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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

I've mentioned before and will continue to point out the fact that our organization amounts to nothing without members. Conferences would be worthless, School Scenes would be empty, and state officers wouldn't exist. So, luckily, Georgia TSA has members, and therefore a reason to continue to fight for technological advancement and encourage all of us to learn to live in a technical world. However, we aren't like any other members of any other ordinary organization. We're the leaders of our generation. We are the students that go beyond the call of duty and add that extra flair to our project's backboard or stay after school until dark to perfect our presentation skills. We all encourage and inspire and motivate those around us, whether they admit it or not, and I am so proud of that, because it's that quality that makes Georgia TSA stand out above other states' delegations. I can't wait to see all of you at this summer's National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, so we can have the chance to let our spirit of innovation burn so fiercely that every other state in attendance knows we've arrived. Use the leadership and technical skills you've developed and continue to pioneer a way for yourself and your peers into the future. I've heard that any organization is only as bad as its worst member. If that's really the case, I'm not worried about Georgia TSA. Not a single one of us is anything less than extraordinary; I know that, and you know that. Now let's use the year ahead to make sure everyone else is aware of it.



Thank You to Mr. Price, Mr. Crenshaw, and the Board of Directors!



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Price's Point

What a great year and a great State Conference! Thank you Georgia TSA for a banner year in conference attendance and membership. We ended the year with 184 chapters and 30,000 members. Our conferences are getting bigger and bigger. We broke records of attendance at three conferences with almost 2200 at Tech Day for an all-time attendance record for GA TSA.



Working with two of our talented alumni, we have a brand new, nice, attractive and up-to-date, website. In addition we have designed and built a new conference event management system to move our judging into the 21st century, making judging rubrics into automatic electronic versions that members can access via internet after the conference.

The association completed the updates of our Student Association Bylaws to go along with the new Corporate Bylaws. Our board of directors has put in countless hours to improve what we offer the GA TSA Chapters and their members.

Opportunities to be involved in a variety of engineering and technology education related competitions. Besides the 70 TSA events, VEX and First Lego League continue to grow. Joining the growing list this year were the Jr. Solar Sprint, TEAMS and The Georgia Electrathon races.

I'm proud of the chapters that stepped up and mentored new chapters this year. It's the most White Star Chapter Awards I remember giving out in one year.

Thank you to all of our 13-14 State Officers, Cynthia, Laura, Raines, A.C, Vunden, Jack and David, who pulled the year together and finished strong, doing a great job at the State Conference. Congratulations to Parkview High School for finally getting that State Championship Trophy, Franklin Middle School for yet another one, Jess Bush (HS) and Greg Terry (MS) for earning the PITSCO/Tommy Pitchford Inspirational Teacher Award.

Good luck to our newly elected officer team: Jack Crawford—President, Jalen Cornell—1st VP, Alexander King—2nd VP, Archish Chaturvedi—Secretary, Keyerria Mack—Treasurer, Raines Evans—Reporter and Raeanna Greenway—Sgt at Arms. Get ready for a great year to come.

From GA TSA, have a great summer and we'll be seeing you at CORE in September!

Parkview Takes State

Plamen Marinov, President of Parkview Technology Student Association, walked up on the stage, my heart pounded inside my chest. He lined up along other competitors, awaiting the announcement of the State Champion. I began to feel very anxious as they named the top ten.

The announcement began with “Mill Creek, Woodstock, Dunwoody, Gilmer, GSMST,” and I said to myself, “*Okay, so we at least are in the top five.*”

“Fifth place Chamblee,” made my heart start working its way into my throat, restricting my breath. I heard, “Fourth place Lowndes High School,” and thought, “*Okay, we made top three, that’s good.*” I joined my President on stage along with the other two schools of the top three overall.

Next, the speakers rang out with, “Third place South Forsyth High School” and I gasped, “*Oh my gosh, we might have made first place.*”

“And the Second Place High School is...” was the moment of truth, as we anxiously waited for our name to be called. The announcement continued with, “Monroe Area High School.”

I looked at Plamen’s face, and saw an expression of excitement that I would never forget.

