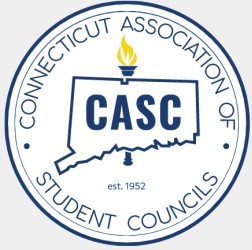


# CASC Advisors Planner

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## Director's Corner

Thank you to the over 100 Students and advisors who were able to join us at our last event of the school year: "Adventures in Leadership."

And just like that, the school year is coming to a close. I want to thank you for your continued support of CASC and student leadership in Connecticut. What to look forward to next year from CASC?

**President's Symposium::** We are returning to a live format for this year's event. We will be at the Old State House in Hartford from 9-1 on September 25. This will be a free event and light snacks will be provided for the morning break. The tentative schedule is 9-12 Business meetings, 12-1 explore the Old State House and lunch on your own. The Secretary of State for Connecticut has graciously agreed to be our keynote at this year's symposium. Additionally the Executive Board will be rolling out two new exciting programs this year at this event as well as sharing their plans for the upcoming year.

**NSC::** We are still accepting applications for Connecticut's two representatives on the newly created National Student Council. Connecticut is sending two representatives to NSC this year, NASSP/NASC will then select one of these two to serve for the year. You can learn more here about this opportunity by visiting the [NASC NSC page here](#). If you have a student interested please have them complete this preliminary [google form as soon as possible](#). The selection process will be completed by August 1st.

Be safe, and as always thank you for your continued support of student leadership in Connecticut and remember to stay above the line.

Christopher Tomlin  
CASC Executive Director

### Upcoming State Important Dates::

#### **JUNE**

**June 21-23 - 2024 VISION National Student Leadership Conference (HS/MS)**

<https://stucovisionconference.org/>

#### **SEPTEMBER**

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# Program Updates

## CASC COMMITTEES

**STUDENTS OF CONNECTICUT!** Are you interested in making an impact in Connecticut but not sure you have the time for a large commitment? Are there certain projects, events or activities that you are passionate about? Join a Committee! Led by the student staff members of the Executive Board, Committees are a great way for students to get involved. All while learning more about CASC and its mission of empowering the student leaders of Connecticut.

Committees meet twice a year in person (June and December) and meet via zoom as necessary.

If you have any students that are interested in learning more about serving on any of these committees please have them complete [this form](#).

**Current CASC Committees listed in alphabetical order:**

### **Legislative Affairs Committee - 2 members, both must be HS.**

The Legislative Affairs Committee is an excellent opportunity for students trying to get involved in our state's legislative process. Alongside CASC's Legislative Affairs Coordinator, this committee will work to boost civic engagement in high schools across Connecticut, spread awareness about youth-related issues and legislation, and encourage and inspire students to become more involved in local and state level government. Students involved in this committee will have the opportunity to work directly with like-minded peers, discussing current legislative issues for teens, and developing statements on teen-related legislation on behalf of CASC.

#### **This year's Committee project is to:**

- 2 pieces of legislation to present to the Connecticut General Assembly via our Mock Legislative Day event.
- A report containing feedback on the pieces of legislation generated during Mock Legislative day as well as 2 additional pieces of legislation from the Connecticut General Assembly and their performance in the aforementioned body. This report will then be presented to both the CASC and Connecticut General Assemblies.
- Hold open sessions at the beginning and end of the CT general assembly term for students from CASC membership schools. The first will be to establish the structure of Connecticut General Assembly and legislative process, and another at the end summarizing what took place throughout the CT General Assembly session.

### **Mental Health Committee - 3-4 members, minimum 1 must be HS.**

The Mental Health Committee seeks to spread awareness about the importance of mental health as well as advocate for people struggling with their Mental Health. The Mental Health Committee aspires to provide resources to people in need.

#### **This year's Committee project is to:**

- Host a Mental Health Night
- Create a list of resources as well as a handbook available on [ctstuco.com](http://ctstuco.com)



**Service Committee - 4-6 members, minimum 1 must be HS.**

Works with the CASC Service Project Coordinator to develop and implement state wide service projects and opportunities.

**This year's Committee project:**

- Convention Service Project
- Year Long Service Project

**Social Media Committee - 2 members, both must be HS.**

Works with the CASC Historian/Archivist to develop and expand our social media presence. Interested members MUST be able to attend all CASC events/functions.

**This year's Committee project is to:**

- Social Media Takeover

**Student Workshop Committee - 4 members, minimum, 1 from each district, 2 must be HS.**

We support people wanting to present workshops by training them and certifying them to become more empathetic leaders. Our program will help develop a presenter training that will teach students how to effectively run a workshop.

**This year's Committee project is to:**

- Have three training sessions in one year; one open to all members in the fall, and two training sessions for convention
- Certify at least 5 new CASC Workshop Presenters that will be given a certificate during convention
- Gather the materials needed to start or create a facilitator guide handbook.

