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2025 MSASC Advisor Workshop
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**Mississippi State Association of Student Councils
46th Annual MSASC Advisor Workshop and Luncheon**

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February 21, 2025

8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Agenda

8:00am-8:30am	Registration
8:30am-9:00am	Introductions/Ice Breakers
9:00am-9:30am	Resource & Idea Share <i>Dr. Lillian Johnson, MSASC Executive Director</i>
9:30am-10:00am	Developing a Constitution <i>Workshop Speaker: Patty Wangler</i>
10:00-10:15	Break <i>Let's relax for just a moment.</i>
10:15am-11:00am	Work2BeWell State Initiative <i>Workshop Speaker: Sara Nilles Freauf</i>
11:00am-11:30	Breakout Session I <i>In Breakout Sessions, advisors may choose the specific session that applies to their interest and experience level. (See page 2 for session descriptions)</i>
11:30-12:30	Working Lunch <i>Please join us to continue the conversation about student leadership and to build that network of support essential to us all.</i>
12:30-12:45	Ice Breaker
12:45-1:15	Breakout Session II
1:15-1:45	Breakout Session III
1:45-2:00	Break <i>Let's relax for just a moment.</i>
2:00-2:30	Goal Setting/Collaboration



Choose the specific session that applies to your interest and experience level

Breakout Session I

Officer Training

This session will provide you with insights on how to prepare your student leaders to lead and serve throughout the year. Learn multiple ways to help train both your elected and non-elected leaders to take ownership of their organization and lead. From building relationships and training officers to onboarding every member of your council, you will be prepared in this workshop to help your students make a positive impact on their school and community.

Making an Impact

During this session, we will explore how to create a series of moments that give your campus momentum while creating student to student and student to school connections.

Breakout Session II

Elections

This presentation goes over ways to conduct elections, what to do after elections, and how to set the foundation to ensure a smooth year.

Getting Started

Brand new and not sure what to do? This question-and-answer session will provide you with much needed information and clarification on how to stay sane and have a successful year.

Breakout Session III

Building a Strong Organization

This session will cover the basics StuCo/SGA advisors need to build a strong program. Topics include constitutions, elections, officer roles, managing a council, and project ideas to make your council effective and successful.

Project Planning

This session will provide various project topics, the steps to plan projects, and ways to get more out of projects.



Meet the MSASC Executive Director

Dr. Lillian Johnson – Executive Director, Educator, Author, and Philanthropist



Dr. Lillian Johnson is a visionary leader, accomplished educator, and dedicated mentor with a career spanning over **15 years in education and student leadership development**. Currently serving as the Executive Director of the Mississippi Association of Student Councils (MSASC), Dr. Johnson is leading the organization with a fresh perspective in her first year in this role. She previously served as the Associate Executive Director of MSASC for six years, where she made significant contributions to student leadership and organizational development.

A lifelong learner, Dr. Johnson holds an impressive five college degrees, including a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) in Educational Leadership, an Education Specialist (Ed.S) degree, a Master of Business Administration (MBA), a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), and a Bachelor of Arts (BA). Her diverse academic background reflects her **commitment to excellence** and her ability to lead across various fields.

Throughout her career, Dr. Johnson has been recognized for her outstanding contributions to education. She has been honored as the **Mississippi Middle Level Warren E. Shull Adviser of the Year** and named the **MSASC Student Council Advisor of the Year**. These accolades underscore her passion and dedication to fostering growth and excellence in student leaders.

Dr. Johnson is also an accomplished entrepreneur and philanthropist. She is the founder and owner of the Above & Beyond Agency, Inc., and The Beyond Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization. Through both organizations' initiatives, she has developed and implemented enrichment and educational programs designed to enhance the lives of both youth and adults, ensuring they have **access to tools and resources for success**.

In addition to her leadership roles, Dr. Johnson works as a full-time Educational Consultant, sharing her expertise with institutions to drive educational excellence. She also serves as an Adjunct Professor at Hinds Community College, where she inspires and mentors students in their academic and professional pursuits.

As a self-published author, Dr. Johnson has used her writing to **empower and inspire others**. Her work reflects her deep commitment to education, leadership, and personal growth.



