

Countdown to SDSCA!
April 7th & 8th

Thanks to everyone who registered to attend our convention! Plans are being finalized and all is looking good!!

If you have any topics as advisers that you want to discuss as a group, please let me know as I'm compiling a list.

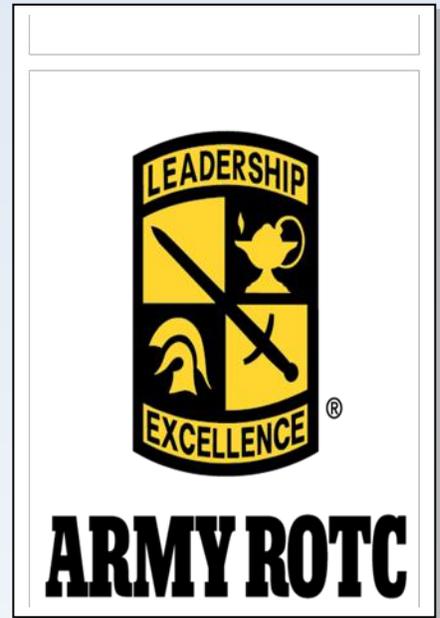
Flooding! Flooding! How can we help???????

Fleece Tie Blankets Can Help! Bring lots of material to make blankets and I will make sure they get to the right organization to help! Two nursing home facilities were displaced, and residents lost everything!!!! Let's show them our generosity!!!!

National Student Leadership Week:

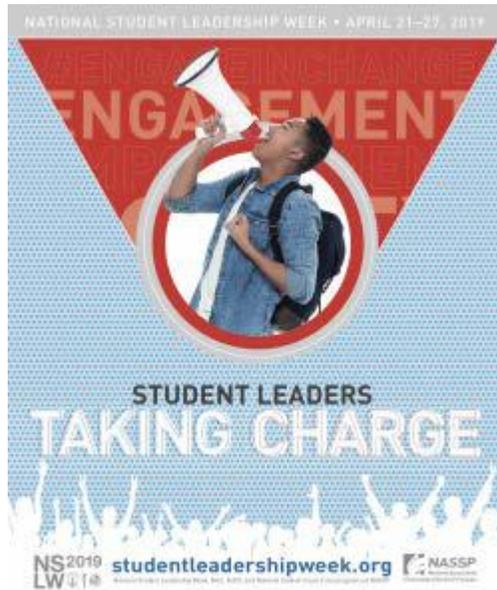
April 21st- 26th

“Student Leaders: Taking Charge.”



National Student Leadership Week

April 21-27th



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Student leaders make significant contributions to the climate and culture of their schools and communities, and it's important to celebrate that! National Student Leadership Week (NSLW) is an annual theme-based week dedicated to recognizing and supporting the vital role of student leaders. Since its origin stemming from a U.S. Presidential proclamation in 1972, NSLW has been a national celebration of students sponsored by National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, and National Student Council. As part of the week, chapters and councils are encouraged to plan a special project to show how their work and ingenuity positively impacts the school and community.

NSLW 2019 will occur April 21–27 and celebrate this year's theme, "Student Leaders: Taking Charge." Tying in closely with NASSP's Global Citizenship Initiative, **#EngageInChange**, the theme empowers students to use their voice and agency to improve the culture in their schools and communities. Positive change starts with you—it's time to take charge.

Browse these webpages for special activity ideas, suggested social media posts, and resources to help you continue to honor student leadership. Check **#NSLW2019** on NHS/NJHS and NatStuCo social media channels for more ideas and inspiration.

Suggested Activities

We hope you enjoy these activities! Please share photos of your school in action, tagging @nhs_njhs or @NatStuCo and using #NSLW2019 so we can see them!

Let's Go Viral!

There are many ways your chapter or council can participate in NSLW. Here's one we'd like to suggest:

For this year's NSLW challenge, we want you to post how you and your students are changing your community for the better on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter with the hashtag #NSLW2019. (Photos and posts can be from any activity your chapter or council completed this academic year).

