

Student Council Log

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Responsibilities

- Keep, update, and monitor the StuCo Log.
- Keep, update, and monitor the StuCo Website.
- Edit the Navigator and assist the EIC as needed.
- Edit and maintain StuCo documents.
- Critique and approve posters and announcements.
- Maintain a healthy relationship with NSA's Support group.
- Remain involved in all applicable discussions in the Student Council.
- Skip no more than two Student Council meetings per semester.

Updates

July Update

Navigator

Ashley has been gone, so I took her place to train Nastassia for the EIC position. She's doing great, and I totally think she's ready to take over. ^_^ You can pretty much just refer to her update for all the stuff we've been working on. No point in regurgitating it. xD

SC Documents

I worked with Kassi, Morgan, and Damon to figure out some things with the SC Log. We're actually making this a thing this year. :o I think Morgan will be talking about it in the meeting tomorrow, and I'll be sending an email about it sometime soon. I'll also be compiling a StuCo Code of Conduct soon.

Websites

Still working on the SC website. It would be a big help if everyone could get their materials to me in time. *cough* I also spent time this month working with Morgan, Jeriel, Nastassia, and a couple others on the NSA website.

Bulletin Board

Been figuring some stuff out with the Bulletin Board. We're implementing a new editor system that will help more students be involved; I'm also removing the BB conference to put the main document back in the BH. Deb is now head editor, and when she gets back from vacay the BB will hopefully be up and running. After I wrap up some of the stuff I started, the BB will be transferring "ownership" from Annalist to Secretary.

Goals

- Complete EIC training / help Nat in whatever ways necessary. Possibly work on Navigator Handbook.
- Work on SC Log. Complete the initial draft so that it can be updated regularly.
- Compile Code of Conduct.
- Complete SC website for release on September 1.
- Wrap up BB. Transfer ownership to Lexi.
- Get to work editing posters and announcements. Implement some guidelines for posters.

August Update

This month has been pretty busy yet again. I'm assuming every month will be like that. xD But here's what I've been doing anyways and some stuff that I hope to do. ^_^

Navigator

The Navigator is officially up and rolling. I've finished training Nat, and as necessary I'm creating tutorial videos to show her and other staff members how to do some things. I'm hoping that she and I can properly work at creating some tutorial videos later in the year. The handbook has also be postponed, but it is definitely something I still want to work on. As far as everything else goes, I've been helping her institute some ideas, working with writers, and doing my own things. I've also been creating the newww Navigator website! This was kinda by the request of Mrs. Shafer; she wanted the Navigator to be published publicly, and Nat and I figured that a Navigator website would be the best way to accomplish this and give all writers a chance to showcase their work. It's turned out to be great, and you'll see the final product when the first edition of the Nav is released on the first! :D

Websites

The Student Council website is allllmost finished. I'm kinda procrastinating on it, but some other lovely members have been helping me a ton (shout-out to Hudson, Carolyn, Damon, and whoever I'm missing). It will be released kinda with the new NSA website on September 3. Some features have been postponed, but they'll hopefully be on there by the end of the calendar year. It's been a bit frantic getting it all set up in such a short time!

I helped wrap up some things with the NSA website, which included testing the website and providing the information for the public Navigator.

SC Log

I created and finalized the SC Log. It is now in working order. Don't forget that anyone can contribute!

Bulletin Board

I successfully transferred the BB to the leadership of Deb, Lexi, and Mo. From what I can observe, that's all running smoothly. xD Deb reported to me that the new Editor Program will hopefully be set up by the middle of September.

Some of the reps have been helping me with stuff! Both Carolyn and Bri made some advertisements for me, and Carolyn is helping me gather material for a new section of the SC website.

Poster Guidelines

I implemented some guidelines for posters. It has taken some time to adapt, and I'm sure there will still be some confusion, but I think already it's going a lot better. =)

Finally (wow, this really is a lot when you write it all down), I've discovered a bunch of really cool information in the Navigator archives. There's an entire history of NSA and a lot of information about the SC, Nav, and Library in their early days! I even learned that next year NSA will celebrate its 20th Anniversary, and the SC will be celebrating its assumed 15th.

Goals

Goals for Next Month/the Yet-to-be-Defined Future

- Continue working with Nat on the Nav. Get everything running a bit more smoothly and finalize the website.
- Complete the SC website and advocate it throughout NSA.
- Possibly hopefully compile the Code of Conduct.
- Get some tutorials out there for both the Navigator and my intern (oh please let me have one T_T).

- Send a 20th Anniversary Celebration proposal to the NSA office by the beginning of October.
- Begin reforming the SC and Nav archives. This will be an ongoing project that I hope to complete by the end of the school year.

