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Welcome to District Convention!

The 2015-16 KDASC year has officially come to a close! As we say goodbye to this year's board, we welcome a new group of leaders who are ready to guide the KDASC for another year!

We've had a great year, so why don't we take a moment to thank all of the schools who have hosted events!

Fall Picnic- Mahomet/Seymour

Halloween Dance- St. Jo/Ogden

Fall Retreat- Oakwood

Winter Retreat- Rantoul

Hospitality Night-Unity

District Convention- Shiloh

Thank you all for the hard work you put into making it an amazing year!

Upcoming Events

State Convention

May 5-7, 2016
Springfield, IL

National Convention

June 24-June 26
Portland, OR.

Keep your eyes open!

We are honored to have a guest from the IASC Board! Derek Lahey, IASC State President, will be handing out suckers if you introduce yourself and give him a high five!

"A leader's job is to look into the future and see the organization *not* as it is, but as it should be."

-Jack Welch

Officer Farewells



President: Sophie Christianson

Favorite Student Council memory: Everything about State Convention...it was such a blast!

Best part of being on the KDASC Board: Getting the inside scoop on things, eating first, and the friendships made!

Advice to incoming freshman/new board members: Go for it! Being on the KDASC Board does not make you a nerd, you can do it. 😊

Vice President: Noah Allen

Favorite Student Council memory: When I went to Advanced Workshop, I made seven of the best friends anybody could have! Shoutout to the Downtown District! **Best part of being on the KDASC Board:** I love being able to lead such an amazing organization with people who have the same passion for Student Council as I do. **Advice to incoming freshman/new board members:** Go for it. If you even think you want it, go for it. Four years go by in the blink of an eye so don't look back with regret. Student council has shaped me into me, and I couldn't ask for a better organization or advisor to guide me and my leadership.



**Secretary: Parker Fransisco**

Favorite Student Council memory: Doing the council's scavenger hunt.

Best part of being on the KDASC Board: Meeting new people and having a chance to grow as a leader with my new friends.

Advice to incoming freshman/new board members: Take every opportunity you can get on council. Everything we do here is so good, and helps you become a better leader.

Treasurer: Faith Morris

Favorite Student Council memory: I have countless memories from being on Student Council, ranging from Winterfest to some goofy car trips! One of my favorite ones is when I went to the IASC Advanced Workshop and High Ropes Course. There, I met some of my best friends and learned a lot about myself and the leader I want to be. That weekend was full of laughter, fun, singing, and even some pretty real moments. It is something I will never forget.

Best part of being on the KDASC Board: One of my favorite parts of being on the KDASC Board is leading with my fellow officers. Getting the

opportunity to lead with 8 other people who share the same love for Student Council as I do has been an absolute pleasure.

Advice to incoming freshman/new board members: My advice to everyone would just be to take every opportunity that Student Council offers. There are some amazing workshops and events out there and you would be surprised on how they can influence your life. Always remember that it's better to look back on your life and say, "I can't believe I did that", than, "I wish I had done that".





Historian: Raine Zilewicz

Favorite Student Council memory:
Going to District Convention with my good friend Ashley Lafond because we got no sleep the night before and were so slap happy.

Best part of being on the KDASC Board: Getting to see things on a bigger level and getting to have some input for the big picture.

Advice for incoming freshman/new board members: Be bold and be confident in whatever you're doing!

Virtual Historian: Libby Alt

Favorite Student Council memory:

