

# Reumors

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## NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STUDENT ACTIVITIES

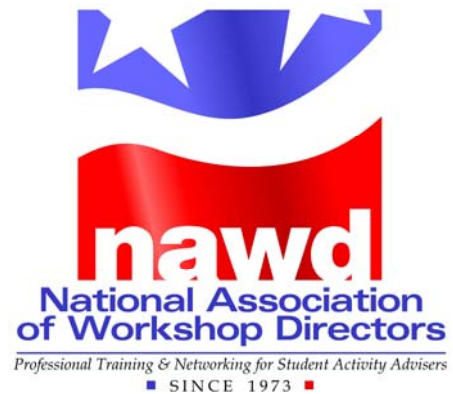
**SPOKANE, WASHINGTON  
DECEMBER 1-3, 2017**

NCSA-2017 sponsored by the National Association of Workshop Directors will be held in Spokane, Washington, at the Hotel Red Lion, and adjoining sites.

The Association of Washington Student Leaders (a division of the Association of Washington School Principals) is the host organization. The association last hosted the NAWD/NCSA conference in 1996 in Seattle. The 2017 conference will be held in Spokane, the second largest city in Washington State, which is located near the Idaho border.

Over 250 national adult leaders in the field of Student Leadership development are anticipated to attend NCSA-2017. These attendees comprise the state student council executive directors from most states, activity advisors from high schools, middle schools, and a few elementary schools from around the country; and planners/presenters from student leadership workshops from most of the states. These delegates are key players in their state student leadership structures.

Consult [www.nawd.com](http://www.nawd.com) throughout this spring for updates and details. The preliminary conference schedule, hotel information, and the "Call for Presenters" with the detailed application to present and are now posted. In mid- May, a list of Focus Group sessions will be posted. along with additional program details and pre-conference options. It is our goal to share details about NCSA-2017 so that you might begin to get approval from your administration to attend before the end of this school year. We hope that you will recruit colleagues from your respective schools and states to join us for the "Leadership Revolution" in Washington. The NAWD organization is appreciative of the work done by Susan Fortin and the leadership team in Washington as they plan an outstanding weekend. If you teach leadership in the classrooms of our nation, or are advisors to a wide variety of student activity organizations, or develop leadership education programs or conduct workshops for young people and their advisors on the state or national level, this NCSA Conference is for you.



The National Conference on Student Activities (NCSA) is designed to provide program strands that encourage participation of a wide variety of activity advisors, school administrators, leadership educators, motivational speakers, and consultants.

The program will feature:

- Two general session keynote speakers
- Three 40-minute workshop presentations
- Session with different groups focusing on leadership camp curriculum, camp logistics, conference planning, leadership retreats, middle level workshops and conferences, advisor training, and ideas for working with student leaders.
- Focus groups to provide participants with an opportunity for in-depth discussion, and idea and resources sharing on a varied area of leadership development topics that they will pre-select.
- "Meet the Pros" sessions to learn about new materials, methods, projects that can be successfully implemented in middle schools and high school across the nation
- Mixers, social activities and meals that promote networking and fun.

**Date:** Friday, Dec. 1 to Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017

**Location:** Hotel RL and downtown sites in Spokane  
[www.hotel-rl.com/park-spokane](http://www.hotel-rl.com/park-spokane)  
509-326-8000

**Room Rate:** \$90 plus taxes for one to four people per room per night

**Cost:** \$315 (program and materials, two breakfasts, one lunch, one dinner, and NAWD dues) by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>  
\$295 reduced rate when registering as a group of 5 or more by October 31<sup>st</sup>.  
\$335 after October 31<sup>st</sup> or \$370 onsite.

## NCSA-2017: Why Leadership Revolution?

- It's not what you do, it's **why** you do it.
- Build nothing for us, without us.
- Equity.

These are the operating philosophies of the students, advisers and principals that guide the work of the student leadership programs in Washington. With the myriad of challenges schools are called upon to meet, student leaders are critical partners in both defining and implementing the solutions. School staffs need help in insuring the academic and social success of all students. The Leadership Revolution is realizing this truth: student leaders can be the brains, heart and courage of positive change...if we let them!

