



When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!

Upcoming Events:

- **ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS!** Join nationally recognized student leadership trainer and speaker, **Scott Backovich** for a weekend that will leave you and your students refreshed, motivated, and ready for a successful spring semester!

[Advanced Leadership Workshop at Lakeview](#), January 19 – 21

[Advanced Leadership Workshop at Mo Ranch](#), February 9 – 11

ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS DETAILS

- [TASC High School Annual Conference](#), April 14 – 16, 2018, in Arlington. [See the Texas High video here.](#)



The 2018 TASC High School Annual Conference dates have been changed to April 14-16, 2018. (Due to TEA's changing English I and II STAAR test dates.)

- 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.
- 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.](#)

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

Upcoming Deadlines:

- January 11: [National Human Trafficking Awareness Day](#) | [Wear Blue Day](#)
- January 22: Deadline to register for Advanced Leadership Workshop at Mo Ranch
- January 30: Deadline to submit application for \$1,000 council scholarships from TASSP
- 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



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.](#)

Texas! **CharacterStrong** is coming back to Houston on February 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.

What is Included:

- Dedicated time to yourself or with a team to focus on serving your students and your school with profound purpose and through data-driven resources.
 - In-depth training on a servant-leadership model used successfully in schools and Fortune 500 companies globally.
 - Instructional techniques on how to build a sustaining character and connection-focused classroom.
 - A variety of plans on how to effectively weave SEL and character ed into your school through advisory/homeroom, student leadership, and staff development.
 - Numerous resources, classroom management tools, and experiential learning activities that intentionally connect the servant-leadership model and key leadership principles taught in the CharacterStrong Curricula.
 - For those using or purchasing the Leadership or Advisory curriculums - a walkthrough of the lesson plans and how to teach them effectively.
 - A workbook that includes reference materials, lessons, and notes.
 - Lunch and snacks.
 - Learn more at characterstrong.com/texas
- Do you know a deserving student athlete who is a strong student and involved in community service? Nominate him/her for Award for Excellence program. <http://www.profootballhof.com/award-for-excellence/>
 - High school juniors and seniors can apply for the [Bank of America Student Leaders](#) program, an eight-week paid internship at a local nonprofit organization where they will learn first-hand about the needs of their community and the critical role nonprofits play. [Learn more and apply by Feb. 2.](#)



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. 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.
- Download the new Texas Association of Student Councils Mobile App! Search for TASC 2017
- Check out TASC on Snapchat.



Perfect DASH Training PLUS Community Service Hours!

- Looking for new project ideas for your DASH committee?
- Want to energize your student council to get them excited to make a difference and make it easier to earn Outstanding Student Council recognition?
- Do they need community service hours? We're here to help!

Say What! Action Summits

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

- Learn about tobacco prevention
- Experience peer-led education and team building
- Discover easy ways to make a difference
- Participate in a local service learning opportunity and get 3 hours of community service
- Receive free food, a free t-shirt and have FUN!!!

[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 all across the state, and we are excited to announce five for this school year:

- Feb 10 Wichita Falls – MPEC – Register by Jan 24
- Feb 18 McAllen – Cambria Hotel – Register by Jan 31
- 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, and remember that your student council can receive 15 points per program on the TASC Outstanding Student Council Report Form and more by using Say What! resources! We hope to see you soon as we help you #LiveTheLife #TobaccoFree and #ActivateChange across the state of Texas!

- Project Heart guides you and your students through activities and exercises that teach philanthropy. [It is FREE and available in a curriculum for middle and high school.](#)
- Check out this [interactive tool \(energy and environment\) from Take Care of Texas](#)
- Join Snowball Express's "[Message from America](#)" campaign. Show the children and families of our fallen military heroes that they are not forgotten.
- Access [Sallie Mae's Plan for College](#). Student leaders will benefit from this and could win \$1,000 for college.



[Nominate](#) your outstanding 4th-8th graders for summer 2018 [Lone Star Leadership Academy camps!](#)

Participants travel to the Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin/San Antonio, or Houston/Galveston area to join delegations of other distinguished students from across Texas for a week of fun, learning, leadership development, and visits to significant Texas destinations. Each day participants explore notable Texas sites, learn about unique careers from professionals, and work in small groups to develop specific leadership skills. In addition to improving their leadership abilities, participants gain self-confidence and independence and develop new friendships with other high-achieving students from across the state. Nominees must be in 4th-8th grade, maintain an 85 or higher average, demonstrate leadership ability, and be involved in school/ community activities.

Nominate your outstanding 4th-8th graders online at: www.educationinaction.org/nominate-leaders

Nomination Deadline: Friday, February 2, 2018



February

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

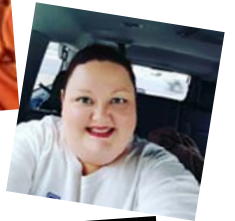
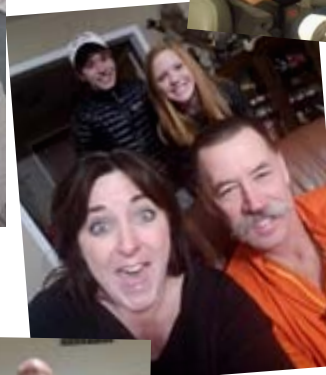
<https://www.theteacherscorner.net/calendars/february.php>

<http://www.brownielocks.com/>

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