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Hello! The IASC Board is very excited to have a semi normal year with even in person meetings. We are all working extremely hard to have a great convention this year.

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# **ARE YOU READY TO FIND “YOUR HAPPILY EVER AFTER”**

**Dear IASC Students and Advisors,**

**On behalf of the Illinois Association of Student Councils, the Executive Board, and Taylorville and Collinsville High Schools, I would like to invite you to the 88 th Annual IASC State Convention scheduled for May 5-7, 2022 at the Wyndham City Centre in Springfield, Illinois! This convention is literally FOUR YEARS in the making. Covid has stopped us the last two years but as they say, the third time is the charm! We will be having this year’s convention LIVE and IN PERSON!**

**The IASC Executive Board and Taylorville/Collinsville High Schools have been working extremely hard over the past year to make sure this convention is a success. It is my hope that, over the three days of convention, you will learn more about yourself and how to be a leader, and that you will interact with others and learn many new ideas to bring back to your local Student Council. Over the course of the convention, you will make new friends, reunite with old ones, and have a wonderful experience. I hope you all come in with an open mind and take full advantage of everything offered to you at this convention.**

**I would like to thank each and every one of you for taking the time to consider attending the 88 th Annual IASC State Convention. I know you will acquire new skills, new ideas, and new friends.**

**I look forward to welcoming you to this year’s state convention May5-7, 2022 in Springfield while we help you discover “Your Happily Ever After!”**

**Kyle Gordon  
IASC Associate Director  
Collinsville High School**



# State Convention Speakers

## Judson Laipply

"I get to do this for a living?"

Sometimes I have to just pinch myself. For almost 20 years I've been fortunate enough to get paid to talk. Literally. Being a professional speaker is exactly what I've wanted to do since 11th grade when I competed in the Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest and placed first in my school. From then on it was my mission to become a professional speaker. After four years of undergrad at Bluffton University in Ohio (where I continued to find ways to present - can you say group project!) and two years of graduate school at Bowling Green State University I decided it was the perfect time to pursue my passion. Ever since I've been traveling, speaking, presenting, training, and dancing across the globe. I even earned the CSP (Certified Speaking Professional) from the National Speakers Association. A designation held by less than 10% of the global speaker population (wait...there's a global speaker population?). My aim is always the same. Entertain and educate. Make people laugh and make people think. Time is our most precious resource and if someone is going to give me theirs - I want to make sure I'm giving them something of value in return. It is an honor to speak for a living and do my best to never forget that. There's lots more of course but this isn't about me - it's about you and your organization.!



## Ted Wiese

Known as one of America's best youth leadership development speakers, Ted Wiese works with thousands of students every year to teach and enhance their leadership skills. Ted is in the business of making students believe they can make a difference – and he teaches them how to do it! From starting his career with Junior Achievement to establishing Wiese Training and Development, LLC, Ted's dynamic and engaging programs have gained him a strong reputation for delivering results. For years, the students at Ted's presentations have laughed while they learned. His fun-filled keynotes contain contagious laughter coupled with a strong message, while his activity-oriented workshops develop student leadership skills in an energetic, highly interactive, humorous and effective manner. With wit, wisdom, real-life stories and a whole lot of fun, his programs leave students with information and skills to take back to school, ideas to put into action, and something good to talk about in the days and months ahead.



# State Convention Speakers

## Brendan Kelly

Brendan F. Kelly is the Director of the Illinois State Police. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Louis University School of Law, Mr. Kelly previously served as the St. Clair County States Attorney and Assistant State's Attorney for four years, prosecuting cases in the felony division, juvenile division, misdemeanor division, and child support enforcement division. Mr. Kelly has had a wide range of experience with law enforcement. As a college student, Mr. Kelly volunteered with a non-profit group that worked with law enforcement combating child prostitution.

During his military service as an officer in the United States Navy, Mr. Kelly conducted research on Israeli-Palestinian joint police patrols. As an Assistant State's Attorney, he served on the Illinois State Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section Council, and he has also been a member of the Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission for several years. As State's Attorney, Mr. Kelly established the Violent Crime Unit, through which the most heinous cases are pursued through vertical prosecution. Mr. Kelly also opened the Tracy Fogarty Domestic Violence Unit under which domestic violence prosecutions have increased 117%. Mr. Kelly also has established the St. Clair County Juvenile Justice Council, and as a result of feedback from the community, he doubled the number of prosecutors in his juvenile division. He also began working closely with school districts to fight parent-caused truancy to keep kids from becoming felons. Mr. Kelly charged over a dozen public corruption cases in 2016. In 2011, he received the Illinois Mother's Against Drunk Driving Hero Award. He is married to Joanne and has two boys, Zac and Owen.



