



Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the responsibilities and expectations of each member within the student council. This document shall at all times reflect the current standing of each position and project as representations of the council.

StuCo Eligibility Requirements

Student Council at NSA is an incredible opportunity to create real partnerships and solve real problems for our school. But it isn't for everyone who attends NSA. If you aren't interested in building relationships or can't turn on your camera, this isn't an experience you will enjoy. Additionally, to be eligible for StuCo leadership a student must:

- Be currently enrolled in **at least 3** classes at NSA and/or planning to earn a diploma from NorthStar Academy.
- Have a **C-average** or better
- On pace with completing courses (no **paid extensions** in previous 2 semesters)
- Not have had a **disciplinary infraction** at NSA

Universal Responsibilities

Overall Conduct

All StuCo members must conduct themselves in an appropriate and edifying manner in accordance with the guidelines instituted by NSA, being leaders and examples for the rest of the student population to follow. NSA has seven [Expected Student Outcomes](#) and as StuCo members, we do our best to be aware of these school-wide goals and to model them to others.

Additionally, StuCo officers commit to exploring and modeling [NSA's community norms](#) on our TEAMS campus and with one another. All members should maintain healthy relationships with council members and advisors.

LEAD300 EVP Course- (High School Officers only)

Officers are automatically enrolled into NSA's leadership course, which is a **free EVP course** that earns half a credit as a CLCR (College and Career) elective. You are required to participate in the Buzz course assignments and live class sessions, just like all other EVP courses.

- EVP live meeting time will be **50 minutes on Tuesdays at 10 AM - 10:50 AM** during the 2024-25 school year.
- LEAD 300 syllabus- free, full year high school elective that earns .5 credit (.25 each semester).

Officers & Representatives

There are two tiers of membership in the student council: Officers and Representatives.

Officers are held to a traditional EVP schedule and take LEAD300, earning credit as they serve the student body over the year. Officers are assigned to an operations team (either the Executive Team, the Communications Team, or the Outreach Team).

Representatives have a StuCo vote and are invited to help nurture and care for those on our Microsoft Teams campus. Representatives are not on an EVP schedule, do not earn a free leadership course, and do not earn credit the year they serve on StuCo. A representative role is perfect for a traditional VRP student.

Representatives come to one StuCo meeting a month, develop many new relationships, and they host one friendly gathering every month on campus (Grade Calls). Representatives partner with the StuCo Secretary and other adult volunteers to serve the student body on our Microsoft Teams campus. For more details, see the “Representatives” section below.

Executive Team

Team Competencies:

- Regularly partnering with adults in campus planning and solving school problems.
- Moderate experience in public speaking.
- Comfortable with camera on/mic on conversations.
- Comfortable making video and audio recordings for training others.
- Being present, safe, and available to your teammates.
- Moderate to advanced knowledge of backend technologies (Microsoft Teams, especially.)
- Ability to lead small teams of peers through training and meetings.
- Friendly willingness to help when ‘tasking’ others with important to-do items or long checklists.
- Multi-layered responsibilities are handled with timely and transparent communication up and down their pathway of influence.
- Familiarizing themselves with the students and adults around them and what they are working on.
- Prior Officer experience.

President

Application and Election. The president’s primary responsibilities are to oversee and guide all StuCo operations, especially the Communications Team. The president grants final approval of projects, delegates responsibilities as necessary, and ensures that the StuCo remains efficient in executing its responsibilities. The president will assist the school administration in monitoring public teams; he/she may delegate this responsibility to other StuCo members. The president or his/her delegate must directly report any questionable situations or comments to the NSA administration. The president is accountable to the StuCo advisors and NSA administration and is encouraged to seek their advice in leading the council. Additionally, the president helps plan and lead StuCo meetings, and assists members as necessary in executing their positions. If necessary, the president may amend the governing documents according to the appropriate procedures. The president works to make sure everyone on StuCo has what they need to do their jobs with excellence. **Prior StuCo officer experience required.**

In addition to LEAD300 officer expectations, Presidents are required to complete these tasks:

- Direct and guide the council in decision making and planning
- Communicate clearly and regularly with the StuCo Advisor and the rest of Student Council
- Support teammates in carrying out their duties, check in & help them communicate smoothly
- Host Student Council meetings & non-stuco leadership meetings
- Attend & participate in leading school wide events
- Be willing to speak publicly at a variety of events & actively represent Student Council
- Support the Communications Team
- Plan the weekly EVP session with the Vice President
- Check in regularly with other officers

