

Student Council Log

Editor-in-Chief | 2017 - 2018

Responsibilities

- Ensure that the Navigator is published on time, whether it be the self-designated date promised to the Student Body or the Constitutional quarterly date.
- Keep Navigator staff members accountable to set deadlines.
- Remain active in all Navigator groups, including but not limited to the Navigator Jabber, Navigator Skype Group, Emails, Navigator Applications, and the Navigator Staff conference. Remain active in monitoring emails and answering questions.
- Be active in editing articles monthly and approving each for publishing.
- 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

I've been working very closely with Cody these past weeks on getting new writers and adding back past writers. Of course, because of graduations and some students leaving NSA we have lost a few articles, but we have also added one or two, and I'm also working on a few new ideas. We revised the Navigator Application and changed it to a Google Form.

I implemented one-time articles (with Cody's help of course) and adopt-an-article. I am also working on some kind of apprenticeship for MS writers, (not all of them) who need a little more direction. It would be an article that I oversee as EIC, that they will write for, for a little while and I will help them improve their writing and then after they've gotten better they will be able to graduate to their own article, if they so chose.

This is still in the works right now, but it is an idea I've had to help them improve yet still keep the quality of the Nav intact.

I also want to implement a new motto, "Aim for excellence, not perfection." Then have a quote my dad gave me below that:

Excellence is motivated by confidence
Perfection is motivated by fear
Excellence is learning
Perfection is performing
Excellence expects mistakes
Perfection panics at mistakes

I think this will be a good thing to have for writers, editors and even readers! It has really helped me personally as a super-perfectionist.

August Update

Hi all!

So basically it's the same type of thing this month as it was last month. Cody and I are working on revamping the homepage which has been a lot of fun.

Staff Page

Cody is doing awesome things with the staff page, and he's doing the Navigator website which is totally awesome! ^_^ We've gotten pen-names from our writers for privacy, and made sure everyone is okay with their article being published on the website.

One Time Articles/Adopt an Article

We're still working on pushing the one time articles and adopt an article programs, so if y'all wanna advertise email me! ;)

Apprenticeship Program

I'm working on getting the apprenticeship program started, and I'm really excited about it! Hopefully we'll get it going this upcoming month, or next. This month was a little crazy for me, and Oct will also be insane.

I'll be traveling in the beginning of Oct, then the last two weeks in Oct we have a team coming from America. I'll be acting as guide and translator (to the best of my ability that is) meaning I'll be staying at the hotel with them. That being said, I finish up my courses this week and into mid Sept (they have differing end dates) so that'll be helpful for the Nav, as I am taking the entire month of Oct before starting my next year.

My goals for this month are to get the Navigator out on time, and make sure that all my writers are feeling good about timing and understanding what is required of them.

I want to try and recruit some one time article writers.

And really just get settled in my position.

I think that's all for this month!

~ Tass

September Update

Hi fellow SC members,

The month at the Navigator we've had a lot of confusion with writers wanting to write and not wanting to write, having the time and not having the time, saying yes then saying no. Let's just say, it's been confusing. >_< But we made it. We're here! =D

Penalties System Revision

- Cody and I have been working on revising the penalties system because, as he warned me, getting articles in on time is an (understandable) struggle. So we're going to implement that at the beginning of October.

Adopt an Article (AAA)

- We decided to put the AAA (adopt an article), and the AP (Apprenticeship program) on the back burner for a little while so we can work on one time articles and a program that I want to start to help get people more interested in writing for the Nav.

Specifically Advertised Articles (SAA)

- The aforementioned program we're calling SAA (Specially, advertised articles). This is where we (Cody and I, and whomever else I can recruit to help lol) come up with actual articles and then advertise a need for a writer for that specific article. This will help, in my opinion, because the response I often get, and even the one I gave was, "I'd love to, but I don't know what to write." I want to put an end to that.

- Of course, choosing your own topic is always acceptable, and will always be an option.

TIP

- I had a Skype meeting with my new intern Kate ^_^ (Katelyn Schesser) I'll be working more with her at the beginning of Oct.

