

Texas TSA Fall Newsletter

Fall 2009



Meet your
2009-2010 Texas TSA
Leadership Team

Welcome Back Texas TSA!

I hope all of you have had a wonderful summer and are excited to kick off the new school year with TSA. In this newsletter you will find the results of Nationals 2009, Nationals 2010, American Cancer Society Service Project, Statewide Leadership Conference, and the achievement of one of our local advisors. Hopefully your plans for this year also include the scholarship program, National Achievement Program, and the possibility of having a state officer candidate from your school. We look forward to serving you this year.

Kristina Worley

2009-10 President

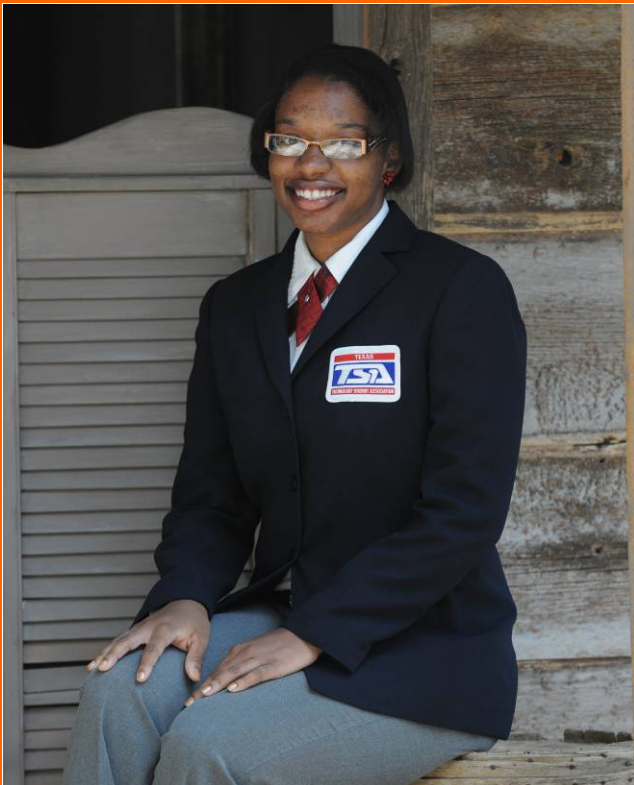
Howdy ya'll, I'm Kristina Worley. I'm 17 years old. I live in Carthage, Texas and will be a senior at Carthage High School. I am currently serving you as your State President. This will be my fourth year to serve you as a state officer and I have enjoyed every minute of being on the Leadership Team. I have grown up around TSA, so I knew I wanted to be a part of this great organization. I have been involved in TSA for 5 years now. TSA means a lot to me because its where everybody can come together as one no matter who you are, where you come from, or what you do. You are automatically accepted. I am up to new challenges and trying new things. Here are some little things about me that way you can get to know me better as your state officer: I love to smile. I am involved in volleyball and shooting sports. My hobbies include taking pictures, riding four-wheelers, going fishing, shopping, and hanging out with my friends.. I am very involved in my youth group at First Baptist Church. I look forward to meeting and serving all of you this year.



2009-10 Vice-President

Hello Everybody! My name is Emily Hisel and I'm the State Vice President for TSA. I'm 17 years old and a senior at Brownfield High School. I've been a member of TSA for 4 years now and I have served in an office for my chapter for the past 3 years. I love being busy, so of course, TSA is not my only extracurricular activity. I also play varsity volleyball and I am a varsity cheerleader. I'm an officer for my local Spanish Club as well. I am a member of National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and National Spanish Honor Society. Outside of school, I am an avid collector of books and movies and travel every chance I get. For the past 3 years I have spent my summers at sea, most recently I traveled to Egypt to the Red Sea. I am a SCUBA diver and dive every chance I get. After high school I plan to attend college and hopefully either University of Miami or Texas A&M, and receive a dual major in International Studies and Marine Affairs. After which I wish to continue my academic career by attending law school. But for now, I'm enjoying my senior year and I look forward to a great year with TSA!





2009-10 Secretary

Hello! I'm Chelsea Dixon from San Antonio, Texas. I'm 17 years old and a senior in the Engineering and Technologies Academy at Roosevelt High School. I've been apart of TSA for the past three years and this year I have the privilege of serving as your State Secretary. I love school and try to stay as active as possible participating in National Honor Society, Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) and of course TSA! I'm excited for this year's activities and can't wait to dive into TSA with leadership conferences, competition, meeting new friends, and giving back with community service. I think TSA is about making connections and propelling ourselves as today's students towards being tomorrow's leaders. In future years I hope to begin a career as a Health Physicist and fulfill a lifelong aspiration of impacting the world. In life I believe in faith, family, education, and friends. With those cornerstones and every opportunity TSA has afforded me I look forward to the future.

