



# LifeSmarts

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## Notes from the Director

### LifeSmarts Advisory Board Update, January 4, 2022

Dear Alum,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and we hope to see you at our State and National Championships in 2022!

#### Program Updates

Program highlights include:

1. The LifeSmarts team is looking forward to a competitive 2022! We begin hosting both in-person and virtual state competitions later this month. We will support State Coordinators by providing all competition questions, team activities, and individual assessments, and our new virtual buzzer system for many of the competitions.
2. After three years away, we are very excited to be back in-person for the 2022 National LifeSmarts Championship in Washington, DC. Please mark your calendars for April 21-24, we would love to welcome back many Alumni to serve as our expert judges, question masters, and event volunteers!
3. The LifeSmarts Alumni Advisory Board starts meeting again this January to plan Alumni Involvement at the National Championship, including an Alumni meet-up during the National Championship for Alumni to get to meet each other in-person again. If you have ideas or requests for Alumni Events please reach out to Elena Robertson at [elenar@nclnet.org](mailto:elenar@nclnet.org).
4. Congrats to our December Technology & Workforce Preparation TeamSmarts Challenge winners! Each winning team receives a \$100 cash prize.
  - Varsity: Kaiser LifeSmarts, Henry J. Kaiser High School, Honolulu, HI
  - Junior Varsity: Floyd County JV Team, Floyd County 4-H, Georgia 4-H, GA
  - FBLA: JMHS FBLA 2, John Marshall High School / FBLA, Glendale, WV
  - FCCLA: Macon Tigers, Macon High School / Macon Career Center, Macon, MO
  - 4-H: All Yall, WIT Home Educators, Virginia 4-H, VA
  - Skills USA: Skills USA East Health Occ., East High School, Laramie, WY

We look forward to an exciting 2022! Please reach out if there are any questions that I can answer for you.

Best regards,

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