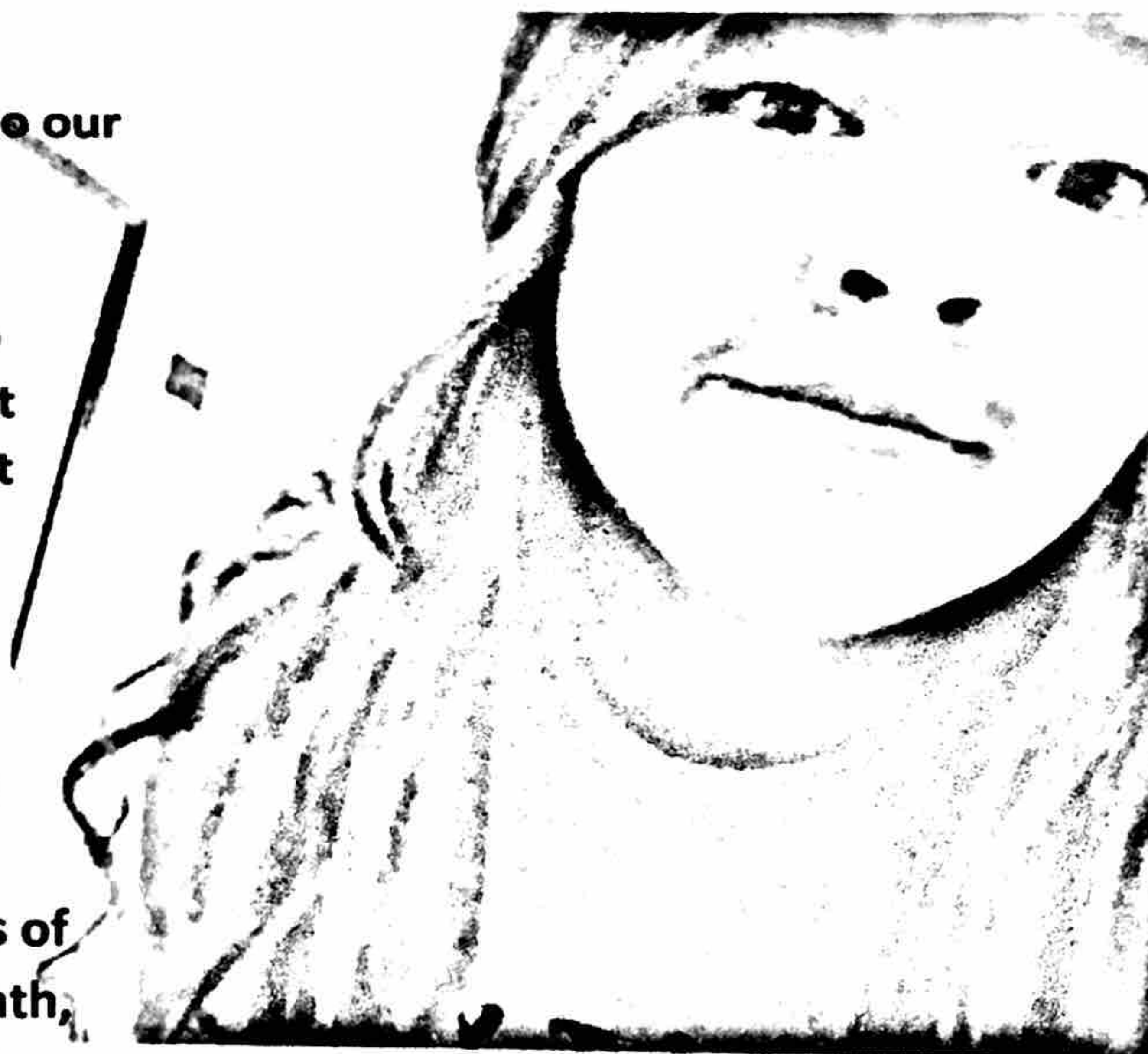
My favorite would either be going bowling or going to our Christmas party at Jupiter's for the district board.

