

TSA

Spring Newsletter 2009

Texas Technology Student Association

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Hey Texas TSA!!!!

We hope y'all are having an amazing year! In this Spring 2009 Texas TSA Newsletter, you will find information about the upcoming State Conference, state officer election information, the ultimate way to get involved in American Cancer Society, a way to stay involved with TSA after high school, a recap of the State Leadership Conference, and some final reminders. We are so excited about state, and we hope you are too! See you soon!!





50th Anniversary State Conference!!!

Hello Texas TSA!

Since the State Officers and I were elected last May, we have worked together with the Leadership Team to make Texas TSA the best. This year we worked hard at Nationals to represent Texas and diligently to put out a successful State Leadership Conference in Kerrville, Texas. Our final challenge is to organize the 50th State Competition. It is just around the corner and in a blink of an eye, the day will arrive.

State Competition will be held in the Convention Center like the past years. Aside from the competitive events, we will have three general sessions, a keynote speaker, and new officer elections. Make sure you attend the general sessions because important information is always discussed. In addition, every chapter will have two delegates

that are crucial for the new officer elections. Every vote counts.

I am eager to see all of you and your hard work through the competitive events at Waco. I know you and your advisors have been giving your 110 percent to TSA. I can assure you that your dedication will be rewarding. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Your Texas State President,

Adriana Elizondo

Officer Elections!!!

Texas TSA!

The state conference is just around the corner. Along with intense competition, this annual meeting also marks the installation of newly elected officers. Texas TSA has a long standing tradition of forging strong leaders. I am confident this year will be no different; however, it is necessary for those strong leaders to be willing. The first step towards being a willing leader for Texas TSA is to apply as a state officer. The deadline is March 1, 2009.

All approved applicants will meet the current officers upon arriving at the state conference. It can be very intimidating meeting the officers, but the officers are here to help you. Feel free to ask them any questions and express any concerns you have about running for state office. They were once in the same position, and they will

guide you through the process to lessen your pre-election nerves.

At the first general session, the officer candidates will be introduced to the assembly. After the session, the candidates will set up booths and campaign for their prospective offices. I highly encourage both voting delegates and general members alike to meet the candidates and get to know them. They will be your future leaders.

At the second general session, the candidates will give a two minute speech in their final attempt to gain support from the voting delegates. Votes will then be cast; if there is not a clear majority for an office, there will be a runoff election for the two candidates with the highest number of votes. Finally, in the third general session, the newly elected officers

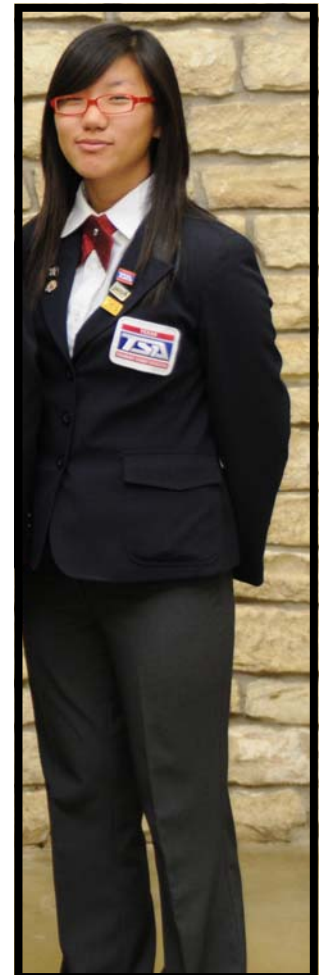
will be installed.

Remember, it is up to you, the members, to decide the fate of Texas TSA. Keep current with news regarding officer candidates and take a hand in shaping our organization.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Your Texas TSA Vice President,

Judith Ha



Yellow Rose of Texas: Give to ACS

Howdy Texas TSA,

Our new ACS project is called the Yellow Rose of Texas. The Yellow Rose of Texas was kicked off at the State Leadership Conference in Kerrville this past December. We raised \$225 from the students and advisors.

