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2008 USJC Exec Committee Elected in Omaha

2008 Election of Officers was held at our Annual Meeting Business Session on September 22, 2008 in Omaha, Nebraska. **Denise P. O'Neil** of Tennessee was elected as the 88th President of The United States Jaycees. Eight National Vice Presidents were elected, as follows: **David Brooker**, Georgia (assigned to the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington, and cross assigned to Georgia); **Patrick Collins**, Arizona (assigned to the states of Alaska, Indiana, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and cross assigned to Arizona); **Debbie Holbrook**, California (assigned to the states of Delaware, Hawaii, Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, and cross assigned to California); **Jeffery Lank**, Delaware (assigned to the states of Arizona, Connecticut, Illinois, Rhode Island, Virginia, West Virginia, and cross assigned to Delaware); **Teri-Lynn Koch**, Maryland (assigned to the states of Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, South Carolina, South Dakota, and cross assigned to Maryland) ; **Dawn Graf**, Texas (assigned to the states of Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, and cross assigned to Texas); **David Pond**, South Dakota (assigned to the states of California, Georgia, Kentucky, Minnesota, New York, Utah, Vermont, and cross assigned to South Dakota); **Ben Sabourin**, Wisconsin (assigned to the states of Colorado, Florida, Iowa, New Hampshire, Oregon, Tennessee, and cross assigned to Wisconsin). The inauguration of the 2008 Executive Committee will be in Memphis in March during the Year-End Meeting.

SPECIAL THANKS!

We would like to extend special thanks to all of the individuals who worked very hard on both the Elections and the Credentials Committees. Because they took their job seriously, we had no problems with election during the Annual Business Session of the corporation.

Credentials Committee

Stan Fitchmann, HI, Todd Hampton, CA, Steve Bufflap, DE, Patrick Wallen, NY, Ted Graf, TX, Heather Behringer, SC, Ann Stenger, IN, Steve Moddie, WI, Stephanie Riddell, CO, and Bethany Huffman, TN(Chair)

Elections Committee

Chris Brown, MT, Jeff Tarbuckle, WA, Dawn Harper, IN, Cheryl Satterswaithe, MI, Crystal Ramsey, FL, Michele Wilkins, VA, Michele Wallen, NY, Jocelyn Wright, MO, Matt McGuire, CO, and Karen Andrees, CT (Chair)

2008 U.S. Leadership Academy Set for January 10-13

The U.S. Leadership Academy is designed to give members the opportunity to sharpen their skills to be effective leaders throughout their Jaycee careers. Formerly known as the Local Presidents' Summit, this program has been only open to Local chapter Presidents in the past, but President Oldham, recognizing the need for quality training for leaders at every level should be given the opportunity to attend.

The 2008 U.S. Leadership Academy will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the Doubletree Downtown Hotel. The event will take place January 10-13. To be accepted into this prestigious academy, complete the Application for Admission. **The deadline for submissions is October 26, 2007.**

Only 200 leaders from across our nation will be invited to participate. Those chosen will be notified by November 21, 2007. Those individuals invited to be part of this four-day conference will receive:

- A Full Registration to the 2008 U.S. Leadership Academy
- Three (3) nights accommodation (2 persons per room)
 - Two (2) Lunches (Friday and Saturday)
- Dinner on Saturday night with entertainment and transportation
 - All training materials for the 2008 U.S. Leadership Academy
 - A travel reimbursement of up to \$150

Applications for Admission are available at
www.usjaycees.org

REMEMBER!

When requesting a National Officer visit into your state, be sure to ask 21 days in advance for authorization!



The anticipation is growing; we'll soon know the Finalists for the Class of 2008. The below list of 25 Semi-Finalists have been selected through an independent judging process. Those twenty-five will now complete another form which includes essay questions and financial information, that Semi-Finalist form is due in the office by November 1, 2007.

Robin L Schumm, OH, Amy/Chris Hemingway, NH, Barkley Threlkeld, AR, Ben Boyd, GA, Bret Engelman, CA, Charlotte Ferrell, NC, Chris Bush, MS, Chris Eckert, IL, Christian Karg, IL, Christopher Crum, MD, Darrel D Maus, MN, Darrell Boyette, NC, Holly Mackey, NJ, James Jacquier, CT, Jeff Betley, WI, Jon Robnett, MO, Martin Williams, OK, Matthew C Bormann, IA, Richard Fontenot, LA, Robert Peel, OK, Roy Hala, MT, Scott Royer, IN, Stephen Bailey, MS, Todd Burnett, CT, and Tommy Kutscherousky, Jr, TX

The judges will then independently select the top ten finalists who will receive an all expense paid trip to Madison, Wisconsin during the 52nd National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Congress. We're expected to announce the top ten at the end of November, so keep watch for more information as it becomes available.