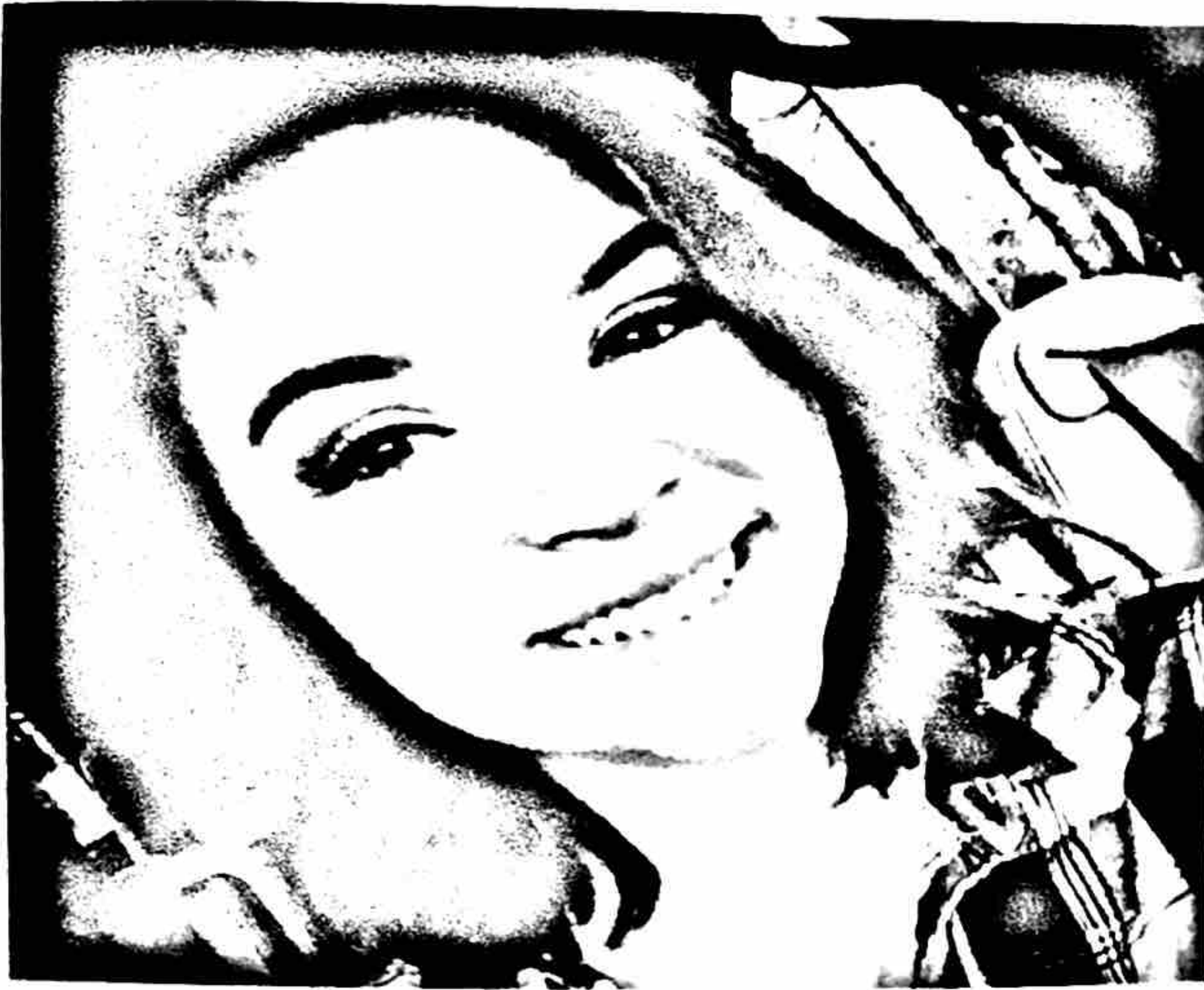
Best part of being on the KDASC Board:

You get to meet so many new people and you get to help influence the way some people think of student council and show that it isn't just about business, but it's fun too.

Advice for incoming freshman/new board members:

Don't take it all too seriously; have some fun and let go a little! Nobody is going to judge you! We are basically all a huge family made up of different types of personalities and experiences. Just take your own path, and don't let other people choose that path for you!





State Liaison: Ashley Mattingly

Favorite Student Council memory: At State last year, I got to meet so many amazing people and hear great speakers. During that time, our board got to learn a lot about leading, and how to walk in with a flag ☺

Best part of being on the KDASC

Board: This would definitely have to be getting to know the behind the scenes things that make everything tick as well as getting to know all of the people on a deeper level.