## **THE PRESIDENT'S SYMPOSIUM**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024 9:00AM to 1:00 PM,**

**Old State House, Hartford**

*(Check [ctstuco.com](http://ctstuco.com) for schedule and more details)*



*Middle School and High School Advisors, Council/Government Leadership teams you are invited to register and attend this live event. Kick start your school year and learn about this year's state wide service project, recognition opportunities, upcoming conferences, free resources, project ideas, and more!*

*The theme for Convention as well as two new exciting initiatives will be announced!*

*This year's Symposium is free to all CASC advisors and all Student Council/Government leadership team members. In addition to announcements about upcoming initiatives and related CASC news we will be featuring a keynote speaker. The keynote will be Connecticut Secretary of State Stephanie Thomas. Her address will be followed by a moderated Q and A.*

## MOCK LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY

December 2024

Capitol Building, Hartford

(Check [ctstuco.com](http://ctstuco.com) for schedule and more details)

Once again CASC is partnering with the CGA to offer our 3rd annual Mock Legislative Session Day. If you are not familiar with this event, it is an empowering day of students from across Connecticut working with CGA staff and legislatures to raise issues and debate solutions to these relevant topics.

Our 2024-25 student Legislative Affairs Coordinator Naseera Yusuf '27 has put together a google form to collect ideas for topics. It is available on our [website](#) and also available [here](#). Please share this opportunity with your student leaders. The form closes on July 1.

## START AND SPARK

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 7:00PM to 7:40 PM,

Virtual

(Check [ctstuco.com](http://ctstuco.com) for schedule and more details)

**Please join us for our Welcome back virtual advisors meeting.**

*Come for the information, stay for the connections, conversations, and commiserations. This is an opportunity for advisors to come together and share success stories, challenges, resources, and what we can do to support each other to grow. All member advisors are invited to attend these events through emails with the Zoom link sent out on the first of the month from the CASC Executive Director.*

## CTRISES:: Project Ideas

### Ideas for June

Remember to be focusing on your **C**(citizenship), **T**(training), **R**(recognition), **I**(inspiration), **S**(service), **E**(engagement), **S**(spirit). Looking for a new project to run this month in your student council/government? Think about incorporating some of these suggestions into your calendar.

#### Inauguration/Awards Night

*Hold an end of year ceremony that both recognizes your graduating seniors and what they have contributed while also recognizing the rising leadership. These ceremonies can include::*

- Farewell speeches and gifts to the seniors.

- Seating in new officers.
- Senior advice to the incoming leadership team.
- Passing the gavel ceremony to the new president.
- Certificates for seniors.
- Superlatives.
- Bestowing awards/recognitions.
- Food, everyone loves food.

## Summer Meetings

Hold a meeting in August with your Executives or Leadership team to write goals for the coming year. Be sure that the goals and values are shared by the entire group. Goals should be SMART, and consider using CT RISES when it comes to planning your projects to

*\*\*We are always looking for new and exciting projects or events to highlight, if your council has a project that you would like to see highlighted in a newsletter please submit it [here](#).*

*support the goals.*

*Some Councils/Governments choose to select a quote that they will use for the year as motivation. If you choose a quote be sure to display it in your meeting room, social media, and SWAG.*

*You may also want to use this opportunity to plan any first day of school activities to welcome back the students, faculty and staff.*

## Upcoming Events

*Be sure to check the CASC Website (CTStuco.com) for a full calendar of our program and more information!*

### JUNE

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## 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

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### OCTOBER

**October TBD:: Student Workshop Presenter Training (HS)**

*CASC is proud to provide this new certified training program for student presenters.*

**October 1:: Start and Spark (HS/MS)**

*Welcome back virtual advisors meeting., VIRTUAL Meeting 7:00-7:40*

### NOVEMBER

**November TBD:: NatStuCo LEAD Conference, Washington D.C.(HS/MS)**

*Leadership, Experience, And Development for students and advisers—that's what LEAD conferences are all about. The premier national conference for student leaders and the educators who support them, LEAD is a program of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). <https://lead.nassp.org/>*

**November 12 - Start and Spark (HS/MS)**

Dances and Spirit, VIRTUAL Meeting 7:00-7:40

**November 13 -17:: CASC District Conference, Virtual (HS/MS)**

*Each of Connecticut's 4 districts holds its own conference that will allow for local students and advisors to connect, build relationships and share ideas. More details to follow.*

**DECEMBER**

**December 1-3:: NA4SA (NAWD) Annual National Conference on Student Activities (HS/MS)**

Check [www.nawd.com](http://www.nawd.com) for more details as we get closer to this event.

**December TBD:: Mock Legislative Session Day (HS)**

*Mock Legislative Session Day is an opportunity for student council/government members from across Connecticut to work with the Connecticut General Assembly staff and legislators to learn how a bill becomes a law. Students will experience the committee and public hearing process, bill analysis, fiscal analysis, and the process of putting a bills intentions into legal language, in preparation for Mock Session where students will debate their mock legislation on the House Floor.*

*This is an incredible educational experience giving student council/government members the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the legislative process in a hands-on way.*