The Association of Washington Student Leaders (a division of the Association of Washington School Principals) has been providing leadership training in our state for over 60 years. We serve more than 13,000 students each year with a K-12 leadership program. We have grown over the years in our understanding of how we can best train students to lead their schools and communities. Here are some of the questions we are asking ourselves. We hope you will join us in December for conversations like these:

- **Disproportionality:** Do the student leaders reflect the social and academic demographics of the students they represent?
- **Tradition:** Do our traditional activities and leadership governance models meet the needs of all students?
- **Service:** How do you train students to lead with a servant's heart?
- **Social Justice:** How can student leaders work at decreasing or eliminating inequity; promoting inclusiveness of diversity; and establishing supportive environments that are supportive of all students in our schools?
- **Trauma:** How can we train student leaders to be the first-responders for the students with high social-emotional needs?
- **Future Educators:** How can our student leadership programs be the catalysts in creating the next generation of great classroom teachers?

We are so excited to have you join us in Spokane. We'll have the traditional NCSA fun, but we hope to also challenge the collective minds gathered to think about our roles in this **Leadership Revolution!**



Susan Fortin, Executive Director  
Association of Washington Student Leaders

## CALL FOR PRESENTERS "LEADERSHIP REVOLUTION" WORKSHOPS

The National Conference on Student Activities is designed to provide program strands which encourage participation by a wide variety of activity advisors, school administrators, leadership educators, motivational speakers, and consultants. There are FOUR workshop strands based on the "Leadership Revolution" conference theme, each meeting the needs of an array of NCSA participants. Posted at [www.nawd.com](http://www.nawd.com) are the strands and subtopic areas designed to encourage NCSA attendees to apply to be presenters in 2017. Potential presenters are asked to review topic areas and create a presentation based on the suggested themes. The list of topics will be designed to stimulate thinking about potential presentations and not to place constraints on the creativity of the presenters.

### Potential NCSA-2017 Strands

**Equity, Access, and Opportunity-** Innovative ways to open the doors of leadership to all students.

**Diversity, Understanding, and Acceptance-** Successful lessons and activities that focus on human relations skills.

**Stirring the Pot-** "Revolutionary" strategies to teach leadership concepts, promote positive school climate and make school fun for everyone.

**What is Working?** Ideas, activities and approaches that are working in your school or state related to a myriad of programs, resources, leadership training, and educational concepts. (The list is endless at [www.nawd.com](http://www.nawd.com))

NAWD has a tradition of using educational conference sessions as a platform for innovation in the field of student activities. In the spirit of collegial networking, NAWD seeks contributors who are willing to share their expertise without an expectation of payment.

Concurrent sessions will be held at Spokane's Hotel Red Lion on December 2. Sessions are 40 minutes in length. We will have a total of twenty-five or more breakouts in three time slots.

**Please submit a presenter application to Jim Finnemeyer at [finnemeyer@nawd.com](mailto:finnemeyer@nawd.com) no later than September 10, 2017.**

Decisions will be made on selected workshops by mid-September and all applicants will be notified soon thereafter.

**Pre-conference Opportunity – December 1, 2017  
Leadership at the Peak!**



Experience “Leadership Camp” first hand! In an optional pre-conference session, NAWD members will travel one-hour north of Spokane to the Chewelah Peak Learning Center (CPLC) for a day of leadership camp. Washington is fortunate to have two camp facilities dedicated to leadership and learning for students in the state, with CPLC being the newest.

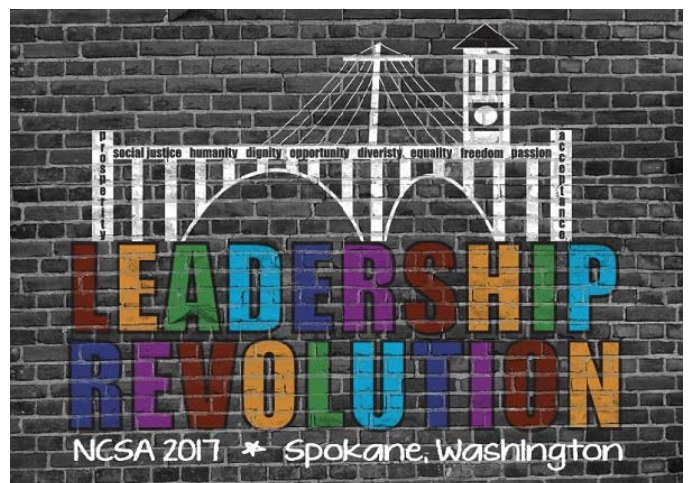
Participants will leave the Hotel RL by charter bus at **7:30 AM on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**. The day will include camp curriculum, hands-on activities, challenge course opportunities and a chance for camp folks to share philosophy, structure and goals. The bus will return to the Hotel RL in time for “campers” to freshen up before the NCSA conference opening. For over 60 years, summer leadership camp has been a tradition for Washington schools. This pre-conference program will provide a unique opportunity for NCSA attendees to interact with some of the most talent leadership educators in the nation.

