

# A.A.S.C. NEWSLETTER

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## State Conference Recap

The AASC State Conference was a great time for students to network, participate in speech and project competitions, and experience the beautiful Subiaco Academy. The State Charity for the 2024-25 school year was announced-- American Cancer Society-- and many of our student and adult leaders were applauded for their accomplishments in the 2023-24 school year.

**Well-Deserved Recognition**  
 Congratulations to those individuals who were selected for various awards at the AASC State Conference. Some of those award recipients are pictured to the right.  
 (1) Administrator of the Year was awarded to Mrs. Goetz from Subiaco Academy, (2) Advisor of the Year went to MaryAnn Hoffower of Subiaco Academy *who is also our newly elected 4 year Executive Board Member*, (3) Mid-Level Member of the Year was awarded to Nico Schmitz, also from Subiaco Academy, and (4) Charlie Wilkerson from Bradley High was selected to receive the Member of the Year award.



## Gold & Diamond Members

Congratulations to our newest Diamond Member: Arkansas High School! Other Diamond Members include Bradley High School, Harrison High School, and Westside High School. These are the Councils who have maintained Gold status for at least 3 years in a row. Gold Members include Brookland High School, Harrison High School, Rogers High School, and Subiaco Academy. These schools were presented certificates at the State Conference and are pictured to the left.

- Additional Awards & Recognitions**
- Impromptu Speech: Dionna Fleming-Rogers
  - Prepared Speech (10-12): Chloe Cerrato-Westside
  - Prepared Speech (7-9): Nico Schmitz-Subiaco Academy
  - Winning Dance Team Captains: Chloe Cerrato & Ella Sloan-Westside
  - Academics: Bradley
  - PSA: Rogers
  - Scrapbooking: Brookland
  - Fundraising: Brookland
  - Student/Faculty Relations: Brookland
  - Community Service: Westside
  - School Spirit: Westside & Subiaco (tie)



# Officer Update



Our outgoing AASC Executive Officers--Anthony Gehrig, Hayden Smith, and Chloe Cerrato (pictured left)-- took part in a discussion panel about their time in AASC and were recognized with a plaque for their service to our organization.

We also saw presentations from our officer candidates and the following schools have been selected as Officer Schools for the 2024-25 school year:

- President: Arkansas High School
- Vice-President: Subiaco Academy
- Secretary: Bradley High School
- Reporter: Brookland High School

## Student Council Point System

*For councils with grades 10-12, grades 7-12, grades 8-12, or grades 9-12:*  
**Silver= 12 points and Gold= 14 points**

*For councils with grades 7-9: Silver= 11 points and Gold= 13 points*

*For councils with grades 6-8: Silver= 10 points and Gold= 12 points*

### Ways to Earn Points:

- Attend State Conference= 2 points
- Enter Scholarship= 1 or 2 points (2 categories available)
- Enter State Project Competition= 1 point for 1-2 projects, 2 points for 3 or more
- Enter Speech Competition= 1 point each
- Enter Impromptu Speech= 1 point
- State Dance Team Captain= 1 point
- State Student Led Workshop= 1 point
- Run for State Office= 1 point
- Serve on AASC Executive Board= 1 point
- Attend Summer Workshop= 3 points
- Serve on Summer Workshop Staff= 1 point
- Serve as JC for Summer Workshop= 1 point
- Attend Junior High Retreat= 2 points
- Attend Wintergizer= 2 points
- Attend VISION Conference= 3 points
- Attend SASC Conference= 3 points
- Attend District Workshop= 1 point
- Donate to State Charity: \$500=1 point, \$1500= 2 points, \$2500= 3 points
- Recruit a new AASC Member School= 1 point per school
- Nominate Administrator of the Year= 1 point
- Nominate Advisor of the Year= 1 point
- Nominate Mid-Level Member of the Year= 1 point
- Nominate Member of the Year= 1 point

**Diamond Member** (3 or more years of Gold status consecutively)-- if any Diamond Member fails to reach Gold, that council loses Diamond status and starts over

## Spotlight Opportunity!

We would love to recognize the creative or exciting things you are doing in your councils! Whether it be a unique community service event, a student deserving of special recognition, or an innovative council activity, we want to make sure your council is being highlighted for the ways you go above and beyond. Please see the next page for one example of an extraordinary student and his exceptional spring break!

# Spotlight: Anthony Gehrig

Meet Anthony Gehrig, a senior from Fort Worth, Texas who chose to spend his spring break experiencing a new culture and the life-changing impact good people can have around the world.

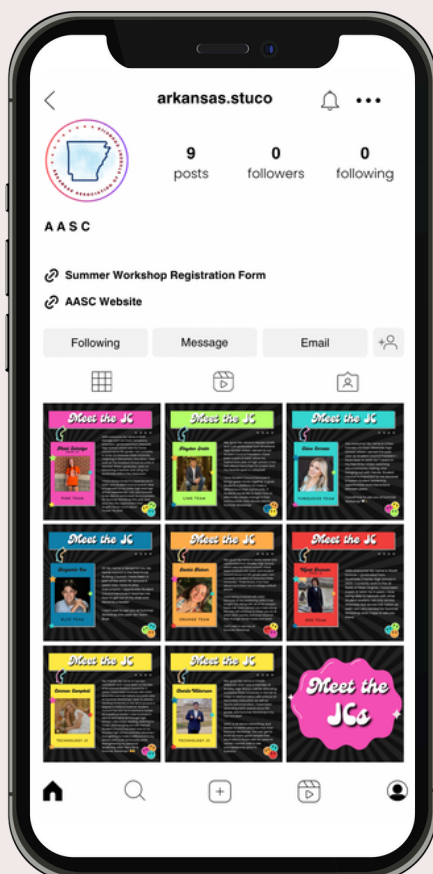
He and his dad, Jason Gehrig, Subiaco Academy Class of '89, traveled to Bolivia, where Anthony was born while his parents were serving as Catholic missionaries for 7 ½ years with Maryknoll Lay Missionaries.

His first time back since he was 6 years old, Anthony was able to see the hospital where he was born, and enjoyed visiting with old friends and neighbors who all remember him as a child.

Anthony witnessed firsthand the transformational power of providing safe water access to those who need it. Jason is a longtime volunteer for the group WEFTA (Water Engineers for the Americas), and the Bolivian Waterworks group Suma Jayma, who designed and built the water system. The funding by the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters of Indiana, the local municipal government, and the benefitting families, was able to provide safe water through household taps to 70 families in the Bolivian Andes.

Together, Anthony and Jason attended the inauguration of this new water system for the small Bolivian village that did not have previous access to safe drinking water. Anthony was asked to address the group. His father translated to Spanish for him, as he thanked the people for being so welcoming and expressed his appreciation for the beauty of their village and celebration.

This trip was a unique opportunity for Anthony that greatly impacted his perspective of the world and his appreciation for all those in it. We are so proud of our former AASC Executive President, Anthony Gehrig!



## Social Media Update

Be sure to follow AASC on socials!

In addition to our Facebook page, we now have an Instagram (and our TikTok is coming soon!), so follow @arkansas.stuco to stay up to date on exciting things happening in AASC. You can also be on the lookout for our weekly posts leading up to Summer Workshop to learn a little bit about the JCs and get excited for what's in store!