The guidelines for this program are:

- Register your giving campaign with Texas TSA on the website. (Email Mr. Bud Worley)
- Graphic will be e-mailed to you. Print the graphic at your convenience. *Suggestion: Print in full color or print in greyscale on yellow paper.
- Collect \$1.00 for each

rose.

- At the end of your campaign, take a picture of your wall of roses with your chapter. Mail the picture and donation check to Texas TSA within 14 business days of the conclusion of your campaign. Participation certificates will be e-mailed to each participating chapter.
- Texas TSA will collect donations up until April 30, 2009. Total dollar amounts per chapter will be tallied and awards will be given out at state for the top 3 chapters.
- There will be a Yellow Rose of Texas booth at the state contest with an added twist. Wooden yellow roses will be sold to raise even more

money for cancer research. They will be \$3 a piece.

I highly encourage you to talk to your chapter about getting involved in the Yellow Rose of Texas. You can help make a difference in the saving the lives of cancer patients around the United States.

Kristina Worley
Texas State Secretary



Stay Involved After High School!!

(College Freshman year) Hey Gina! Do you remember the time when we were at Waco, TX for TSA? Remember that year when a tornado almost hit the hotel we were staying at?! Now that's a memory you can never forget. Our advisor came running to our rooms really late telling us to get up and out of the room because there was a tornado close by. Then when we went downstairs, the ceiling was coming down from all that rain!

Hey Texas TSA graduates! Are you still remembering those good times when you were in TSA? You can still be part of TSA and become an official TSA Alumni! The TSA alumni are former TSA members that volunteer their time and experience to aid current TSA members. This year a mixer will be held Saturday May 9th at 5:00pm in the North Brazos room. It will be a great event to reunite with your friends and advisors from TSA. If you have any questions or need any help you can call the Texas TSA Hotline: (830) 357-2238

Your Texas TSA Sgt. At Arms,

Joey Martinez



State Leadership Conference Highlights

Another year has come and gone, and with it another great State Leadership Conference in Kerrville. It was held with great participation by many chapters around the state. The State Leadership Conference was held again at the Texas Lions Camp, which provided great facilities for our breakout sessions and other activities (with the luxury of cold showers in some of the cabins). The conference opened Thursday night with keynote speaker Patrick George who created rain, a fun atmosphere, and inspired many with his tales of successes and trials. The next morning began with boisterous cheering sessions led by the State Leadership Team, and then students were split up into their teams for the rest of the day. Each basketball-themed team was led to the various breakout sessions, including Melissa Mosley's "Blocks," Joey Martinez's "Sudoku and Knots," and Adrianna Elizondo's "Put it together." A special treat provided during the breakout sessions was a competition event overview by some of the sponsors who shared a lot of valuable knowledge with the students. Also accompanying Kristina Worley's American Cancer Society breakout session, Texas TSA unveiled its Yellow Rose of Texas Campaign for ACS. We managed to

raise over \$200.

Friday night's big event was the Second Annual Cardboard Boat Armada. Students and advisors alike watched, laughed, and cheered as teams capsized or sank into the freezing cold water, with a couple teams successfully making it to the other side. Global High Team #3 took home the top spot, but it was Roosevelt who provided the crowd pleasing "Titanic" of the night. The Conference continued on Saturday with several students testing to win the Lonestar and Texan Degrees in the Texas Statesman Degree program. To conclude the conference, awards were presented to the Boat Armada competitors and Lonestar and Texan recipients. Soon after, the conference was called to a close.

A special thanks goes out to the Texas TSA Leadership Team and to the former Texas TSA Sergeant-at-arms Parker Thompson for assisting the Leadership Team, and the many sponsors who assured the success of the conference.

Ben Cuadra
Texas TSA State Treasurer

Reminders!!

