

Due Dates:
SDSCA Convention:
March 8th

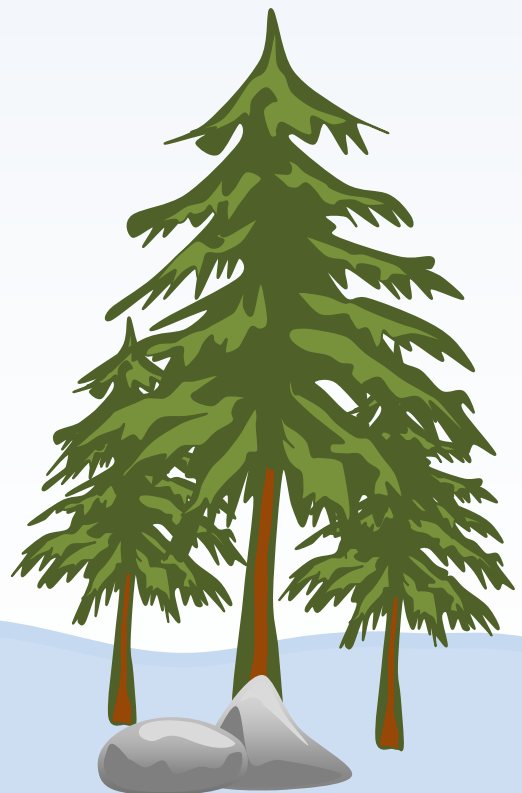
**Outstanding Student
Council: March 8th**

SDSCA Convention
April 7th and 8th
Sioux Falls Convention Center
Come experience the
“Lighting the Future”
2019

**Meet
Matt Bellace
Keynote Speaker**



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STATE STUDENT COUNCIL CONVENTION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Students are to attend ALL sessions, activities, and meals.** Advisors will monitor attendance. Students are **not** permitted to leave the Convention Center area anytime during sessions or session breaks without their Advisor. ***Advisors are not permitted to take students off the convention premises during a scheduled session or activity unless cleared in advance with the convention organizers.***
2. **Name Badges *must be worn in clear view*** (around the neck) ***at all times*** during all Convention functions.
3. **Caps or hats are not to be worn at anytime during the Convention.**
4. You are to be in your assigned room at curfew as established by the SDHSAA (*as listed on schedule*).
5. You are expected to behave in a manner appropriate for the occasion. Excessive noise, disruptive and unruly behavior is not permitted. Participants should refrain from abusive and profane language, avoid boisterous conduct and show respect for the rights and property of others. Televisions and radios should be kept at a minimum volume so as to not disturb other convention participants and hotel guests.
6. Any damages caused by you or to your room (whether caused by you or others that visit your room) will be billed to you and your school.
7. **Banquet Dress Code:** The convention banquet is a formal event. Formal attire is required for admittance into the banquet. For the convention awards banquet, boys are to wear a shirt and tie with dress slacks. Girls may wear a dress, pant suit, or nice skirt and blouse.
8. **Social Activities Dress Code:** Students must adhere to their local school dress code. It is recommended that students wear their local school's student council t-shirt and jeans or other school attire.
9. Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages or alcoholic beverage containers (full or empty), illegal drugs or use of tobacco products is prohibited. ***Violation of this policy will result in the student being sent home immediately at his/her own expense.***

THE SDHSAA STAFF AND CONVENTION ADVISORS WILL CONFRONT CONVENTION PARTICIPANTS WHO VIOLATE ANY OF THESE GUIDELINES. PERSISTENT VIOLATIONS OF GUIDELINES # 1-8 WILL RESULT IN THE PARTICIPANT BEING ASKED TO LEAVE THE CONVENTION. VIOLATION OF GUIDELINE # 9 WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE CONVENTION.

15 minutes...15 Quick Ideas

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During this fast-paced, timed presentation, you will hear 15 ideas in ~~15~~ 12 minutes?....everything from advocacy, appreciation, election, council structure, team building, and fundraising!

1. Elections: rules approved (principal signature) in writing two months before election – big hint...put in writing that the vote count is not released (it doesn't matter if someone won/lost by a landslide or a slight margin – the final results are the same and most of the time knowing that only hurts feelings)
2. Elections: Preferential balloting – it is the majority voice and is a primary and general election all rolled into one! Elections are also a great civic educational lesson - teaching the democratic process and teaching students to be informed/educated voters and responsible citizens in the future (Need to train the staff that this is important – not just some student election!)
3. Council Structure: Appointed Positions: coordinators: facilities, service, social, spirit, leadership (election document drafts, reviews platform, constitution, code of ethics, etc.), public relations (social media), publications, PTA liaison, financial, historian, etc.
4. Appointed Positions: Structure – Departments (Directors/Deputies – report to one Chief of Staff) Communications Director (publications, social media, outreach, webmaster, corresponding secretary); Operations (recording secretary, evaluations, parliamentarian); Special Issues (environmental, forums/speakers, charity, legislative issues – Board of Education, County Council, or State Legislature)
5. Council Awards: Plaques for officers (5x7 \$10); certificates are basically free – recognize with a gavel pin (500 for \$185) - service learning hours – attendance – etc. Can recognize with a small chenille letter (*frame and have signatures around it*)



6. Appreciation and Recognition: Administrators day (Oct); Salute to Transportation (Oct); Building Services, Security, Teacher Aids (Nov); Substitute Educators' Day (Nov); Salute to Food and Nutritional Services Personnel (May); School Counselor's Week (Feb); National School Nurse Day (May); National Library Week (April); National Secretary's Week (April) Teacher Appreciation Week (May); National Volunteer's Week (April); Student Leadership Week (April)

7. Student Leadership Week R (W) is a theme-based week dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the NatStuCo web pages for ideas: planning special activities (assembly planning checklist), social media, poster, sample press

8. National Student Project Database: Great project/program ideas - true and tried ideas. You can do a search by categories....and don't forget to submit yours, too!!

