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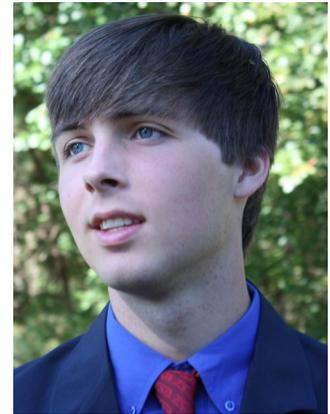
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President's Welcome

Hello, Georgia TSA! I'm Jack Crawford, your State President, and I couldn't be more thrilled about the year ahead of us. After all, we set impressive precedents at the National Leadership Conference this summer and the recent Chapter Officer Retreat for Excellence, and we still have even more conferences to go. Our next major conference is LeaderCon on Jekyll Island from November 14-16, and I hope to see all of you there. Not only is it a chance to spend a weekend in a luxurious villa by the Atlantic Ocean, but you will also have the chance to attend informative sessions on leadership tips and state conference event tricks, build a cardboard boat and attempt to paddle your way to victory, and even groove the night away as you show off your nae-nae skills at the annual LeaderCon dance. Throughout the weekend you'll have countless opportunities to network with peers across the state and strengthen the unity of the organization as we all cooperate towards learning to leave in a technical world and designing your dreams—after all, we're the leaders of tomorrow, so why wait until then to prepare for the task?



Georgia's Own

We are proud to have three of our former state officers currently serving as National Officers for TSA. Elected last June at the National Conference in Washington DC, A.C. Williams was elected as National Sgt. At Arms, Laura Wilson was elected National Reporter and Leigh Ann Hamlin was elected as National Vice President. Way to go and we look forward to seeing you three represent GA at the Dallas National Conference in the summer of 2015!



Price's Point

Hello Georgia TSA. Our association keeps growing and our conferences are still setting new records! Your board of directors under this year's president Jess Bush has proved to be a hard working group of people with ideas and talent that is pointing GA TSA to the future. We have two new members that are from the corporate world, Mr. David D'Amico from Georgia Power and Mr. David Hanks from the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission. GA TSA appreciates their participation and input.



CORE as well as Tech Day, involved some changes, but were very successful. We had over 600 chapter officers and advisors attend CORE (Chapter Officers retreat for Excellence) in Clayton, GA. Technology Day 2014 is now the largest event in GA TSA History with 2,765 members in attendance. And you have made this year's Fall Leadership Conference the largest in history with 1265 on the island this weekend! Keep it up and don't forget to update your affiliation rosters with new members later on!

Our association is one of the largest in the nation and continues to grow. This year we have many new chapters and are excited to welcome them. If you are a member of one of these chapters we welcome you to the Georgia TSA family. If you need anything, just ask! **Alcovy High School, Appling County Middle School, Eastside High School, Eagle's Landing Middle School, Effingham College and Career Academy, Gainesville High School, Holcomb Bridge Middle School, Lakeside Middle School, Liberty Middle School, Little Mill Middle School, Luella High School, Marietta Middle School, North Forsyth Middle School, Otwell Middle School, Piney Grove Middle School, Redan Middle School, Riverwatch, Saddle Ridge Elementary and Middle School, Savannah Early College, Sequayah Middle School, South Forsyth Middle School, Spalding High School, Union County High School, Vidalia Comprehensive High School.**

One of our strengths is our veteran chapters efforts to grow and their willingness to share and help build other chapters up. They present during CORE and Leadercon and mentor chapters that are just starting. We have three so far this year. I commend Morrow High School for increasing membership by 10%, Marietta High School for helping Marietta Middle School start up and Rothschild Leadership Academy for promoting TSA and helping surrounding schools get started.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Leadercon, November 14th—16th!

National TSA Week

Bryan County High School Celebrates Technology Student Association Week

From October 6-10, 2014, Bryan County High School (BCHS) TSA members celebrated National TSA Week. BCHS TSA Officers participated in several activities to promote Georgia TSA and to recruit new members. First, students and faculty participated in TSA trivia. Prizes were given for reciting the National TSA Motto: "Learning to Live in a Technical World" and for other fun facts about TSA when answered correctly.

Next, BCHS TSA Officers presented ten minute sessions throughout the day to Bryan County Middle School (BCMS) students in Mr. Ken Butler's Engineering and Technology Education class. The officers are working with Mr. Butler and his students to bring Georgia TSA to BCMS. "I am so excited to work with Mr. Butler at Bryan County Middle School to bring Georgia TSA to the middle school students," said BCHS TSA Advisor, Mrs. Cashon. "The officers planned all the details from the presentation to the membership forms given to Mr. Butler's students. This will assist me with promoting my program at Bryan County High School as well."

