Hello friends, family, and sassy Student Ambassadors!

I’m extremely excited to be reporting to you in our fourth annual SAS newsletter. Our passionate, dedicated, and extremely talented Student Ambassadors have had quite a busy year. We kicked off the year with our annual fall retreat that was held at Get Air Wichita, an indoor trampoline park that provided our members with an interactive way to get to know each other. Even though we may have had a bit too much fun our members have been hard at work this past year. SAS was present at 96 events and volunteered over 1,780 hours sharing their Shocker experiences with prospective students, faculty, and staff members.

Our executive council has been diligently working to ensure that everything runs smoothly at events and meetings. In the spring, social committee and former Social Chair, Kiah Duggins, planned an eventful evening for current and previous SAS members to celebrate 20 years of the group’s existence. Kiah currently serves as the VP of Finance and oversees finances for the group. She also planned a pajama/movie night for our spring retreat in April. Our VP of Selections, Tyler Gegen, oversees the selections process for the group. In addition to working with the selections committee to select new members Tyler also chaired our annual Leadership Conference, which drew in over 270 area high school students! Courtney Allen, VP of Campus & Public Relations, worked hard to maintain our image on social media through our @ShockerExp accounts. Keeping track of 90+ members is not easy yet, VP of Records, Dylan Severson seamlessly organized our points chart and kept membership up to date on all happenings. Kaylee Ball will take over this position in the fall as Dylan moved to begin his nursing program. Social Chair, Alexis Loudermilk, worked on increasing group cohesion by meeting regularly with her social committee to plan fun outings for us. Philanthropy Chair, Gabe Clark, organized a book drive, and helped collect pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald house!

I am excited to continue serving loyally through Shocker spirit with you all! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Maha Madi
2015 SAS President
**SAS Member Fast Facts**

- **Maha Madi**, senior, completed two research presentations about “Reducing Medication Administration Errors in EMS through the Implementation of Verbal Verification Method” this year at The Kansas Capitol Undergraduate Research Day and the WSU Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum.
- **Katie Deutsch**, junior, **Katelyn Doherty**, graduate, **Jordan Haas**, graduate, **Jacob Highfill**, senior, **Amanda Johnson**, junior, **Amy Vuong**, sophomore, and **Morgan Ward**, sophomore visited marketing firms and departments during a business trip to New York with Barton International Group.
- **Kiah Duggins**, sophomore, participated in the Clinton Global Initiative University and was named a Resolution Fellow for The Princess Project.
- **Caleb Smith**, senior, is studying abroad in Hamburg, Germany.
- **T’Keyah Williams**, junior, traveled to Haiti through WSU’s alternative spring break trip.
- **Lara Brockway**, sophomore, and **Derick Holmes**, sophomore, were selected as PMA’s (Positive Mental Attitude) at HOBY, a leadership camp for high school students.
- Current members **Kiah Duggins**, junior, **Amanda Johnson**, junior, and new member **Jade Dowling**, freshman, were contestants in the Miss Kansas pageant.
- Six SAS members attended CIVSA’s Student Development Institute in Lexington, Kentucky. **Tyler Gegen**, junior, **Ashley Schrader**, junior, and **T’Keyah Williams**, junior, presented on the annual Leadership Conference.
- **Courtney Allen**, junior, **Bailey Bryand**, sophomore, **Jonathan Dennill**, senior, **Kiah Duggins**, junior, **Ericka Feltrop**, junior, **Tyler Gegen**, junior, **Maha Madi**, senior, and **Ashley Schrader**, junior, dedicated more than 32 hours to the selection of the new class of 2015-2016 SAS members.

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**Shocker Street Speak**

With the help of Student Ambassadors, Wichita State’s Office of Admissions launched a new video series called Shocker Street Speak. The video series gives you an inside look into Wichita State University - the heart of Shocker Nation. Check out the following Shocker Street Speak episodes hosted by various Student Ambassadors at vimeo.com/wsuadmissions.

