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Staff prepare for COA reaccreditation review in March

LaSalle will undergo a rigorous reaccreditation peer review by representatives from the Council on Accreditation (COA) at the end of March. COA is noted for its high standards and indepth analysis of practice. The Council on Accreditation accredits the full continuum of child welfare, behavioral health, and community-based social services, and currently accredits more than 2,200 organizations and programs serving more than 7 million individuals and families. Please visit www.lasalle-school.org for further news about this visit in the coming months.

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The theme of this year's National History Day is 'Leadership and Legacy in History.' The LaSalle contestants are focusing their projects on contemporaries and historians including Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, Thirty-Fourth President of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Albert Speer, minister of armaments and war production for the Nazi Party during World War II, and Prince Henry the Navigator, the royal patron of explorers.

LaSalle's success at the regional level will mean a trip to the state competition in Cooperstown, New York in April. A win there advances competitors to the national contest in Maryland where the final winners will be selected.

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On February 25th, and again the next morning, Woll presented his FORTY TRENDS outline to LaSalle board members and staff. Updated frequently by Woll, himself, this particular presentation is in high demand, and is very helpful for leadership in non-profit service, and board management. Staff and board members related well to Tom asking questions that provoked detailed and thoughtful responses to real-time situations. Board members gained a knowledge of the importance of their role in reviewing and approving proposed strategy in this project which coincides with LaSalle's 2015-2018 strategic plan.

LaSalle was chosen by the Alliance for Strong Children and Families to be one of 15 participants nationwide to undertake a close examination of its residential programming and plan for the future. Woll is very well known for his analysis of trends coupled with a thoughtful and entertaining style of presentation. He is skilled in sharing the vast knowledge he has accumulated through interviews with numerous stakeholders in the children and family services arena.

As LaSalle looks to engage the children and families we serve in all programs and assist them in building greater stability in their lives, Tom's insights were valuable, and extremely useful as LaSalle seeks to become an even stronger provider.

Tom Woll is on staff at the Alliance for Strong Children and Families as the chief consultant on this cohort project, and is a top consultant in the field of Human Services.

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