



Notes from the Director

LifeSmarts Alumni Monthly Update, March 2, 2021

Dear Alumni,

If you haven't yet registered to join us for the National LifeSmarts Championship, please take a moment to sign up to volunteer! The link is: <https://lifesmarts.org/nlsc2021volunteer/>. Please also share this opportunity with your former teammates. The attached one-pager provides background and explains in some detail what we ask volunteers to do.

Alumni Association News

Last week LifeSmarts staff met with eight dedicated alumni who have agreed to become the first-ever LifeSmarts Alumni Advisory Board. These alumni will help shape the growing LifeSmarts Alumni Association and create a bridge between LifeSmarts and adulthood for graduating LifeSmarts participants. We look forward to introducing our Alumni Advisors to you at this year's National LifeSmarts Championship in April.

Program Updates

Nationals is going virtual! Please mark your calendars for April 17-19, 2021. This year's event features winning 2020 and 2021 teams, and we expect up to 60 teams competing. We need your help as volunteers to show your support for the hundreds of students and educators attending. We will host live team competitions, buzzer matches, and fun team-building activities. *In particular we are seeking your help to connect us with companies who can sponsor t-shirts for all participants, fun swag items or virtual offers from your organization, and scholarships. Please reach out to Elena at elenar@nclnet.org with ideas and contacts!*

- Highlights of the double National LifeSmarts Championship:
 - All teams compete six times
 - Virtual buzzer matches
 - Individual and team recognition
 - Fun activities, including networking and escape rooms
 - Sister teams are back!
 - Active, condensed schedule
 - Live Semifinal and Final matches on Monday, April 19



Blast from the Past: 2015 Captains pose for a group photo in Seattle

Thank you, Sponsors and Partners

LifeSmarts is developing a microsite with support from Intuit Education that will help LifeSmarts students learn more about budgeting and tax preparation. Alumni, you can also get access to these lessons to make next year's tax season a little easier.

Please reach out if there are any questions that I can answer for you. And please register to join us at Nationals!

Best regards,

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