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Director's Corner

Thank you to the brave leaders who survived the stormy conditions at this year's "Adventures in Leadership." We certainly put the adventure in "adventure" this year...

And just like that, the school year is coming to a close. I want to thank you for your continued support of CASC and student leadership in Connecticut.

What to look forward to next year from CASC?

President's Symposium:: We are excited to announce a relaunch of our first event of the school year! We will once again be at the Old State House in Hartford from 9-1. This will be a free event with the tentative schedule being 9-12:30 Business meetings, 12:30-1 explore the Old State House and lunch on your own. The Executive Board has been working on creating an entirely new morning program to help prepare everyone for the year ahead! At the end, as always, the Executive Board will be rolling out details about all of the new and exciting programs they are planning for the upcoming year.

Be safe, and as always thank you for your continued support of student leadership in Connecticut and remember to stay above the line.

Christopher Tomlin
CASC Executive Director

Upcoming State Important Dates::

SEPTEMBER

September 25:: President's Symposium, LIVE (HS/MS)

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From the Executive Board

State President - Kinnick Campbell '26 - Norwich Free Academy



I'm thrilled to welcome our new staff and district board members to the Connecticut Association of Student Councils! It's exciting to start a fresh term with so many passionate student leaders ready to make a difference. We officially kicked things off with our first board meeting on May 3rd, and I'm proud to say it went incredibly smoothly as we laid the foundation for the year ahead.

We've already hit the ground running- planning for our 2026 State Convention is underway, and we're looking forward to bringing it to Norwich Free Academy, our first new host school from the Eastern District in several years! We also had a great turnout at Adventures Through Leadership on May 22nd, helping student leaders across the state launch into the year with energy and purpose.

Over the summer, our executive board will be continuing to work hard behind the scenes. From individual staff-led events to district conferences and overall board planning, we're focused on making this year one of the most impactful yet.

One of my key projects, the President's Symposium, is steadily progressing- and while we can't share all the exciting details just yet, trust that it will be a powerful and inspiring event you won't want to miss on September 25th.

We're also excited to roll out a new communication initiative: we're asking each member school to identify three student leaders to receive direct updates from CASC. This will help strengthen our connection with schools and make sure student voices stay at the center of everything we do. Check your inbox for the email sent out on May 5th for more details on how to get your students involved.

Let's make this a year of bold ideas, meaningful growth, and leadership that inspires lasting change.

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."
- John Quincy Adams*

Program Updates

*You are cordially invited to attend a
Conference for Advisors and
Student Council/Government Officers*

2026 PRESIDENT'S SYMPOSIUM

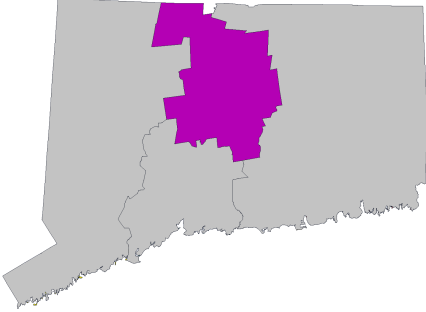
Citizenship|Training
Recognition|Inspiration
Service|Engagement|Spirit

SEPTEMBER 25 | 9:00AM-1:00PM | LIVE

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Districts in Action

Northern District - CIBA, East Hartford



Rachel Buck,
District Advisor

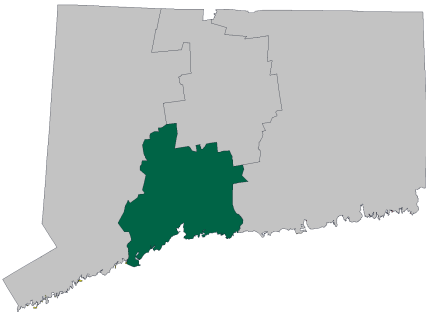


Jannah Sallam '26
Vice President



Buckle Buck '27,
District Coordinator

Southern District - WCA, Waterbury



John O'Toole
District Advisor



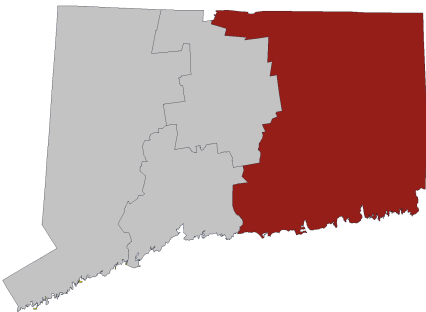
London Williams '26
Vice President



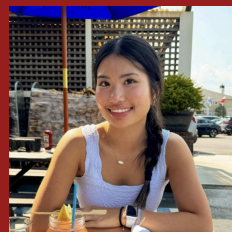
Samatha Ramdin '27
District Coordinator

DISTRICT UPDATE:: We made Keychains that were personalized for every teacher for teacher appreciation week and we are planning our field day activities.