September Update

Before I get into the specifics of this past month, I'd like to apologize for my inactivity. I've had a hard time getting into school and everything, and I've been dealing with some personal circumstances that have kinda put me down in the dumps. It's slowly getting better, and I should be back in working order by the first week of October. U_U Because of that, not everything has been timely, and I am far from organized. Sooo here we go.

- I've spent a lot of time this month editing posters and working on advertisements. I think the system of creating, sharing, and editing posters is officially running smoothly, and we've seen a great increase in the output and quality of our advertisements on both FC and Buzz! I'll be working more in the future to bring these advertisements to the SC website and potentially the NSA website and NSA Facebook. During a brainstorming meeting (more on that below), we came up with other ideas for advertising in general that I may try to implement.
- The Student Council website was... unofficially released? I was kind of procrastinating on it, but the reps got it out there nonetheless! It is completed, and next week I'll make the official announcements. Lexi and I and probably others (interns and reps) will be making blog posts most likely weekly.
- I've been working with Nat on some administrative Navigator stuff. Her update will suffice for this section. =)
- I just met with Rachel Anderson, my intern for this term! Not all of her permissions are set up yet (and tbh I still have very little idea what we're doing), but I think we're well on our way. =)

Goals

Goals (not necessarily for this month)

- Introduce some new methods of advertising.
- Give Charles the necessary instruction and materials to oversee the Christmas fundraiser.
- Officially release the SC website. xD
 - Get some blog posts out and update the website as necessary.
 - Complete the "Procrastination Station" section. >:D

- Continue working with Nat on the Navigator.
 - Clarify expectations for quality.
 - Create an actual "process" for editors.
- Work with my intern on whatever we can.
 - Get Annalist Intern permissions set up.
 - Form a rough draft of the Code of Conduct.
- Get preliminary NSA merchandise released for Mrs. Shafer.
- Give the SC Log some CPR and TLC.

And whatever else comes along.

October Update

Honestly y'all, this month has primarily been a ton of confusion and business. My October schedule usually isn't this crazy, but I think I've got all my main things done on the SC. Here are my summary and goals. ^_^

Websites

At the beginning of this month I officially released the SC website via FC and Buzz announcements, and we've had an impressive response! (I'll get more into Analytics next.) I've also been working to develop and advertise the Navigator website. The latter has been slow with little response, but I'm confident in its ability to increase in popularity. I might try some Buzz advertisements with it in the future.

Analytics

As Morgan mentioned when she released the StuCo Vision, we will be using a variety of analytics to monitor student activity. I was able to implement a couple apps and things to get analytics for the StuCo website and Navigator (both online and FC), and we've had impressive results! In the last month, the StuCo website has had 121 visitors--91 of whom were unique! We also now have 13 subscribers to the SC website. The Navigator website has received only 22 hits, but I hope to work on that in the future. Here's the data for the FC Navigator (numbers represent readers):

Homepage: 74

Staff: 72

#STG: 77

All That Jazz: 76

BQuad: 68

Caught in the Glow: 77

Cliffhangers: 68

Food & Nutrition: 75

Got Questions?: 66
KUWTC: 71
Pinch of Thought: 59
Salt Shines: 65
Tea Time: 73
Writing Workshop: 67

Overall I feel like these are really good statistics especially considering our lack of advertising for this month. But wow, my mind is numb from counting now. <_<

Navigator

Quite a bit has been happening in the Navigator! Since Nastassia is gone for the rest of the month, I'll post a separate Navigator update on her behalf. =)

Other Stuffs

- We started developing the 20th Anniversary Celebration. This will be a huge project that will require help from all members, but I look forward to working on it. ^_^
- Morgan, Nastassia, and I got some merch designs to Mrs. Shafer for the NSA cookout.
- Started working on the Christmas fundraiser with Charles.
- Discussed some things with TIP with Morgan and Damon.
- Worked with Rachel (my intern) a bit. Nothing too major.
- Been editing posters and announcements as usual.

Goals

- Release Christmas fundraiser with Charles.
- Potentially begin work on official NSA merchandise for release next calendar year (Jan-Feb-ish).
- Begin coordinating the planning the 20th Anniversary Celebration. (Possibly come up with a rough draft of dates.)
- Schedule and release at least 4 blogs posts for the SC website in November.
- Resettle into my position; this month has been hectic in multiple ways, and I feel like I kinda need to "recalibrate" everything I'm doing on the SC. Hopefully everything will settle enough for me to do that. :P
- Continue working with Nat on the Nav.
- Whatever else that will contribute to the hectic insanity that is my life. xD

November Update

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Summary

This month has been rather unusual. Many of my primary duties in the SC are now rooted, and I was able to begin outlying projects with others: Christmas Campaign, the Code of Conduct, and the NAV. (I'll definitely write more about these below.) Overall, I feel that it has been a successful month despite some absences and a bit of stress. xD

Websites

Everything in conjunction with the websites is running smoothly. It was decided between me and Mrs. Shafer that the Navigator will only be published online every other month (or as the Annalist's schedule permits) to limit the work involved. We have been consistently publishing blog posts on the SC website, and I performed some other maintenance on the website in general. We also have a cool new link! stuco.northstar-academy.org. Thanks, Mr. Horneck. xD Finally in this area, I'll be working with Morgan and Mrs. Shafer in the coming months to update our section of the NSA website to advertise the NSA Siblings program and further current projects (such as distribution of the Navigator).

