

TASC NewsBlast March 2018 Texas Association of Student Councils

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When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- TASC High School Annual Conference, April 14 – 16, 2018, in Arlington. [See the Texas High video here.](#)
- TASC State Steering Committee: For State Board Members, Districts President Students and Advisors, and District Coordinators: June 10 – 12 in New Braunfels. Information will be sent to those expected to attend.

2018 TASC High School Annual Conference

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

High School Annual Conference:

- If you have an administrator attending, register them as a guest.
- If you are an officer or a candidate school and have a guest, register them.
- Sign up for the Heart of Texas Drum Line
- Learn the line dance.
- Order Saturday lunch or Sunday dinner from the Sheraton by March 2.
- Order Saturday lunch or Sunday dinner from the Convention Center by March 9.
- Read about the Texas Tailgate planned for Sunday.
- Read about the Friday night preconference opportunity at Alley Cats.
- [See intent to run and platforms for candidates for state office and elected advisor to the board.](#) (Scroll down.)



Upcoming Deadlines:

- March 1: Deadline to file for HS Elected Advisor on the State Board
- March 14: #MyFreedomDay sponsored by CNN
- March 15: Deadline to register for HS Annual Conference at early bird rates and get conference t-shirts
- March 15: Deadline to reserve rooms at conference rates for the HS Annual Conference. Some may be reserved at conference rates until March 30. If you need help, call the help line with Conference Direct.
- 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
- March 30: Registration for Summer Leadership Workshop opens
- May 1: Deadline for ML Councils to submit Top Projects and Top Video Applications



See the [video about the TASC State Service](#) project created by the TASC state officer team.

[Use these resources for the State Service Project.](#) Deepen Your Heart, Texas. Reach Out Your Hand.

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.](#)

Does your campus offer the **TASSP State Credit Student Leadership Course**? Your council and your campus could benefit. State elective credit can be earned in grades 8-12. [Learn more here.](#)

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.](#)

Student Leadership Curriculum Academy for Teachers of Leadership is scheduled for August 1 and 2 in the Austin area. Registration information will be coming soon.

- Free materials for a Safety Campaign: Contact Gloria.Souhami@traviscountytx.gov for a card with under 21 laws and wishes for a safe spring break. These can be placed on windshields or distributed. Contact Gloria by March 10.
- [Lead2Feed](#) has written lessons about community service, project planning, etc. There are opportunities to earn significant cash rewards.
- Learn about funds2orgs to help fund your activities. [CLICK HERE](#)
- Watch [videos from winners with Take Care of Texas](#). All but one of them came from TASC member schools.
- Character Strong is coming back to Texas in March and April. Tell them you are with TASC when you register. Learn more at characterstrong.com/texas. Tell them you are with TASC when you register.
- April is Child Prevention Month. This is a great time to donate supplies (new socks, underwear, toiletries, sleep wear, duffel bags, etc.) to [DFPS Regions in Texas](#).
- [Life Smarts](#) is a great resource for advisories, leadership classes, etc. Take a look at their [resources](#). Several work with TASC State Reports.

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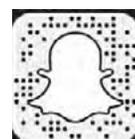
Are your members following the [TASC Facebook](#) page? There are frequent postings of scholarship opportunities as well as ideas for great activities. Find information here first!



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:** You can find sample press releases under the [Resources 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 under the [Resource tab/Advisors](#).
- 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. (Under About Us/Donate).
- Check out TASC on Snapchat.

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





Meet Texas High, HS Annual Conference Coordinator School Student, Claire Done | Advisor, Susan Waldrep

Susan Waldrep: When I was in 5th grade, my teacher told us to write about what we wanted to be when we grew up and then we had to cut out our head from a school picture and put it on a person that we drew as a visual for our future goals. I made a Texas High cheerleader costume, glued it to a paper doll, and stuck my cut-out head on the doll. I even glued pom-poms on my hands. I wrote about the greatest thing in life would be to cheer on the Tigers. I can remember the look on Mrs. Finley's face when she asked, "You want to be a high school cheerleader all of your life?" I remember answering, "Yes, I think that sounds like fun." As a student at Texas High in the mid-70's, I was living my dream as a Texas High cheerleader when

I spotted a baseball player named Roger Waldrep. Fortunately for me, he loves being a Tiger too and thinks the crazy projects and ideas we do are normal. Now I think that I really am a "too old for prime time" Tiger cheerleader as I guide my council to embrace school traditions, promote school spirit, teach line dances, and serve the community. I think Mrs. Finley would be surprised at how well my career plan worked out.

My goal as a Student Council adviser is to teach my students to think and to know how to take a project from start to finish and then give them opportunities to use their knowledge to be successful. Because I believe in Transformational Leadership, the individual council members choose whether to take the opportunities given. We have documented over 12,000 service hours as a council for each of the past five years and have documented over 10,000 documented hours each of the eight previous years, so service is a big deal at Texas High. I am extremely proud of our Student Council, both past and present, and enjoy watching their leadership progression as they discover why projects are important and how to create unity through service and spirit. My favorite aspect of being a veteran adviser is seeing what each student and each class decides to keep and use, add, revamp or discard.

How do others see us? We laugh that we are the school with a line dance for every occasion. We do put on a "StuCo Theater" each year as a fundraiser. It really is a skit, lip sync, semi-talent show so our line dance knowledge comes from these practices. We are a council that continues traditions by teaching underclassmen the importance of "why" we do what we do from Community Café to Tiger Angels to Kiss the Pig or Bacon Fry.



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

- <https://www.theteacherscorner.net/calendars/april.php>
- <http://www.brownielocks.com/>



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