

Texas Technology Student Association

Hello Texas TSA!!

Welcome back to another amazing year of Texas TSA. In this summer edition of the Texas TSA newsletter, you will find 2008 Nationals results, the new ACS service project information, how to continue TSA after high school, the TSA Achievement Program, future National location and plans, and the achievements of two Texas TSA advisors. We are extremely excited about this year, so we hope you enjoy this year with us!

ACS New Service Project: The Yellow Rose

For years, the American Cancer Society, ACS, has been TSA's service project. Even though we have raised a lot of money for this organization, we want to get all of the chapters involved. In order to do so, we have worked out a solution.

Each chapter will be encouraged to purchase several yellow paper roses which will then be sold for one dollar throughout your school. Each rose will have a place for the seller's name and a place for a dedication. We also encourage you to display these roses on a wall. The idea is to have a wall completely COVERED in yellow roses.

Even though the rose only cost a dollar, any ad-

ditional change will be accepted and can go towards the purchase of additional roses.

We are all very excited to see your rose walls and encourage you to send us pictures of your chapter and your wall, which will be displayed at our leadership conference and the state contest.



Nationals 2009: Denver, Colorado

Say goodbye to the sand and say hello to the high mountains!!! The 2009 National Conference will be held in Denver, Colorado at the Sheraton Denver Hotel and the Colorado Convention Center from June 28 to July 2. There are so many different activities to do and attractions to see throughout your stay. Stop by WaterWorld, Elitch Gardens or take a hike to have some extreme fun. If you want to relax, go visit the famous Denver Zoo and Botanic Gardens. The Mile High Stadium and the US Mint are also great places to see. No matter what you like to do, you are bound to find some place interesting worth exploring. Now that we have started a new school year, prepare for competi-

tion and go the extra mile. The Leadership Team would love to see you in Denver, Colorado next summer!!!



Texas TSA National Finalists

This year, the Lone Star State shines at the National level, placing in 28 out of 36 events in the Finals of the High School division and also having three different Middle Schools make it to the Finals. Congratulations to all!!!

Our Finalists are:

High School

Agriculture and Biotechnology Design

2nd - Bowie HS

7th - Gladys Porter HS

Animatronics

8th - Gladys Porter HS

Architectural Model

2nd - Friendswood HS

3rd - Bowie HS

4th - Chapel Hill HS

Chapter Team

4th - Longview HS

7th - Carthage HS

Chapter Team - Written

1st - James Goode - Carthage HS

2nd - Anthony Horner - Longview HS

3rd - Amanda Lefever - Longview HS

7th - Nathan Baker - Carthage HS

9th - Melissa Mosley - Longview HS

Computer Aided Design 2D, Architectural

3rd - Daniel Heptig - Klein Collins HS

Computer Aided Design 3D, Engineer

6th - Anthony Horner - Longview HS

Computer Aided Design Animation, Architectural

6th - Tyler Stivers - Klein Collins HS

Cyberspace Pursuit

7th - Ben Barber - Career Tech Academy

Desktop Publishing

7th Maira Martinez - Gladys Porter HS

Dragster Design

2nd - Harrison Armstrong - Bowie HS

4th - Michael Miller - Bowie HS

Electric Research and Experiment

3rd - Chapin HS

Engineering Design

7th - Chapin HS

8th - Ben Barber Career Tech Academy

Extemporaneous Presentation

10th - Ben Cuadra - Friendswood HS

Film

4th - Lopez HS

7th - Bowie HS

Flight Endurance

10th - Harrison Armstrong - Bowie HS

Manufacturing Prototype

3rd - Mesquite HS

8th - Bowie HS

Medical Technology

1st - Roosevelt HS

Promotional Graphics

1st - Savannah Boyd - Hawkins HS

SCIVIZ

3rd - Ben Barber Career Tech Acad-

emy

Structural Engineering

3rd - Alvarado HS

7th - Chapel Hill HS

10th - Gladys Porter HS

Technical Research and Report Writing

3rd - Chelsea Dixon - Roosevelt HS

5th - Pamela Lopez - Gladys Porter HS

Technology Bowl

7th - Friendswood HS

Technology Bowl Written

3rd - Anthony Horner - Longview HS

Technology Challenge

9th - Gladys Porter HS

Technology Problem Solving

3rd - Chapel Hill HS

Transportation Modeling

2nd - Dylan Cospier - Bowie HS

Video Game Design

10th - John Horn HS

Middle School

Structural Challenge

4th - Boerne MS North

Technology Transfer Challenge

9th - Atascocita MS

9th - Humble MS

Staying Involved After High School

Seniors: you're approaching your final year of high school, and sadly, your last year in TSA. We know that once you head off to college, you're going to miss those late-night final preparations on projects, State and National contests, and the friends that have been with you through all the fun times.

Yet all of those good moments don't have to end, as TECA, or Technology Education Collegiate Association, and Texas TSA Alumni Association, who had its first meeting this past year, are available after high school. This organization is for

all of you who aspire to be like your current TSA advisors and teach technology. There are many competitive events, such as live manufacturing and problem solving contests, teaching evaluations, and many more. Also, by joining TECA, students are qualified for a variety of scholarships and awards. But TECA does not stop helping once you leave college. This organization helps its members find jobs, have access to technology education magazines and teaching kits, and unite its members into a strong teaching group all around the country. There are over 50 participating colleges in TECA, including UT Tyler in

Texas, so it's easy to get involved, and can really boost your career. They have designed various curriculums at all levels, whether middle or high school, that cover topics such as energy and transportation for use in the classroom. TECA also provides a chance to meet technology teachers from all over the world, including Australia, Germany, Japan, and many more. If you're interested, check it out at <http://www.iteaconnect.org/Membership/Councils/TECA.htm>. Here you can explore the many possibilities that TECA offers and even contact the current National Offi-

Out with the Old, In with the New

During our National conference in Orlando Florida, our very own state advisor, Bud Worley became the National President on the Board of Directors. He was contacted by the board, when the then president-elect accepted a new job, because he is the corporate member for Texas and they knew he could handle the job and do it correctly. After some time and consideration he accepted the job and was elected by the board of directors. He has served as a TSA Chapter advisor for 26 years, been the State Advisor for 3 years, and held the National conference Chair for 2 years when the conferences were held in Texas. Mr.

Worley has received the Honorary Life Member in 1991 and he also received the Outstanding Advisor Award in 2007. His duties include swearing in the new national officers to presiding over 2 meetings, and see to it that everything runs smoothly on the National level.

Mr. Worley has put in so much hard work and dedication into this organization I don't know of a better person to serve and represent Texas TSA as our National President.



National TSA Achievement Program

At the heart of TSA is Technology Education. Advisors, officers, and members alike strive to encourage and promote student success in a variety of technology related areas. The National TSA Achievement Program allows for individual member recognition at three levels (bronze, silver, and gold) upon completion of required activities. Member success reflects self-initiative and ultimately aims at the attainment of leadership qualities. All members begin at the bronze level and earn points in the areas of leadership development, understanding technology, school and community service, and career and personal planning to meet bronze, silver, and gold level requirements. In the leadership development category members have the opportunity to earn points for worthy projects that incorporate abilities to lead and follow. To earn points in the understanding technology category, members participate in activities that develop problem solving

skills for life in a technological society. The school and community service category activities promote service to others and the necessity of processing a positive attitude. Career and personal planning prepares members for making informed and effective decisions for their future. For all levels of achievement members must earn a minimum of 20 points in each category and accumulate a total of 100 points to obtain the level award. Completed activities and points are recorded on the activity resume, initial by the chapter vice-president, and then submitted to the chapter advisors. Once verified the resumes are sent to the state advisor and awards are presented.

This past school year Texas was fortunate in having many members achieve both silver and gold level awards.