2009-10 Treasurer

What's up. My name is Jeremy More and I am glad to be your state treasurer. I am a senior that is outgoing and loves to help his community. I do this by working with Habitat for Humanity, San Antonio Food Bank, and AGAPE to improve the standards of living for those less privileged. I'm very involved in my school's clubs too. I'm in the National Honor Society, the school choir, I act, and I am in the Engineering and Technologies Academy at Roosevelt High School. I am strong in my faith and my goals; I want to go to college to study Environmental Engineering and Botany. Overall I am a fun person that is willing to help as much as I can. I am just so thankful that you all have given me the opportunity to give back to a program that has given me so much and people that have pushed me passed my limits to get me here today. Thank you



2009-10 Reporter

Hey my name is Katia Gutierrez and I'm a senior at Longview High School. I've been in TSA since my seventh grade year and been to nationals four of those years. I got elected as Sergeant at arms my freshman year as upcoming sophomore, next year I was part of the leadership team, and this year I am your Reporter. TSA has made my high school years so much fun and it has been a life changing experience. Some of my good friends I met them through TSA and I like to keep in touch with them as much as I can. My hobbies are listening to music and spending time with my friends and family, since they're a huge part of my life. I speak fluent English, Spanish, and a little bit of French. I like to do hair and makeup; therefore, after high school I plan to get my license in cosmetology. Also start in the medical field as a pediatric nurse, and later maybe get my doctorate.



2009-10 Sgr-at-Arms

Hey there. I am Morgan Walley and I'm 17 years old. I attend Smithson Valley HS and I am a senior this year. I was born in Vancouver, WA then moved to Texas in the middle of my 8th grade year. I love it here in Texas, there is no way I'd move back. My TSA career began my sophomore year in my photography class where I became the highest funds raiser, from there it just shot off and now, I represent TSA as State Sgt at Arms. This is my first year in the leadership team and I'm enjoying it so much. I compete in photo events and if you do too I'd love to compare notes or pictures in this case. I've taken pictures all across the world including Australia, Belize, and Ecuador and I'd love to tell you of my culture experiences. I'm a devoted follower of Jesus Christ, which is just my fancy way of saying I'm a Christian. I attend Bulverde Baptist Church where I participate in the youth band as a singer. Hobbies of mine include dancing (two step, swing, ballet, waltz), photography, and paintball. I also enjoy just playing pick up games of soccer or football in the yard. So bring a basketball, bring a Frisbee or a soccer ball and I'll be sure to join you in a game. I hope to play and meet you soon.



Texas TSA National Finalists

Howdy Texas TSA. All those who represented Texas at the National Conference in Denver, Colorado did an excellent job. We had a total of 38 chapters attend, 36 High School chapters and 2 Middle School chapters. There was an outstanding display of skills from both groups. A total of 4 Middle School finalists and 43 High School finalists represented Texas on the main stage. What an amazing accomplishment.

