



## When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!

**NOTE: TASC HAS UPDATED THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM, AND THE OFFICE EXTENSIONS HAVE CHANGED.**

If you have questions about TASC, please call Terry Hamm: 512-443-2100 ext. 8517.

For registration or membership questions, call Lori De Leon: 512-443-2100 ext. 8520.

### Upcoming Events:

- TASC Advisors Workshop:** Plan now to attend Sunday, September 24, and Monday, September 25, at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in San Marcos. See nationally known Dr. Tim Elmore discuss *Marching Off the Map*. Travel as a leadership team with your honor society advisor. Make this your start to a great year. *If your school of home was flooded/damaged by the hurricane, use #HarveyHurts for free registration.*
- TASC Middle Level Annual Conference:** Hear motivational speaker Stu Cabe; experience mini leadership workshops, and learn from your peers. This event is open to student council and NJHS. Your students will have a great time with this introduction to TASC leadership.
- TASC Service Learning Trip to the Dominican Republic Summer 2018:** Please share this opportunity with your high school students.



**DATE CHANGE:** 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.)

### Upcoming Deadlines:

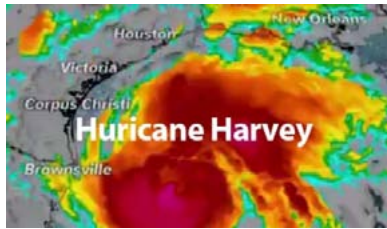
- Sept. 12: Deadline to reserve rooms at Early Bird rate for Advisors Workshop (extended)
- Sept. 12: Deadline for registration for Advisors Workshop at Early Bird rates (includes lunch)
- Sept. 24-25: Advisors Workshop at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center, San Marcos
- Sept. 26: Deadline to submit Warren E. Shull National Advisor of the Year nominations
- Oct. 11: Deadline to submit Discussion Group topics for ML Annual Conference
- Oct. 12: Deadline to file for Middle Level Elected Advisor to the Board
- Oct. 12: Deadline to apply to Coordinate the 2018 ML Annual Conference
- Oct. 24: Deadline to reserve room for the ML Annual Conference at early bird rates
- Oct. 24: Deadline to register for ML Annual Conference at Early Bird rates



## Congratulations, TASC!

You earned the Ardis Kyker National Service Project of the Year Award for Dare to Donate!

See the [TASC website](#) for information about asking for and giving help for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey.



## News You Can Use

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

### Fund Raisers for Harvey Help:

- See the t-shirt sales fund raiser above at [www.tasconline.org](http://www.tasconline.org). Shirts must be ordered by September 15.
- Please see the [registration copy](#) for October's **Marathon in a Month**. All registrations/donations raised between August 15 and October 31 will go to school districts struck by Harvey.

### Project Ideas:

- What do those lines (colors and patterns) on the road mean? [August Toilet Tabloid](#)
- See the TASC website PROJECTS tab for information on the [State Service Project](#).

### Share this with your students:

- Access [Sallie Mae's Plan for College](#). Student leaders will benefit from this and could win \$1,000 for college.
- Enter the [\\$1,000 video scholarship contest](#) with GenCure and Tissue Donation Awareness. (Open to juniors and seniors in specific South Texas counties)

### Just for You:

- [New Educator Email List from Take Care of Texas](#). Sign up for emails with lesson plans, projects, etc. tailored just for you.
- [Project Heart Curriculum](#) available free to educators.
- Explore the [Drive Smart Digital Short Contest](#).
- The [Take Care of Texas Video Contest](#) launches September 5.

### Host a Community Conversation about Mental Health at Your School:

- One in five Americans will experience a mental health issue during their lifetime. These issues often start early, with 50 percent by age 14 and 75 percent by age 24. The good news is that recovery is possible. Student council leaders can make a difference in their school communities by bringing students together to talk about mental health and substance use. Over the past year, student council advisors and officers from several Texas Association of Student Councils member schools – including Boswell High School and Anahuac High School – have worked with the Speak Your Mind Texas campaign to host Community Conversations.
- Benefits of hosting a Community Conversation include:
  - Offers valuable leadership opportunities to student leaders
  - Addresses an important health issue.
  - Brings students and staff together as a community.
  - Provides a forum for open discussion.
  - Reduces negative perceptions around mental health.
  - Helps students recognize warning signs and know how to help a friend in need.
  - Encourages teens to speak up if they or someone they know needs help
- The Speak Your Mind Texas campaign offers downloadable resources including a planning guide, customizable agenda template, powerful testimonial videos and more. In addition, posters and brochures in both English and Spanish may be ordered free of charge.
- Visit [SpeakYourMindTexas.org](http://SpeakYourMindTexas.org) and access the Events and Materials tabs to get started planning your school's Community Conversation!



## Meet Your State President Team:

Katie Keyes is a chemistry teacher and student council advisor. Boswell High School. Boswell is the District III Parliamentarian, and Katie is the District III Coordinator. She has been a Summer Leadership Workshop Consultant since 2006. Ms. Keyes was the State Advisor of the Year in 2011 and the Warren E. Schull Region 8 Advisor of the Year in 2012. As advisor at her previous school, Ms. Keyes and her students coordinated the Annual Conference in 2015 with a theme of Come One, Come All.

Outside of school, Katie is actively involved in her church. In her free time, Ms. Keyes is an avid movie watcher and loves sharing her reviews of movies on social media.

Collin Guilbeau is a senior at Boswell High School. In addition to serving as Boswell's representative for State President, Collin is the District III Parliamentarian representative and is currently the Student Council President. He runs track and Cross Country, started a Boys Volleyball Club at his school, and has been the soccer team manager. Collin is a member of the Fish Heads (a freshmen mentor program), and part of Blue Crew (a spirit leader organization). After high school, Collin dreams of studying hard to be a doctor at Rice University, Baylor University, or Texas Tech University in order to fulfill his passion of helping others.



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

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



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**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 your app store for TASC 2017



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