2007-2008 Silver Level:

Natalie Hernandez
Holiman Kim

Eddie Anchondo
Cody Logsdon
Nathanael Macias
Clarissa Soto
Joseph Spencer
Kaitlin Cook
Karina Rivera
Edward Rodriguez
Jose Martinez
Erik Rodriguez
Mark Tarrant

2007-2008 Gold Level:

Sarah Knoll
Judith Ha
Jose Martinez
Erik Rodriguez
Mark Tarrant

Prestigious Texas Advisor Receives Honorary Life Award

Mr. Bob Behnke, the current Texas TSA Board of Directors President, has been a dedicated member of TSA for the past 29 years. Throughout these years of dedication Mr. Behnke has been recognized for all of his hard work. Mr. Behnke is also a member of ATTE, ITEA, and CRC. Within these organizations he has been very active and he and his chapters have received many awards, such as the American Spirit Award in the 80's, ATTE East Texas Technology Education Association outstanding teacher in 1988, ATTE Teacher of the Year in 1991, Runner up Advisor of the Year at the national level in 1992, ITEA Teacher of the Year in 1992, ATTE/ITEA Distinguished Teacher in 1992, TSA Honorary Life Member in 1993, ATTE President's Honoree Award in 1994, ATTE Distinguished

Leadership in 1995, Texas TSA Outstanding Advisor in 1988, 1995, and 1999. Mr. Behnke served as the ATTE President for the year 2005-2006, and the ATTE Treasurer for the years 1990-1994. He is one of the National CRC committee members and served as the Texas TSA Advisor and also as the Assistant Advisor. Mr. Behnke first got involved with TSA through his student teaching job in Fort Worth, Texas. The next year he served as a judge for many different events and has been going nonstop ever since. This organization is a very passionate aspect of his life. That is one of the reasons Mr. Behnke was selected to receive the Honorary Life Award at the national level. Mr. Behnke wants every middle school and high school student to know how important TSA is to him. He asked me to tell

you all that you should try to do whatever it takes to get into TSA. If your teacher is not interested ask somebody in the community. Also, if you have any questions about getting a chapter started ask any of your state officers or leadership team.



Meet Your Texas TSA Leadership Team!!!



Adriana Elizondo

Hey Texas TSA! I'm Adriana Elizondo and I am 17 years old. I attend Gladys Porter High School of Technology in the Tip of Texas. (Brownsville) I have been part of the Texas TSA State Officer Team for two years in a row and I am currently serving as your State President. I love to spend time with friends and go shopping for shoes and purses. I like to eat and bake desserts. I enjoy dancing, playing tennis, bowling,

and watching movies. My family and friends are the most important to my life. They are the reason I give everything my 110 percent. My greatest passions include technology and business. I plan to major in Accounting and minor in Business Technology at The University of Texas at Austin. One day, I hope to become a CEO for a major engineering company and contribute back to TSA.



Melissa Mosley

Hey Texas TSA! My name is Melissa Mosley. I am 17 years old, and I attend Longview High School. I have been in TSA since the sixth grade, and I am currently a senior. In other words, this is my seventh year in TSA! Last year, I participated in the Texas TSA Leadership Team, and now I currently serve as your Texas TSA Reporter. I enjoy reading books, playing my guitar, listening to music, playing soccer, going to movies, and

hanging out with friends and family in my spare time. I plan to attend Texas A&M to major in either Biomedical Engineering or Civil Engineering. I'm extremely excited about this year; I want to make this year great for me, but mostly for you. Make sure you contact the State Officers, and we will address and help you in any way we can.

Thanks!!
Melissa



Joey Martinez

Greetings Texas TSA my name is Joey Martinez and I am currently serving you as your Texas Sergeant - At - Arms. I am a senior attending Gladys Porter High School at Brownsville, TX coming from the southern most tip of Texas. I've been in TSA for four years now and I have loved every minute of it. My hobbies are researching at the University of Texas at Brownsville working with professors in finding exotic stars called pulsars, we re-

motely control Arecibo the largest Radio Telescope. I also do computer programming, reading, running, woodworking, and eating a lot of food. My future goals are to become an Astrophysicist and an Aerospace Engineer I would like to attend M.I.T., and later work for NASA. My main goal is to contribute in improving the space exploration program.

