

# WELCOME TO THE 11<sup>th</sup> Annual SASA NATIONAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE



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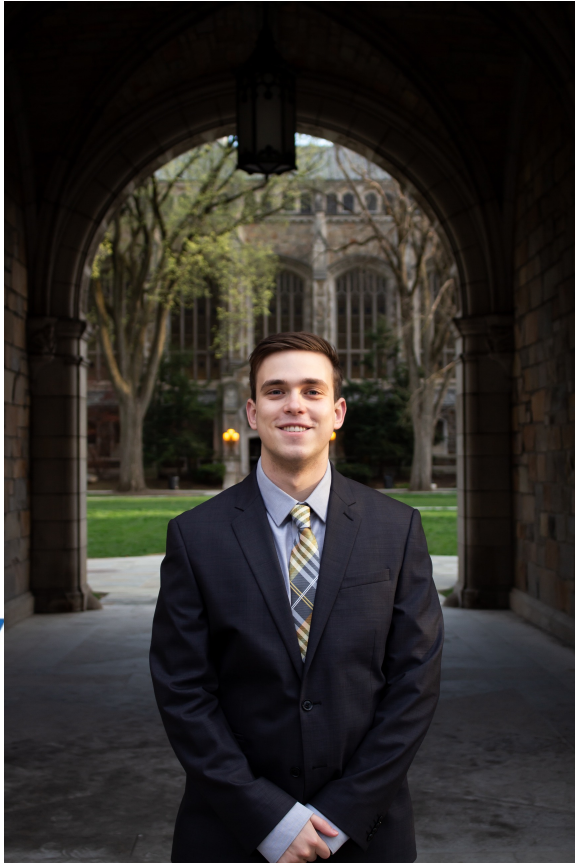
# First Timers' Session



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# Meet SASA - Frank Ferrari



- **President and Founder of SASA**
- **8<sup>th</sup> National Advocacy Conference**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> year as lead NAC organizer
- **Founder of the Michigan Advocacy Conference**
- **University of Michigan Alum**
- **FRC Alum from team 1718**
- **Current Clinical Research Coordinator at Michigan Medicine**
  - Parkinson's Disease
  - Spinocerebellar Ataxia
  - Multiple Systems Atrophy
  - Huntington's Disease

# Meet SASA - Kiran Sabharwal and Nate Bandt

## Kiran

- FRC 1086 Alum
- Previously Attended NAC 4 times
- Current Political Science Student at Johns' Hopkins University



## Nate

- FIRST 1816 Alum
- Previously attended NAC 5 times
- Recent Mechanical Engineering graduate from Colorado School of Mines



# Agenda

## Day 1: Sunday, June 23rd

- 1:30 PM Kickoff Teambuilder
- 2:00 PM Government Overview
- 2:15 PM Policy Legislation
- 3:15 PM Break
- 3:30 PM Dan Mantz, REC Foundation
- 4:00 PM Appropriations 101
- 4:45 PM State Advocacy Process
- 5:00 PM Trivia Challenge!
- 5:30 PM Walk to the Capitol for Pictures

## Day 3: Tuesday, June 25th

- 8:00 AM: Capitol Hill Meetings
- 5:00 PM: NAC Reception



## Day 2: Monday, June 24th

- 8:15 AM Welcome to Day 2
- 8:30 AM What's going on in DC?
- 9:00 AM ESSA and Title IV-A
- 9:45 AM CHIPS and Science Act
- 10:15 AM Break
- 10:30 AM National Defense Authorization Act
- 11:00 AM FIRST Advocacy
- 11:30 AM Effective Meetings & Capitol Logistics
- 12:15 PM Lunch & Teambuilder
- 1:30 PM Talking Points
- 1:45 PM Live Practice Meeting
- 2:30 PM Panel Discussion w/ Q&A
- 4:00 PM State Breakout Meetings
- 5:30 PM Adjournment

# State Scheduling Documents

SASA NATIONAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE MEETING SCHEDULE