Kevin O'Quinn, BCHS Reporter



TSA Members: Reid Lindsey, Mason Sterling, Max Wang, Jalen Weise celebrate TSA Week at Lowndes High School.

The Alumni Experience



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.

Technology Day



This year's Technology Day at the Fair, was one of the best we've had in quite some time! We had a higher membership attendance this year, and I hope that this trend continues in years to come! There was a number of

projects that proved just how dedicated you students are! You definitely all brought you're a game! I hope to see even more amazing events turned in this year at Athens! Its wonderful to see this generation of competitors bring all they've got to the table! I cannot wait to see what each and every one of you accomplish as you continue to grow! Keep up all the good work, and always strive to do better than your best! Keep inspiring the masses, as you inspire me!

Meg Garber, GA TSA Alumnus

LeaderCon

The Hart County High School TSA chapter is more than excited to be attending LeaderCon 2014 in Jekyll Island! After having our entire chapter officer team attend CORE and Tech Day, we are prepared as a team to take on LeaderCon with a positive attitude attending the leadership and technical sessions that are offered. These sessions help us as members to improve in a variety of areas, such as learning secrets to being the best in a competition at state, or improving in leadership skills, any one can find a session to benefit their chapter. We are also super pumped about participating in the Armada Boat Race for the second year! We can't wait to see what this conference has in store!

Hart County High



Jekyll Island Conference Cen-

Looking Forward

Hi! My name is Jalen Cornell and I am your 2014-2015 State Vice President. I am extremely excited, and looking forward to what this year has left. Our upcoming conference FLC, which is my personal favorite, is November 14-16 and is a great time to network, attend informative leadership sessions, and watch out for the fastest cardboard boat!

Finally, State Leadership Conference, one of Georgia TSA's largest conferences. I love this conference because you have a chance to compete in many different competitions and learn good sportsmanship. SLC is also a place where you come together with many of ones friends from previous conferences and network with other chapters. I hope to see you in the future!

Jalen Cornell

Fundraising

It is critical that every chapter of Technology Student Association attend every conference in order to get the full TSA experience. There are numerous fundraisers your chapter can complete throughout the year. Some of the fundraisers that could be successful are selling popcorn, engraving objects (dog chains, laptops, Apple products, and etc.), making posters, and screen on the green (movie that is played on the lawn) just to name a few.

As a chapter, you can go out and solicit sponsors to cover your expenses for the trips. You can also host a VEX Competition at your school and set up a concession stand to help off set the cost. Fundraisers are essential because they lead your chapter to have a successful and fun year, as well as covering your expenses for conferences.

Keyaria Mack

The State Officer Team

Objectively, we have worked together as a team to design and perfect skits, C.O.R.E. presentations, and scripts. However, we have developed a strong, deep-seated relationship with each other that I believe will last long after our service as



State Officers. The development of our familiarity and comfort with each other has allowed us to work efficiently and effectively at our meetings

conferences. We also have been able to develop leadership skills alongside State Officers from other CTSOs from around the state. By doing so we were able to promote the value TSA has among students across the state and nation. I truly feel that the developments and progress our team has made so

Archish Chattervetti

Running For State Office

Running for a state office is not as scary as you might think. The application, the interview, and the speech in front of Georgia TSA will be completely worth it when you hear your name called to be a State Officer at the State Leadership Conference. The actual campaigning for State office is the most exciting in my opinion. You meet so many new people and make memories that will last a lifetime. The fun begins there, and it continues to get better once one is elected.

Serving Georgia TSA and making a difference is the best feeling one can have. You learn how to truly be a leader, and are introduced to a variety new skills that will

help you throughout life. Overall, even if you aren't elected, the experience and people you meet makes everything worthwhile in the long run.

Raeanna Greenway



Alumni Spotlight:

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**GA TSA State Treasurer 2004
Class of 2006**



Technology Student Association (TSA) was a very important part of my life during my high school years, and remains one of my most rewarding experiences. I joined TSA second semester of my freshman year with one simple objective in mind: to hang out with my friends. However, it quickly became an unexpected learning experience as I became more involved with the organization, first as a member at my school, then as an officer of my chapter and eventually as a state officer. It taught me the value of hard work, the importance of good characters and integrity, and the significant of professionalism. TSA was my foundation, and it prepared me for the next step of my life: college.



I enrolled at the University of Georgia in Fall 2006 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in the Spring of 2010. As a full time student with a job, I still managed to join different organizations on campus, as I have already learned the importance of staying involved in academic organizations from my TSA days. I became a sister of Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., and a member of various organizations at UGA such as the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) and the Asian American Student Association (AASA). As packed as my schedule was during my college days, there was enough room for the little things in life, things such as football games, basketball games, and the occasional Thursday night outings in downtown Athens. Of course, four years flew by in a blink of an eye and I was ready for the next chapter of my life, the “real world.”

