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Notes from the Director

LifeSmarts Advisory Board Update, February 3, 2022

Dear Alum,

We're only 77* days from the 2022 National LifeSmarts Championship! For the first time, we are planning activities purely for our Alumni Volunteers – so we hope you will consider joining us in the Washington, DC area this spring!

Program Updates

Program highlights include:

1. 2022 is off to a great start! State Champions have already been named in several states and the state coordinators and NCL are planning many more in-person and virtual state competitions through early March.
2. After three years away, we are very excited to be back in person for our 2022 National LifeSmarts Championship in Washington, DC. Please mark your calendars for April 21-24, we would love to welcome back all Alumni to serve as expert judges, question masters and event volunteers! [Click here to sign up as a volunteer.](#)
3. The LifeSmarts Alumni Advisory Board is assisting the LifeSmarts Team in planning our first in-person alumni meet-up during the 2022 National LifeSmarts Championship. While high school students are busy studying (remember when that was you?) the Alumni will gather for a fun DC activity.
4. If you cannot attend the LifeSmarts alumni meet-up in April at Nationals, fear not! We are planning a June Alumni Game Night over zoom to welcome Class of 2022 Alumni to the fold! We are currently looking into virtual escape rooms and Jack Box games. If you have suggestions or ideas, please reach out to the Alumni Association Manager, Elena Robertson, at elenar@nclnet.org



Hayley Johnson (far right) kindly shared this photo of her Minnesota LifeSmarts team traveling to their first National LifeSmarts Championship held in Los Angeles in 2011. We'd love to feature your photos here, too!

5. The January team-based TeamSmarts assessment focused on the Environment, and the following teams have each won a \$100 cash prize for placing first among their peers:
- Varsity: West Chicago 1, West Chicago High School, West Chicago, IL
 - Junior Varsity: Bartow 4-H Juniors, Bartow County, Georgia 4-H, GA
 - BPA: Pike BPA, Pike High School, Indianapolis, IN
 - FBLA: BANFBLA, Buffalo High School, Buffalo, WY
 - FCCLA: Clark Senior FCCLA, Clark High School, Clark, SD
 - 4-H: Oconee County 4-H, Oconee County, Georgia 4-H, GA

We look forward to seeing you all soon, either in person or on zoom! Please reach out if there are any questions that I can answer for you.

Best regards,

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