The stage erupted into hysteria with the Parkview students screaming in excitement. For the first time in history, Parkview High School’s TSA became State Champions. This chapter had been paving a road to success, placing top five for the past sixteen years and staying just behind Monroe Area’s first place more recently.

Parkview’s TSA placed first in Computer Aided Design 3D Engineering, Electrical Applications, Outstanding Student, Promotional Graphics, and Technology Bowl Written. They placed second in Architectural Renovation, Future Technology Teacher, On Demand Video, Technical Sketching and Applications, and Webmaster. They placed third in Desktop Publishing, Digital Video Production, Fashion Design, Photographic Technology, and Technology Bowl Oral.

They placed fourth in Electrical Applications, Flight Endurance, Music Production, Scientific Visualization and Technology Problem Solving and fifth in Chapter Team, Dragster Design, Essays on Technology, and Open Source Software. Promotional Graphics placed sixth, while Biotechnology Design and Prepared Presentation scored seventh. Flight Endurance and System Control placed eighth and Animatronics, Career Comparisons, Computer Numerical Control and Future Technology Teacher each won ninth.

Without the hard work of their dedicated advisor, Terry Cotton, the officer team, alumni and chaperones, the state title would not have been possible. Parkview TSA intends to continue its hard work to hopefully bring home success at the Nationals Conference in Washington D.C. this summer.

The Alumni Experience

Attention Graduating Seniors!

Any graduating seniors or other students! If you are wanting to help give back to the Technology Student Association, we would gladly appreciate it. There are many ways that one can give back to this organization. Make sure you at least join the Georgia TSA Facebook page, GA TSA Alumni, for any news, notifications, or information about alumni involvement. First off, if you are nearby, have time, and can make it out to a conference, we highly encourage you to. The Board of Directors could always use the help, your teachers (believe it or not) would actually enjoy seeing you again, and you can help influence, teach, and mentor current members. Second, make sure that you stay connected with your fellow alumni members. As you get older and progress through school and/or towards a career, if you happen to learn of a possible job and/or internship opportunity, let your fellow alumni members know (Facebook Page) because TSA prepares its members with the skills to be successful so why not give the opportunity to someone that has the skills to fill the position properly. Lastly, remember to stay connected with your old advisors and high schools. There is no better way to help and give back than going back and helping/teaching current TSA students. It will also help your schools realize the benefit of Technology Education in schools so that they will continue to fund the programs. Remember that any that you can give back is greatly appreciated.

Your 2014-15 State Officers



Hey! I'm **Jack Crawford**, your new State President, and I'm beyond excited about the year ahead. I go to Lowndes High School, and I'm entering my fifth year as a member of Georgia TSA...even though it's felt like much longer than that. I joined my middle school chapter in sixth grade because a friend kept talking about how awesome the meetings and events were. By the time the State Conference had rolled around, I was hooked, and have been ever since. My favorite part of TSA is what makes up the organization: you, the members. Members are what make everything about our association enjoyable and worth enjoying. *You* are what makes this delegation of TSA the best in the nation, and I'm honored to have the chance to serve you as your state president. I can't wait to see you all at the National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, and every conference afterwards!

Hi! My name is **Jalen Cornell** and I am the First Vice President of the Georgia Technology Student Association. I am currently a 10th grader at Ola High School in McDonough, GA and have been a part of TSA for 2 years. My advisor, Christie Schmitt, started my passion for TSA. I wouldn't be a part of this amazing organization if she did not approach me and ask if I was interested. I was hesitant at first because I was never really involved in activities outside of school. The thing that really sparked my interest was the selection of the competitive events. I loved the competitive spirit and the sportsmanship found in TSA so I joined and I would have to say that was the best decision I have ever made. My favorite part about TSA is that you get to meet new people that are just like you. You get to meet people that have the interest, and most importantly, that same passion and drive for engineering and leadership. I am not only excited about what I have done in TSA, but also what I will do in the upcoming years.



Hi, Georgia TSA! My name is **Alex King**. I am currently in the eighth grade at Rothchild Leadership Academy in Columbus. I have been a part of TSA for two and a half years now. I love this organization. It is such a unique atmosphere filled with awesome kids and I couldn't imagine spending the rest of my school years anywhere else. I am really looking forward to serving as your 2nd Vice President this year. My career objective is to be a Mechanical Engineer. I am all about HOPE. I have hope because I believe as long as you have hope you can't lose, you will be able to accomplish lots more with hope. I like to think of hope as an acronym, "Hanging Onto Positive Expectations".