Cora Metzger (President) 2023-2024: *This role has definitely not been quite what I imagined before I started. Really, I didn't know what all it would involve before. I was coming from the position of Ad Coordinator, and hadn't really had much contact with the previous President until it was time to transition roles. She told me it involved being on calls a lot and working to bring people together on StuCo, but it really is so much more than that. I think the main reason she wasn't able to really explain what the President did was because it was really up to the person in the role to decide. Yes, there was planning EVP and checking in with other StuCo members, but I learned that there wasn't really someone saying "this is what we do." It was up to me to decide what we were going to do. Which is something I never would've been able to do on my own. I relied on the Vice President and Secretary for input and advice on almost everything, and often also consulted with our StuCo mentors.*

When the school year started, we didn't have enough officers to fill all the positions, and we only had one representative! I had to focus on finding people to fill the roles, and we had the Back to School Bash and Reading Contest both coming up! It was kind of overwhelming, but the three of us on the Executive Team were able to split up the responsibilities and update each other as things happened. Working together like this, we managed to find people to fill most of the officer and representative roles, lead the two event committees, help the WCL and Club Coordinators find volunteers, and get the tutoring program started! Everything felt like chaos at first, but before too long we settled into a rhythm, taking turns leading event committees, each focusing on separate areas of leadership in StuCo, meeting every week to plan EVP and discuss what we were working on, and communicating in our group chat on an almost daily basis. I think finding that rhythm was the most important thing we did, because it enabled the three of us to work on other projects, like doing a town hall or getting grade teams opened, and that's how we were really able to actually change things and bring our ideas to life.

Vice President

Application and Election. The Vice President's primary responsibilities are to serve the StuCo Outreach Team, as well as the Leadership Club, Communications Team, and other members of the Executive Team when necessary. If for any reason the President or another officer is unable to fulfill his/her duties due to an absence or excessive workload, the Vice President will assume the neglected responsibilities. The Vice President also maintains StuCo's relationship with the student body, keeping communication open and ensuring that the student body's opinion of StuCo remains positive. The Vice President is accountable to both the President, Secretary, and the StuCo advisors. **Prior StuCo Officer experience is required.**

In addition to LEAD300 officer expectations, Vice Presidents are required to complete these tasks:

- Direct and guide the council in decision-making and planning in concert with the President and Secretary.
- Communicate clearly and regularly with the StuCo Advisor and the Office.
- Support teammates in carrying out their duties.

- Cover for leaders if they are absent and can't attend meetings or complete tasks.
- Support the Outreach Team, specifically the Club Coordinators.
- Help the President plan EVP.
- Meet with the Executive Team and StuCo Advisors regularly.
- Be willing to pick up miscellaneous work required for StuCo to function.
- Check-in regularly with other officers.

Lydia Novak (Vice President) 2023-2024: *Thinking about my role, I found it very difficult to pin down what I had actually done this year. The reason why it felt so weird to write down what I'd done is that my work has been mainly behind the scenes - not just to the student body like it normally was, but now to the rest of Student Council as well.*

My role has been a team effort between me, the President, and the Secretary this year. We have all been so connected and worked on so many projects together. Esther Noeth said last year that the President Role was both a lot more and a lot less than what she expected, and I can definitely say the same for the VP role. It's a lot less task-oriented and a lot more conversation-oriented. My role is more about planning, reaching out, having tough conversations, encouraging others, walking the line between wanting to help and doing someone else's job, and answering really hard questions like, "How can we make StuCo and StuBo better?" Because that's such a broad question, it requires a lot of discussion, thought, and careful contemplation before we even begin to decide on what tasks need to be done - let alone actually DOING them.

I've had experience in three different types of roles. The first was completely task-oriented. As the Social Content Manager, I made graphics and completed tasks. The second was mixed. As an Ad Coordinator, I completed tasks (such as posting advertisements), but I also mentored and guided the Content Creators, making sure they had all the tools they needed. Now, this third position is conversation-oriented. I have fewer "things to do" and more "conversations to have." My to-do list is often a list of names of people I need to check in with or get back to.