Advice to incoming freshman/new board members: Do everything you can for

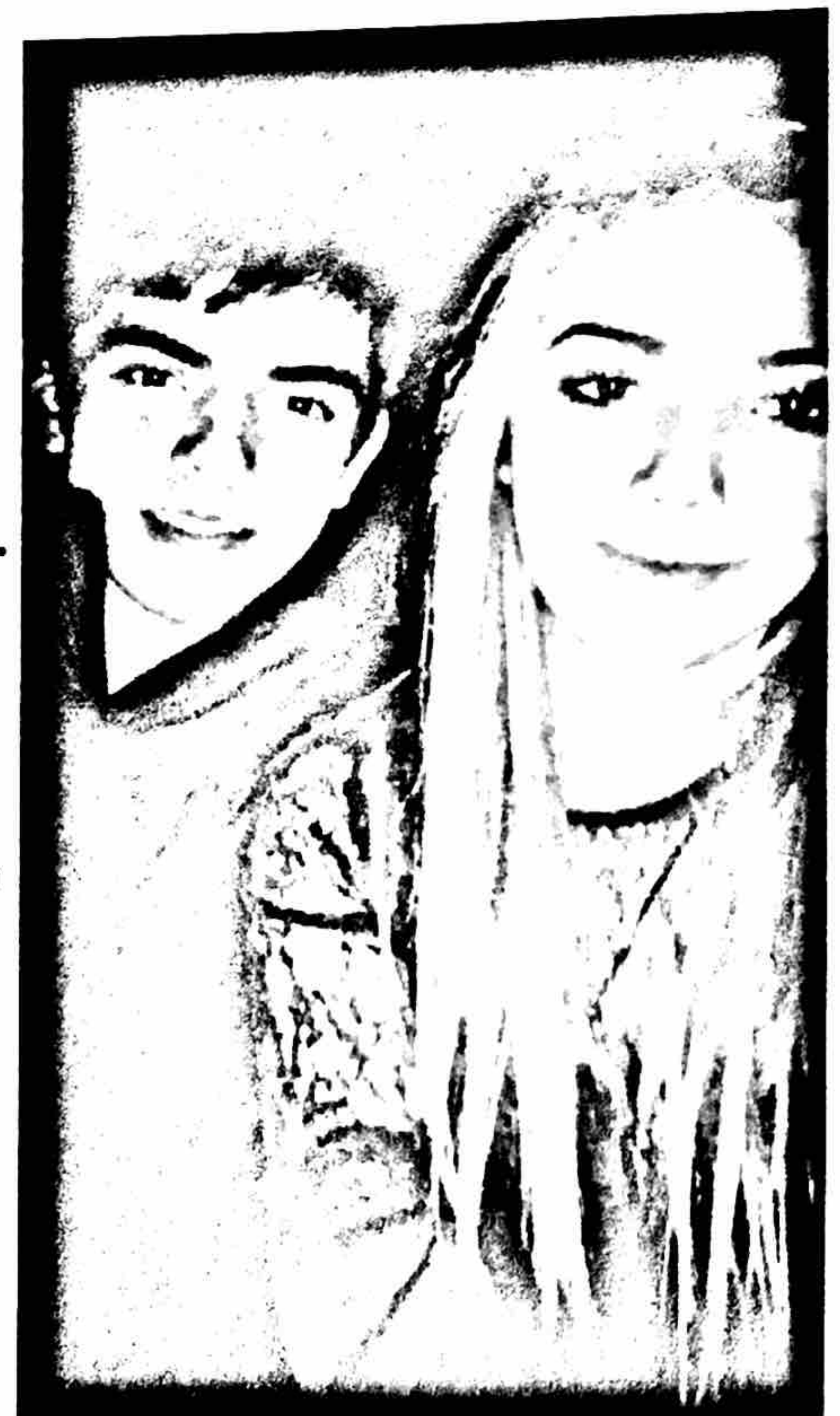
this club freshman year. If you wait until later, then you may miss the experience of a lifetime. This club has given me more than anything else I have done in high school, but the only way you can get that is to work hard for the club.