Kristina Worley

Howdy ya'll, I'm Kristina Worley. I'm 16 years old. I live in Carthage, Texas and will be a junior at Carthage High School. I am currently serving you as our State Secretary. This will be my third 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 4 years now. Here are some little things about me that way you can get to know me better as your state officer. I am involved in volleyball, softball, hopefully golf, and shooting sports. My hobbies include

taking pictures, riding four-wheelers, going fishing, shopping, and hanging out with my friends. I am what you call a typical country girl. I am up to new challenges and trying new things. I am very involved in my youth group at First Baptist Church. Our church goes on different mission trips that range anywhere from 500 miles into Huejutla, Hidalgo, Mexico or to Chicago, Illinois. Our youth group goes on at least 2 youth trips a year and I have attended everyone since my 7th grade year. I hope you have enjoyed learning a little bit more about me.



Philip Green



Hi, I'm Philip Green and I am currently serving on the 2008-2009 Texas TSA Leadership team. Last year, I was given the honor and the opportunity to serve you all as the State Reporter. I'm a junior at Waxahachie High School in Waxahachie Texas and I hope to graduate and

attend Cedar Valley College majoring in Commercial Music and Recording Technology. My free time is all devoted to Church, Music, and my family. I am also involved with the Boy Scouts of America and hope to earn my eagle.

Ben Cuadra

Hey Texas TSA, my name is Ben Cuadra, although the officers refer to me as Norman, and I'm serving as your 2008-2009 State Treasurer. I'm just another crazed TSA member like a lot of ya'll, who loves competitions like Technology Problem Solving and Tech Bowl and has spent many late nights finishing a last second project. I've been to 2 National and State Contests, and finalized in Orlando in Extemporaneous and Tech Bowl. But outside of TSA, I like playing video games, playing Ultimate Frisbee with my friends, and going to Friday night Football games. I'm 17 years old, and about

to start an awesome senior year at Friendswood High School in Houston. I also participate in National Honor Society, do community service with my church, and run Cross Country. Yes, some of ya'll probably think I'm crazy for waking up at 6:15 in the morning to go run 4 miles, but I love it. Feel free to contact the State Officers, because we're here to put your ideas into place.

Thanks,
Ben Cuadra



Chelsea Dixon



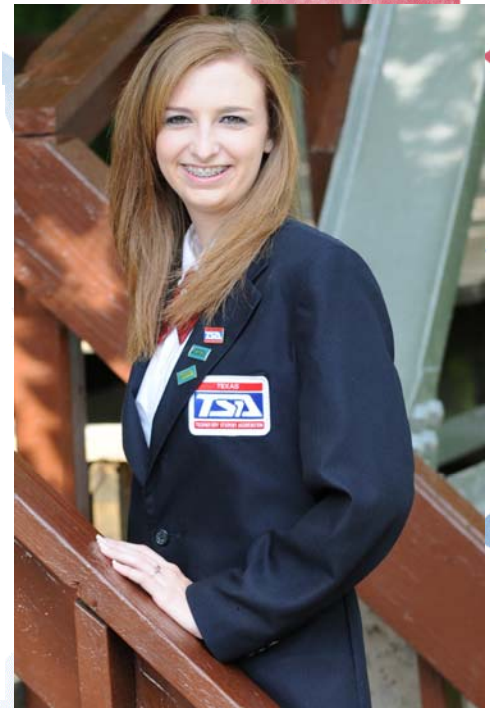
Hey y'all! I'm Chelsea Dixon and from San Antonio, Texas. I'm 16 years old and a junior in the Engineering and Technologies Academy at Roosevelt High School. I've been apart of TSA for the past two years and this year I'm serving on your TSA Leadership Team. I love school and try to stay as active as possible participating in National Honor Society, Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL), and serving as chapter president of Roosevelt TSA. I'm excited for this year's activities and can't wait to dive into TSA with leadership conferences, competition, and giving back with community service. I think TSA is about making connections and pro-

PELLING OURSELVES AS TODAY'S STUDENTS TOWARDS BEING TOMORROW'S LEADERS. When I'm not fulfilling TSA duties, I enjoy reading and sketching as well as listening to all types of music. In future years I hope to begin a career as a Radiological Health, Nuclear, or Biological Engineer and fulfill a lifelong aspiration of impacting the world. My family is most important to me and I spend as much time with them as possible. To me laughter is a basic necessity to a satisfying life and I believe that above all you must live, laugh, and love and everything else will fall into place.