## Kelsie Jeffries

Kelsie lives her childhood dream everyday. She's not a Disney princess, at least not officially, but she does work for the best boss ever, Mickey Mouse. Back in the fall of 2017, Kelsie had the opportunity to manage projects as a Facility Asset Management (FAM) intern at the Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Florida. From leading design meetings for ride track at Peter Pan's Flight to managing the scope, schedule, and budget of themed rockwork repair at the Journey of the Little Mermaid, the internship was a dream come true for the little girl who had dreamed of becoming a Disney Imagineer since the sixth grade. After graduating with her mechanical engineering degree, Kelsie returned to FAM to continue working behind-the-scenes at Disney World as a Planner for the Resorts team. Between replacing a football field at All Star Sports resort and installing a dish machine at the Pop Century resort, Kelsie still finds time to contemplate the magic carpet ride of a journey she's been on since she was a part of the Collinsville High School's student council. She never imagined that a mere five years after retiring as the IASC's State Treasurer that she would be back at the 2020 State Convention to talk about finding her and your happily ever after.

# State Convention Speakers

## Cara Filler

Cara Filler is Driven to Inspire. For the last 20+ years, Cara has shared her powerful positive leadership and prevention programs with more than 2 million people in 5 countries. She has become one of the most sought after female motivational speakers in her field. She empowers students, teachers, parents and complete strangers to make everyday choices count. Why? Because if it causes just ONE person to care more, speak up and stand out – IT'S ALL WORTH IT! Cara believes that it is not the events that happen in our lives that make us who we are, but the meaning we give to those events that control the steering wheel of our lives.

The road hasn't always been 'easy' for Cara. The day before her 18th birthday, Cara's world was devastated and forever changed when her identical twin sister, Mairin, was killed in a high speed car crash. From that day forward, Cara committed to helping others put life and its challenges in perspective. She is a dedicated Safety Spaz and encourages everyone no matter your age to listen to your inner voice, stand up to a bully, get out of a speeding car, take the keys from a friend who has been drinking, ask for help or make a hard decision. It could save a life!! Cara keeps it real. She's an incredible storyteller, a bad dancer, and totally unashamed to make a fool of herself. Cara remembers what it's like to be a student, what it's like not to fit in, what it's like to lose someone you love, and what it's like to want something better for yourself and the world. She works closely with ASB, SADD, FCCLA, 4H, FFA – among other community organizations worldwide to educate, entertain and empower students. Cara is also an entrepreneur and founder of the Drive To Save Lives Tour, a hand-selected group of high quality, high impact, prevention speakers who have banded together to create a positive lasting difference for audiences across North America, and the founder of iSPOKE UP, a campaign for students to share their voice and their impact by speaking up for others and themselves and empowering positive choices. Cara loves singing, dancing with her son, visits to Panera Bread – Mmm soup! and she's Canadian. Eh. Just for fun, ask her to say any of the following words: sorry, Mom, about, decal, route, North Dakota or pasta.



# CONFERENCE DETAILS



**15 Discussion Group opportunities!**

**15 Round Table Discussion opportunities!**

**Choose from six Large Group Discussion Options that include Cara, Juson, Mr.Kelly, Kelsie, and two surprise guests!**

**Advisers, there will be a separate strand of programming just for you including the new 30 ideas in 30 Minutes session!**

**We will have an Exhibitors Area where gift card prizes will be given out!**

**Meet your favorite "Mouse Inspired" characters for pictures!**

**Lots of free giveaways and tons of attendance prizes!**

**And we will cap everything off with the annual dance hosted by Wille Fun Entertainment - Chicago's BEST Prom/Homecoming DJ!**

# COSTS

**Registration for the conference is now open along with hotel registration at the following link:**

**[IllinoisStuco.org/Programs/StateConvention](https://IllinoisStuco.org/Programs/StateConvention)**

**Cost is \$35 per student and \$35 per adviser**

**The hotel room cost is \$128.82 a night (includes all taxes) for up to 4 people in a room.**

**Meal prices will be: Adviser Lunch on Friday:  
\$28.00 per person**

**Kid Friendly Banquet Meal Friday - \$35.00 per person**

# STILL TIME TO BE AN HONOR

## DELEGATE!

### **Second Vice President Honor Delegate Positions**

**Hall of Ideas** – Prepare a poster on a topic or activity that your council participates in.

**Service Project** – Provide a good or service to be used at the convention. These items may include a monetary contribution, purchasing pens, binders, snacks, etc, that are used by attendees at the convention. The school, not the particular student, needs to provide the funds and items.

### **Secretary Positions - (Honor Council Applications)**

**Honor Council Book** - Prepare a physical or electronic book highlighting the activities, events, and structure of your student council. Note that this year there will be a single simplified book type worth 100 points instead of both a regular and mini-book.

More information on each of the individual positions is available here:  
[https://illinoisstuco.org/Content/HonorDelegatesHonorDelegateDuties\\_2022.pdf](https://illinoisstuco.org/Content/HonorDelegatesHonorDelegateDuties_2022.pdf).

All applications must be completed online, and advisors will receive an automated email to approve the application once the student has submitted it. Applications for all Honor Delegate and Honor Council positions is available here:  
<https://illinoisstuco.org/apps/honordelegates>.

Applications for 2nd Vice President Honor Delegate applications are due by February 10, 2022.

Applications to submit an Honor Council Book are due February 1, 2022. Note that students who are contemplating running for the 2022-2023 IASC State Board are ineligible to be Honor Delegates, or must resign their Honor Delegate position at the time they declare their intent to run for office.