Again, great job getting those nominations in this year, we had a total of 48 submissions.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for January 31 - February 3, 2008 for the NOYF Awards Congress in Madison, Wisconsin. Watch the website for more information coming soon.

We are currently in negotiations with a couple of hotels in Eugene, Oregon site for the 2009 Awards Congress. A formal announcement will be made by the end of the year on which hotel has been chosen and more information on the tours while in Oregon in 2009.

If you have any questions about this event or the NOYF program, please don't hesitate to contact the National Programs Manager, Sheri Lassiter 800.529.2337 ext. 444 or oyf@usjaycees.org.



We had an incredible meeting in Omaha this past September. Thanks to all who came and took advantage of the special training opportunities. Aside from election for 2008 officers (see page 1), mid-year competitions were also held. Winners for the competitions were:

Debate:

- 3rd Place- New York
- 2nd Place- South Dakota
- 1st Place- California

Write-Up:

- 3rd Place- Lynn Boerschel, MD
- 2nd Place- Jolene Quaring, NE
- 1st Place- Joseph Gillmer, CA

Masters Speak-Up:

- 3rd Place- Bridgette Chapman, MI
- 2nd Place- Laura Steinman, NE
- 1st Place- Chrystal Ramsay, FL

Jeopardy:

- 3rd Place- Michele Tomer, OH
- 2nd Place- Sarah Whittenberg-Hawe, CA
- 1st Place- Jenipher Riesenhuber, CO

Speak-Up:

- 3rd Place- Jenipher Riesenhuber, CO
- 2nd Place- Arwen Pritchett, FL
- 1st Place- Joseph Gillmer, CA

Jaycee Idol:

- 3rd Place- Jennifer Flebbe,
and Joel Blom, MN
- 2nd Place- Julie Sharp, NE
- 1st Place- Ashley Shannon, FL

REMEMBER!

Every time a person searches using GoodSearch with The U.S. Jaycees designated as the charity, a portion of the advertising revenue will be donated to the foundation. To use GoodSearch, go to their website: www.goodsearch.com AND BEFORE YOU CLICK ON SEARCH, type The U.S. Jaycees as the charity in the second box.

School is in Session Take JAYS to YOUR Community!

There are 43 chapters, and/or 26 states utilizing the FREE Jaycees Against Youth Smoking program. This effort has impacted 64,876 youth during the 2007 year. I am seeing different chapters participating in the program, which is wonderful. It is wonderful not only for the chapters, but also for the communities and youth that they are impacting.

During the Awards Ceremony held during the recent Annual Meeting JAYS awards were presented for. The top chapters through August were: **Frankfort, KY** 1,000 students; **North Fulton, GA** 7,277 students; and **Maryville/Alcoa, TN** 10,710 students. The top states through August were: **Indiana** 6,501 students, **Georgia** 8,877 students, and **Tennessee** 20,310 students. The key performers were **Adam Boze** from the North Fulton Georgia Jaycees, **Scotty Phillips** from the Maryville/Alcoa Tennessee Jaycees, and **Shelly Hamilton Schlenz** from the McRae Georgia Jaycees.

A JAYS luncheon was also held during the Annual Meeting. This luncheon showcased different avenues taken this year to promote and utilize the JAYS program. NVP Kerry McGuire and Nebraska State President Brian Kavanaugh spoke about the passing of their grandmother last September due to a fire started by a cigarette, as well as working with the local Boy Scouts. Louisiana State President Rickey Robertson spoke on how he has personally been working with his local school district, even though it means meetings over his lunch hour and taking time off work. Montana State President Sarah Petersen shared with us how one of her chapters utilized the program during a weeklong day camp. Georgia State President Sandy Fordham talked about what he personally has done to get the program in more schools and announced that he had been smoke free for around 16 days at that point, as well as what two of his chapters are doing to promote the program and sign up students.

If you have any questions about the JAYS program, please don't hesitate to contact the National Programs Manager, Geneva Broomfield 800.529.2337 ext. 419 or jays@usjaycees.org.