Coming up soon with TSA:

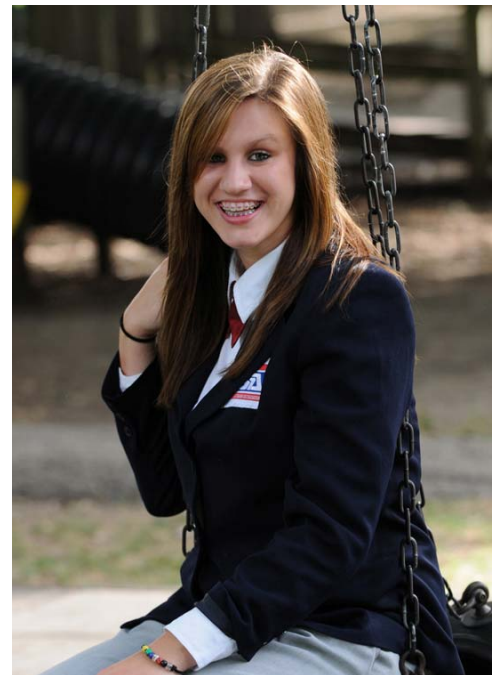
- Regional Competitions around the state
- Remember the State TSA Conference is approaching in MAY!! State is May the 7, 8, and 9th!
- Don't forget to get involved with the Yellow Rose of Texas!
- Registration for the National Conference is now open.



The Candidates for 2009-2010

For the Office Of President....

Hello, my name is Kristina Worley; I am a junior at Carthage High School. I am currently serving you as your State Secretary for this school year. I have been a state officer for three years now, so I know what it takes and the effort needed to be an officer. Having been an officer for the last three years I have had the opportunity to work with many different people from across the state. Each year I have had to rise to new challenges and the officers have helped me to meet those standards. I know that without the teams in the past I couldn't have done an effective job. For the State officer team to be efficient you have to work as a team and I feel as though I can do my part in making Texas TSA the best in the nation. I know I will give it my best at serving you as an officer. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.



Kristina Worley

For the Office of Vice-President....

I would like to run for state office again because I feel that I am more than prepared to serve as an officer. This is my 5th year in TSA and I've been to nationals 4 of those years, since then I have always tried to do my best in everything that I do. I also have attended previous leadership conferences and been part of the planning, and it has helped enhance my leadership skills. I work well with others, and I'm not afraid to express my opinions. TSA is a great organization, but there's always room for improvement. This time my goals are higher and I want to do more for TSA. I would love to see a lot more people at the Leadership Conference and State Competition. I want all of TSA members participating with the yellow rose for the American Cancer Society. It is my goal to find ways to get people interested in helping with the yellow rose and attending our conferences. Also, I want to work in finding a way for people to socialize and meet other people from other chapters. I know that I will make a positive impact as a TSA State Officer.



Katia Gutierrez

My name is Emily Hisel and I am running for the 2009 – 2010 Vice Presidential office. I am actively involved in my local TSA chapter as well as my community, as a leader and a role model. I have served as Sgt – at – Arms for the 2007 – 2008 term and currently as Secretary for the 2008 – 2009 term. Being a member of the TSA team has developed into more than a hobby, it's a passion. The support I have received from my school and my community proves to me that I have chosen an organization with an inviting atmosphere with life-long benefits. My goal is to share the inspiring experience I have had with my fellow peers. I enjoy traveling and I have no qualms about speaking in public, in fact, I seek opportunities to meet new people. I ask for your consideration in electing me in the upcoming campaign so that I may bring a new spirit to TSA. My Technology Education class is what I look forward to the most and I would like to show you why. Thank you for your support, Emily Hisel.



Emily Hisel

For the Office Of Secretary....

