



SDSCA NEWSLETTER



March

M.A.G.I.C. Making A Greater Individual Commitment

By: Emily Sazama



The 2009 M.A.G.I.C. State Student Council Convention is well on its way of being an amazing convention that will grow and challenge students as leaders. It will be a great time for Student Councils across the state to get together and share ideas. This year the state board is in the process of putting together some great Showcase Workshops including topics such as going green, leadership games, leadership styles, decision-making, and so much more! Also, be thinking of possibly running for State Board or Region Board positions because all of those who are on these boards would say how great it is to be a part of. We also have some amazing speakers again this year! Stephen Bargatze and Josh Sundquist will be inspiring your inner leader. Stephen will be speaking Sunday night at 7 PM, and Josh will speak Monday morning at 8 AM. Everyone is encouraged to look forward to the convention as a time to get pumped about leading and having fun while doing it! ☺

Children's Miracle Network

Throughout the fall of 2008, Student Council Regions set out to make as much money as possible for Children's Miracle Network. This project totaled \$7,094.17! Great Job everyone!! Especially to the winners of the competition, Gavins Point Region, who raised \$3,160.65! This greatly helps children who need YOUR help! Let's keep it up and hit \$25,000!



Meet Your Speakers

Josh Sundquist:

Biography from CNN Heroes: Josh

Sundquist is a Paralympic ski racer and a nationally known inspirational speaker. He has been featured on CNN and in USA TODAY and has spoken to hundreds of thousands of people across the country. At age nine Josh Sundquist was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer and given a fifty percent chance to live. He spent a year on chemotherapy treatments and his left leg was amputated. Doctors declared Josh cured of the disease at age thirteen, and he took up ski racing three years later. He trained for the next six years and in 2006 he was named to the

US Paralympic Ski Team for the 2006

Paralympics in Turino, Italy. Josh began speaking to groups about his experiences at age ten. He has since shared his story as a keynote speaker at schools, Fortune 500 companies, and in Washington, DC at the White House. At eighteen, he was the second youngest person ever accepted as a Professional Member of the National Speaker's Association. Josh served a two-year tenure as the National Spokesperson for the Combined Federal Campaign, an effort that raises over \$300 million dollars a year for charities. Josh received a degree in business from the College of William and Mary and a Master's in Communications from the University of Southern California.

Magician Stephen

Bargatze: He is an internationally acclaimed comedian motivational speaker with over 25 years of experience. His genuine personality endears him to any audience, and he quickly develops a strong, positive relationship with them. Stephen's personal story of overcoming a childhood accident that left him with a speech impediment touches both men and women on an emotional level, and his hilarious antics move them from tears of empathy to tears of sidesplitting laughter in a few short seconds.

Dedication of Machinery at Sanford's Children Hospital

On February 19th members of the State Board and other Student Council members met at the new Children's Hospital for a tour and to see personally where all of the state's hard work pays off. With the money we all bring together at State Convention, we purchased machinery in the form of beds. All who visited can share their stories on the amazing building that has been created. From sheer technology to an inviting atmosphere to amazing paintings and staff, this hospital will help children who need it. Once again, thank you to all who help raise money for this worthwhile and noble cause. Let's reach our goal this year of \$25,000!!



Reminder!!!

- ❖ All-State Student Council forms are available on the SDSCA website! DUE MARCH 5th!!
- ❖ Get any pictures to Renee Rebnord for the Children's Miracle Network video by March 1st!!

Region 4 Meeting By: Michelle Wehbe

On the weekend of February 6, four South Dakota state board members attended the Region IV Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Four of the region's five states were represented: South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Minnesota, and Michigan all had delegates present at the conference. Due to unfortunate circumstances, Wisconsin was not able to attend.

The two-day workshop was filled with activities, discussions, and presentations. Leadership training was given in two sessions: one by advisor and NASC board member Kory Kath and the other by Orono High School advisor Doug Erickson. Both presenters emphasized the importance of diversity in leadership styles.

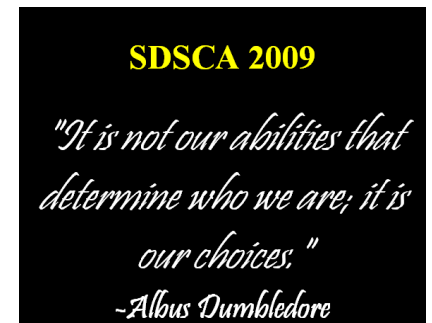
However, the conference wasn't all business. Over the weekend, students were given many opportunities to interact and get to know one another.

As new NASC board members were chosen last year to fill the student and advisor representative positions, no elections were held at this convention. The terms for both of these representatives will end next year, and a new advisor will be selected to represent Region IV on the national board.

State Convention T-Shirts Be sure to order your t-shirts by March 13th!



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