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## State Student Council Convention Held In Pierre; Dr. Kindle Receives Award



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During the last week in March eight students got the chance to attend the South Dakota State Student Council Convention in Pierre.

Each year students from Yankton High School's Student Council and councils from all over the state join together to brainstorm ideas. This year the convention hosted 920 students and advisors.

Throughout the students' time at the convention, they learned many different things to bring back to their own schools.

Group sessions were held with topics ranging from "Hot Topics in High School" to "Camping Survival." The options were endless, and students had a blast trying new things.

"I did not realize the state student council convention had so many participants. The number of schools represented from across the state was incredible. I was impressed with the topics of the break-out sessions for the students. I really appreciated our school board president Kathy Greeneway who took the time to also attend the awards night with me. We were able to see a number of our students being recognized," said Dr. Kindle, Yankton School District Superintendent.

Student council is immensely volunteer based and always trying to come up with new service projects to implement into communities.

Each year the SDSCA conducts their own service project and donates tie blankets to local shelters in South Dakota. This year all the student councils rallied together and made 80 blankets to be sent to shelters across the state.

Throughout the year, each school holds some type of event to raise money for Children's Miracle Network, who have hospitals in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. This year the South Dakota student councils raised just over \$26,000 dollars for CMN, with Pierre raising the most at \$2000.



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ABOVE (L TO R): Allie Thiesse, Hunter Lippert, Abbie Rehurek, Kristen Rezac, Dr. Wayne Kindle, Alexis Rezac, Sophie Kouri, Miss Becky Tasa, and Lyndsay Sylvester are shown at the State Student Council Convention in Pierre last month. Dr. Kindle was nominated for the Ivan Dixon Administrator of the year award by Patrick Binder. Dr. Kindle received this honor at the state convention and will represent South Dakota nationally.

Since 2008, Yankton High School Student Council has received the "Outstanding Student Council Award." This award is designed to be given to the schools who have "met standards of having well-rounded programs that benefit their school, their community, and the state."

The "Outstanding" program consists of a self-evaluation of the activities and involvement by each participating student council. The YHS Student Council is happy to announce they once again received the award.

Other awards are given throughout the duration of the convention. Individuals from Yankton were also fortunate to receive awards at SDSCA. Dr. Kindle received the Ivan Dixon Administrator of the Year Award, which is presented to administrators who present the efforts to enhance all school activities. Dr. Kindle will represent South Dakota in the national contest. To be qualified for this award, the recipient is nominated by students in their school district.

"Dr. Kindle is committed o the

students, staff and community of Yankton. He desires the best for the community and as superintendent has never lost touch with the students," said Patrick Binder who nominated Dr. Kindle for the award.

Dr. Kindle felt honored to receive this award. "I was completely surprised to receive the Ivan Dixon Administrator of the Year Award. The special part of this award was being nominated by your own students. We have very dedicated students involved with student council at both the local and state level. They are outstanding in their representation of YHS and the Yankton School District. Our student councils in our elementary schools, middle school and YHS do many tremendous events to help others in our community and other places. This award isn't so much about me but the unbelievable work of our students and their advisors in each of our buildings. Our students should know how honored and grateful I am for this award," said Dr. Kindle.

Two students also received

awards, Patrick Binder and Allie Thiesse. These students received the All-State Student Council Award which is presented to fifteen students across the state.

The application for the All-State Student Council Award is an extensive process and is calculated using a point based system.

"I felt proud of YHS student council because they were the ones who worked behind the scenes to accomplish all of the projects we set out to do when I was president, which is a crucial reason to why I received this award," stated Patrick Binder a senior at Yankton High School.

The YHS student council is highly accomplished and hopes to continue their projects for the coming years. The projects wouldn't be able to be accomplished without their advisor Becky Tasa.

The student council members would like to extend an enormous thank you to Ms. Tasa and all her hard work she puts in to make the council successful.

## YHS Senior Class Attends Retreat



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On April 8, YHS Seniors had an opportunity to gather to learn more about wisdom, themselves, and their classmates. This event was the 2nd annual Senior "Wisdom Retreat," hosted by Youth Frontiers.

The Minneapolis company hosts retreats with various focuses in an effort to "to build communities where students thrive socially, emotionally and academically."

The focus of the wisdom retreat, according to Youth Frontier's website, is to provide "A reflective day for seniors to gain healthy closure on their high school years together and be challenged to finish the year with respect and care."

Youth Frontier also hosts retreats on the topics of kindness, courage, respect, leadership, honor, purpose, and mind; with programming for 4th graders all the way to educators.

A majority of the seniors were no stranger to Youth Frontiers programming, as they had the opportunity to participate in the Respect retreat as juniors last year.

Maddy Logue, YHS Senior, noted there were several similarities between the two retreats, but also felt there was new content that was fun and engaging. Similar to the junior retreat, the class was split into four teams by their birth month, and given comical names.

The teams were Cheerio (January-March birthdays), Team Giraffe, (April-June birthdays), the Rugrats (July-September birthdays), and Team Yes (October-December Birthdays).

These teams competed in various tasks throughout the day, some for fun and others to be used as teachable moments.

Logue's favorite activity was a creative exercise, "Each team was given a word, and we had to select a song with that word in it. From there, we as a team had to create a dance that matched the song."

Not all the activities were fun and games. Throughout the day, students were inspired by the words of wisdom imparted to them from the retreat leaders, and they also had time to discuss what wisdom meant to them.

In addition to the opportunity to learn about wisdom, the students also were encouraged to process some of the emotions they might have about graduation and leaving the people they have spent so much time with over the past four years.

In conjunction with this lesson, students ended the day by gathering in a circle around a "campfire" and honored their fellow classmates by sharing moments they felt their classmates had shown wisdom.

Although she does not consider herself an emotional person, Logue felt this experience encouraged closure for the senior class. "I felt it was a good experience. It opened people's eyes to realize they have to say good-bye, and it was a good way for people to process change that is to come."

## Onward Yankton's Great Idea Search Kicked Off At YHS



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On April 1<sup>st</sup> a group of businessmen and women presented their idea to better Yankton, to 1,217 community members. The group called Onward Yankton announced they will pay \$10,000 to the person who comes up with an idea to help residents stay in Yankton. This sounds too good to be true right? There is one catch; the idea has to be presented within the next one hundred days.

Most people aren't sure why people aren't moving to Yankton. Could it be the location, just over an hour from Sioux Falls or Sioux City? Yankton has jobs, a great education program and the lake. What more would people want? That is the \$10,000 dollar question. Many ideas have stimulated from reviving the downtown, encouraging the fix of our shopping mall and even ideas to bring more tourism to Yankton. The possibilities are endless to help Yankton grow as a town and community.

Yankton wants young people to stay and create their life here.

"As a Yankton native I love this town and all it has done for me, so it makes me

sad to see so many talented Yankton students grow up to leave this town to start their new lives somewhere else," stated Taylor Hirsch a Mount Marty student.

When the idea was presented to the Yankton High School students, the next generation of Yankton, it received a positive impact.

Just moments after Onward Yankton presented the community with their idea, their website flooded with dozens of submissions.

"I thought it was interesting that they decided to reach out to high school students in attempt to improve Yankton. There are a lot of teenagers who have ideas that can help Yankton become more appealing to families," said Madison Dangler a Yankton High School senior.

Yankton is committed to keep moving forward and stimulating its economy. The community needs just one unique idea to spark a forward motion in growth.

Will Onward Yankton be the solution? The community will find out in just a short 100 days, which will be July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at midnight.

Any ideas can be submitted at OnwardYankton.com and entrants have the potential to win the \$10,000 prize.

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