High Schools

>Agriculture and Biotechnology Design

8th - Bowie High School

>Animatronics

2nd - Bowie High School

>Architectural Model

5th - Ben Barber Career Tech Academy

6th - Bowie High School

>CAD Architecture with Animation

5th - Carlos Gonzalez - Bowie High School

>CAD Engineering with Animation

10th - Curt Copeland - Bowie High School

>Career Comparisons

4th - Miko Anderson - Bowie High School

>Chapter Team

8th - Carthage High School

10th - Longview High School

>Chapter Team – Written

6th - Michael Ibeh - Longview High School

7th - Abby Hawkins - Carthage High School

8th - Melissa Mosley - Longview High School

>Debating Technological Issues

3rd - Bowie High School

10th - Lamar Consolidated High School

>Desktop Publishing

1st - Kim Ngyuen - Bowie High School

>Dragster Design

2nd - Harrison Armstrong - Bowie High School

6th - Dylan Cosper - Bowie High School

>Electronic Research and Experimentation

6th - Ben Barber Career Tech Academy

>Engineering Design

7th - Captain John L. Chapin High School

>Essays on Technology

6th - Shannon Murphy - Burges High School

>Fashion Design

4th - Gladys Porter High School

8th - Lopez High School

>Film

7th - Gladys Porter High School

>Flight Endurance

2nd - Curt Copelano - Bowie High School

8th - Jason Bernal - South Garland High School

>Future Technology Teacher

9th - Miko Anderson - Bowie High School

10th - Zach Ludolph - Roosevelt High School

>Imaging Technology

10th - Rylie Werchan - Waxahachie Global High School

>Manufacturing Prototype

6th - Mesquite High School

7th - Captain John L. Chapin High School

8th - Bowie High School

>Medical Technology

9th - Bowie High School

>Music Production

10th - Bowie High School

>On Demand Video

6th - Gladys Porter High School

>Prepared Presentation

3rd - Loren Page - Waxahachie High School

>Promotional Graphics

6th - Kim Ngyuen - Bowie High School

>SCIVIZ

3rd - Bowie High School

5th - Gladys Porter High School

9th - Lamar Consolidated High School

Middle Schools

>Structural Challenge

2nd - Venus Middle School

>Technology Transfer Challenge

2nd - Atascocita Middle School

2nd - Humble Middle School

2nd - Timberwood Middle School

We thank every student that created a project. We also thank all the teachers, advisers, and parents for helping your students on their projects. However, we can't stop now. We all need to work even harder next year so that we can be superior at the next National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Keep shaping your future in a right direction so that we all can be tomorrow's leaders.

Texas TSA and ACS!



What is the ACS? ACS (American Cancer Society) is an association that dedicates to research Cancer, try to find a cure, help people that are affected by it, and save lives. For many years ACS has been TSA's service project, and we raise money to donate to them. Last year as a state we started a project called "the yellow rose"; we sell wooden yellow roses for a dollar and that money goes to ACS. Last year in JUST SIX MONTHS we fundraised \$7,500 so imagine what we can do in a year; these year we set a goal to double the amount. You can run Yellow Rose fundraiser in your own school by notifying Mr. Worley on the dates on the dates and he will provide you with the graphics. The money can be sent to Texas TSA treasurer; Karen Ripperger or if donated to a local ACS the receipt has to be sent out to Karen Ripperger as well.



Texas TSA Leads the Way!

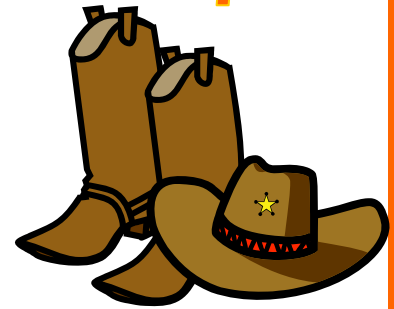
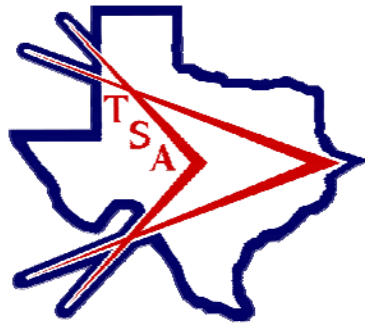


Just a few months ago at the National Conference in Denver, Colorado one of our very own Texas TSA board members, Bob Behnke was named the President-elect of the National Board of Directors. After being elected as the High School Rep-

resentative for the national board, Mr. Behnke was eligible to run for the position of President on the National Board of Directors and was soon after elected. Mr. Behnke has served as an educator and chapter advisor for 29 years, been named Advisor of the Year, and his chapter has won numerous Chapter Excellence Awards. He has been the advisor of many state and national TSA officers and is currently a CRC Committee Member. Mr. Behnke has also been named an Honorary Life Member of both Texas TSA and National TSA.

Beginning in the 2010-2011 year his duties will include presiding at board meetings, helping to make policies that affect TSA, and swearing in new national officers in Baltimore, Maryland in 2010. Mr. Behnke has shown his dedication to this organization through many years of service and we wish him well as he looks forward to being President of the National Board of Directors.

Texas TSA Statewide Leadership



Hey Everyone! I'd like to warmly welcome ya'll back to the new school year. I hope ya'll's summer was wonderfully relaxing. Before you start to zone out from long days and loads of homework, we want to remind you of the 5th annual State Leadership Conference. You know the one with the eye opening speakers, leadership-building games and delicious food?? If you haven't been, it's a very beneficial event for your chapters social and work levels. Plus you'll make friendships with students from across the great state of Texas.

Alright, let me give you the details. This year it is going to be slightly different than last years. It will still be held at Lions Club Camp in Kerrville, TX, but this year we have a theme that will be portrayed throughout the conference. It's SURVIVOR. Also this year we will be having a mixer on the 1st night. Yes, the theme will be there so dress up or be in dress code. Bring your cargo pants, bandanas; you may also do a ripped shirt as long as there is a non ripped shirt underneath. Just be appropriate.

Our speaker for the conference will be Stanley Wire. He has a wide array of qualifications through TSA for this event and we think you will be inspired to do more within your chapter and even the leadership team after meeting him.

Just as last year we will have the Armada Boat Race. If you don't know, it is a competition where 3 people from your chapter (each chapter may have multiple teams if desired) build a boat out of cardboard and duct tape. The boat will then be ridden across the pool by two of the builders. They must power the boat with paddles. Duct tape and cardboard is provided. Now doesn't that sound fun? I know those of us on the leadership team are very excited.

