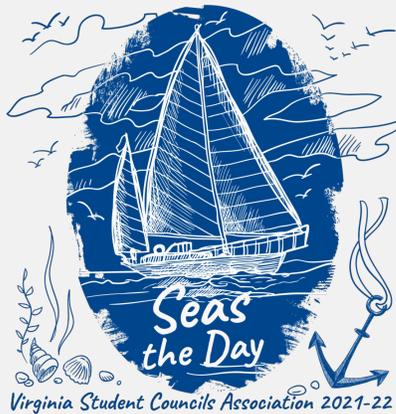




VSCA News & Updates

December 2021



VSCA Convention Planned for March

VSCA is excited to invite your school to *Seas the Day* by attending the 95th annual convention, to be held March 25-26, 2022 at Orange County High School. The convention structure will be a bit different this year but will feature the same spirit of sharing, collaboration, and energizing networking it has always had. For more details and registration materials, click on the link below.

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A Word from the Director...

Like other state associations, VSCA has suffered a loss of membership because of the pandemic. A high turnover of advisers along with the overwhelming nature of rebuilding school cultures have resulted in challenges for many student councils. This decline in membership combined with a loss of revenue from last year has put the association in a position in which we just don't have the financial reserves to sustain a loss on this year's convention. Just like most student council activities, the 2022 convention simply must pay for itself.

The option of having another virtual convention is certainly there, but our VSCA Advisory Committee is prioritizing having an in-person experience for the membership. There are risks involved, because some of the costs involved in planning a quality convention are substantial whether there is one person there or a thousand. In the interest of full transparency, I want you to know that the association must meet a minimum registration level of 250 participants or the convention will not be able to proceed. In a normal year, that number wouldn't even be in question -- we even had 209 last year at the fully virtual convention. But this year, who knows?



Awards Packet Sent

The packet of information and forms for VSCA's annual awards was emailed to all member school advisers earlier this month. The packet includes forms for:

- Student Council Achievement Award
- VSCA Advisor of the Year
- VSCA Administrator of the Year
- Outstanding Student Council Project Award

We have plans for some exciting sessions and training that will help your school rebuild its climate and meet the needs of your student council. I'm excited to release the details in early January when things are finalized. Meanwhile, I wanted to get the basic information out to you so you can start making plans with your students to attend. I encourage schools to register early to help us know as soon as possible that we have reached our goal of at least 250 participants -- and save your council some money as well if you meet the early registration deadline of January 21!

I look forward to seeing you at the convention in March!

Lyn Fiscus

Director, Virginia Student Councils Association

All member schools that meet the criteria for the Achievement Award receive the award. It's a great way to receive recognition for the hard work of your student leaders.

Applications for the first three of these awards are due by January 6, 2022. If you missed the earlier email, the information also is available on our website at

www.scaleader.org/awards/

Advocating for Your Program



Student council advisers wear many hats—educator, mentor, adviser, family member, role model, and more. In these tough times, one hat you must remember to put on now and then is advocate for your program. To maintain support in your school and community for your council's activities, it's important to keep those who might be in a position of influence informed so they will provide opportunity, resources, and support. As you work with your student leaders, don't forget to include action items to ensure that others know about your program and all the ways your students benefit from participation in it.

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