Don't get me wrong, there are plenty of tasks that I do too. I led the Christmas Radio Show. I worked with Cora and Maia on revising the entire StuCo Constitution. I do LEAD300 work. I create slides for EVP. But, the most important part of my role is connecting with others, whether that means the Mentors, the Executive Team, or the rest of Student Council. The Vice President Role is ultimately about managing and encouraging others and giving them the tools they need to succeed.

Secretary

Application and Election. The secretary primarily functions as the 'head of representatives team'. He/she leads representatives and ensures that emails and meetings are executed regularly by representatives; the secretary also collaborates with the officers to provide equal opportunities for representatives to serve under officers. The secretary as head of representatives must meet with representatives in Teams. Furthermore, if a representative is unable to fulfill their position for any reason, the secretary may temporarily assume the neglected responsibilities. The secretary is also responsible for the maintenance of the governing documents and all components of the StuCo log, including job reviews (to be completed once per semester) and election promises. The Secretary works very closely with the President and Vice President. **Prior StuCo officer experience required.**

In addition to LEAD300 officer expectations, Secretaries are required to complete these tasks:

- Make sure reps write and send their monthly newsletters

- Works very closely with the President and Vice President
- Hold weekly or biweekly meetings with reps & check up on them
- Effectively communicate between reps and officers
- Cover for reps if they can't complete tasks or are on vacation
- Work with the Executive Team, primarily in strategic planning and communication
- Work with the ad coordinators, passing on information from reps for weekly updates
- Help guide groups in the Outreach Team

Maia Coyle (Secretary) 2023-2024: *I've found that my role has been about helping others to succeed. When I was first offered to be secretary, I was ready to jump right in, but soon I realized how different it was from the picture in my mind. I got about 30 minutes of preparation before I was completely on my own. Although that happened, I wanted to make sure the people I lead were going to have hours and hours of preparation (and I hoped they would have too much preparation) because I wanted them to know I supported them and wanted them to succeed. My role has been an interesting one, as it's been a roller coaster with unexpected things being thrown at me. Even though it was hard to get into the rhythm, I loved it. I have LOVED working with the representatives as we have all been learning through the process. The representatives are some of my very favorite people as we've had fun, hard, and interesting conversations together. In my role, I have learned SO MUCH. I've learned what it means to truly be a leader, and I have learned what it means to be a leader of leaders. I've learned just how important teamwork is, and how being a leader sometimes means being the server. One of the key things I learned was to let others outshine me. Being secretary has shown me how - to lead leaders - I must let them step up and be a foundation for them to flourish from. Through this role, I've learned how to set others up for success, encourage others, be a team player, give others chances, let others outshine me, and trust others even through mistakes. My biggest encouragers have been Mrs. Shafer, as she's believed in me and my leadership skills, Mr. Deitch, as he's helped me navigate through different ideas and listened to me, and Mr. Hester as he's been supporting all of Stuco more than we can even see. You, mentors, have been amazing, and I cannot tell you how THANKFUL I am for each of you. Cora and Lydia have also been some of my biggest encouragers as they have been there with me through everything, wanting to know what's happening. Although the role (and the year) had a rocky start, I would do the year over and over again because I learned so much and grew in more places than I could possibly count.*

Now, to be more specific, yes, the secretary role is HARD. I am going to be as realistic as I can with as little fluff as possible in these next sentences. Secretary requires at least one call every other week with the representatives. It requires training all of the representatives. I most likely spent at least 5-10 hours a week on the preparation of the role (not counting calls). Often I have 3-5 calls a week for the role (counting EVP). This past year, I worked very closely with the President and Vice President, making the number of calls I joined grow. This isn't always a requirement for the secretary role, although I recommend working closely with your fellow Executive Team members!! Leading the representatives is hard, but it's worth it. I started the tutoring team mostly from scratch: the secretary role will not always require you to be the head of the tutoring team, as I was, but it is a good idea to know that you will continue to work with tutors. Leading the tutoring team adds, on average, an additional hour to the week.

If you are looking to grow your leadership skills, choose secretary! This role is tough, but it's so fruitful. And, all that to say, I will be there for you. I will be the mentor for the 24-25 StuCo Secretary, and I will make sure you have ALL of the information you need. I want you to be successful and flourish!!!

