





The Connecticut Student Activities Conference

Presents
2015-2016
High School
Programs

## Meet the Connecticut Students Activities Council (CSAC) Directors



**Dave Maloney** is the director of the Connecticut Association of Student Activities. As such, he oversees all non-athletic student activities programs and initiatives including the work of the Connecticut Association of National Honor Societies, the Connecticut Association of Student Councils and the Connecticut Debate Society.

The 1998 High School Assistant Principal of the Year, Dave joined the central office staff in 2007, following a long and distinguished career in educational administration. In his nineteen years as assistant principal at Branford High School, Dave was the driving force behind a number of successful student activities programs, including the state and nationally recognized Student Assistance Program and the state-recognized Student Volunteer Community Service Program. A sports enthusiast, Dave was an active and dedicated member of the CIAC, serving on the CIAC Board of Control, the CIAC Girls' Basketball Committee and the CIAC Golf Committee. He has been the girls' basketball tournament director for 25 years. An accomplished coach, Dave was inducted into the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (2005) and the Branford Sports Hall of Fame (1997). He was also named CHSCA Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year in 1986.



Jennifer Buckley is the Assistant Director of Student Activities at CAS. In this position, Jennifer designs and implements leadership development activities, workshops and conferences for elementary, middle and high school students across the state. She is the Executive Director of the CT Association of Student Councils and oversees the Student Council Advisory Board. Prior to joining CAS, Jennifer was the Associate Director of Wesleyan University

Upward Bound. She worked for the educational opportunity program serving low-income, first generation to college students from Middletown, Meriden and Portland for 11 years. Previously, Jennifer was the Director of Great Hollow Wilderness School in New Fairfield, Connecticut. GHWS is an adventure based leadership development program created to provide high quality, high impact leadership experiences for low-income students, students of color and other under-represented populations. Jennifer has an extensive background in teambuilding, facilitation and design of experiential learning opportunities to serve a wide range of participants from elementary school students to corporate executives. She specializes in leadership development for middle and high school students from high need communities.

# Registration

Online Registration for all CSAC activities is at <a href="https://www.casciac.org/register">www.casciac.org/register</a> at the appropriate times.

Additional information including student activity four year curriculum, team building activities, recognition programs, and much more can be located on the CAS Student Activities page at www.casciac.org.

The link is located at the bottom of the main page.

Inquiries to Dave Maloney, Jenn Buckley or Jenn Sylvester at 203.250.1111



# **Student Activities**

**Positive Leadership Skills** 

**Improved School Climate** 



**Essential Questions** 

Aligned to Common Core

## **High School Student Leadership Activities**

### **Purpose/Value of Student Activities**

Our schools are continually in need of successful, positive student leaders who can guide their peers and help build respectful school climates.

The 2015-16 high school curriculum is built around the essential question "I am a leader, so now what are my responsibilities?"

#### We will explore the following:

- How is my group formed?
- What kind of bonding activities do I do?
- What happens when a leader fails? Who picks up the pieces?
- How do I bounce back from a setback?
- How do I accept the responsibility of being a leader?

## Participants will engage in workshops that address the processes of:

- Decision making
- Problem solving
- Conflict resolution

Participation in student activities lowers drop out rates, increases test scores, promotes career readiness and develops social and emotional skills.

Research shows that our participants are better at managing emotions, resolving conflicts and resisting peer pressure.

# CSAC 2015-2016 High School Student Activities Calendar

#### September

18<sup>th</sup> CASC Advisory Board

21st Registration Open for Nov.

State Conference

16th Middle School Debate Coaches Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> National Honor Society Board Meeting

#### October

6<sup>th</sup> Dance Coaches Clinic

10<sup>th</sup> CASC Retreat

20<sup>th</sup> Cheer Coaches Clinic

21st Anti-Bullying Rally Middlesex County

23<sup>rd</sup> CASC Advisory Board Meeting

29<sup>th</sup> Diversity in Action, North Haven HS

#### November

11<sup>th</sup> CASC Facilitator Training

19<sup>th</sup> CIAC Sportsmanship Seminar

20-21st CASC State Conference

30<sup>th</sup> Battle of the Fans Competition Opens

30<sup>th</sup> "Heart of the Arts" Nominations Open

#### January

7<sup>th</sup> Elementary Leadership Conference

8<sup>th</sup> Elementary Leadership Conference

12<sup>th</sup> Elementary Leadership Conference

13<sup>th</sup> Elementary Leadership Conference

#### **February**

27<sup>th</sup> State Dance Championship

#### March

4-5<sup>th</sup> State Cheer Championship

#### April

2<sup>nd</sup> Debate State Championship

5<sup>th</sup> High School Arts Banquet

#### May

14<sup>th</sup> State Robotics Championship

#### June

TBA State Student Leadership Camp

#### December

18th Unified Sports Leadership Seminar