



CTSO ALASKA

Performance Based Assessment Conference

NAVIGATING YOUR FUTURE

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Hello Local Advisors!

Here we are once again, beginning a new year in the world of CTSOs and the State Advisors and Officers and I could not be more excited! Much is underway already and we anticipate new vigor and excitement as the year progresses.

Fall Planning, which occurred the last weekend of September, was the first chance for all of the CTSO leadership to meet face-to-face after our initial conference calls. The Advisors and I are thrilled with the amount of work the Officers accomplished last weekend and we have a great start on our planning for this year's conference.

First, our theme for the year is "***Navigating Your Future.***" This was chosen with the thought in mind that their fellow CTSO classmates are often in planned courses of study and have a general idea of where they might be headed educationally, but what steps are there still to take, how can they find these resources, who is there to help them along the way, and what encouragement do we need to provide to them.

The logo currently under design will involve a stylized compass rose, the stars from the Alaska flag and a general outdoors feel. Initial designs are exciting and we should have the final logo in place by November for printing our t-shirts, our conference program and general publicity.

Civics Committee has also chosen the ***CTSO service project*** for the year. We hope you actively participate in our "***Adopt a Family***" campaign. In navigating our future we sometimes hit rough spots and what can be of great assistance is a helping hand. The vision is that this could be food baskets, resume services and interviewing practice, clothing for interviews, assistance in home repairs, child care, health planning and assistance. The possibilities are endless. Identify a family or two or more and assess how your chapter, or how different CTSO chapters can combine expertise to achieve maximum effect. Stay tuned for the flyer and additional information.

Along the lines of Navigating Your Future, our officers have chosen Kyle Scheele as our guest speaker. I've been in contact with Kyle and we have a go and he is very excited to visit Alaska and our State Conference. Here is a statement from his website:



"Kyle isn't like any speaker you've seen before. Rather than lecturing students with a list of what NOT to do, Kyle shows students how their lives will be defined by the things they DO: the actions they take, the people they help, and the lives that they change."

This follows the upbeat approach our officer team is hoping to achieve this year. How to take what we have, what we can leverage, and how to most effectively move forward.

Visit his website at www.kylescheele.com.

Our hope is to have a monthly newsletter to keep you updated on our planning progress, updates from all committees and general news and dates. If there are any questions you have or ideas to offer, please feel free to email me at steve.cook@matsuk12.us.

Until next month . . .

Important Dates:

- Winter Planning Meeting January 16 - 18
(for state officers only)
- Registration starts February 1
- BPA registration ends February 16
- HOSA registration ends February 16
- All registration ends February 28
- Late registration ends March 6
- State Conference March 19 - 21

These dates may be adjusted and additional dates may be announced for special events.