Communications Team

Team Competencies:

- Digital Design abilities/Being able to work Canva.
- Condensing information into a simple but engaging paragraph.
- Advertising capabilities.
- Knowledge of how to post to multiple channels across our Teams campus.
- Keeping & managing a collaborative advertising calendar.
- Hosting conversations with student leaders across our Teams campus.
- Partnering with NSA's home office communications team for direction, skillbuilding, and projects.
- Working on Event Committees and coordinating with volunteers and hosts for events.
- Having the big picture for events to be able to answer questions and work effectively.

Advertising Coordinator (up to 2 positions)

Application Only. The Advertising Coordinator oversees the student council's communication with the student body and other student organizations, advocating for the student council in these relationships and functioning as a point of contact. He/she primarily executes this responsibility through advertisements to the student body throughout Teams and in collaboration with NSA staff whenever possible. He/she ensures that communication is regular and professional. The communications coordinator also manages announcement channels.

In addition to LEAD300 officer expectations, Advertising Coordinators are required to complete these tasks:

- Find out the details of upcoming events (including but not limited to contests, Spiritual Life events, fairs, fundraisers, holiday celebrations, school celebrations, etc)
- Support and help content creators
- Advertising for clubs, club events, spiritual life chapel
- Sending out and preparing for the Weekly General Posting
- Managing deadlines and managing time wisely
- Both Ad Coordinators **MUST** be in contact and communicate with each other on a regular basis
- Having a vision for a system/process to split responsibilities and a process for communicating with Content Creators

Mia Braun (Ad Coordinator) 2023-2024: *Since Ad Coordinators are still relatively new on Student Council, it was an interesting experience entering this role. I learned how important it is to work together as a Team. Me and Michaela had to come up with a routine of how to support one another in this job. At the same time, working so closely together with the Content Creators, it was important to create a sense of community there, because in the end we were all a part of one team, even if we had completely different roles. And supporting one another was a key factor in this.*

As an Ad Coordinator, me and Michaela were in charge of posting the Ads around school, making sure that there is plenty of communication happening. This actually made us a communication center for the rest of the officers. We had the opportunity to interact with everyone on StuCo, and be a connection point. Through this, I have made a lot of close friends. At the same time, our communication allowed us to connect with other students too! It took me a while to embrace this opportunity, but once I did, I had so much fun getting to know so many of the students. In the end, I had to learn that as AdCo I'm not only

responsible for Advertising, but also for creating a community and a connection between StuCo, Events and the Students.

This role has benefited me in so many ways. I've learned how to efficiently communicate, how to create a connection, be inviting, and expand my advertising skills! The Teamwork and the connection has brought me so much joy and helped me grow as a person in so many ways.

Michaela O'Halloran (StuCo Ad Coordinator) 2023-2024: *In my role as an Ad Coordinator, I've learned the importance of teamwork and making sure everyone's needs are heard and everyone's collaborating to complete the assigned task. It was really important to find a way to become a fully functioning team or else announcements might not make it out or graphics might not be made due to poor communication.*

As an Ad Coordinator, our job is primarily to ensure that all announcements that need to be posted are sent out timely and efficiently. We need to make sure that for each building, the announcements are cultivated specifically for that particular age group.

I've loved being an Ad Coordinator. It's nice to have more of a set schedule for my work opposed to being a rep where it's sometimes contingent on the student body. Yet, I was still able to interact a lot with the students. I feel that I've grown a lot in communication and teamwork in this role which will undoubtedly carry into other leadership roles.

Content Creators (up to 3 positions)

Application Only. Content creators practice graphic design using software such as Canva to create posters, infographics and other types of graphic media with the goal of representing people well and sharing information about groups and events on campus. Content creators might also participate in NSA's media platforms including creating reels, writing blogs, scripts/skits, and podcast content for NSA. **No StuCo experience required; volunteer leadership experience preferred.**

Content Creators are required to complete these tasks:

- Create on demand graphics and (written) content for school events and groups.
- Be able to resize graphics for different social media or other platforms when necessary.
- Gather regularly with teammates for friendship and accurate information/communication.
- Create branding for events, such as creating banners, a color theme, fonts, and a general look for a certain event.
- Being open to communicating with students if they have questions.
- Being in constant communication with the other officers, especially the other Content Creators, Ad Coordinators, mentors, and members of the same event committee.
- Being able to work behind the scenes but also making sure to build relationships with the Student body.
- Being able to keep graphics and documents organized in both Canva and the StuCo google drive.
- Complete LEAD300 assignments.

