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NATIONWIDE CHAPTER MEETING

by Vidya Achar

Our Nationwide Chapter Meeting, hosted on January 22nd was an amazing start to the new year. This year, we are excited to begin new State of the Students projects, including a nationwide collaboration that will be announced soon, so stay tuned!

THE MONTHLY RECAP

by Vidya Achar

This month, our chapters hosted two episodes of Pizza and Politics: a Massachusetts discussion with Mayor of Boston Michelle Wu, which can be found on the Massachusetts chapter's Instagram account:

@mastateofthestudents and a California episode with Senator Bob Wieckowski which will be published soon on the California chapter's Instagram account: @ca.stateofthestudents. In the episode, Mayor Wu talked about the Boston Youth Transportation project, which aims to provide youth safe transportation around

the city, factoring in socioeconomic mobility, environmental impact and public safety.

To start off 2022, our California chapter introduced a journalism fellowship, open to current and incoming fellows. The fellowship aims to have each writer publish an article on the website every month. Writers will pitch a topic they are passionate about and editors will review their work before publishing. To learn more about and apply for a chance to spread political awareness through journalism, read the State of the Students Medium

article describing the fellowship's requirements.

Additionally, State of the Students mission is spreading to Wisconsin and New Hampshire, with both states forming chapters to promote civic engagement. Our Virginia chapter has an upcoming episode of Pizza & Politics with Victoria Virasingh, political candidate running for the Congressional seat in Virginia House District 8. If you are interested in becoming a Virginia Chapter Member and attending this session email the VA chapter leads Tatum Anderson at tanderson@statofthestudents.com or Sam Rough at srough@stateofthestudents.com

INTRODUCING OUR ADMIN TEAM!

by Vidya Achar

In 2022, we are welcoming a new Administrative Team to continue our mission of getting students involved in government. We are excited to welcome five civically engaged students from across the country to State of the Students.

CHAPTER LIAISON

Joining us as the new Chapter Liaison is Weston Hamilton, a high school sophomore from Fort Payne, Alabama. As Chapter Liaison, he will work with the Operations Director Lauren Hightower to meet with established chapters and aid in the expansion of State of the Students.



Weston Hamilton

CONTENT STRATEGIST



Vidya Achar is a junior in high school from San Jose, California. Working with Co-Executive Director Alejandra Lopez Nestor and Communications Director Andres Martinez, she will manage and maintain the State of the Students blog and write newsletter content.

PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER



Leon Huang is a high school junior from San Jose, California. He will be communicating with partnership organizations, maintaining good relations during collaborations and finding new partners that align with our mission. He will work with Development Director Karina Haddad.

GRANT WRITER



Mohammad Al Saber is a high school junior from Fresno. He will be working with Development Director Karina Haddad and oversee the organization's fundraising activities and prepare grant applications and proposals.

COMMUNITY MANAGER



Tola Aluko is a high school junior from Charlotte, North Carolina. She will work with Co-Executive Director Trisha Shenoy to strategize the best methods of communication and respond to inquiries on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and other social media platforms.