- Live from the WSU Shuttle Bus with Amy Vuong
- Shocker Hall with Ryan Schrader
- Springfest Student Involvement Fair with Kavya Nateson
- Career Fair with Jonathan Dennill
- SAS Leadership Conference with Kyle Baldwin
- Diversity on Campus with Aisha Duggins

**#SASLead**

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**#TheStats**

Student Ambassadors were present at 96 campus events and volunteered more than 1,780 hours this year. The organization had 87 members representing 55 schools.

- Alumni Events - 4
- Campus Visits - 115
- Foundation Events - 149
- Middle School Events - 55
- On-Campus Events - 789.5
- On-Campus Honors Events - 37
- Online Events - 30
- Other Events - 51.5
- Roadshows - 550

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**SAS Hours**

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2015-2016 NEW MEMBERS

Matt Bailey, Current Student
Tracia Banuelos, Current Student
Angelique Collins, Andover
Jade Dowling, Buhler
Amena Elamin, Wichita Collegiate
Nicole Fuhrman, Maize South
Austin Greathouse, Garden City
Kayla Haase, Wichita Northwest
Clayton Hicks, Maize
Paige Hungate, Kapaun Mt. Carmel
Anna Hunter, Blue Valley
Marshall Johnson, Wichita Northwest
Emily Jones, Wichita North
Katelyn Kelly, Wichita West
Kyle Kopecky, Blue Valley North
Ryan Lee, Goddard Eisenhower
Amy Lightfoot, Rampart (Colorado)
Katie Murray, Rolla
Hannah Neal, Junction City
Ricky Oshakuade, Current Student
Hannah Puetz, Southeast of Saline
Joshua Radford, Current Student
Hitesh Rathod, Current Student
Charlotte Rippey, Wichita East
Lauren Roman, Andover Central
Greg Rudawsky, Chaminade (Missouri)
Colton Russell, Turner
Deisy Saenz, Current Student
Emma Schatzman, Northfield (Wichita)
Rachael Schremmer, Maize South
Ryan Siebuhr, Current Student
Isaac Sustar, Andover
Breck Towner, El Dorado
Alyssa Ward, Wichita Southeast
Jessica Wehkamp, Cimarron
Garrett Wolf, Current Student

2015 GRADUATES

Back Row: Ahmad Yassine, Andrew Calderwood, Katelyn Doherty, Ryan Schrader,
Lauren Berry, Nathan Templon, Matthew Conklin; Middle Row: Drew Bonner,
Taylor Mayfield, Carmen Ramirez, Megan Word, Bekah Streck;
Front Row: Sheridan Fabrizius, Catherine Klunder, Sarah Bergley, Erika Klunder;
Not Pictured: Tabitha Asher, Emma Crabtree, Nick French, Jordan Haas, Angie Hobbs

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Advisor Reflections

We had a year of milestones.
We had a great increase in the number of admitted students.
Wichita State launched its Innovation Campus.
Shocker Hall, a stunning residence hall in the center of campus, opened.
WSU beat KU in basketball.
And SAS celebrated its 20th anniversary.

It has been with great joy, that I’ve been given the opportunity to advise Student Ambassador Society this past year. The perspective of a current student is invaluable to recruiting the best and brightest. SAS members ARE that perspective and I’m amazed at their dedication to share their Shocker experiences.

During the 2014-2015 academic year, SAS members volunteered nearly 3,200 hours (including meetings) and attended 96 events. The activities vary from traveling to programs as far as Omaha and Oklahoma City, assisting with admissions programs and banquets, attending WSU press conferences, hosting middle school groups and many more.

SAS members planned and executed its 13th Annual Leadership Conference, hosting 270 high school students from across the state and making it the largest in history. We also sent 6 SAS members to a conference hosted by Collegiate Information and Visitors Services Association (CIVSA) in Lexington, KY. Three of the members presented at the conference on the leadership conference and its success in recruiting students.

SAS members continue to leave their mark on WSU’s campus. SAS graduated 23 seniors this year who are going into various careers in business, nursing, engineering, while others pursue graduate degrees in medicine and law. Current members continue to lead in various organizations on campus as they recruit the best and brightest to be future Shockers.

Leslie Bounous
Student Ambassador Society Advisor