

Council Operations

Example of council role or membership reports:

At the end of the semester, all of our commissioners and Cabinet members had to do an end of the semester report (self-evaluation report). Some examples are below from our Senior Director of Recognitions (Anna Nemeth), Senior Class President (Max Upp), and Commissioner of Pep Rallies (Megan Espinoza):

Megan Espinoza

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Pep Committee Overview

Ending the year 2019 pep rallies came to many successes. Each rally that was hosted was planned with excitement, determination, and organization. Beginning with our very first rally known as the Welcome Back Rally was hosted the first week of school on Friday. Our new freshmen got to experience a taste of Dana and how it's going to be throughout the whole school year. Dressing up in their class colors, every student got to collaborate with one another in cheer-offs and pep games to start off the year with some clash points. After Pep's first successful rally, it led on to our Homecoming Rally. Dana Hills is known for the best Homecoming Halftime show. Before the football game, students get hyped with dress up days, posters, homecoming court, and the final pep rally that's held the day of the big show! The homecoming rally had plenty of games that were related to the theme, The Greatest Show on Earth; The theme originally came from the show *The Greatest Showman*. Once again, the rally turned out to be successful with tons of clash points added to every class. The rally was decorated like a circus... literally. Hosts dressed up as circus characters, and so did our homecoming court when we brought them out to participate in a scavenger hunt game. Personally, and I think many people would agree, it was one of my favorite rally. It gets every student hyped up for the big football game, and is a great way to become involved.

Max Upp (Senior Class President)

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Homecoming Dance:

With every ASU event comes an objective. With the theme being “The Greatest Circus on Earth”, the Senior Class Officers hoped to emulate a night at the circus and hence recapture enjoyable childhood memories of eating cotton candy, savoring delicious ice cream, and playing fun games with friends and family. Possessing a strict budget, the Senior Class Officers chose to take a different route with this year’s homecoming. Instead of going through only N-Effect Productions, the Senior Class Officers negotiated simpler sound and lighting set-ups and allocated more money towards entertainment, which consequently would create an atmosphere more coherent with a circus. With the remaining money, they worked with many different vendors, including Full Spectrum Entertainment and Rich’s Ice Cream. Furthermore, they were able to have carnival games, such as skee ball and ring toss, under red-and-white-striped tarps. They presented various desert items, such as cotton candy, ice cream bars, and customizable mini-donuts. The true icing on the cake was the roaming performers throughout the night, especially with stilt walker and the magician. Overall, the event required much money allocation and extreme responsibility, but it ultimately captured a true night at the circus.

Senior Sunrise for Second Semester Seniors:

In order to kick-off the second semester, the Senior Class Officers created a FREE event that served as an opportunity for the seniors to come together, bond, and strengthen relationships as graduation is months away. While getting up early the day after break seemed like a burden, conveying the message of togetherness and enjoyment helped attract attendance. At the event itself, seniors arrived at 6:30am in the senior lot with the sunrise being at 7:00am. Furthermore, seniors brought their own blankets, chairs, food, drinks, etc. For a nice surprise, the Senior Class Officers provided FREE donuts to sweeten up the beginning of the seniors’ last semester as high school students.

Homecoming Halftime Show:

As Senior Class President, I lead the production of the Class of 2020 dance in the Greatest Halftime Show on Earth. After deciding on a theme during the springtime of the 2018-2019 school year, I began obtaining participants for the Class of 2020 dance. At registration, I encouraged all seniors to join a Remind where I would text out important dates, mainly dance practices. Following the acquiring of participants, I began to coordinate set building and set painting. With a strict budget of \$500, my class officers and I went to Home Depot and purchased the necessary canvas, primer, and colored paints. Over the course of multiple weeks,

the sets were finally painted with our class theme, with this year serving as The Freaks. Then, in the fall, we dedicated one day after school to build the set structures and another to zip the canvases to the set structures. Next, I was also in charge of ordering the halftime show shirts. Students paid for their shirt and recorded their shirt size at the Activities Window. After obtaining a shirt design, I sent the design to Trail 6, a company that customizes shirts, along with the correct number of each shirt size. The week of homecoming, shirts were delivered and distributed at lunchtime. After multiple dance practices and mandatory rehearsals, the seniors successfully raised the sets and performed their dance in their Freak-themed shirts under the bright lights.

Future Events:

Senior Hypnotist Show:

On a Friday night in May, Dana Hills hosts a hypnotist show for seniors. Tickets for the hypnotist show are sold at registration as an a la carte item as well as apart of the various senior packages. Seniors come to the event and enjoy about 20 of their friends hypnotized and performing silly acts in our theater. There will also be some snacks and desserts served at the event.

Senior Director of Recognitions Self Evaluation (Anna Nemeth)

The goal of recognitions this year has been outreach out to the dolphin community and find those individuals who typically do not get the recognition that they deserve. The first step to achieve this goal was to enhance our Humans of Dana instagram page. Instead of posting once a week, we now post daily. On our Instagram story we put out good luck posts for sports and fine arts. On Tuesdays we post about athletes, Wednesday about students, Thursday about staff, and Friday about fine arts. Humans of Dana has gained roughly 200 followers just this year! We are utilizing the platform of social media to easily connect our staff and students and also enable them to learn about our awesome dolphins. We have also had other very successful events and projects this year, such as, our Chili Potluck Staff Luncheon, Puppy Petting Party, and new display case.

Our Chili Potluck Staff Luncheon was a favorite event across all staff members. Each ASU member was assigned to bring in either a chili, dessert, salad item, or drink. We were able to feed all of our staff members and accommodate dietary restrictions. A biology teacher, Mrs. Reid, stated, “I really enjoyed the potluck because the homemade food felt more genuine and had more love in it”.

To finish off Stress Relief Week, we had a puppy petting party! Before Finals Week started, students were able to play with puppies and de-stress. Last year we went through Pups and Reps, a company that charges \$300 to bring in dogs and handlers, however, this year we had our ASU members and principal bring in their own dogs. We found that having our principal and members bring in their own dogs was more cost effective. It was also another way for students to meet other students because they would talk about their dogs and bond.

Our fine arts committee's goal this year was to easily display art of SOSCA students to the rest of the student body. We revamped a dingy and poorly light display case in one of our hallways. We decided to redo the display case because one of the art teachers expressed their disappointment that the case was never put to good use, and we have gotten positive feedback from all three art teachers and students whose art was on display.

Our future events for the rest of the school year are Student of the Month luncheons, staff luncheons, featured games, basketball community night, clash of departments, and history months.