



When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!



Register and reserve rooms now for the [TASC High School Annual Conference](#)

Plan now to attend the largest gathering of student council leaders in the nation. Hear keynote speakers [Bob Upgren](#) and [Keith Hawkins](#). Enjoy the large group breakout with [M3 Rock n' Talk](#). Attend special sessions for students and advisors.

State Leadership Positions Available

- There is still time to file to run for the two open positions for Elected Advisor Positions on the TASC Board of Directors! [See the website for information about filing.](#) Scroll down for Application for Board of Directors. Applications are due March 1.
- You can still apply to be the Middle Level Conference Coordinator. Applications are due March 17.
- Your vote counts. Your students can see the [Intent to Run forms and school resumes for State Office Candidates.](#) Scroll down to the bottom of the page.



Upcoming Deadlines:

- February 8 **Deadline to submit ML and HS Top Projects and Top Videos applications**
- February 10 **Deadline to submit Table Talk applications for HS Annual Conference**
- February 17 **Deadline to submit Final Candidate information and platform for HS State Office**
- March 1 **Deadline to submit Service pin/retirement information for HS**
- March 1 **Deadline to file for HS Elected position on the TASC Board of Directors (2 positions open)**
- March 16 **Deadline to reserve hotel rooms for HS Annual Conference at group rates**
- March 16 **Deadline to register for the HS Annual Conference for early bird rates and t-shirts**



[TASC Theme for 2016-17 and State Service Project](#) Be sure to explore the website for detailed information about participation in Dare to Donate! Scroll to the bottom of the letter for link to Donate Life Texas.

Watch the [TASC Video Series](#) now.



John Norlin and Houston Kraft will offer a Character Strong training in Dallas, Friday, May 12, and in Houston, Saturday, May 13. For more information or to register go to <http://www.characterstrong.com/educators>. Make sure to include the discount code "TASC" in the registration discount space. The registration fee drops from \$499 to \$349 if it is just one participant that attends or if you plan on bringing 2+ your registration price will drop from \$399 to \$299 per person. An ideal group to bring to the training would include an administrator, a leadership teacher or ASB Advisor and 1-3 additional movers and shakers in your building like a counselor, coach or other "kid magnets" in the building.



Have you explored the new [TASC website](#)? Improvements are coming daily.


Explore TASC Virtual Workshops under Events on the Website. We post all handouts and materials from conferences.

News You Can Use:

Send this on to your students. Let them investigate projects and opportunities.

- [The Population Education's World of 7 Billion student video contest](#) is open to all HS and ML students. The deadline for submissions is February 23, 2017. Participating teachers can receive free curriculum resources, and student winners receive cash prizes. Entering would be an E&E project.
- Your students could win a Samsung tablet or laptop! [Enter the Take Care of Texas Art Contest!](#)
- [February is Human Rights and Equality Month for Generation On](#). See their site for project ideas.
- Apply to take a team to the [Texas School Safety Center's Youth Preparedness Camp](#).
- Apply for a [mini grant](#) (\$500) for your spring tobacco prevention projects.
- Find curriculum that covers [The Power of Education, The Effects of Extreme Poverty, Cultural Understanding, and Global Citizen which involving your students in the National Day of Service, One Penny at a Time](#).
- Here are ideas, opportunities, and resources from [Dude. Be nice](#). Sign up and download the brand new DUDE. be nice Week Guide and watch a helpful planning video right [HERE](#). Get inspired and check out the latest DUDE. be nice Project [HERE](#). WARNING: you may need tissues. *There are several days available for a visit to help introduce DUDE. be nice to your schools this winter and spring - please email jamie@dudebenice.com if you'd like info.*
- 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 [Advisors Resource Guide](#) on the website? Find all kinds of information and resources there. It is available to active members.
- Anyone can donate to the [TASC Scholarship Fund](#) in memory or in honor of an individual.
- Interactive February Calendars with writing prompts, bulletin board ideas, and more: <https://www.theteacherscorner.net/calendars/February.php> <http://www.brownielocks.com/>

 **Follow us on Twitter:** TASC_StuCo  Are your members following the [TASC Facebook](#) page? There are frequent postings of scholarship opportunities as well as ideas for great activities.

 **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.

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 [Advisors Page](#) on the website? Find all kinds of information and resources there. It is available to active members.

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- **Download the Texas Association of Student Councils Mobile App! Search your app store for it!**



TASC: Building a better world - one student, one council, one school at a time
Share this newsletter with your students!

Explore FREE Youth Leadership Training from Say What!

Need help getting your students involved? Looking for an easy way for them to step up and make a difference? Do you believe in the power of service learning? We're here to help!

Say What! Action Summits

What to expect at a *Say What! Action Summit*:

- Learn about tobacco prevention
- Discover easy ways to make a difference
- Experience peer-led education and team building
- Service learning opportunity PLUS 3 hours of community service
- Free food, free t-shirt and FUN!!!



Registration is now open, so we hope to see you soon as we #ActivateChange across the state of Texas! Join us as we strive to help youth and adults everywhere Stand Up, Speak Up, and Be Tobacco-Free!

Feb 4	Wichita Falls - MPEC	Register by Jan 18
Feb 18	McAllen - Convention Center	Register by Feb 1
Feb 25	Odessa - Hilton Garden Inn	Register by Feb 8
Apr 1	Henderson - Civic Center	Register by Mar 8
Apr 8	Corpus Christi - Holiday Inn Downtown Marina	Register by Mar 22
May 13	Kemah - Boardwalk	Register by Apr 26

Questions?
Email TxSayWhat@txstate.edu or call us at the Texas School Safety Center at 877.304.2727

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