Addie Becker (Content Creator) 2023-2024: *Communication is key! My experience with StuCo was a bit different from other StuCo officers since I live in the Eastern Hemisphere and was unable to be present during many of the live meetings. This meant that I needed to be extra diligent in connecting and communicating with my teammates and stay up to date on everything by watching recordings and reading through TEAMS posts. Something that surprised me about this role that I grew to enjoy was the role I had in contributing ideas outside of design. Yes, I got to create brand kits, make posters, film reels, and design banners for events and other activities. But I also got to share input and plan activities with my teammates- something that is super fun and rewarding. Many weeks being on StuCo looks like connecting with other StuCo members and the student body, working on LEAD300, and helping out when needed with*

other work. Other weeks are filled with event related tasks. I spend around an hour each weekday working on student council work give or take depending on how busy the workload is; the workload is heavier during events. Event planning is definitely one of my favorite parts of StuCo because I get to create on Canva, plan and organize the details of the event, and laugh and collaborate with other StuCo members. Some advice that has been helpful for me is to let go of minor imperfections you see in other people's work. As a perfectionist, it can sometimes be hard to trust others to meet your expectations. However, I have learned from StuCo that being able to share tasks and also encourage others in their roles is important, even if what others are doing is not how you would do it. If you are going to be on StuCo next year, focus on working together well with others, asking for and listening to their feedback, and also encouraging others in their positions. Healthy collaboration and communication go a long way in making StuCo activities run smoothly. 😊

Jared Lemmon (Content Creator) 2023-2024: Understanding teamwork and commitment in a project is a huge part of this role. This year, with the fantastic team we had, a lot of changes and corrections of last year's decisions were made for the better! I felt encouraged that we were actively planning activities and events to actively push the community, and to establish a firm foundation for the next chapter of NSA. One of the major things I personally had to learn this year was that the final product of a presented idea may not turn out to be what you initially thought. Having a team environment forces you to learn to adapt and change ideas, and to be calm throughout. Communication is king in any situation. To all future Stuco members, take any opportunity you can to properly and thoroughly communicate and engage with your fellow team members. You'll reap amazing rewards afterward!

Abby Hollingsworth (Content Creator) 2023-2024: The word that best summarizes the Content Creator position is teamwork. As a Content Creator, it cannot be understated how much we work with other people. Our job is to make other people's visions come to life through our creations. This is an awesome responsibility and usually means that we work closely with many peers and administrators. When working with others, the best quality we can have is flexibility. We work on so many different projects throughout the year and each one is unique. We need to be flexible with various timetables and schedules. This flexibility means always being willing to say "yes" when we are able.

Working as a StuCo Content Creator has helped me develop a servant's heart. This position is less about the designs I make and more about helping someone spread the word about something they are passionate about. This means I must put aside my own pride for the benefit of someone else. Even though the work we do is not always in the spotlight, it is fulfilling to encourage others in achieving their goals! The skills that I have built as a Content Creator have helped me become a better collaborator, helper, and servant leader. I believe that everyone could benefit from these skills and I encourage you to consider being a Content Creator during the 24-25 school year!

Outreach Team

Team Competencies:

- Moderate to advanced knowledge of backend technologies (Microsoft TEAMS, especially.)
- Ability to lead small teams of peers through training and team building meetings.
- friendly help when 'tasking' others with important to do items or long checklists.
- Multi-layered responsibilities are handled with timely and transparent communication up and down their pathway of influence.
- Complete LEAD300 assignments

Welcome Committee Leader- (up to 3 positions)

Application. The welcome committee leader oversees the welcome committee and all subsequent projects and activities. He/she functions as the “director of first impressions,” ensuring that new students are welcomed and assimilated into NSA’s online community. The welcome committee leader also directs and maintains the welcome committee’s channels and the NSA newbies team. The welcome committee leader should remain active in communicating with the welcome committee members, team leaders associated with the welcome committee, and, if necessary, new students. **No StuCo officer experience required, volunteer student leadership experience preferred.**

In addition to LEAD300 officer expectations, Welcome Committee Leader are required to complete these tasks:

- Host meetings with their peers (ex: mixers, informational meetings, training, etc).
- Gather regularly with volunteer leaders for friendship and community building.
- Track the arrival of new students efficiently and delegate their welcoming to committee members.
- Keeping new students in the loop about campus events via announcements (both posted and verbal).
- Complete LEAD300 assignments.
- Point person for peer to peer communication, making personal invitations and posts, inviting new students on campus to school wide happenings.

