

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

The Sixty-First Annual Meeting

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2012-2013 Annual Report

HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF CONTROL

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The Connecticut Association of Schools High School Board of Control goals for the academic year were:

- to identify ways in which CAS can provide support to high school principals.
- to provide professional development to high school principals based on need.
- to participate in the selection of the High School Principal of the Year.
- to participate in the selection of the William Cielukowski Award for first year principals.
- to provide a voice for legislative decisions that affect teaching and learning.
- to foster membership with NASSP.

Throughout the year the CAS High School Board of Control (HSBOC) has achieved:

- CAS offered two-day seminars on the NEASC Standards for Continuous School Improvement. The October 15th-16th and the April 22nd-April 23rd workshops were each attended by five high school teams. Each team of five consisted of a combination of administrators and teachers.
- CAS continues to handle all NASSP membership mailings and renewals. NASSP encourages state affiliates to collect NASSP dues and provides a financial incentive at no additional cost to the individuals. CAS organized a dinner sponsored by Herff-Jones at the NASSP convention held this year in Washington, DC.
- The HSBoC presented a revised version of the High School Board of Control By-Laws to the CAS Board of Directors. The revised bylaws were approved by the CAS Board and will be voted on at the annual meeting for final approval. If accepted, the revised by-laws will better align the activities and powers of the HSBOC to the CAS-CIAC mission.
- The HSBoC hosted an information session for principals on the new teacher evaluation plan. CAS Executive Director Karissa Niehoff gave the participants an update on both the PEAC and EPAC work. As a member of both committees, Dr. Niehoff is able to present the principal's point of view and also keep the principals informed of the discussions about teacher evaluation and induction taking place at the state level. Dr. Niehoff's presentation was both timely and informative.
- In collaboration with the Connecticut Principals' Center and the Connecticut State Department of Education, the HSBoC is hosting several talks for principals by Chief Academic Officer Dianna Roberge Wentzell that will address the Common Core.
- The HSBoC collaborated with the CIAC to develop the newly formed Endowment Grant/Flanagan Grant Scholarship. Forty-five applications were reviewed on April 24th. Winners will be honored at the CAS Annual Meeting.
- On April 1st, CAS, along with sponsors Jostens and Bearingstar Insurance, honored 295 students from 148 member schools at the 18th Annual High School Outstanding Arts Awards Banquet. Our guest artist Arti Dixon, a highly acclaimed international percussionist, was accompanied by two musicians and performed before a record audience of 1,355 people. Mr. Dixon addressed the audience and shared his personal story of how he became involved in the arts and encouraged the honorees to remain open-minded in their future pursuit of their passion.
- The Governor's Scholars Committee first met in December to review the process used to select the Governor's Scholars. At this meeting, the committee also crafted the essay topic and finalized plans for the luncheon. On March 15th, the committee met at CAS to read 152 applications and selected 30 applicants to be named the 2013 Governor's Scholars. The 30 Governor's Scholars will be honored at a luncheon to be held on May 16, 2013 at the Aqua Turf. Attendance of approximately 200 is anticipated, including the honorees' family members and school personnel as well as representatives from various state school associations.