Julia Williams

Howdy ya'll! My name is Julia Williams and I am currently serving on your Texas TSA State Leadership Team. I am senior and this will be my fourth year as a member of TSA. I am also involved in other activities at my school such as choir, show choir, spirit guard, Student Council, Key Club, National Honor Society, and many other things. My plans for after graduation include going to Texas A&M to major in Biochemistry, then on to the University of Houston to get a specialization

degree in optometry. I would love to be able to come back and still be a major part of TSA. I have already been talking to people about being a judge or anything I could do to stay involved. Last year I had the honor of serving as your state Vice President and loved every minute of it. I hope you all have a fabulous year!



Stefan Nutbrown



Howdy TSA, my name is Stefan Nutbrown and I am a senior at Roosevelt High School. I'm from San Antonio and I go to the Engineering and Technologies magnet program. I am looking forward to another exciting year of competitions and making new friends. I'm in the National Honor Society and

Army JROTC. My favorite hobbies are rifle team and orienteering. After high school I plan on continuing my education at Texas A&M University and major in mechanical engineering. I can't wait to enjoy another fun year in Texas TSA and help in making it a great time for everyone.

Katia Gutierrez

Hey my name is Katia Gutierrez and I'm a junior at Longview High School. Last year I served as your sergeant - at- arms and this year I'm part of the leadership team. I'm so excited to still be able to serve you and help with ideas for enhancing TSA. My hobbies are listening to music and spending time with my friends and family, since they're a huge part of my life. Some of my

good friends I met them through TSA and I like to keep in touch with them. All of my friends are very unique and special in their own way. For example I'm known as the shortest of them all and that's one of the things that make me special. I speak fluent English, Spanish, and I'm learning French. I like to do hair and makeup; therefore, after high school I plan to study cosmetology and maybe become a nurse.



Texas TSA would like to give thanks to ATTE for their contribution of two laptops during the Texas TSA State Competition in Waco this year. Thank you once again; we really appreciate your support and dedication.

Judith Ha

This is Judith Ha, your state vice president. It's been an absolute honor serving as an officer this past year, and I'm thrilled to have another chance to be one of TSA's many student leaders for another year. I'm currently a senior at Captain John L. Chapin High School in El Paso where I'm involved in National Honor Society, choir, English UIL Team, varsity tennis, and - of course - TSA! Since I was a toddler, I've loved all kinds of art, particularly drawing and music. I sing at every chance I get and play (or at least like to think I can play) the piano, violin, viola, cello, guitar, and bass guitar but am infamously envious of drum players. They seem to have the most fun!

When asked what I want to be when I "grow up," I always say I want to be a kid. All joking aside, I'm not one hundred percent certain what I'd

like to pursue in college, but I'm sensing it'll be generally targeted towards the arts - music, photography, film, etc. As a second generation Korean, I'd love to travel the world in the near future; there are so many beautiful cultures I have yet to experience. But true to my roots, I always carry a pair of chopsticks in my purse. They definitely come in handy!

Over the course of my high school years, I've fallen in love with TSA. I know several of you share this passion, and I can't wait to meet you all soon! Hopefully, I'll see everyone at our upcoming winter leadership conference!

Sincerely, Your humble State Vice President,

Judith Ha



Anthony Horner

I was born in Odessa, Texas on August 11, 1991 to Mark and Susan Horner. I lived in a small town in west Texas for the first six years of my life. Then, my family moved to Longview when my dad got a job as minister for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I've been in TSA since the seventh grade, and am currently in the eleventh grade

at Longview High School. Along with TSA, I have been a part of various math, science, and technical organizations. I want to go to Letourneau University, and get an engineering degree. I dream of some day having a family and owning my own engineering firm.

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