**STATE**

**JUNE 23 — 25, 2024**

**PLEASE READ ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS**

List of Teams from your state and team contacts

Team Number	Team Name	Member Count	Main Contacts	Main Contact Emails

## Sample Meeting Agenda Format

Record each meeting in the format below as the times are confirmed. You can confirm the office location from the signature of the emails you exchange with the scheduler or by looking up the Member of Congress or Senator's website. Each meeting is typically 20 to 30 minutes in length. You should schedule at least 30 minutes between them especially if you are moving from the House to the Senate side or vice versa. In the same building, you can schedule them back to back (one at 8am and one at 8:30am) if you had to. Ideally one at 8am and one at 9am will leave you plenty of time to get from one to the other.

**Time** – Congressman / Congresswoman / Senator / Name (State-Party), (Staff Member Name), Office # and Bldg, Phone Number, Staff and/or Scheduler Email Address, Teams Attending

Example:

**8:00am** – Senator Stabenow (MI-D), (Ms. Smith), 133 HSOB, (202) 224-4822, staff.email@stabenow.senate.gov, Teams 27, 66, 2834 or **ALL TEAMS**

Office Building Codes: HOB = House Office Building, SOB = Senate Office Building  
CHOB = Cannon, LHOB = Longworth, RHOB = Rayburn, FHOB = Ford  
RSOB = Russell, DSOB = Dirksen, HSOB = Hart

**Tuesday June 25th Meeting Agenda:**



# Advocacy 101

*Ty Vanlerberghe and Arjit Agarwal – SASA*



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# Past Participants Panel

Question & Answer

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# Frank Ferrari Pins



# SASA Charter Members

FRC 1086: Blue Cheese, VA



FRC 1296: Full Metal Jackets, TX



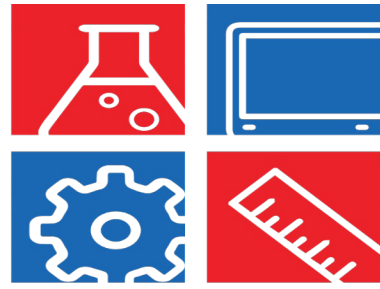
FRC 1511: Rolling Thunder, NY



FRC 1718: The Fighting Pi, MI



FRC 2655: The Flying Platypi, NC



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Student Association  
for STEM Advocacy

# Scavenger Hunt

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# Logistics

- Bathrooms by FEMA (Code: 12456)
- Wifi: (Password: WASSM)
- Meals
- Metro
- Picture at the Capitol
- [mysasa.org/nacmaterials](https://mysasa.org/nacmaterials)
- Meeting Scheduling Issues?
- Problems? Questions? 248-419-1189 [staff@mysasa.org](mailto:staff@mysasa.org)



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# Legislative Asks

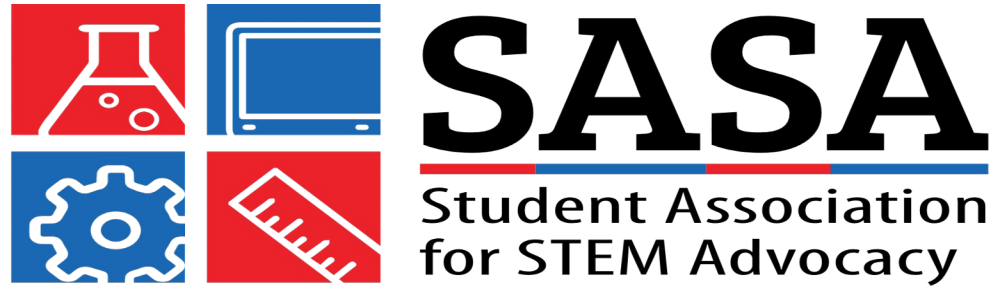
- NDAA
  - ¼ of 1 % of DoD contracts to support high-quality STEM education
- CHIPS & Science Act of 2022
  - STEM Education Directorate and Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL)
- Funding for ESSA Title IV Part A & B
  - Title IV A was funded at \$1.38B in Fiscal Year 2024, annually given out to every public school in America
  - Title IV B 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers funded at 1.33B in FY24