My name is Chelsea Dixon and I'm a junior at Roosevelt High School. I have participated in TSA for the past 3 years and seen myself grow as a leader through my role as Chapter Secretary and this past year as Chapter President. Being a member of the Texas TSA Leadership Team has also given me valuable insight into the inner workings of this association as well as equipped me with the necessary tools to be an effective leader at the state level. I believe assuming an officer position is about being a conscientious role model and being the trigger of a ripple effect. The behavior of a state officer should radiate off of them and spur that same positive behavior in fellow advisors, officers, and members. As a state officer I hope to be that ripple of change that creates the wave of progress I believe that TSA stands for. So I ask for your confidence in my ability to be not only an effective and knowledgeable leader but to be an appropriate role model that reflects the values of this association.



Chelsea Dixon

It would be a great privilege to have the opportunity to serve as Secretary of the 2009-2010 Texas TSA Officer Team. I have been President of my chapter here at Waxahachie Global High School since 2007. I understand the responsibility that comes with this position and I feel that I am well-qualified to serve. My strong organizational skills will be an asset to the Officer Team. I would represent Texas TSA well at my school, at regional and state conferences and competitions, and at national events. It would be one of the proudest moments in my life to date if I were elected to this prestigious position.



Melanie Vazquez

For the Office of Treasurer....

Hello, my name is Heloise Cillie and I am running for your state TSA treasurer. I'm from Dimmitt, Texas chapter number 31 where I am currently serving as vice-president. This is my second year in TSA, and I have served as a participant in the State Conference in Waco.

I can assure you that I would be reliable for the position of treasurer as I have had experience in this position before. You all can trust me to handle this position with care and full fill all duties and acquirements necessary to obtain such a responsibility. I will keep accurate financial records and can assure you they will be up to par. With your support we can have an amazing officer team and the following year will be one of the best years in TSA.



Heloise Cillie

My name is Jeremy More and I'm running to be your 2009- 2010 Texas State Treasurer. I've been in TSA for three years and man has it been a blast. I've become the Treasurer of my school and region chapters. I've led the fundraising committee in my chapter. I've also had the plusher of going to regional, state and national competition; my team and I got first at nationals for medical technology. I am a kind, friendly, and determined person who wants to fulfill the true purpose of being state treasurer, to improve this wonderful program with all my power and the help of you all.

You need a person who is willing to hear more of your ideas. Someone to represent the masses. You also need a person who is devoted more to TSA than any other club they are in. Someone determined to make a change here for the better. Lastly you need a person who is willing to do more than average for the benefit of TSA. If you want more of your ideas to be heard, more devotion and determination, more works towards the betterment of this organization; vote for Jeremy



Jeremy More

For the Office Of Reporter....

There is no candidate eligible for this position.

STUDENT BYLAWS

ARTICLE I.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section B: Vacancies

1. Vacancies that occur for state offices due to lack of candidates for that office will be filled by appointment of the Texas TSA state officer advisory committee.

For the Office of Sergeant at Arms....

Hey there TSA members! I am Morgan Walley, Vice President of chapter 243 and in my second year with TSA. Because of the leadership and responsibility skills that I learned through TSA, I'm confident in seeking the position of Sgt.-at-Arms.

It wasn't long ago; I stood outside the conference doors, fretting I wouldn't be accepted. Then as the doors closed behind me, I found myself swimming in friendly Texas TSA smiles. At my school, I'm known for my contagious smile and unforgettable personality, but some will say that you can only really know a person by their handshake. As your Sgt.-at-Arms, I will take it upon myself to warmly welcome each and every one of you. We will have a relationship that goes beyond a hearty handshake. My success will be measured by memories made, jokes shared and friendships treasured. Through your trust and confidence my term as Sgt.-at-Arms will be like a day at the beach—warm, relaxing and fun. So jump on in TSA, the water is fine.



Morgan Walley

Texas TSA State Officers 2008-2009

L to R:

Secretary:

Kristina Worley

Sgt. At Arms:

Joey Martinez

President:

Adriana Elizondo

Treasurer:

Ben Cuadra

Vice-President:

Judith Ha

Reporter:

Melissa Mosley



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