Then, tag three or more friends or other schools, and challenge them to share stories of how they are taking charge in their schools and communities and tag more leaders. (Think Ice Bucket challenge, only a little warmer). Throughout NSLW week, the NHS, NJHS, and NatStuCo social media platforms will share one post per day. Your post could be featured on a worldwide stage!

More Ways to Get Involved in NSLW

Activities

Awards Ceremony.

Recognize all student leaders who are involved in any leadership in your school; clubs, teams, etc. Schedule an awards ceremony, banquet, luncheon, or breakfast to honor students, advisers, and administrators for their work in student activities at your school. Record the event and post on social media using #NSLW2019.

Elections.

Conduct elections for class and student body officers during NSLW; alternatively, install the newly elected officers if elections have been completed. In their campaign speech, ask the student leaders to express how they are "taking charge."

Voter Registration Drives.

Host a "rock the vote" event at your school and encourage eligible classmates to register to vote, or participate in local voter registration drives in your community.

Community Leaders Event.

Invite prominent community members to address your group, focusing on the things they learned from being involved as student leaders in middle level or high school that they find useful now in their careers.

Taking Charge Flyers.

Post flyers including short "taking charge" profiles of student leaders in the halls and in classrooms. The short profiles (with headshot, name, school year) should include the theme "Student Leaders: Taking Charge" and a one- to two-sentence blurb about how the individual takes charge in their community. Ask for general student submissions during NSLW using this statement or a variation of it: "Tell us how YOU are taking charge." Post as many as you can during NSLW and keep updating and adding profiles as long as you wish.

Positive Social Media Search.

Conduct a social or other media search to find positive messages and/or reports on taking charge as student leaders to tweet

or post on social media. (This is also a good lesson on bringing people together using these channels.) Use #NSLW2019 when you post.

Student Poll.

Create and distribute a poll asking the student body the most important problem facing the community and seek their suggestions to solve it. Based on the results, draft a proposal for a year-long student-led volunteer project addressing the most popular issue. You can also use Twitter polls if your chapter or council has a large Twitter following!

Support the Cause.

Choose a charity and/or local or national cause and donate service hours or time to support it; consider also spreading awareness of the cause within your community.

Leadership Wall.

Create a “wall of leadership” where student leaders begin posting their acts of leadership and challenge their fellow students to do the same.

RSVP.

Use the [Raising Student Voice & Participation](#) program and hold a schoolwide discussion to address students’ most pressing issues.

Take Charge of Your School Climate

NSLW is also a great opportunity for your council or chapter to take charge of building positive school culture. Here are some you might consider:

Class Competitions.

Host competitions for food collection drives, with the winning class earning a special treat like a pizza or doughnut party.

Spirit Rally.

Why limit the spirit to homecoming activities? Have a pep rally just because! Bring the entire school together in the gym for music, lip sync battles, dance, and cheering from your cheer squad. Let your imagination run wild and think how your council or chapter can take the lead in building cohesiveness among all students.

Dress-Up Days.

Designate a different type of apparel each day to add positivity to the week, for example, color days, ugly sweater days, favorite sports team days, etc

Flood Relief Projects: If your council wants to put this together as a project, call or email me. I have more info if needed, thanks.

Hygiene Kits:

Must include: □ 1—1 gallon size resealable bag □ 1—Hand towel (15x25-17x27 inches) □ 1—Washcloth □ 1—Comb □ 1—Toenail or Fingernail Clipper □ 1—Bath-size soap (3 oz. or larger, no Ivory or Jergens) □ 1—Adult Toothbrush (Individually pkg). □ 10—Adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches)

Flood Buckets:

(Cost per bucket is approx. \$50)

Must include: □ 5 gallon round bucket with resealable lid □ 1—32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent □ 1—16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner □ 1—16-34 oz. bottle dish soap □ 1—4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener (3 solid/gel fresheners also acceptable) □ 1—6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent with protective cover □ 1—Scrub Brush □ 18—reusable cleaning wipes □ 5—scouring pads (no stainless steel pads w/ soap) □ 36-50 Clothespins □ 1—50-100 ft clothesline □ 24 roll of heavy duty trash bags (33-45 gallon size) □ 5—N95 Particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thick) □ 2 pairs kitchen gloves □ 1 pair of working glove