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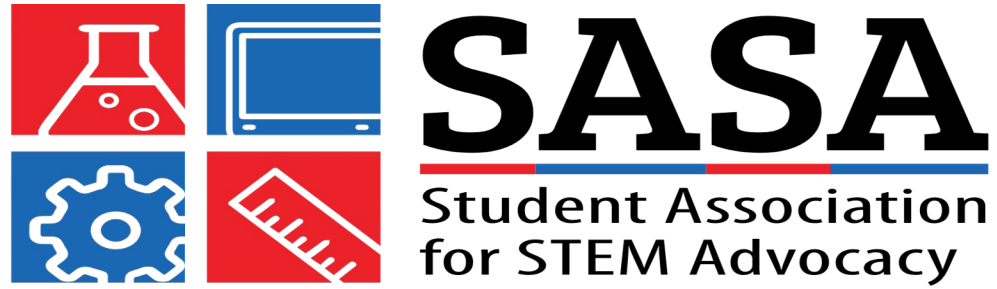
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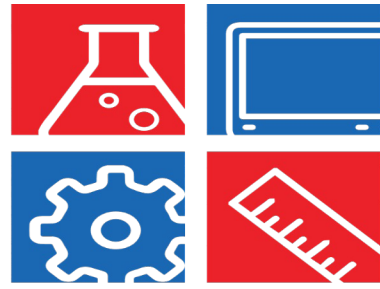
**Michigan – 25 People**

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**Texas – 28 People**

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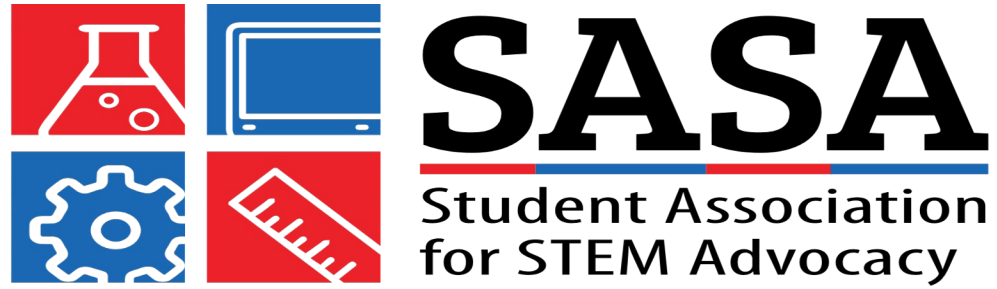


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## **CALIFORNIA - 46 People**

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**Honorable Mentions: Virginia, Maryland, New York &  
North Carolina**

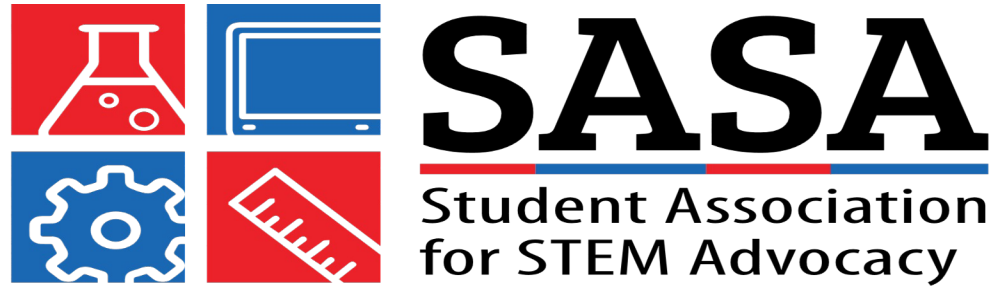
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# Tuesday Meetings