The cost this year is \$100.00 and it's on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of December at the Texas Lions Club Camp in Kerrville, TX.

**Are you ready to become a leader?
Are you going to take the challenge?
We hope to see you there!**



Hey Guys!!! My name is Zach Ludolph and I am currently a sophomore attending Roosevelt High School in steaming San Antonio, Texas. Today I am very much involved in my school and community as I strive to do well in organizations such as Model UN, Student Council, my high school's marching band, my church, and I have the privilege of serving on your state leadership team. I have a wide variety of interests and hobbies such as scuba diving, performing on any of the five instruments I play, and juggling a soccer ball in my free time. As a child I loved to travel and go camping with my father, and do many recreational activities such as snorkeling and rock climbing. I consider myself to be very passionate in most things I do, and I have some very ambitious goals. I plan to receive my doctorate in Architectural Engineering, in site of going to MIT while beginning my own architectural firm. After doing this, I will travel the world, designing and constructing amazing innovative structures hopefully striking all those that gaze upon them in awe or wonder. There are many interests I have, but in all honesty, I am very dedicated to every position or job assigned to me, and I find passion in the challenges faced before me.



Hi, my name is Kaitlin Cook and I'm currently serving on the Texas TSA State Leadership team. I am a freshman at Captain John L. Chapin High School in El Paso, Texas. This will be my fourth year as an active member in TSA other than that I was six years old when I first learned about TSA. Some of my other hobbies are that I play volleyball both for a private club and my school, and in the off season I'm running track. I would like to go to West Virginia University and Major in Biology and then go Pre-Med and become a NICU doctor. Other than that I'm looking forward to serving you this year so if you have any questions or just want to talk give me a holler!



Hey guys. I'm Justin Ehlert... I happen to not be from Texas. Most of my life I have lived in the state of Washington (not D.C.) and have experienced the joys of mild summers and the usual rain. I moved here about 3 years ago and have been enjoying Texas since I got here. The people are so friendly and the BBQ is so much better! I am only 15 and will be entering my Sophomore year at Mansfield Timberview HS in the fall. Everyday I have to remind myself that the hard work today pays off twice as much in the future. Last year played third base and pitcher, this is why I tend to see myself as a rare breed of athletic nerds. I am the kind of person that loves to mess around on his computer experimenting with Photoshop and coding video games. I know that without TSA I would be almost no where in life right now. TSA has taught me how the world works, how to interact with class and team mates. But most importantly it has taught me that I have a second family, a slightly nerdy and more computer savvy family, but I love them all.

Howdy Texas TSA! My name is Melanie Vazquez. I'm 16 years old and a Junior at Waxahachie global high. I've been in TSA since my freshman year and I'm currently on the 2009-2010 leadership team. I'm very involved in other clubs at school such as student council, First Robotics, Interact, soccer and volleyball. I love music and play bass guitar, flute, and piano. I plan on going to Texas A&M and getting major in aerospace engineering, and minor in mechanical engineering.



Hey guys! My name is Brittany Zimmerman and I am 14 years old. I'm going into Friendswood high school as a freshman. I am currently part of the Texas TSA leadership team and have been in TSA since 6th grade. I love to play piano, and sing in choir, play video games, posting on Facebook, watching YouTube, editing videos, and playing recreational sports. Ever since I was little I wanted to be in TSA, and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I have qualified for 3 national conferences and have attended many state conferences. I have lived in Texas for most of my life and I love it! TSA has taught me so much in the past years like how to work as a team, work hard on a project, and to have fun. Though I have only technically been in TSA for 3 years, I have been going to conferences and been around TSA ever since I was little. I absolutely love TSA and I am looking forward to this year!



Hi!! I am Deaven Miranda. I'm 16 years old and a junior at Waxahachie Global High. I got interested in TSA my freshmen year and have been hooked ever since. I'm on the leadership team now, but next year I plan on running for a state officer. I have been to one national conference, two leadership conferences and one regional conference. When I get older I plan on being an engineer. I've been in the engineering program at my school ever since I was a freshmen and I'm pretty sure I want to be a civil or marine engineer. Engineering class has been a challenging course but I know that it will be worth it in the future. Some more of my favorite classes at school are English and history. I was also on the volleyball team. I have been Secretary and Vice President in our chapter and plan on running for president of my chapter this year. TSA has taught me to speak up. When I was in junior high I was really quiet and now people who don't know me think I'm quiet and others that do know me wish I was. So if you see me at a TSA even don't be afraid to come up and say hi because I want to meet people that may be friends even after I am out of high school and college.

2009-2010 LEADERSHIP TEAM!!!

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