<https://www.nasc.us/student-project-database/home>

9. "On the Spot" no materials teambuilding: Two truths and a Lie; Count it Out; Uncommon Commonalities

10. Student Advocacy: Youth Related Bills in State Legislature; Peer workshops on Teen Depression and Suicide (red flags program <http://www.redflags.org/>); Bullying (HS teaches MS, MS teaches Elementary:

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/kids/index.html>

11. Service Learning: Drive for Supplies – collection of used, yet usable school supplies at the end of the year, sort by like supplies (recycle used paper in composition/spiral notebooks, cover names with nice blank labels, etc.), invite counselors, families, etc. to pick up used, yet usable school supplies!

12. Fundraising: SNAP- RAISE -Easiest way to raise money; Not selling anything to raise money for your program; Online Social Media Tax Deductible donation platform; used the students in the club or program to reach out to people outside of their parents through texting, Facebook, Twitter, and Email addresses; Average Campaign raises about 6,500 in 28 days! (Cypress Bay HS SGA (In Florida) Raised \$12,501 in 28 days with 45 kids in their SGA); All you do as advisor is – hold the kids accountable with inserting 20 email addresses into the snap platform, logging in as admin on the team page and keeping track of the kids progress through a excel sheet that Snap-Raise updates. Students get cool incentive prizes from Snap-Raise if they embrace the process and spread the word and receive donations. The best part? Not lifting a finger and staying stress free and letting the campaign run on the backend for 28 days. (Michael Criscuoli 301-802-7114 Michael@snap-raise.com)

13. Fundraising/Service Learning: <https://funds2orgs.com/> – Clean closets and donate gently-used or new shoes in support of your program (reuse/repurpose/recycle!).

14. Theme for the Year: ideas that allow fun social media advertising, posters, announcements, etc. (*Superheroes: League of Leaders; G.O.L.D. Medal Leadership (Getting Engaged; Opening Communication; Legislative Advocacy; Developing Leaders); SGAagents; Out of this World Leadership: Launch. Land. Lead; Leadership Apps; Keys to Leadership*)

15. TIP: Get Organized (Google drive is great); Be Flexible (go with the flow – issues develop – it's never boring); Time Management (prioritize, delegate when possible, allow time for yourself!!!); Communication is Vital: phone calls and emails – (bcc to yourself – keep simple notes – organize email folders and/or save emails as a pdf file)

Funny Conversation Starters: Ask a question that'll get a funny response

- What are things that you should not say at your own wedding?
- I bet you can't make me laugh! Do you know any funny jokes?
- What is your most embarrassing moment?
- If you were in a circus, what would your job be?
- If you were a vegetable, what type of vegetable would you be?
- What are some things you shouldn't say at work?
- Tell me about something that made you laugh this week.
- What are some things that you shouldn't say when receiving a gift?
- What is the worst advice that you got to which you actually listened?
- If you had an imaginary friend, what would his/her name be?
- What's the worst thing you can say on a first date?

And because I still had space and couldn't let it go to waste – enjoy the funny conversations starters (copies – source unknown)

Karen



THREE SIDES OF MATT

Psychologist Professional Speaker Comedian

Matt Bellace, Ph.D., has been a youth motivational speaker and stand-up comedian since 1995. Dr. Bellace has a Ph.D. in clinical neuropsychology (the study of the brain and behavior), is a member of the National Speakers Association and the author of the book, "A Better High" (Wyatt Mackenzie, 2012). He is also a contributing author for the National Geographic Kids book series, "This or That." His "How to Get High Naturally" program encourages over a hundred thousand students a year worldwide to pursue natural highs and make healthy choices. Matt was a recurring comedian on truTV's hit show, "World's Dumbest."

Stand-Up Comedian

"I'm a psychologist and comedian, which is an odd combination. Once a year I get a call from someone saying, 'We need a psychologist who's funny and you seem to be the only one.'"

As a child, Matt used to listen to his Italian relatives tell funny stories at family gatherings. That is likely where he inherited a love for sarcasm and gesticulation. Like many comedians his age, Matt's comedic influences include legends Steve Martin, George Carlin, Chris Rock and Jerry Seinfeld.

Comedy was always a part of Matt's speaking programs, but in 2001 he took a comedy writing class and began performing at local comedy clubs in Philadelphia. Matt soon received "paid work" (i.e., gas money) at "clubs" (i.e. places with actual holes in the wall) on the weekends.

In 2003, Matt and his wife moved to New York City, which allowed him to watch and perform with some best stand-up comedians in the business. One of the most formative experiences during that time was opening for comedian Joe Matarese at clubs and colleges. Those shows helped Matt hone his style and make lasting friendships with fellow comedians.

Today, his schedule includes over 200 appearances a year at colleges, high schools, corporate events and comedy clubs across the country. His stand-up can be heard - and requested - Sirius XM Satellite Radio. His credits include [truTV's "World's Dumbest,"](#) [Breuer Unleashed on Sirius](#) , Howard TV, [National Public Radio](#), [The 2005 Just for Laughs Festival](#) in Montreal and [The New York Times](#). Whether Matt is on stage at a club or performing at a school, his comedy is honest, personal and consistent with his message. [Click here to watch Matt's stand-up on YouTube.](#)

