

MIDEAST DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE INTRODUCTION AND NEWS

Introduction

- Hello my name is Maddie Mikeworth and I am your new IAJHSC Mideast District Representative. I am in 6th grade at Saint Mary's School in Pontiac IL. I have 1 younger brother in 3rd grade and 1 dog that I have had for almost 7 years. I am in band, choir, basketball, volleyball, and student council for my school and I am in dance outside of school. I am excited about being the 2024-2025 IAJHSC Mideast District Representative. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns that I can try to answer for you.

Thanking Outgoing District Representative

- Thank You Kate Lauritsen for being an amazing IAJHSC Mideast District Representative for the 2023-2024 year. You did an awesome job!

Guest Speakers at IAJHSC State Convention

- For those who didn't go to convention, here's what happened: We had two guest speakers. Jesse LeBeau and Matt Matkovich & Phill Januzewski. Jesse is one of the most sought after youth motivational speakers today. He is a premiere basketball trick artist and is regularly featured on TV, film, and international tours. He has made a new reality series called: "The LeBeau Show". It is a show that allows the viewers to get the chance to follow him around the country and see the major impact that he is making on youth but particularly teens who are struggling first hand. Matt and Phill (M&P): Matt Matkovich is a proud high school guidance counselor who was born and raised in the southwest side of Chicago. He has degrees in special education and his master's in school guidance and counseling. He has a love for public speaking that grew out of highschool when he picked up a microphone for the first time to run for class president. He has a wife and two sons with an extremely supportive family. Then Phil Januszewski resides in the Chicago area where he went to highschool as a chemistry and physics teacher. He is holding a degree in Chemistry and a Master's in teaching leadership. He has had a love for entertaining people and an experience with a microphone that started in highschool. If we fast forward a couple years he has announced local sporting events and DJing weddings. He was also in Season 7 Episode 1 of Nailed It which he told us when we saw him. Both Matt and Phil say that they are "Brothers from another mother". They were both sweet and energetic.



1st picture is Phil, 2nd is Matt, and 3rd is Jesse.

IAJHSC State Convention District Representative Candidates

- Thank you to all the candidates that ran for the Mideast District Representative this year. It has been one of our biggest years for students running for the district representative position. You all did a great job and if you are a 6th grader and didn't make it, you can always run again next year.

Service Project

- This year's state service project was Our Military Kids. We donated \$13,456.73 to this project. Thank you to every school that donated; it means a lot to those kids that the money is going to. The money that we have saved for donating can give about 50 grants to the kids.

Camp Dates

- Just a reminder to everyone that the leadership camps start June 23rd in Monticello, IL and end June 29th. The cost is \$425.00 to go and registration is due May 10th. Please check with your advisor for the registration form to go.

Adult Directors

- To all the adult directors of the Mideast. We are looking for a school that would like to host a leadership workshop either in the fall or mid year. If you are willing to please contact that Mideast adult director Mrs. Anne Corrigan.