Navigator

This month in the Nav has been a lot of fun, really. I barely survived last month (there's a reason we have two main leaders of the Nav <_>), but since Nastassia returned, we've been hard at work managing the Nav and developing the new program: Navigator Advancement Vision (NAV). This new setup will employ teams to maximize efficiency, improve quality, and distribute responsibility. While Nat and I are working together on this, I am primarily handling all technical aspects of its implementation during the Navigator's December break (Merry Christmas, team). I haven't been doing so great with submitting my articles on time, but eh. It happens, and I have good excuses. xDD

Christmas Campaign

The Christmas Campaign was released on November 20. It has had a disappointing start, but Morgan, Charles, and I are working to advertise and promote the fundraiser. Our goal is \$2,500, and it will be open until about January 15. I am also trying to get updates directly from Samaritan's Purse about the use of the money we raise. Discussion regarding the officer under whom this falls for the future is taking place.

#NSA20

Planning for NSA's 20th Anniversary Celebration, hereby known as #NSA20, will begin this month. I have been brainstorming some more ideas and the execution of this year-long event. I'll talk about this a little more in Tuesday's meeting.

Miscellaneous

A few of the representatives began work on the Code of Conduct this month. It will be a slow process, but I hope to have it completed and finalized by February for use by next year's Student Council. I was finally able to do some more work on the SC Log, and I am awaiting project reviews from many members. I stil haven't done any work on my archiving project

(that'll probably be pushed to later in the year). *sigh* I helped Morgan and Damon with some between-term things for TIP aaand I think that's everything.

Goals

- Complete Nav technical updates.
- Continue hosting and promoting the Christmas Campaign.
- Draft a calendar for #NSA20; propose and discuss certain events and programs.
- Perform NSA website updates.
- Continue working on the Code of Conduct.
- Fully update SC Log; work with Morgan and Lexi to distribute Job Reviews (Semester A).
- Work with my intern for a successful Term B.
- Survive Christmas.
- Other stuff that is sure to come up.

December Update

This month has reeeally been disjointed. Not necessarily hectic, but definitely stressful in its own right. xD With multiple vacations/days off, I didn't really accomplish a ton, but I'm working on regrouping for the winter/spring semester. =)

Accomplishments:

Met with Mr H about Nav permissions

Published multiple blog posts (thanks, Abigail!)

Worked with my intern on quite a bit of stuff ^_^

Brainstormed for the Nav website (need to do something different with it due to time consumption)

Kept Christmas Campaign going with Charles

Entered the music contest ;D

Goals:

Regroup and get started on idk how many things I have going on.

January Update

This month has been craaazy. I don't even know where to start--like Morgan said in the meeting, my idea processor has been in overdrive, which probably hasn't been good for my sanity. xD

Personal Life :D

- Finished Semester A of Latin, Algebra 2, and Chemistry woop woop.
- Almost done with my application for Yale Young Global Scholars. ^_^
- Attended PMEA District Chorus festival and placed 3rd for Regionals. :o

- Started back into piano for Grade 10 repertoire exam. @_@

Student Council

- Reconstructed Student Council website with modern format (to be released February 1).
 - Made a new and highly improved version of the Navigator website.
 - Worked with Nastassia to implement teams and remove the Navigator from FC.
 - Met with Morgan to discuss my position and its integration into the SC in the future.
 - Researched some things for the reconstruction of the Constitution and involvement of NHS.
 - Worked with Charles to complete the 2017 Christmas Campaign--huge success!
- Doesn't seem like a lot, but it took up a lot of time. xDD

Goals

- Figure out what's happening with the SC Log.
- Begin work on the Constitution Reconstruction.
- Further discuss the involvement of NHS with the SC and staff.
- Release a schedule for #NSA20 and begin planning specific events (NorthStar Ambassadors proposition, webinars, etc.)
- Survive Regional Chorus and school and life. @_@

March Update

This month I've really been all over place. Personally, I've had the musical, regional chorus, and catching up with school (which has been... relatively successful xD). However, my StuCo work has been a bit all over the place.