I look forward to attending all of the conferences this year and making many new friends.



Hello Georgia TSA! My name is **Archish Chaturvedi** and I am both humbled and honored to serve as your 2014-2015 State Secretary. Currently, I am a junior at Dunwoody High School and have been a member of TSA for the past four years. My middle school at the time did not have a TSA chapter, but as I heard about the memorable and positively inspiring stories some of my friends at other schools had to share about the organization, I was determined to begin my involvement with the organization immediately. After attending my first SLC in 2011, I was compelled to be as actively involved with the TSA as possible because of the life changing experiences it provided. Also, the goals of the organization involved engaging in the things that enthralled me the most. I am ecstatic to give back to the organization, along with the rest of the State Officer team, by serving Georgia TSA this upcoming year!

My name is **Keyarria Mack**. I am currently a junior at Arabia Mountain High School. I have been a part of TSA for 7 years. I had a wonderful advisor in middle school Mrs. Brown-Bryant and my aunt, Ms. C. Porter, who encouraged me to join Lego League and the wonderful life of TSA. I can remember the first time I attended Core in the mountains; we went canoeing and mid ways down the stream our canoe almost flipped over!! I came home and told my mother about all the great people I met while on the trip and my dream of being an officer one day. Until this day my favorite aspect of being a member of TSA is attending Core, Tech Day, Fall Leadership, State and National Conferences interacting with my peers over the great State of Georgia and brainstorming new engineering concepts.



Hi Georgia TSA! My name is **Raines Evans** and I am both excited and humbled to serve as your 2014-2015 state reporter. I currently go to Ben Hill Middle School, and I am entering my third year in TSA. I joined my middle school chapter in the seventh grade because my friends always came back from meetings and conferences and had so many great stories to share. By the time FLC came around I knew this was the organization for me. Now I have my own stories to tell others about TSA. My favorite part about the conferences is meeting new people and seeing old friends. I can't wait to see you all at national conference and all of the conferences after!

Hi, my name is **Raeanna Greenway** and I go to Hart County High School. I am currently a junior. I have been a member of TSA for six years now and it's definitely been the best six years ever! My advisor, Jessica Walker got me into doing the Rube Goldberg projects when I was in her class and so the next year, I joined and loved it! My favorite part of TSA is meeting different people. In the small town of Hartwell, not many new people come around so being able to meet new people every year at the conferences is by far my favorite part.



D.C. 2014

What if I told you that you could spend a week in our marvelous nation's historical capital this summer, during which you would be a part of activities that are not only fun, but also unbelievably beneficial to your future? It sounds like way too good of an opportunity to pass up, right?! This is why YOU need to step up and represent not only your local chapter, but also your entire Georgia state delegation by traveling with us to the Technology Student Association's 36th Annual National Conference! Held on June 27 through July 1 at the spectacular Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, this national conference is going to be one that you definitely won't want to miss!

You will get to attend the conference mixer, where you exchange pins and interact with members from all across the nation, (including some members beyond our nation!) and meet the national officer candidates for the first time. During the general sessions, awards will be presented, some incredible speakers will share with us their wisdom and wit, and we will get to know the eligible officer candidates in preparation for electing the new team! Additionally, delegates will be permitted to attend the business meeting, where new amendments to the TSA

Bylaws will be debated and voted upon, and the new National Officer Team will be elected, as well. Each chapter that is represented at Nationals gets two votes, even if only one person from the chapter is present. In between all of these large-scale sessions, however, will be much smaller leadership and technical classes available to any and all who are interested!