**This pre-conference event includes lunch, snacks and transportation. Cost per delegate = \$30.** Please note that participants will need to arrive in Spokane by THURSDAY night, NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> to attend.

**ADDITIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM  
ACTIVITIES**

In addition to the “Leadership Camp” excursion, NCSA participants will have on-site options that will be announced at [www.nawd.com](http://www.nawd.com) and in **Reumors** in May and August.

At this time, we anticipate having a Speakers Showcase program jointly sponsored by the National Association of State Student Council Executive Directors (NASSCED) from 1:00-2:30. The Showcase will be followed by two optional 60-75 minute special workshops from approximately 2:45-4:00 PM. An Exhibit Hall will also be available from 2:00-6:00 PM.





## NCSA 2017 – “LEADERSHIP REVOLUTION” PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

### Friday, December 1, 2017

7:30am – 4:00pm	Pre-Conference trip and activities at Chewelah Peak Learning Center (Leadership Camp)
12:00 – 6:00pm	Registration
1:00 – 2:30pm	Speaker Event (sponsored jointly by NASSCED and NAWD)
2:00 – 5:00pm	Hall of Exhibitors
2:45 – 4:00pm	Pre-Conference Special Workshop Sessions
4:15 – 5:15pm	Newcomers’ Meeting and Reception Veteran NCSA Attendees Reunion Meeting, Goals and Activity Session
5:30 – 6:30pm	Opening Dinner at the Hotel Red Lion
7:00 – 8:30pm	First General Session: Keynote Speaker, Parade of Ideas
8:30 – 10:00pm	Hospitality and Networking

### Saturday, December 2, 2017

7:30 – 8:15am	Buffet Breakfast
7:45 – 8:15am	Registration (for Saturday Only Participants)
8:30 – 9:45am	Second General Session: Earl Reum Award
10:00 – 10:40am	First Breakout Workshop Session
10:50 – 11:50am	NCSA Conversation Cafe
12:00 – 12:50pm	Buffet Luncheon: Keeper of the Flame Award
1:00 – 2:00pm	Hall of Ideas, Human Library, Reflections and Networking Time
2:10 – 2:50pm	Second Breakout Workshop Session
3:00 – 3:40pm	Third Breakout Workshop Session
3:50 – 5:00pm	Meet the Pros
5:15 – 5:45pm	Regional Meetings
6:00pm – ???	Dinner on your own at suggested Spokane establishments

### Sunday, December 3, 2017

7:30 – 8:30am	Buffet Breakfast
8:45 – 11:00am	Closing General Session: Keynote Speaker, Parade of Ideas, Preview of NCSA-2018 (Atlanta, Georgia), Conference in Review

## NAWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPANDS

As a result of the addition of a new Southern Region in 2016, the NAWD Board of Directors expanded from six to eight members in 2017.

Applications for the additional Eastern Region and Southern Region members were received in early March and interviews were held in mid-April.

We congratulate **Lou Miller** (New Jersey) and **Katie Keyes** (Texas) as the newest members of the NAWD Board of Directors. Lou's term will end in 2019 and Katie's term will end in 2018.



**Lou Miller** has been the student council advisor at Brooklawn Middle School in Parsippany, New Jersey since 1997. He has also served as an Executive Director for the New Jersey Association of Student Councils (NJASC) since 2006, as our NAWD webmaster since 2008, and two years as President of the National Association of State Student Council Executive Directors

(NASSCED) in 2015 and 2016. He also served on the NASC National Advisory Council from 2010-2012, and was Adult Co-Chair in 2011. Lou brings his extensive organizational and presentation skills, national student council involvement, and leadership camp curriculum skills to NAWD.



