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Dear NHS Advisor,

On behalf of the 2021-2022 National Honor Society of Maine Executive Board, I am delighted to invite you to the 2022 MNHS State Convention on March 15, 2022.

The theme of this year's convention is *Tough Times, Tougher Leaders*. We are proud to announce that our 2021-2022 State Service Project this year is *Healing Waters*, an organization dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities, including education and outings. We are pleased to include people and organizations who are committed to making a difference for the greater good and who are stellar examples of promoting positivity and leadership.

The virtual convention will be held on **Tuesday, March 15, from 9:00 a.m-12:15 p.m.** Executive Director of the Maine Principals' Association, Dr. Holly Blair, will send you the link a week prior to the Convention.

This year's keynote speaker is Justin Chenette. Following a successful high school career at Thornton Academy, Justin attended Northern Vermont University, where he majored in Broadcast News and was named Outstanding Young Alumni in 2019. He then went on to receive a national fellowship, and, along with this, earned an Executive Certificate in Public Leadership from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. A week before graduating college, he was sworn into office as the nation's youngest openly gay legislator. He served on several committees, including Criminal Justice and Public Safety, State and Local Government, Maine Climate Council's Coastal & Marine Working Group, and he founded the Democracy Reform Caucus and the Youth Caucus. Justin worked towards promoting voter registration of all ages. In addition to this, he founded the Maine Democracy Project, which is another way he worked to empower a new generation of voters and leaders in civics education. He had the honor of receiving the Volunteer Service Award from President Bush in 2008 and President Obama in 2016.

Chapters are invited to present donations to the 2021-2022 MNHS State Service Project, *Healing Waters*. To donate to this worthy cause, make out a check to *Maine Principals' Association* and send it to Dr. Holly Blair at 50 Industrial Drive, Augusta, ME 04330 prior to the convention.

The Coronavirus pandemic has challenged individuals across the globe, and greatly impacted mental health. Through isolation and loss, the virus has forced us to recognize the importance of mental health and its effects on our well-being. It has shown us how essential it is to have support, whether that be from friends, family, coworkers, or other loved ones, to rely on in times of struggle. The discussion will focus on ways to give back to the community and others in times of need.

Following the keynote, Maine National Honor Society (MNHS) members running for a state office will deliver campaign speeches. MNHS is a student-run organization, and without capable, enthusiastic, and dedicated officers, our organization will not run efficiently. If a student in your chapter is interested

in running for President, Vice President, Secretary, Public Relations Coordinator, or Regional Representative, please encourage them to pursue state office. More information regarding running for office will be in the registration materials.

Between 11:10 a.m and 12:00 p.m, you and your chapter will have the opportunity to choose from several workshops centered around our conference theme, *Tough Times, Tougher Leaders*.

I look forward to this year's MNHS State Convention, and I hope you will join us! If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me through email. I hope you plan on joining us!

Warmest regards,

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