This TSA National Conference is going to be one to remember! We want all of you to come with us to D.C. to partake in everything you can, and gain the invaluable skills you can use throughout your entire life! Even if your chapter isn't going, but you would still really like to go and represent Georgia TSA, arrangements can be made for you to travel and experience this with the other chapters that are attending! Talk to your advisor, and if you two agree that it would be okay for you to attend, contact our State Executive Director, Mr. Steve Price, or our State Advisor, Mr. Mark Crenshaw. So don't forget! Mark your calendars and get started on those projects! I can't wait to see each and

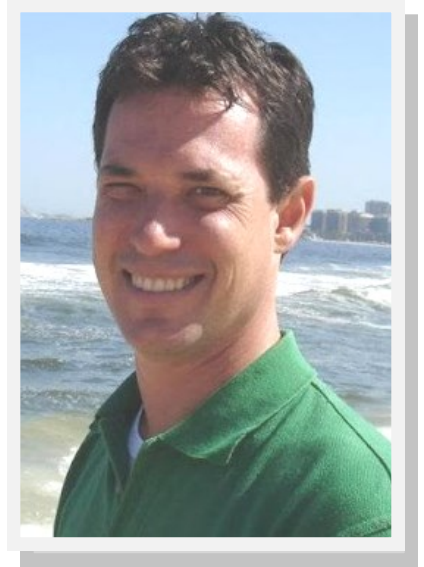


*-Leigh Anne
Hamlin
Fitzgerald High
School*

Alumni Spotlight: Jeff Wilson

Jeff Wilson was president of Pointe South Junior High Industrial Arts Club during the 1987-88 school year and simultaneously Second Vice President of GA AIASA. Our motto was and still is "Learning to live in a technical world".

As a teenager, I had two role models who influenced me to begin working in "industrial arts" and technology. One was my uncle, who could create beautiful pieces of furniture in the workshop behind his house. The other was Coach Price, also known as the current Director of GA TSA, who showed me how organization and leadership work together to create success. The smell of sawdust in both places was addictive. Both provided a great place to get my hands dirty and plenty of guidance and support in anything I tried.



During high school, I never felt like I had any one particular career that was calling me. I was pretty good at most everything, but got bored quickly. For me, working in two different areas simultaneously kept things interesting. This started in college where I studied business and humanities, and had the opportunity to spend time studying in Europe. I decided early that I wouldn't spend my life climbing rungs on a career ladder. Instead, I planned to have a variety of eclectic work experiences in as many different countries as possible. I decided upon a limit of five years each: enough time to fit in and feel comfortable, but not too short to be a gypsy or too long to get bogged down.

My first step was to return to France where I worked with a youth volunteer organization rebuilding neglected castles, but also worked in a factory. One great experience during this time was translating for US paratroopers from WWII during the 50th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy. My next move was to Germany where I taught English and worked as a computer programmer. From there, I saw East and West re-building their country after the fall of the Berlin Wall. But also felt their consolation toward the US when the Twin Towers were attacked.

After that, I returned to the US and started a business buying and renovating distressed properties, but also taught ESOL. My sons were born during our time there. Since 2009 I've been in Brazil helping to build a smart energy grid, but at the same time running my property buying business. From here I am seeing how a country can use technology to create energy choices which do not rely on foreign oil, while I enjoy driving a car that uses does not use gasoline.

The common thread through all of these experiences is technology. Learning to live in a technical world is not just about being technical, but learning to live in the world as well. It's about being a global citizen and using your technical skills as a passport to open doors into anywhere you want to go. It's about contributing to our world to make things better for everyone. TSA is a great place to start. When you're ready, take a look at vfp.org to find a short term project where you can start putting your skills to use. Make your own adventure and enjoy a lifetime of learning to live in a technical world.

Jeff Wilson lives in Minas Gerais, Brazil with his wife Raquel and sons, Miguel and Fernando.



Spotlight Chapter: Hart County High School

Over the past year, the members of the Hart County High School TSA Chapter have worked hard to build our program in many different ways. Through improving leadership skills and chapter membership, as well as working to improve our ranking among chapters in the state, we feel like we are moving towards a stronger chapter each year.

While at CORE, several of our officers set specific goals for our chapter that we have worked hard to reach over the duration of this school year; although some have not yet been achieved, we feel that we have made great strides in moving towards achieving those goals in the future (One of which is to become the GA TSA Outstanding Chapter of the year, which we hope to accomplish soon!).

