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Hello Texas TSA Advisors!

We survived hurricane Ike! There is still plenty of clean-up to do but our house is fine! Terry and I apologize for not getting a newsletter or update for the school year out sooner. We are very excited about the new school year and hope that you already have plans on attending the Texas TSA Contest in Waco, Texas, May 2009. The Waco Convention Center is going under several renovations this year, which may change some things but I want to reassure you that Terry and I are looking into several possibilities that will make Texas TSA 2009 Competition bigger and better than ever!

We welcome all the new TSA Advisors this year and want to let you know that this is the time to sign-up your chapters, pay dues, and begin holding after school meetings in order to build your program! Also, this is a great time to begin thinking about projects that the students could bring that fit within your curriculum or STEM curricula through-out the year!

We hope that all of you are planning to attend the TSA National Convention and Competition in Denver, Colorado, so get the new National TSA guide-book and invent away! There are also CD's available this year that show how the TSA Curriculum meet the National Standards for the STEM subject areas! It is amazing to see how the National TSA keeps growing each year and we look forward to seeing you there, so make sure that you do some NQE events at the Texas TSA State competition or contact your CTE directors and inform them on how TSA enhances not only your curriculum but also how it teaches our students to become great leaders and inventors of tomorrow! Visit the National TSA website now: <http://www.tsaweb.org/> - you are going to love the new look and layout!

The rule book should be coming out soon, so keep checking the Texas TSA website at <http://www.texastsa.org/> and check for updates! Terry and I challenge each of you to recruit and mentor other schools and TSA Advisors, so that they will have a chance to have a successful first year as we continue to see bigger and brighter things for the future of the Texas TSA Competition. Please forward this newsletter to all the new Technology Education teachers in and around your district. Also, please try to be in contact with your TSA Alumni students and send them to join the Texas TSA Alumni Facebook website and have them sign-up here: <http://www.new.facebook.com/pages/Texas-TSA-Alumni/29442117570?ref=ts> so that they can network with Texas TSA Alumni members across the state! If your past students or Alumni do not have a Facebook account, they can either join Facebook or always check the Texas TSA website to find out updates on upcoming events! We need to try and get Corporate Sponsorship for Texas TSA, so if you have any prospects please send them our way!

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us and we will try to help you as much as possible! Above All HAVE FUN!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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