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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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So, where does the time go? It seems like just yesterday I stood here accepting the responsibility for serving as your CAS CIAC president. They always say, time flies when you are having fun! It is so-o-o true!

I can't begin to thank you enough for this wonderful opportunity. As much as I was involved with CAS before I became president, it was from an elementary principal perspective. While serving as your president, I have met and learned from so many new and interesting people, and attended not only elementary but many middle and high school events – some of which I didn't even know were part of CAS CIAC.

I have many favorite memories from the past two years of different events and activities. I am still amazed at how much CAS CIAC does to promote student activities (both athletic and non-athletic), recognitions for exemplary educators and students, professional learning, and advocacy.

During my term as CAS president I have come to admire and appreciate just how involved CAS is across the state – promoting high standards and quality learning opportunities for all students.

I am even more impressed with how CAS has established networks and is able to collaborate with key stakeholders and politicians to influence and improve the quality of education for all students in Connecticut.

Most of all, I am hopeful that the foundation we have built over the past 100 years – since the establishment of the CIAC in 1921, will continue to produce the highest caliber of school leaders to create the school climate, culture, and conditions that encourage, sustain, and support equity, respect for diversity, and are able to close the achievement gap, so all students achieve to their greatest potential.

During the past 98 years, the CIAC and CAS have become the premier Connecticut educational organization, and a paramount statewide educational institution. Through Karissa's leadership we have built relationships and created partnerships with state and national organizations that afford us the ability to have a united voice at the table and advocate for the needs of every student.

As you can see, after two years serving as President of CAS CIAC, I am still in awe of, “All the Things That We Do!”

Let me explain!

CUE “[OH ALL THE THINGS THAT WE DO](#)”!

I have to thank my husband Bob for helping me put this presentation together. He is the graphic designer and computer whiz behind the scenes of this production. Please join me in giving him a big round of applause and thanks. Also a huge THANKS to everyone who contributed pictures for CAS and CIAC via twitter! We couldn’t have done this without you!

Even though we had a lot of fun putting this presentation together, it makes you stop and realize just how much we, CAS CIAC, really does across the state, and what a huge impact and what a difference all of you, and many more of us who couldn’t be here, are doing to make a difference in education, in districts, in schools, and in Connecticut classrooms every day.

It has been such a great pleasure to work with all of you. I treasure your collegiality and friendships. There aren’t enough words to express how much I love CAS and how much it has meant to me to serve as your CAS CIAC president for the past two years. And even though I am stepping down from this position, I plan to be actively involved in CAS CIAC for many years to come.

Thank you again for the honor of serving as your president.