This year, we were able to attend all of the GA TSA Conferences (including SLC where our chapter brought home the 1st place trophy in Digital Video Production as well as Top Ten placements in 6 other events), also this year (for the first time ever), we have our very own State Officer, Sergeant at Arms, Raeanna Greenway, and soon, members of our chapter will be departing for the 2014 National TSA Conference in Washington D.C.

Overall, the 2013-2014 school year has been a year of growth, challenge, and determination for HCHS, and we plan to only get better with time!



Spotlight Chapter: Hart County Middle School

Hart County Middle School has had an incredible TSA year. While the group was in a transition stage with a new advisor, the chapter's officers and members really stepped up their game and came out swinging at both Tech Day and State Leadership Conference. At Tech Day, students received top 10 awards in Membership Recruitment, T-Shirt Design, Pin Design and Architectural Design. The chapter received 9th place in Outstanding Chapter at State, where members placed in the top 10 in 14 different events and received the People's Choice Award for the Community Service Video. Students worked countless hours throughout the year to learn about new events and the leadership skills required to become outstanding TSA members.

HCMS TSA has set goals to achieve even greater success in the future. The chapter is competing at Nationals in Washington, DC in several categories and hopes to bring home some top 10 finishes there as well. Our chapter slogan is a famous quote by Walt Disney: "it's kinda fun to do the impossible." With the right mindset and hard work, the TSA members of Hart County Middle believe anything is possible.

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Review of SLC 2014

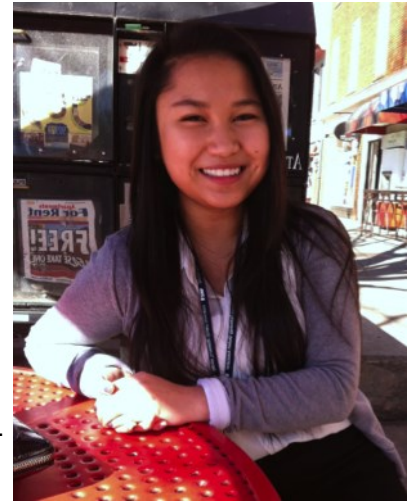
It was the time of the year for the 2014 TSA state conference. Our Campbell High School's TSA chapter was overly excited for the trip to Athens Georgia to participate in the spectacular competition. Our team members have devoted time and effort into preparing and completing our assigned events and were ready to compete at State.

Athens was a beautiful place to visit for our newly welcomed members. We had a great time exploring the different venues that the city had to offer. Besides the location itself, the conference center was also breath taking. Everything was organized in an orderly fashion, so our chapters did not have trouble figuring things out, such as events location and help guidance.

Through the different events that took place, our Campbell chapter was able to learn new experience as well as knowledge regarding TSA. It was a rewarding feeling to know that all of the hard work that we put into our events has paid off. It was such an honor to receive recognition for our efforts. Even though we didn't place in the top categories in some events, it was the thought that really matter at the end of the day.

Through the interactions that we experienced with other chapters from different schools, we were able to make new many new friends. We learned that competing doesn't just mean winning against another team, but it's the collaboration and sportsmanship that should come out of it.

-Campbell High School



Spring/Fall 2014-2015 Calendar of Events

June 2-8, 2014: GA TSA State Officer Training Workshop, Covington/ CTSO State Officer Training, FFA-FCCLA Camp, Covington, GA

June 27- July 1, 2014: National TSA Conference Washington D.C.

July 12, 2014: Pre- GACTE Summer In-service TSA Workshop CTAERN PLU Course- Waverly Hotel, Atlanta, GA

August 22, 2014: Deadline – Registration for CORE Chapter Officer Retreat for Excellence

(Check rules for events that are judged at CORE or Pre- GA National Fair)

August 22-24, 2014: Joint Meeting- Executive Committee & Advisory Council, Jekyll Island

September 10, 2014: Deadline- Entry Forms for Technology Day

(Check rules for events that are judged at CORE or Pre-GA National Fair)

September 12-14, 2014: CORE: Chapter Officer Retreat for Excellence, Tumbling Waters , Clayton, GA- Preliminary Tech Day Events judged at CORE

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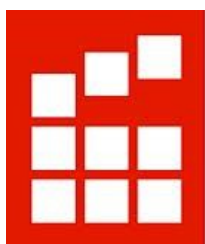


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