finish line and how the whole track used to be that same exact brick. A big rain storm came while we were there so we had to stay in a room until it passed. We left the track early due to the storm and went back to the hotels. We got back around 9:30 p.m. Even though the day was very busy, it was very touching and a privilege to do things that we normally would not do like being stuck in a rain storm because being from Nevada we don’t see those too often. I can honestly say Nationals was a very big success and was the best experience ever.

-Dawntaya Smith-McAlister (Chaparral HS)
The day began with a bus ride to Center Grove High School for the third day of the 2010 NASC National Conference. Delegates ate breakfast in the school cafeteria before heading off to their state rooms for the daily briefing. At the day’s general session, the nominees and winners for the Warren E. Shull Advisor of the Year award were announced. The keynote speaker, Mark Scharenbroich, used a combination of humorous and serious situations to inspire students about helping others. After lunch, delegates attended a series of two student-led workshops. Nevada sent six workshops to the conference, which was more than any other state. Prior to the day’s second general session was another state meeting where the state guides gave out information on our community service activity. For community service, students worked with the Boys and Girls Club of America. Delegates paired up, and each group got to take care of a child from the club for the rest of the day. The groups visited the Indiana Children’s Museum where they heard a talk by Keith Hawkins and toured the exhibits. After saying final farewells to their new sons and daughters, the delegates boarded the busses for the IUPUI football field for the candle lighting ceremony. As dusk turned to pure night, over a thousand candles glowed as our personalities as leaders commonly glow. The candles were extinguished, and for a moment, darkness enveloped the stands. However, at that instant the stands grew bright, not with the standard idea of light, but a brighter light, created by all of the knowledge and wonderful memories gained at this conference. Charles Xavier once said, “Sometimes, the mind must learn things on its own.” This weekend, over a thousand students from all across this great nation learned, on their own, what it truly means to be a leader.

-Tim Grunert (Carson HS)

We woke up early Tuesday morning in a frenzy as we all attempted to repack our suitcases overcrowded with shirts and gifts from all over the country. It seems as if we’ve gone on a road trip all the way from New York to California. We hustle to gather down stairs and if the morning wasn’t crazy enough in our small, but cozy hotel room, the downstairs brings with it a whole new feeling. Shirt trading has officially begun as states walk by chanting their favorite cheers, all in hopes of making this last day the very best and cherishing every moment. After loading our luggage and claiming our seats on the bus, we take our short journey to Center Grove High School for the very last time. As we walk in through the main doors, all shoulder-to-shoulder, we are immediately separated and blend together in with the other states. There are people standing on chairs holding T-shirts up and shouting their highest bid showing off what they got. You can always find the Arizona delegates because they have swarms of people surrounding them trying to get their hands on a “hot like your mom” shirt as the leaders stand near shaking their heads in confusion over the overwhelming popularity of this plain t-shirt. Next, we move onto our last and final state meeting where we are able to reflect and say our goodbyes to our amazing state guides (Hannah, John, and Sarah). Together we remember the fun times and more importantly reflect on how we have grown as leaders from this amazing experience. We have all learned so many important things individually that have strengthened us as leaders but more importantly we were able to grow together and unify as a state. With the last click of the twenty cameras taking our group picture, we moved onto our final general session. We enter the room like we do every other day, dancing and laughing, loving every moment together as Stu Co kids. As the session begins, keynote speaker Byron Garrett gives many great words of wisdom. Byron Garrett spoke with such conviction and honestly gave us a boost of reality and motivation when he taught us his ABCs of life, making big problems seem easy to overcome with 26 simple truths and attributes. At the close of the meeting, we all loved and enjoyed the last few minutes together, not wanting to leave our last general session. After all the confetti had fallen to the ground, it was time for us to pick up our TURKEY sandwiches and head off to the airport. Although our last day went by fast, we were able to all enjoy our last few hours together. At the close of the conference, I know I can speak for all of us when I say how grateful we were for our advisors and for the opportunity we had to be able to come and learn, laugh, and grow as leaders together.

-Emily Jackson (Bonanza HS)
Next Issue Due October 13, 2010
About Charitable Contributions or Community Service
150-250 words to newslettereditor@nevadastuco.org
Feel free to attach a picture!

2nd Sister School Contact due October 31

Remember:
-Sister School Contacts are about making personal connections and sharing ideas- not just sending a bag of candy
-And always send an acknowledgement or thank you card when you receive something so their sister school has something for their scrapbook
All criteria must be completed after the last day of the 2010 State Conference and before the 2011 state conference. You may not use an activity for more than one category.

1. The Monthly Packet due to your league Vice President, postmarked or e-mailed by the 1st of each month.
   You must complete 8 packets of the 10 packets (May - State)
   You must complete 7 packets of the 10 packets

2. Charitable Contributions
   Sponsor a specific fund raising activity to raise funds and awareness for the charity of your choice. Does not need to be a 501(c) 3 charity.
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3. Community Service (not including Charitable Contributions)
   THREE Community Service Projects per year.
   TWO Community Service Projects per year.

4. State and Regional Participation
   Typed articles for TWO issues of the State Newsletter Attendance at Regional Conference
   Attendance at State Conference Activity with Middle (feeder) School
   4 Contacts to your Sister School(s)
   ONE typed article for the State Newsletter Attendance at Regional Conference OR State Conference Activity with Middle (feeder) School
   2 Contacts to your Sister School(s)

5. School Involvement
   a. Scrapbook
   b. Spirit activities -5 per year
   c. Staff Appreciation – 3 per year.
   d. Student Recognition - 2 per year
   e. Dance - 1 per year
   f. School Service OR Campus wide Educational Program
   g. Evidence of Leadership Training

- You must do (a) – (d)
   a. Scrapbook
   b. Spirit activities -2 per year.
   c. Staff Appreciation - 2 per year.
   d. Student Recognition - 2 per year - Choose 2 of these items (e) – (h)
   e. Dance - 1 per year f. School Service
   g. Campus wide Educational Program h. Evidence of Leadership Training

Color Code
Silver Star vs. Blue Star
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A Vice
AA Vice
AAA Vice
AAAA1 Vice
AAAA2 Vice
Secretary
Sch Bd Rep
Mid Level
Northern Rep
Southern Rep
Western Rep
State Co-Chair
State Co-Chair
Newsletter
Webmaster

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Teri Veach
Jillian Itza
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