Goals (just in general)

- Begin working on integrating Kate into the flow of the Navigator
- Release the new penalty system

- Work on pushing the one time articles
- Come up with SAAs, make posters, and advertise
- - Hopefully try and do some one-on-one advertising/recruiting
- Publish on time ;p
- Make sure that all our new writers understand the process of writing and what is expected
- Maybe recruit some editors to make my job a little easier so I can focus on other aspects of the EIC position (and so Cody can just focus on the file check as he's switching over to the website)
- Promote a closeness in the Nav Fam that I don't know that we all have quite yet

I think that's all I have for this month! ^_^ Cody, feel free to add in anything you see fit, or if I missed anything. Let me know if you have any questions. =)

~ Tass

October Update

None

November Update

Hi fellow members of the most distinguished SC,

This month for the Navigator has been a tad hectic. With the holiday season starting up for, seems like everyone is on the road (or in the sky I suppose). Regardless, we're working hard to get everything at the navigator done so that we can kick off the break and be ready to start making changes to the inner workings of the Nav!

* This month Cody and I have been discussing the plan for the future, and working on accepting our new editors.

* I sent out an email to the student body to ask for support for our writers in the Navigator Jabber, and I am happy to report that they responded quite pleasantly.

* We decided to make it that the Navigator publishes on the first Monday of every month, instead of the first of the month. The reason for this being, if the first falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it makes our jobs just a little more difficult than it needs to be.

* Cody made the wise decision of publishing the Navigator website only once every-other month. This will allow him more time to do so, and take a little of his plate.

* I'm so happy to report that our staff list keeps growing, as does our list of articles. We now have 15 regularly published articles. ^_^

* I have altered my personal schedule to make my Navigator work days Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

* I've started implementing fun challenges for our writers just to add a little spontaneity to our articles and give the readers something to look for. (An example of this is last months "batman" challenge, where writers were encouraged to include the word "batman" somewhere in their article) These are not required, but everyone seems to enjoy. =D

* Cody was awesome and made a sample conference for how we're going to set up the navigator. So we're going to be working on that as much as possible throughout the month of December.

* We decided that we aren't accepting anymore writers until January because of the new program and the break. It just makes sense.

As for what we're planning to do, really it stays the same. The month of December, our alleged break, will be spent planning and working out the new Nav! (Yay) So goals are as follows,

* Plan a Navigator Skype meeting for the first week of January

* Finish the new Navigator production set up by Christmas

* Enjoy our lovely holiday break

Cody, as always, if I forgot something, please feel free to add to my update!

~ Tassia

December Update

Greetings esteemed members of the council,

Cody and I have been taking a half-break this month with Navigator work. But that doesn't mean we stopped all together. Cody worked on getting the Nav Staff conference ready for the new year with all our exciting changes coming up! I worked on setting up a Navigator meeting, which will take place on the 5th of this month (Jan). This meeting is mandatory for all Navigator staff members, and will be used to grow closer to one another and get to know each other. Of course, the 'real' reason is to explain the new functions of the Navigator, but that's boring. ;p

We've accepted several new editors and a couple new writers here and there, and we've pretty much filled up each team of writers (oops, spoiler alert). I've also worked with my intern (Kate) and she is helping me get an RSVP from everyone for the meeting. ^_^

Cody, Morgan, and I have been discussing an alternative to KUWTC, and it looks like we're going to be implementing that this month (Correct me if I'm wrong, Cody or Morgan). This will be a bimonthly (every other month - since it can mean both two times a month and every other - thank you English) email sent to the entirety of the school. Morgan and I will work together to put together this newsletter style email and make it fun and interesting for everyone to read and get an idea of what's happening at NSA.

Accomplishments:

- ~ Nav staff update
- ~ New editors
- ~ New writers
- ~ Meeting set-up
- ~ RSVPs (in progress)

- ~ Email Newsletter plan
- ~ Worked with Mr. Horneck to get new permissions set up (this was a huge job and deserves mention)

Goals:

- ~ Have the meeting
- ~ Grow the unity between staff members
- ~ Get everything up and running smoothly
- ~ Publish first Nav of the year
- ~ First Newsletter with Morgan
- ~ Work out the kinks of the new plan
- ~ Work on penalty system with the new plan (since it looks like that is going to have to change a bit)

That's all I have for this month! As always, Cody if I missed anything please feel free to add whatever you see fit.

