



When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!

2018 TASC High School Annual Conference

April 14-16, 2018 | Arlington Convention Center & Sheraton Hotel

Join 5,000 StuCo leaders in Arlington as we come together to celebrate accomplishments, elect officers, and attend sessions on leadership and student council issues. The conference includes a catered meal and a night at Six Flags Theme Park as well as many exciting speakers and activities.

Keynote speakers include Houston Kraft and Mike Smith, Live. Enjoy the large group breakout with surprise guests. Every minute of the conference will be packed with activities, exhibits, assemblies, and workshops to encourage attendees to deepen their hearts. There are sessions for both advisors and students. Register NOW to ensure your school will be there.



Texas High School will ensure this 82nd TASC Annual Conference is the best ever. They are ready. Are you? THS is asking for your council to take an active role in this year's conference. See information about the Heart of Texas Drumline, StuCo's Got Talent, and the TASC attempt to break the record for the Longest Line Dance in Texas History. Click: [TASC High School Annual Conference](#)

Upcoming Deadlines:

- February 2: Deadline to file for state office
- February 12: Deadline to submit table talks for HS Annual Conference
- February 13: Deadline to submit Top Ten Projects and Top Ten Video for HS
- February 15: Deadline to submit final state officer candidate information/platform
- March 1: Deadline to file for HS Elected Advisor on the State Board
- March 15: Deadline to register for HS Annual Conference at early bird rates and get conference t-shirts
- March 15: Deadline to reserve room for HS School Annual Conference at conference rates
- March 16: Deadline to apply to be the HS Conference Coordinator for 2020
- March 16: Deadline to submit Service Pin/Retirement Information for HS
- March 20: Deadline to report award winning schools from districts



If you teach Student Leadership or conduct activities with your council, you could use the new **TASC Student Leadership Course Curriculum Supplement**. Written by leadership teachers for teachers, there are more than 100 pages of leadership lessons that meet the TEKS for the state credit class. Most can be adapted for other content areas as well. You can [order it from the TASC store for \\$28](#).

[Access the TASC Event Planner with dates for the year here.](#)

News You Can Use

Share this newsletter with your students. (Hint, it's posted on the TASC website.)

Spotlight on the TASC State Project from Claire Doan, the student representative from Texas High School, TASC HS Annual Conference Coordinator School:

Texas High School wants your school to be part of the action at the 2018 HS Annual Conference.

[Read about the Heart of Texas Drumline, StuCo's Got Talent, and the Longest Line Dance.](#)

- Hey Texas! **CharacterStrong** is coming back to Texas in March and May to work alongside you to change the culture of your school and this world. This one-day training, "Creating A Culture That Cares," is PACKED with the very best resources, strategies, tools, and inspiration to more effectively teach the young people of today. Our promise? You will go back to your role realigned with your purpose and prepared to create a community of staff and students who care about their work, their education, and each other. Tell them you are with TASC when you register! Learn more at characterstrong.com/texas
- Apply for a \$500 grant to create a service project addressing the environment, hunger, or animal welfare: The youth division of Points of Light, generationOn is excited to announce an exciting grant opportunity to help kids serve their communities. With the generous support of Warner Bros., generationOn is excited to provide \$500 grants for kids around the country to create two service projects, both addressing the issue of either the environment, hunger or animal welfare. Applications are being accepted until February 12th. Information and access to the application can be found here: <https://www.generationon.org/grants>.
- Free videos for your class about the environment: <http://takecareoftexas.org/hot-wire/environmental-videos-your-class>
- Interactive activities for your class and students about the environment <http://takecareoftexas.org/hot-wire/interactive-activities-classroom>
- Apply for mini-grants for tobacco education. <http://txsaywhat.com/mini-grant-kits>
- Learn about funds2orgs to help fund your activities. https://funds2orgs.com/how-does-this-work/?utm_source=tasspjanemail&utm_medium=email

At a [Say What! Action Summit](#), youth and adult sponsors will:

[Say What!](#) is a **TASC-endorsed program** that focuses on tobacco prevention and is part of the [Texas School Safety Center](#) at [Texas State University](#). Our program provides free regional youth leadership trainings for middle school and high school students across the state, and we are excited to announce five for this school year: Registration is free.

Mar 3 Diboll – Civic Center – Register by Feb 14 | **Apr 21 Kemah** – Boardwalk – Register by Apr 4

Apr 28 San Marcos – Rec Hall – Register by Apr 11 | [Registration is now open](#)



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Are your members following the [TASC Facebook](#) page? There are frequent postings of scholarship opportunities as well as ideas for great activities. Find information here first!



TASC is on Instagram: All you have to do is click on the Instagram App. Then you click on the star icon at the bottom.

- **Your TASC Board of Directors:** You can find names and email links to members of the TASC Board of Directors under the [About Us Tab](#) on the website. Please contact any one of them with concerns, suggestions, or items you want to see on a Board meeting agenda.
- **Press Releases:** Please remember you can find [sample press releases](#) under the resource tab on the TASC website. Share the good news about your council's achievements.
- Are you making use of the [TASC Advisors Resource Guide](#)? It is available to active members.
- Explore TASC Virtual Workshops under Events on the Website. We post all handouts and materials from conferences.
- Anyone can donate to the [TASC Scholarship Fund](#) in memory or in honor of an individual.
- Check out TASC on Snapchat.





Interactive March Calendars with writing prompts, bulletin board ideas, and more:

- <https://www.theteacherscorner.net/calendars/March.php?printable=1>
- <http://www.brownielocks.com/>



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