

## THERE IS A FUTURE

Can teenagers persuade younger children to make positive choices in life? **"YES!"** say the teens and adults who work together in the **MOOSE YOUTH AWARENESS PROGRAM**. For 25 years, we have organized high school students into a highly effective "speakers' bureau" with the goal of educating preschool and elementary school children on a variety of topics, such as drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse, "stranger danger", bullying and peer pressure and healthy habits and nutrition.

More than 1,000 energetic teens gathered last year at State and Provincial Moose Association Student Congresses throughout the United States and Canada. They listened to guest speakers, exchanged ideas and used their creativity to help themselves and others deal with adverse elements in their own communities. Many students revealed experiences in their own lives, which drove them to help in preventing future tragedies. Some of the students who attended these Congresses were already leaders in school or community youth programs; some became leaders as a result of the knowledge and experience they gained at the Congresses.



At the Association Student Congresses, students focus on creating **Moose KidsTalks**, which are presentations to be given to 4 to 9 year-olds in their communities. While adults provide real world experiences and inspiration, the students develop their own ideas for their Moose KidsTalks. They find ways to empower children to make healthy choices and resist danger, and go home determined to put them to practice.

The best part of Moose KidsTalks presentations is the lengths to which the teens will extend their creativity. Some use costumes and actually take on alternate personas; some use props, pictures, puppets or coloring books; some use skits or other avenues to make their presentations interactive for the audience. As their experience as a presenter grows, so does their ability to hold the children's attention.

Their sponsoring Moose Lodges and Women of the Moose Chapters are additionally challenged to help them make arrangements for their KidsTalks presentations.

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## 2012 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONGRESS WEEKEND AT WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK



*Having fun together...*



*...while exchanging ideas*



*...and reaching solutions.*

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# MOOSE INTERNATIONAL

2013 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONGRESS

LISLE, IL

MAY 2 - 6, 2013

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MOOSE

YOUTH

AWARENESS  
PROGRAM

Celebrating 25 Years



THERE IS A FUTURE  
THEY ARE THE FUTURE  
THE FUTURE IS NOW



**New York State**  
MOOSE ASSOCIATION  
White Plains, NY



2012 International Student Congress



**1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**Jaelynn Burkamper**  
(Iowa)  
\$12,000.00



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
**Emilee Garrett**  
(Michigan)  
\$8,000.00



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
**Anna Maria Marini**  
(Connecticut)  
\$5,000.00



**4<sup>th</sup> Place**  
**Alexa Schwichow**  
(Illinois)  
\$3,000.00



**5<sup>th</sup> Place**  
**Lexy Loccisano**  
(Florida)  
\$2,000.00

2012 International Student Congress Winners

**THEY ARE THE FUTURE**

Each year, Moose Lodges ask school officials across North America to recommend two high school students to attend Association Student Congresses, which are held in October and November each year.



Students are selected based on academic ability and leadership qualities. They are challenged to become a "speakers' bureau" utilizing Moose KidsTalks. Each participant selects a topic and develops a presentation around that topic. They are then responsible for finding opportunities to speak to groups of 4 to 9 year-old children in scouting units, elementary schools, Sunday School classes, Boys' and Girls' Clubs and YMCA youth programs just to name a few. Each student is asked to do a minimum of three (3) Moose KidsTalks from the end of the Association Student Congress through February 28, 2013. They are also asked to complete written reports on these presentations.

Each year, approximately 60 students, who attended Association Student Congresses and completed the minimum of three (3) Moose KidsTalks, are selected by their peers to attend the International Youth Awareness Congress. The 2013 International Youth Awareness Congress will be held in Lisle, Illinois from May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. During the International Congress, five students will be selected by their peers to receive scholarships. The awards are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$12,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$8,000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$5,000
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$3,000
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place - \$2,000

Scholarship Awards Funded by the  
Moose Legion – The Degree of Service

They are the Future!

**Heard of Moose?**

**THE FUTURE IS NOW**

The Moose Youth Awareness Program has a bright future. Through Moose KidsTalks presentations to small groups of 4 to 9 year-olds, our participants can inspire the children in their local communities to make healthy decisions and to avoid adverse situations. In fact, the voices of those students who have attended Association and International Student Congresses during the last 24 years have reached an audience of more than 700,000.



Our Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions and Moose Associations also support many other outstanding local and state programs that benefit children. Our fraternal leaders are dedicated to this most worthwhile program that affects youths all over North America. The Moose Youth Awareness Program reaffirms our commitment to providing today for a better tomorrow.

The future rests in the hands, hearts and minds of our children. Without a doubt, members of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Women of the Moose will continue to provide assistance to make our communities better places for families to live and for children to grow.

The Future is now!