Meet the MSASC Associate Executive Director

Tamia Taylor – Associate Executive Director

With over a decade of experience in education and leadership, Tamia Taylor is a dedicated educator, mentor, and leader in the field of academic and professional development. Currently serving as the Lead Teacher at Laurel High School in Laurel, Mississippi, Tamia specializes in teaching a variety of mathematical subjects, including geometry, algebra, and compensatory math. She excels in differentiating instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners, fostering academic growth through personalized support, small-group activities, and consistent parent engagement.



In addition to her role in public education, Ms. Taylor is the founder and owner of I.N.S.P.I.R.E. YOU Educational Center in Heidelberg, Mississippi, established in 2020. This dynamic organization offers a broad range of leadership training and community service opportunities. Also a founding member of Better Together Heidelberg, an organization committed to revitalizing and enhancing her hometown, Heidelberg. Through this initiative, Ms. Taylor has empowered countless students and community members to achieve their personal and professional goals.

Previously, Ms. Taylor served as a Math Teacher at Heidelberg High School and Laurel High, where she taught Algebra, Advanced Seminar, and Transition to Algebra, helping students develop academically and socially. Her earlier professional experience includes working as a Management Trainee and Accounting Clerk at Sanderson Farms Inc., where she gained expertise in corporate accounting and business operations.

Tamia Taylor holds a Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from William Carey University (2021), a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of West Alabama (2019), and a Bachelor of Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from Jackson State University (2005). She is Certified in Business Education, Mild/Moderate Disabilities, and Educational Leadership.

A proven leader in education, Ms. Taylor has contributed to various initiatives, including serving on the teacher advisory council, creating the Student Council Leadership Academy, and participating in leadership programs such as Leadership Jones County, Mississippi Women in the Lead, and the Mississippi Black Leadership Institute. Her dedication has earned numerous accolades, including Laurel High School's Teacher of the Year (2018), the Laurel School District Difference Maker Award (2018), and recognition as Mississippi Student Council Advisor of the Year (2017).

As a committed advocate for education and community service, Tamia is an active member of Junior Auxiliary of Laurel, serves on the Golden Pages literacy campaign, an ambassador for Jones County economic development, and Student Council advisor at LHS. She continues to inspire excellence and innovation in her students and community, embodying a passion for lifelong learning and service.

In her role as Associate Executive Director of student councils, Tamia Taylor is excited to continue to help grow leaders across the state of Mississippi.



Workshop Presenters

Patty Wangler – Texas Association of Student Councils Director



Patty Wangler has over 18 years of experience in education and student leadership, dedicated to empowering young leaders across Texas. Named the **2022 Eddie G. Bull TASC Advisor of the Year**, Patty is now in her **third year as Director of the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC)**. She has also served as the **Summer Leadership Workshop Director** and **Houston Area TASC Coordinator**, inspiring students and advisors to create meaningful change. With a legacy of integrity and dedication, Patty continues to shape the next generation of Texas leaders.

Sara Nilles Freauf – Work2BeWell Co-Founder, Educational and Leadership Development Consultant, & NSAC Adviser



Sara Freauf (Nilles) is an educational and leadership development consultant with 24 years of experience nationally and internationally. She served as the Executive Director for the Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC) from 2010-2020 and taught math and leadership for ten years before her role with OASC. She studied math education at Montana State University (Go Bobcats!) and earned her master's in Curriculum & Instruction and ESL/ELL from Portland State University. She is a co-founder of the Work2BeWell program in partnership with Providence Health System.

Sara #Works2BeWell by spending time with friends/family and walking with her best fur buddies Jax and Tucker.

Breakout Session Presenters

Tamia Taylor, MSASC Associate Executive Director and Laurel High School Student Council Advisor

Dr. Abigail McNair, MSASC Advisory Committee Member & Lake High School Student Council Advisor

Makeda Chandler, MSASC Advisory Committee Member & Leflore Legacy Academy Student Council Advisor

Viji Lee, MSASC Advisory Committee Member & Natchez High School/Formal Student Council Advisor at Terry High School