After graduating from the University of Georgia and obtaining my certification to teach English as a second language, I moved to South Korea for a year to teach over 1,000 native Korean students the English language. My objectives in South Korea were to teach, to learn and to travel! I taught on the weekdays, and traveled and explored South Korea

during the weekends and holidays. It is by far the most unique experience of my life. I learned about the culture, people and history of South Korea through my one-year stay there as well as through my exploration of major cities such as Seoul, Busan, Daegu, Gwangju, Ulsan, Incheon, etc.

I’m finally back in the States after a year abroad, and am currently working at a law firm in downtown Atlanta. My next objective is to go back to school for a higher education, and resume my travel plans in the near future.

I’ve seen and learned a lot since my high school days with TSA, but the one lesson that seems to have been strongly instilled in me is that hard work and dedication lead to opportunities. Ten years later as a TSA alumna, I still remember many of the lessons and values I learned during my time with the organization, lessons and values in which I’ve used as a foundation to build upon later in life.



Spotlight Chapter: High School

In the past year Tucker TSA's chapter has grown in tremendous ways. Guided by Cory Booth and William Hicks, the chapter has created a strong presence in Tucker High School. Through community and school involvement we've increased our membership tenfold. Our ambitious officers achieved this by encouraging our younger members to become active members and help TSA grow in the years to come. Challenging the misconception that girls aren't interested in STEM, we've started our first all girls robotics team which has been as equally successful as our boys team. Our girls VEX team earned first place at their very first VEX competition. In addition to our VEX successes, two of our members placed first in Promotional Graphics and Second in Membership Recruitment. After all our success in TSA and VEX, as a chapter we strive to serve our community also. Tucker TSA is involved in an organization called Keep DeKalb Beautiful that allows us to adopt a road and maintain it as need be. Tucker TSA strives to finish the year stronger than ever before with even more success and greater accomplishments.



Spotlight Chapter: Middle School

Rothschild Leadership Academy is a young chapter. Our advisor, Ms. Myers, has been with TSA for 14 years, and brought TSA to Rothschild 2 years ago. Our chapter has always been hardworking, and determined to succeed which has provided us with many incredible opportunities. Through all the work there has been many good memories and even more fun! At CORE, we had the opportunity to give a workshop on how to develop a Program of Work. We also hold the honor of having Georgia's TSA 2nd Vice President- Alexander King. Alexander King is the very first Georgia TSA state officer from Columbus, Georgia.

We have already started to do great things such as being chosen to lead a technical session for the 2014 Fall Leadership Conference on Leadership Strategies, hosting a workshop to bring in new middle school TSA chapters, and receiving the 2015 ITEEA Program of Excellence for Engineering and Technology Education Programs. We also hold local leadership sessions to build leadership within the community. These are just some of the things that bring us together as a chapter. It's not just our chapter working hard though. We receive help from our classes and teachers too. They are always hard at work to come up with ideas and plans to support us so that we do our best!

Parrish Farley



*Rothschild
Leadership Academy*

Georgia TSA Helps Finish The Fight

TSA and the American Cancer Society (ACS) go together like peas and carrots, procrastination and homework, or maybe just dedicated students and an incredible organization. Since 2004, TSA and ACS have partnered together to help fight cancer and save lives all around the country. Students help ACS by raising money or simply awareness of this cancer-fighting cause.

Georgia TSA members are known for their record topping yearly contributions to ACS, and this year should be no different. The GA TSA contribution is kicked off this year at C.O.R.E. with the annual Leukemia and Lymphoma "Light the Night Walk" where attending members will remember those lost and celebrate those fighting back against cancer. After C.O.R.E. GA TSA members have many other opportunities to give back to ACS after it has saved so many. Even after the walk is over, Georgia TSA encourages all chapters to continue to raise money and awareness of this important live-saving cause. If your chapter raises enough money, not only do you get a sense of happiness knowing you helped others, but your chapter also gets recognized at the national level. Georgia TSA truly went above and beyond last year in Washington D.C. with multiple chapters getting thanked for their contributions to ACS. Hopefully this year, many more chapters rise up to help the American Cancer Society finish the fight!



Fall/ Winter 2014-2015 Calendar of Events

February 20, 2015

DEADLINE: Registration for State Conference, Outstanding Student Applications, Achievement Awards, Tommy Pitchford Scholarship, State Officer Candidate Forms, Advisory Counsel Applications, and Posted Pre-Conference Competitive Events

February 28, 2015

State Officer Candidate Interviews

March 19-21, 2015

2015 State Leadership Conference in Athens, GA

March 25-28, 2015

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