Thomas Blake Crosby (Welcome Committee Leader) 2023-2024: *Being a Welcome Committee Leader takes you on a journey, a ride you never thought you needed. At first glance the Welcome Committee Leader position seems small, it seems like a position that is odd for an online school. Why would you need to welcome people... to a computer? But it is much more than that. Being a Welcome Committee Leader allows you to meet people from around the world. It is a role that can support and complete a Student Council. Being a Welcome Committee Leader hasn't felt like the most flashy position, it isn't the first role people think of as "leadership"; however, it is the first face of NSA social life that people see. When I first started NSA it was extremely confusing and I was already bogged down by schoolwork. Writing to people on Teams can be scary, odd, awkward, or just weird for people. The Welcome Committee Leader helps push Welcome Committee members and encourage new students to poke around Teams! It's always nice to have someone you know that is in your position as well. I think starting off as a Welcome Committee Leader I wanted to impact NSA as best I could, but the role was a little difficult at first. Normally there has been more than one Welcome Committee Leader on StuCo; however, I was on my own this year. If I were to give one piece of advice for the future, it would be: try and get a couple other people to help you reach more people! You can't do it all, and that is okay! You will always have people to help you and you will always have people who need your help as well! Oh, and master the art of hosting calls ahead of schedule! (It comes in very handy.) If you love reaching out to people and you have the time, the Welcome Committee Leader is the role for you!*

Club Coordinator (up to 3)

Application Only. The club coordinator builds relationships with student volunteers on our Teams campus. They are responsible for supporting the club leader, coordinating and organizing across clubs, and helps monitor an assigned club. In addition to their role-specific tasks, club coordinators participate fully in the LEAD 300 EVP course as part of the larger StuCo officer team. Leadership Club with volunteer club leaders

and meet with them once a month to receive feedback and input for StuCo to consider. **No StuCo experience required, volunteer student leadership experience preferred.**

In addition to LEAD300 officer expectations, Clubs Coordinators are required to complete these “in office” tasks:

- Host meetings with their peers in Leadership Club (ex: mixers, informational meetings, training, etc).
- Communicate regularly with volunteer leaders for friendship, community building, and alignment with StuCo’s mission and vision.
- Strategic long-term planning for club moderation, events and other things club leaders might need.
- Have check-in calls with respective CluCo
- Check the club chats

Maxence Herbreteau (Club Leader) 2023-2024: *Throughout this event much of my work was just figuring out what I was supposed to do, so a lot of trial and error since it is all so new. Along with my club co we were able to figure out a sort of schedule and order of how to get things done. Overall I have found myself to work more with the people than the technical aspects of the leadership roles. This means that I have mainly taken care of communications with the leaders and in organizing things with them. We also found that having check in calls with the leaders and with us (my ClubCo) have been really helpful in staying on the same page. This role will entail a lot of work in the beginning when getting clubs open, but it will cool down later. When clubs were opening my ClubCo and I would meet up several hours a week to discuss the process and what to do. This position was mainly hectic for her and I because it was new and not written out but now that we have made a document I would completely recommend this leadership role. If I have to recommend it to someone specific would be one with club experience preferably and with people skills, or someone who wants to have a hands-on role with people. This position has included many casual meetings of getting to know the leaders and explaining what it means to be a club leader (hence the club leader experience). Overall I have enjoyed this position a lot as I get to meet many fellow students and I get to chat a lot.*