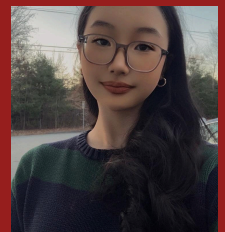
Eastern District - NFA, Norwich



Lorraine Dooley
District Advisor



Sharon Liu '26
Vice President

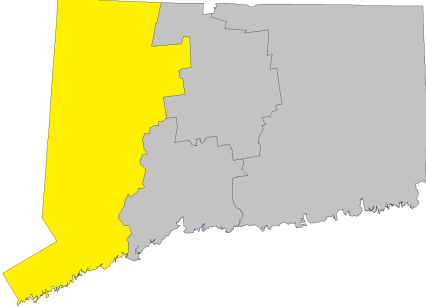


Winnie '27
District Coordinator

DISTRICT UPDATE:: It's been an exciting and productive month for Student Government at Norwich Free Academy. Members of the Student Advisory Board (SAB) have been hard at work promoting student involvement across campus. They organized the final Spirit Week and pep rally of the year, bringing energy and school pride to the community. This month also marks our annual leadership conference, which will bring together over 50 student

leaders for a day of collaboration and growth. Additionally, students have taken the initiative to host a voter registration drive on May 22, further demonstrating their commitment to civic engagement.

Western District - Thomaston HS, Thomaston



Terri Franzi
District Advisor



Alyssa O'Brien '26
Vice President



Makenzie Chasse '26
District Coordinator

DISTRICT UPDATE:: Updating CASC on what has been going on at Thomaston High in the Western District, this month (May) we will be holding our annual Mr. THS fundraiser. Within this fundraiser seven male students compete with their own talents to see who holds this year's Mr. THS award. This is an inclusive and huge school wide held event on May 16th from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Our school gets very excited about this event and we recommend it to all other schools reading this highlight!

CTRISES:: Project Ideas

Remember to be focusing on your **CT**(citizenship), **R**(recognition), **I**(inspiration), **S**(service), **E**(engagement), **S**(spirit). Looking for a new project to run this month in your student council/government? Think about incorporating some of these suggestions into your calendar.

Ideas for June

Inauguration/Awards Night

Hold an end of year ceremony that both recognizes your graduating seniors and what they have contributed while also recognizing the rising leadership. These ceremonies can include::

- Farewell speeches and gifts to the seniors.
- Seating in new officers.
- Senior advice to the incoming leadership team.
- Passing the gavel ceremony to the new president.
- Certificates for seniors.
- Superlatives.
- Bestowing awards/recognitions.
- Food, everyone loves food!

Summer Meetings

Hold a meeting in August with your Executives or Leadership team to write goals for the coming year. Be sure that the goals and values are shared by the entire group. Goals should be SMART, and consider using CT RISES when it comes to planning your projects to support the goals.

Some Councils/Governments choose to select a quote that they will use for the year as motivation. If you choose a quote be sure to display it in your meeting room, social media, and SWAG.

You may also want to use this opportunity to plan any

first day of school activities to welcome back the

students, faculty and staff.

***We are always looking for new and exciting projects or events to highlight, if your council has a project that you would like to see highlighted in a newsletter please submit it [here](#).*

Upcoming Events

Be sure to check the CASC Website (CTStuco.com/program) for a full calendar of our program and more information!

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OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

November 12:: Start and Spark (HS/MS)

Dances and Spirit, VIRTUAL Meeting 7:00-7:40

November 19:: CASC District Conference, Virtual (HS/MS)

Each of Connecticut's 4 districts holds its own conference that will allow for local students and advisors to connect, build relationships and share ideas. More details to follow.

DECEMBER

December 5-7:: NA4SA (NAWD) Annual National Conference on Student Activities (HS/MS)

Check www.nawd.com for more details as we get closer to this event.

December 17:: CASC/CGA Mock Legislative Session Day (HS)

Mock Legislative Session Day is an opportunity for student council/government members from across Connecticut to work with the Connecticut General Assembly staff and legislators to learn how a bill becomes a law. Students will experience the committee and public hearing process, bill analysis, fiscal analysis, and the process of putting a bills intentions into legal language, in preparation for Mock Session where students will debate their mock legislation on the House Floor.

This is an incredible educational experience giving student council/government members the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the legislative process in a hands-on way.

JANUARY

January 14:: Start and Spark (HS/MS)

Convention discussion, VIRTUAL Meeting 7:00-7:40

FEBRUARY

February 15:: NatStuCo Council of Excellence application award deadline. (HS/MS)

February 13:: CASC Student Executive Board officer applications due. (HS/MS)

February 13:: CASC Award applications due. (HS/MS) <https://www.ctstuco.com/recognition>

February 20:: CASC Awards Selection Committee meeting (virtual)

Feb 27-March 1 - LEAD Conference, Washington, D.C., February 27–March 1, 2026 (HS/MS)

The National Student Council Conference will bring together students and advisers from National Student Council for two days of immersive learning from nationally acclaimed speakers, tailored leadership training, and diverse peer-to-peer connections. <https://www.natstuco.org/events/nasc-national-student-council-conference/>

MARCH

March 6:: CASC Convention (HS/MS)

This year being hosted by Norwich Free Academy in Norwich. More details to follow as we get closer.

March 18:: CASC Staff Applications Due

March 21:: CASC Staff interviews at @CAS, Cheshire from 9-1

APRIL

April 17:: CASC 74th Birthday

April 22:: Start and Spark (HS/MS)

Convention discussion, VIRTUAL Meeting 7:00-7:40

April 24-30:: National Student Leadership Week

MAY

May 1:: New Student Officer Term Begins

May 20:: CASC “Adventures in Leadership,”

Ropes course designed to allow your newly elected leaders an opportunity to come together and begin to work as a team, while meeting leaders from across the state. More details to follow.

The dates for following CASC events will be announced at Symposium in September:

- Workshop trainings (2)
- Advocacy Day
- President meetings
- Middle School Meetings
- Mental Health Summit