The constitution reconstruction is well underway; we have currently been focusing on member responsibilities, and I hope to have the first draft of that written soon. I will also be compiling elements from the current constitution into the new constitution. StuCo members including myself have already proposed a variety of changes that I believe will be beneficial to the council. This project was begun February 22 and passed by a unanimous vote; it will continue through April and the beginning of May, hopefully to be released prior to elections. The StuCo website was taken offline at the beginning of February for much needed updates. I am quite disappointed in myself to say that it hasn't been fully completed. *cough* Hopefully this will be done within the next few weeks. The Navigator website, however, has been released and appears to be running smoothly. We have had a few problems with publication and comments (for that reason the Nav Jabber was restored), but the Nav has received great feedback regarding the new design. ^_^ I'm somewhat disconnected from everything else in the Nav, but I'm sure Nat's update will suffice for that. =)

#NSA20 as a StuCo project has been discontinued due to a lack of interest and support from the council. Morgan and I (and others who may be interested) will be working with Mrs Shafer in implement some new ideas, but it is unlikely that #NSA20 will be released to the student body as a major project.

Goals

- Continue work on the constitution. Biggest priority: draft and finalize Member Responsibilities. The draft is now done; to be finalized within two weeks.
- Republish the StuCo website & reconnect with the Nav website.
- Propose ideas to the office regarding #NSA20. Begin discussion for the upcoming year.

Doneee

- Attend the missions trip! :D
- Assist Morgan in whatever ways necessary during Damon's absence.
- Reconnect with my apprentice... need to figure that one out. <_>

April Update

Ah, the final months of the school year. April and May are always the most stressful months of my life so that's fun. Anyways, here are some of the things I accomplished. I can't guarantee it's exhaustive, but it's pretty close. ^_^

Organized connection webinars. We've had an excellent response from the mass email, and over 30 people are registered among three sessions! We even have some parents and teachers registered. :o I am expecting many more to come who have not registered. Morgan will be co-hosting, and during the trip we contacted some alumni who will be the guest speakers (Kassia Fisher, Janel Reichert, Marissa Perez, and Jolene Carter). At this point it looks like the connection webinars are something worthwhile to pursue in the future, and I have added it to the list of SC projects in the StuCo Offices document.

The StuCo Offices document (previously "member responsibilities") has been finalized! It details the expectations of student council members, the responsibilities of individuals, and various official projects. I am now working to draft the revised constitution, including various details that we have discussed this year, applying more appropriate formatting and headings, and streamlining the entire document. The code of conduct will be completed later in May; as it is not vital to elections, there is less priority on that one.

The missions trip was a blasttt. We had a ton of fun, and hopefully we'll be able to do it again at the Dream Center in the future! =D Morgan and I were also able to brainstorm and work on some StuCo things together.

I've been discussing with Morgan some details about current projects, elections, and the upcoming year and helping with some things as necessary. Kind of like the "acting VP."

I was able to reconnect with Abigail, my apprentice, and she's done a great job helping me with posters and other advertisement stuff. ^_^

Personally, this month has been craazyyy. I just had an intense piano recital on Sunday, I've been attempting to catch up on school (or rather just /do/ school), I've been doing way too

much for my homeschool group, and I obviously went on the m trip. And I just applied for my first job and I need to get my driving permit. @_@ Hopefully all of that will calm down a bit this month, but it's been difficult to manage of that with the SC. =\

Goals

- Successfully run the connection webinars!
- Finalize StuCo constitution in time for elections.
- Improve activity on the StuCo website.
- Discuss with Nastassia the communication director's role within the Navigator (and other such details of the position).
- Run for president. ;D
- Select an appointee.
- Complete piano exams, get my driving permit, survive school, etc. <_>

May Update

Wow. This month has been something else. I don't know what kind of something else, but something else nonetheless. @_@

Governing Documents

The constitution and StuCo offices are both finalized and have been released to the student body! I still have one to write, the code of conduct, but we've passed the half way point with the project. As I will definitely be on the StuCo next year, this project will continue through the summer. =)

Elections

I've helped Morgan with some things for elections. I attended both nominee meetings and have been sending emails and helping some people with their campaigns. I'm also the only candidate for president next year, and I'm super excited to also be working with Charles as my VP. ^_^

Connection Webinars

It's hard to believe these were this month. xD Together Morgan and I hosted three with a total attendance of something over 40 people. It received excellent feedback, and it's now officially a StuCo project under the direction of any member. It'll be developed more next year once everybody gets settled in their new positions. Overall, they were a lot of fun, and definitely worth doing again. =D

Other Stuff

I've been working on developing some of my ideas for next year and collaborating with my Hudson on some of his ideas. I completed piano exams, yay! And among a bunch of personal stuff going on, I'm attempting to finish school. The whole month has been a blur, so this likely isn't a complete list of what I've done. xDD

Goals

- Work with Morgan to begin transferring administration.
- Train my successor.
- Communicate with new SC members to get them "in the know" about next year.
- Possibly work on the code of conduct.
- Finish school? Hopefully? *cough*