Naomi Eutsler (Club Co) 2023-2024: *Much like the thoughts of the others, a lot of this was trying to find what worked, and figure out how to take a position that had never really before been defined, and turn it into something that worked. It took a bunch of trial and error, and we hope our mistakes along the way can be used as an example for others that way they do not have to repeat history. There were many things that we tried that we figured out didn’t work, and a lot of things that could have been done better if communication was something we did more of with the people that we needed to. (I hope that makes sense?) To start, this role takes a ton of work, preparation, and a LOT of communication. Not just with the other club Co, but also with leadership, mentors, staff, and students themselves. This role requires a cool head, someone who can think under pressure, and get things done. I am not one of those people lol, but because of this role, I have learned HOW to become one of those people. This role in the beginning is hard, trying to set up dates and times can be a pain, and figuring out when and where to do things in the first three months of getting club applications out, etc can be exhausting, but afterward, it is worth it and relaxes more. If I had to suggest this role to someone, I would say past club experience is a must. If you don’t know what it’s like to be a club leader it can be hard to understand what they are going through and exactly what they need. It requires a drive and passion to do it as well, and someone who can spot that in others. Having club leaders be pumped out through the year and active with their club members can be hard, but it’s worth it. Finding someone passionate about the club with big ideas is wonderful, you can trust they will be willing to participate, and stay active as well as do what you had asked them to do. It’s a wonderful position, with its own set of challenges...But Max and I have made a document for any future people (well we are working on it lol) to help you all if you need it. I hope this helps anyone who reads it and good luck. It’s well worth the time ;)*

Student Representatives Team

Reps are not enrolled in LEAD300 but do meet live with the StuCo Secretary on a regular basis.

Team Competencies:

- A peer communicator who commits to learning how to utilize all NSA communication platforms (TEAMs, Outlook, Buzz).
- An eagerness to work with partnering adults, especially lead teachers, as they work together to befriend and minister to grade-level peers.

Student Body Representatives EL, MS, 9, 10, 11, 12

Application and Election. As their title implies, representatives represent the interests of their grade(s) within the student council. Student Body representatives must apply for StuCo's Student Leadership Application, then, if accepted, must run for the office of 'StuCo (grade) Rep'. Anyone meeting basic eligibility requirements may run for representative. **No StuCo experience required, volunteer leadership experience preferred.**

Representatives are required to attend a monthly representative meeting where they will get together with other representatives and the StuCo Secretary to storytell and share their perspective of happenings on campus. Student Body Representatives have a Student Council vote and are included in votes at monthly All-Call Leadership Meetings. In addition to the monthly Representative Meeting, you are also required to attend monthly All-Call Leadership meetings, which function as teambuilding experiences with other student leaders on campus as well as the place where StuCo votes on campus issues. In addition to *attending* these two meetings, Representatives are required to *host* live gathering opportunities for those in their grade level or club. Finally, the representatives may volunteer to assist StuCo officers in all projects or events assigned to them by the president or his/her delegate.

Required Tasks:

- Host monthly meetings with their peers (not required for Elementary and Middle School Reps).
- Befriend adult mentors and their grade-level lead teacher.
- Must email newsletters to their grade level once a month.
- Help build a thriving community: befriend other student leaders and adult mentors around campus, show up to school events, show up to live meetings, and be willing to be a public leader (not required for Elementary and Middle School reps)

Rep Requirements:

- StuCo rep meetings with the Secretary (*1 hour, 1X month*)
- Lead your grade level with clear communication and moral integrity and aligned with NSA's Community Norms.
- Help build a thriving community: befriend other leaders and adult mentors around campus.

Privileges:

- **Voice:** Reps are included in votes at monthly All-Call Leadership Meetings.
- **Leadership Practice:** may volunteer to assist StuCo officers in events and projects, as needed, and that will count as community service hours, if desired.

Nathan Rexroth (9th Grade Representative) 2023-2024: I as a rep am here to represent the students and their opinions. What i do on a weekly basis is just chill on teams and moderate and just be the face of the NSA values. One thing i would have liked to have known before agreeing to being rep was how much i would be moderating. Tho that hasnt put me off of the job, like for example i find it super fun to do grade calls, but honestly i just love interacting with students in general. Honestly there are times i regret becoming rep, but then im reminded by quite a few people that i made the right choice, so i would like to thank those people! Cause it really means a lot. If your looking to become a rep, its not all fun and games, your not always gonna be seen as the good guy, but if your fine with that i say if you feel like you would be good for the job reach out! I would love to talk and answer any questions! To the best of my ability that is XD. But yeah if your interested i would love to talk to you!