Your EIC,

~ Tass

January Update

Fellow Members of the Council,

This month at the Nav has been an exciting one! We've had lots of new things happening and it's been a pretty great month so far.

We started the new program, and it's running pretty smoothly so far, writer-wise. A couple of our editors are sorta dead-ish, but I'm planning on finding a way to fix that ASAP. ^-^

Cody and I decided to try something new with the Navigator this year. Instead of publishing on FC, we are not publishing only on the Navigator website. There are a few reasons for this that I won't get into here, but in the end we just think it will be easier, cleaner, and better suited for our needs.

I also contacted all my teams and have their editors working on getting a date and time for a monthly team meeting for each of the four Navigator teams. The reason for this is just to kind of check in, get to know each other, and grow in unity. Everyone really seemed to like the idea, and so we're going for it! =D

Accomplishments:

- ~ Started new program
- ~ Had first Nav meeting
- ~ Accepted new editors
- ~ Switched to webstie
- ~ Picked my Apprentice (yay Savannah!)

Goals:

- ~ Keep everyone alive
- ~ Publish on website
- ~ Work on penalty system
- ~ Try to figure out if Extra credit is an option
- ~ Continue to grow in unity
- ~ Have each team's monthly meeting (for Feb)
- ~ Work with and train Apprentice

That's all folks!

Your EIC,

~ Tassia

February Update

Not much has happened within the Navigator this month, so I'll be brief.

Achievements:

- ~ Picked my apprentice and discussed with her on several occasions
- ~ Discussed and made several inner-Nav discussions with apprentice

In the Works:

- ~ Monthly team meetings
- ~ Editors only meeting
- ~ Articles written and published on time
- ~ Working out the kinks in the new system
- ~ Meeting with apprentice

Goals:

- ~ To continue to promote unity
- ~ To teach my apprentice about the EIC position
- ~ Monthly team meetings
- ~ To get to the point where I don't have to be on everyone's back to write articles (so far I think this is going really well btw)

I've been a little less than fully alive this month so not a ton has happened; however, I feel as though we are moving in a positive direction and I'm looking forward to the rest of my term.

^_^

Your EIC,

~ Tassia

March Update

Fellow members of the Council,

The Navigator has been running pretty much according to plan this month. I am working on training my apprentice, Savannah, and that's going wonderfully. She's amazing.

- I was on vacation for a couple days, but to my knowledge there were no meltdowns while I was away, so that's awesome.
- Our teams are continuing to work on having their monthly meetings, with some struggle, but it's something new so that is to be expected.
- I had a meeting with my editors to explain their roles and my expectations of them. It went well and everyone seemed to understand. (and we had a great time ;D)
- Savannah has been taught how to publish and she's working on doing that this month so that's awesome!
- All the writers are doing great getting their articles in (mostly) on time.
- One of the Navigator teams was absolved for lack of need. The writer was moved to a different team and the editor was Savannah so she's simply keeping her job as apprentice only.

Goals:

- Find a way to show my appreciation to my gators
 - A work in progress
- Continue publication on time
- Continue training intern
- Work on finding a successor

The Late Great Show

The LGS is running smoothly and continuing to produce their episodes on a semi-regular to regular basis. All is well in that part of the world, I have nothing to report.

April Update

Okay so I've been somewhat dead this month, I'll be honest. =/ The dark forest took me in, but I'm starting to see the light again.

However, good things are happening in the Navigator. For one, my apprentice, Savannah, is amazing. She's been so helpful and I'm so thankful for her.

Nothing exciting has really happened this month, but publication is happening as it should, articles are being turned in, and I think we've finally gotten into the groove of things being split into teams and whatnot.

One thing I'm working on is a thank you for a couple of people who I've noticed have worked really hard. It's a work in progress, but it's moving forward. ^-^

Savannah had the idea of adding a date by which all articles must be published on the website so the writers know when they can start working directly on their documents again. So we've implemented that to help things run a bit more smoothly.

Goals:

- ~ Finish strong, and make sure everything is running smoothly for the next EIC
- ~ Finalize my choice for the next EIC
- ~ Thank you's for a couple of people
- ~ Job review
- ~ Personally check-in on all writers/editors to make sure they are good and everything is going well for them

That's all for this month. ^-^

Sorry that it's late. >_>

Your EIC,

~ Tassia