*MAKE SURE ALL YOUR MEETINGS ARE IN THE STATE  
DOCUMENTS*

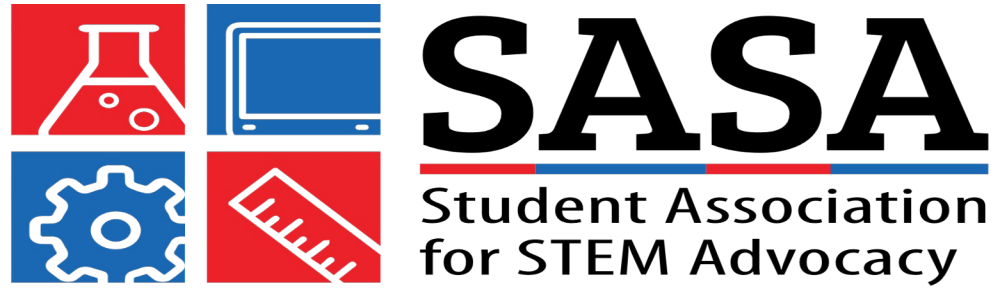
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# PRIZES

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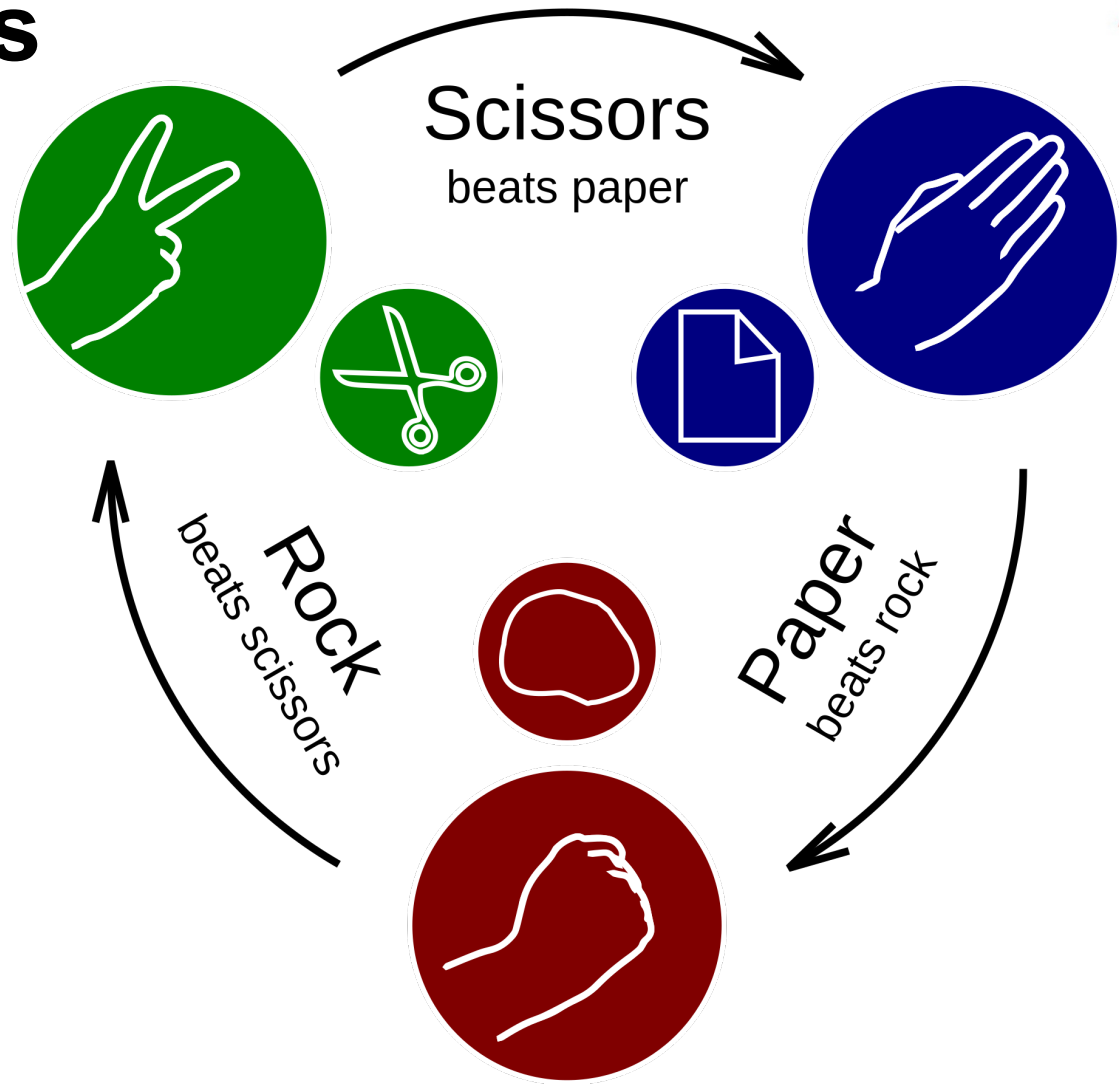


