

The Student Leader

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Convention is around the corner!

I hope that everyone is staying warm during this chilly month. It might be cold outside, but things around the VSCA office are heating up! The VSCA Advisory Committee held it's final meeting before Convention and we are so excited for next month.

We have confirmed *A Troupe Called Quest* an improve group from Christopher Newport University as our Friday night entertainment. We are also thrilled about our dance. It will have the theme *VSCA: Highlight the State*. Each region will have a different color glow necklace to wear to the dance.

Those of you that have already registered will be getting a letter soon in the mail that details all of the exciting events of the weekend. You will also be hearing from the Regional Representative from your region. They will be a great resource for any last minute questions. Feel free to contact me at anytime at avail@scaleader.org.

We are so excited to see you next month!

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Dr. Cannaday visits the VSCA Advisory Committee

By: Emma Buchanan, VSCA President

The Virginia Student Council Association Advisory Committee met in November and was lucky to have Dr. Cannaday, dean of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies at UVA and the Chairman of the Committee on the Standards of Quality, join the meeting. Dr. Cannaday commended Virginia's student leaders for joining forces in order to solve some of the biggest issues that face the state today.

Great leaders like Dr. Cannaday serve as positive role models for growing leaders, and the VSCA Advisory Committee was able to learn valuable lessons on leadership from him in the short visit. First, Dr. Cannaday gave off an air of high integrity; he stood tall and reminded the VSCA Advisory Committee that a leader must have the ability to make the right decisions and support the choices made. Second, Dr. Cannaday is a man of excellence and success; however, his modest character highlighted his true leadership skills. Finally, Dr. Cannaday's leadership skills were apparent through his commitment to the driving



Adviser Spotlight

Mrs. Robin Waldron, Liberty High School

VSCA: What is your favorite part about being an SCA Adviser?

Mrs. Waldron: My favorite part about being a SCA advisor is seeing students grow from timid followers to bold leaders.

VSCA: What is the most memorable event that you have been a part of in this role?

Mrs. Waldron: The most memorable event? Wow, that's almost three decades of memories! Laughter, tears, triumphs, flat tires...but if I have to choose one event it would be when the students of the Liberty SCA took the initiative and decided to help someone in crisis...me. My home burned down in 2001 and while I was out of school trying to put my life back together, the students organized a car wash to benefit my family. When I came back to school, my SCA officers brought me a jar full of money. I was so thankful, so proud of them, and so touched. I didn't realize until later that they had raised over \$800! I still can't find the words to adequately express how I felt about their kindness.

VSCA: Why do you think VSCA is important?

Mrs. Waldron: SCA is sooooo important because it shows students that, though they may be young, they do have a voice. They can make a difference in the world!

Do you want to highlight an adviser in your life? E-mail Mrs. Vail at avail@scaleader.org.

Do you have a question for Mrs. Waldron?

Contact her at

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V&CA State Convention

March 20-22, 2015

Doubletree by Hilton

Williamsburg, VA

Registration forms are

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