Tiana Dean (Middle School Representative) 2023-2024: My role as a grade representative is to help the students and represent them. Things that I do every week is monitor teams, and help out whenever there is an issue. I also make newsletters and host grade calls every month. On average I spend a few hours on my role each week. It's not an extremely demanding role, so if you wanna join StuCo and can't spend too much time on it, this role is perfect! It's also a great role if this is your first time in StuCo. I think that some advice I would've appreciated when I first started, is that not everybody will respect or listen to you. It will be tough, as kids'll be kids, but you are really helping and impacting the community with everything you do. My favorite part of my role is when I host grade calls and the students that are there really enjoy it. After many of the grade calls I have hosted, people have directly messaged me telling me how much fun they had, and how they loved being there. This is my aim! To create a fun welcoming community, where people can relax, but also pray together and talk about things. It is such an important thing for everyone to have in their lives. Something I have learned in my role is how important it is to have good Godly leaders, and that we should always respect and encourage those leaders when we do have them! Some people who have really encouraged me in my role are, my mum, she has been a huge and wonderful support! And also our 9th grade Rep, Nathan Rexroth has helped me through some challenges and had my back ;). My co rep, Esther Yang has also been a huge help and great support in this journey! I thank all of these people for helping and supporting me in my role! If you have any questions about this role, please don't hesitate to reach out to me!

Esther Yang (Middle School Representative) 2023-2024: Honestly, being a grade representative was an amazing and great experience. Being able to welcome new people, host grade calls, and create newsletters was such a fun learning experience. Of course, being a representative isn't an easy job. There are up's and down's, but having supportive people by your side really does help and encourage you. I myself had some struggles being a representative, but I got through them with help from my co-rep, Tiana Dean, and the 9th grade rep, Nathan Rexroth. Trying out new things can definitely be scary and seem hard, but it is worth it. I loved being able to represent and help other students. If you are considering this role, I would definitely recommend it! However, I also want to remind you to also think about the responsibility you are taking and how it may affect you. Being a representative is an awesome opportunity and i personally loved the experience.

AnneMarie Fitzwater (11th Grade Representative) 2023-2024: Being a representative this year at NSA has been a blessing in so many ways for me. Not only have I been able to grow in my leadership abilities by serving on student council, but I have also had the opportunity to make many new friends and engage students. From grade calls to newsletters, it has been incredible to get to know and represent those in my grade. Although being a representative does not require much of my time, it requires full engagement with the student body. Through representatives, the student body is able to voice their opinions to the rest of the student council. Additionally, because of representatives, the student body has someone to go to for support. Homeschooling can be intimidating and I am so grateful for the representatives because the

students have someone to reach out to anytime. My favorite part about being a representative is being able to engage with the students, designing the monthly newsletter, and hosting monthly grade calls. Through the grade calls and monthly newsletters, I have been able to make some sweet friendships and get to know the other students in my grade on a deeper level. I have been especially grateful for my secretary, Maia, because of her support throughout the entire year. I have been able to come to her with any random question I have to advise and she has been encouraging through it all. This past year as a representative has not only grown me in my leadership abilities but also in friendship. Because of my role, I have been able to make friends that I would otherwise not have. I am so thankful that I had this opportunity and I can't wait to see who is able to have this opportunity next!

Natalia Robles (12th grade Representative)23-24: I have never really consistently been active in NSA TEAMS till I was given the opportunity to be the 12 grade representative. I always wanted to engage with other students but I often had to stop due to school commitments or simply forgot to participate. This year as a representative I get to actively be a part of this community and I feel incredibly blessed for the experience. I have gotten to get closer to fellow STUCO members and classmates. I appreciate having a voice that not only represents me but also gives other students a platform to express themselves. As the 12th-grade rep, I've realized the importance of providing support and encouragement to my peers, especially considering how demanding senior year can feel, consistency is crucial. Additionally, being a part of STUCO has become an essential outlet beyond school, helping me stay motivated. I love making monthly newsletters for my classmates to tell them about all things NSA, post polls, memes, and give them hope. I have noticed that having "StuCo 12th Rep" makes others more comfortable reaching out with questions or just for casual conversations. I am very thankful for the connections I have made so far this year, my last year at NSA.

Amendments

Amendments to this document must be presented to the StuCo administration; if the suggested amendment affects no more than two members, the president may immediately accept or decline the suggestion. If more than two members will be affected, the amendment must be approved by the council through a two-thirds majority vote as outlined in the constitution. This document shall be assessed annually prior to elections under direction of the president or the designated member, but amendments may be made at any time.