# Teambuilder

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# Rock, Paper, Scissors

- Best of 3
- Name, Team, State, Fun Fact
- Pair off in your row
- Winner plays another person in your row. Loser out
- Each row has 1 winner
- Row winners play winner across the aisle
- 1 winner



# Government Overview

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# Policy Legislation

*Steve Hyer – SASA*



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# SASA 2024 Interns



Intern 2024-2025 Applications Open July 8



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# Break

*We will begin again at 3:30pm*

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# Keynote Speaker

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# Appropriations 101

*Steve Hyer – SASA*



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# State Advocacy Conference Process

*Ty Vanlerberghe - SASA*



# Trivia

*Jonah Sementkowski, SASA*



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# Trivia Rules

- 5 Practice Questions
  - Not graded
- 26 Trivia Questions
  - 20 seconds to answer
  - Judged on correctness and speed
- Enter your FULL NAME (up to 15 characters)
- Top 3 Compete in FINAL BLOCKET



# Prize Structure

- 3 Winners
  - Winners will select prizes in order (e.g. 1st place winner goes first)
- Prizes structured in tiers
  - Tier 1: Unlimited
  - Tier 2: 1 prize max
  - Tier 3: 1 prize max
- Winners may select a prize from any tier as long as the maximum number of prizes from that tier have not been selected



# Tier 1 Prizes



Free registration to  
NAC 2025 (Location  
TBA)



Altec Lansing Mini H20  
Speaker



Amazon Echo Dot

# Tier 2 Prizes (Approx \$75 Value)



This Drone^



~\$75 Amazon Gift Card



Logitech C920x  
HD Pro Webcam

# Tier 3 Prizes (Approx. \$200 Value)



VIZIO 40-inch TV



\$200 Amazon  
Gift Card



AirPods Pro or  
Galaxy Buds Pro



# Blooket!

*Jonah Sementkowski, SASA*



# Final Blooket

*Jonah Sementkowski, SASA*



# Final Blooket

- Participants start with their point amounts
- The category is shown
- Each participant writes their wager on their board based on category
  - Wagers must be at least 10% of your points
- The answer is given and participants have 30 seconds to write the corresponding question
- The question is revealed and points are added or subtracted based on correctness and the amount of points wagered
- There are three questions total



# Final Bloocket: The Rules

- See the Category
- Place Your Wager
- See the “Answer”
- Write the “Question”
- Winner Picks Their Prize First
- Questions?



# Category: Education Policy



# **The name, title, and part of the bill that supports 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers**



# What is ESSA Title IV Part B?



# Category: Federal Funding



# The federal deficit estimation this fiscal year



# What is \$1.99 Trillion?



# Category: Key People



**The Chair of the House Armed  
Services Committee and the Chair  
of the Senate Appropriations  
Labor-H Committee (must provide  
both correct responses)**



# Who are Representative Mike Rogers and Senator Tammy Baldwin?



# Day One Wrap Up

*Steve Hyer – SASA*

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# Group and Team Pictures at the Capitol

*Walk to the Capitol Building as a Group*

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# Instructions

- Last staffer will be leaving in less than 10 minutes
- Meet on West Side of Capitol (Washington Monument Side)
- Walk to Garfield Circle and then walk up the paved path
- **NO BAGS!**
- Organize w/ your team

If lost, contact:  
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