**Katie Keyes** has been a student council advisor in Texas since 1998 and is presently advisor at Boswell HS in Fort Worth, Texas. Her school was recently selected as the Texas state president's school for the coming year. Katie has been a summer leadership workshop consultant since 2006, and state conference coordinator since 2013, dealing with state conference attendance of over 5000 delegates. Katie prides herself in seeing the "big picture". She brings to the NAWD Board a positive and optimistic view and is excited to help continue NAWD's growth and transformation of programs. Her on-going experience as an active classroom teacher and activities advisor will greatly aid NAWD in staying current with the needs of the core membership of the organization.

Congratulations and welcome to the NAWD Board of Directors, Lou and Katie!

## ADVISOR "FLY-IN" COMMITTEE FORMED

Tom Heethuis (Michigan), Central Region NAWD Board member has been named chair of a new ad hoc committee designed to create and plan a NAWD pilot program for additional advisor training and networking in early 2018.

The committee will examine curriculum elements used at advisor "Fly-ins" sponsored in the 1990's by the former National Association of Student Activity Advisors' organization. In addition the committee will consider the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century advisors and new approaches for conference sessions and materials. The committee will look for a Central Region site and an appropriate weekend in early 2018 on which to hold the event.

A goal of the program will be to reach a wide variety of activity advisors (including class government, NHS, club advisors and coaches) as well as administrators who can both drive to the conference site as well as fly-in comfortably. The program will feature program elements that are different from the annual NCSA (to be held in Atlanta in 2018). It is also designed to create networking opportunities for those who can be newly involved with NAWD resources and mentors.

The committee is just being formed and includes veteran advisors Jean Wyatt (Texas) and Leslie Olivera-Van Wormer (New York). Two additional members will be named soon. Watch for more details in future 2017 issues of **Reumors** and on the NAWD website.

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## PARADE OF IDEAS

### Virtual Honor Flight Program

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Many have heard of the Honor Flight program in which veterans are flown to Washington, D.C to visit the World War II, Korean Memorials and other sites. BUT, how about those veterans who can no longer fly? Contact Mike Roland, former Activities Director for Broward County Schools for a unique and success twist to this wonderful service to veterans.

### The Lost Generation

Carl Olson – Wisconsin

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Young leaders can do a great deal to increase generation understanding. Learn how to produce a “Lost Generation” video to help bridge the gap.

### Pink Out

Sarah Wise – North Carolina

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A service project that can involve the entire school community. Sarah will share the steps to creating a successful “Pink Out” event design to build awareness and fundraise for breast cancer research.

### Falcon Friday – Teacher Edition

Xenia Santiago – Florida

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Every Friday we have the students play games in the courtyard. Once a month our teachers come out and take over and **they** play the games. The department with the most participation/points at the end of each semester gets a free lunch sponsored by student council.

### The Twist

Jeff Kusniez – Pennsylvania

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For the holidays, hide an ELF in your school and award a prize every day. Prizes could be a candy cane, cookies, or another holiday item.

### Utilizing Summer Camp Games for Charity

Julie Sahmel – Texas

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Implement new fun games and activities at school by adapting/borrowing games from summer leadership workshop/camp for fund raising for charity. At school, we did a number of “ropes” activities and “minute-to-win-it” games to benefit LIMBS INTERNATIONAL and called it “OLIMBICS”. It served as both team-building for campus organizations and raised money for a non-profit at the same time.

### Dear Santa

Paula Gajewski – Wisconsin

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Students and staff write letters to Santa to grant wishes for fellow peers, teachers, or even themselves. Letters can be serious or funny. Selected letters are read by Santa at our holiday assembly or elves deliver gifts to classrooms throughout the day. Student Council spends approximately \$1,000 granting wishes.

Two examples: A student had a cat die and we give them a certificate to adopt another cat. Another student was balding; we gave Rogaine.

### Spirit Medallion

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Hide in a “Spirit Medallion” in the school somewhere and provide clues each day to its location. The prize is a ticket to the Homecoming game and dance and a gift card.

### Senior Send Off

Lisa Gould – Florida

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On the last day of exams have a Senior get-together and yearbook signing. Seniors can take time passing around their yearbooks and at the same time have a blow-up bounce house, photo booth, and food. It is a great time to unwind and look back on their high school career.