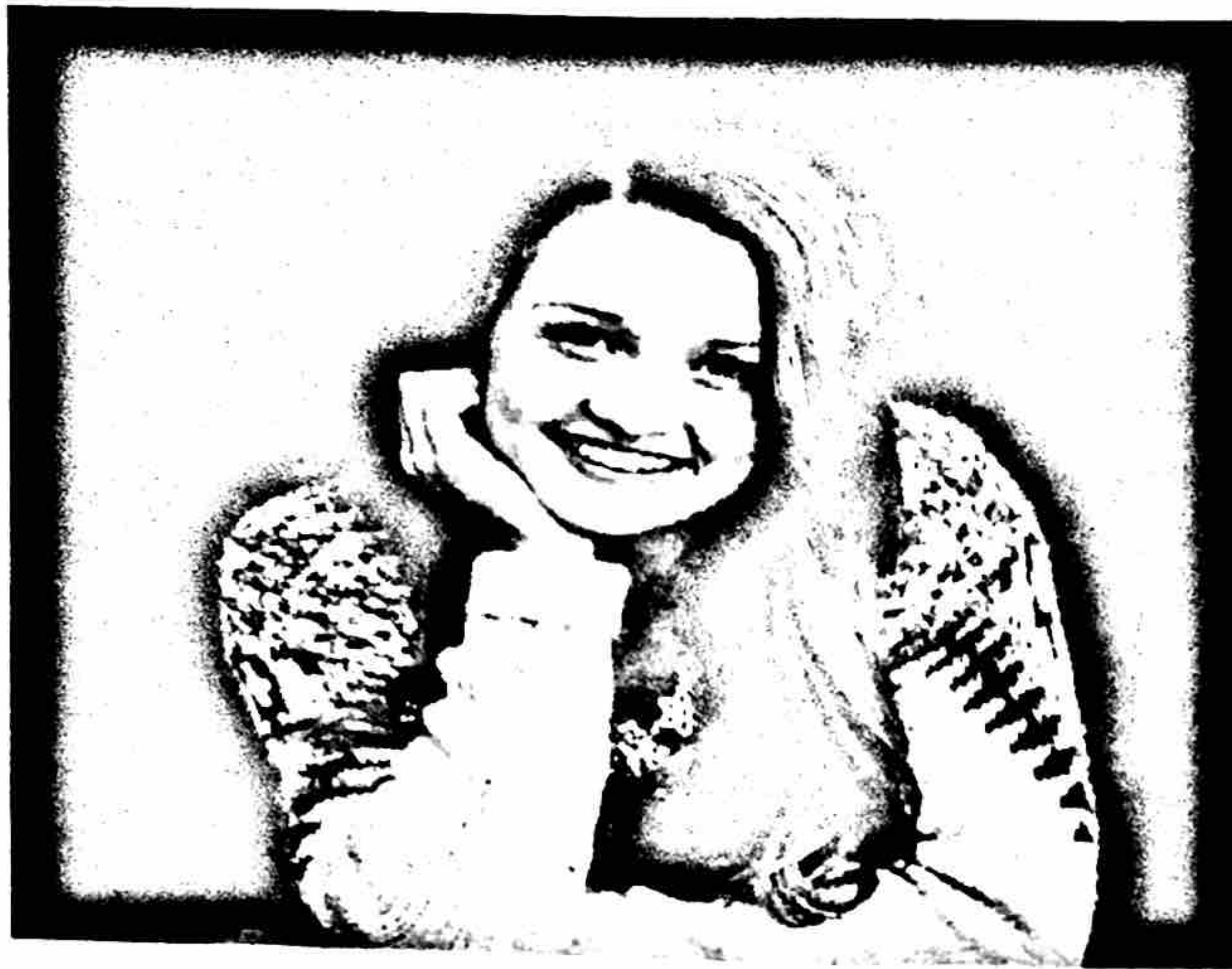
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Favorite Student Council memory: The KDASC Board Christmas party at Jupiter's.

Best part of being on the KDASC Board: I loved playing a bigger role in such an amazing organization. I loved being able to run the KDASC website! It's an experience I will never forget!

Advice to incoming freshman/new board members: Effective communication is imperative to meshing well as a board, which allows for a fully-functioning district. I wish all nine of the next board members the best of luck!





Convention Secretary: Karla Madden

Favorite Student Council memory: My first trip to state in Chicago really opened my eyes to how the IASC really impacts people's lives and showed me why I love student council.

Best part of being on the KDASC Board: Getting the opportunity to meet new people throughout the Kickapoo District, and learning how

separate councils run makes being an officer worthwhile.

Advice to incoming freshman/new board members: Freshman- Get involved early! It's better to get experience early on rather than regret not doing so later. New board- Enjoy every moment. The year goes by so quickly! So, make many memories, stay involved, and have a good time!

Letter from the host school

To Our Advisor and all KDASC Advisors:

As much as the district board and the rest of the members of your councils have done for this amazing district, and they have done a ton, none of it would have been possible if it weren't for our incredible advisors. They have stood by us through this very busy year and always (almost always) with a smile on their faces. We don't know what we would do if they wouldn't go along with our crazy ideas (like hosting district events). So from Shiloh Student Council, thank you so very much for everything you do for us, Ms. Boland and all KDASC advisors. Neither our schools nor our councils would be the same without you. We all benefit from your involvement in the KDASC.

A note from the convention secretary

First and foremost, thank you to everyone in attendance at this year's district convention. I appreciate all of the attendees, honor delegates, and the excitement that comes along with each member to bring this KDASC year to a close and to begin next year's adventures. The Shiloh Student Council has worked diligently to put on the best convention possible. We hope that you appreciate our hard work, have a great time at the convention, and take away a positive attitude for the KDASC as well as your school's council!

-Karla Madden