



TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS  
2017 MIDDLE LEVEL STATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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November 10 - 11, 2017 • San Marcos, TX**

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TASC extends a special thank you to Kountze Middle School, our 2017 Middle Level Annual Conference Coordinator and its advisor, Inez Estep.

# Welcome to the 2017 Conference

Welcome to the Texas Association of Student Councils Middle Level State Annual Conference. The TASC Board of Directors is delighted you have chosen to join hundreds of other student council and honor society student leaders for a weekend of learning, sharing, and fun! Please take advantage of the opportunities to hear exceptional general session speakers and attend discussion groups presented by senior high and middle level student leaders as well as several of our Endorsed Program partners. Terrific ideas and strategies will be presented at this conference to help you make your school and community a better place.

The TASC State Service Project is *Deepen Your Heart. Reach Out Your Hand*. The state officer team challenges you to address the world-wide tragedy of human trafficking. Human trafficking is real. Human trafficking is relevant. Human trafficking is resolvable. Human trafficking includes labor trafficking, organ trafficking and sex trafficking. It happens across the world and right here in Texas. It most often begins with the most vulnerable, the children. Let's join together in the battle to end modern day slavery.

The TASC Board of Directors encourages all delegations to demonstrate proper decorum during all general sessions and speaker presentations. Allow these guests to witness the quality of our organizations and members by refraining from talking and moving about during all sessions. Please continue to model excellence by following the TASC dress code.

## Hotel Policies

We are pleased to host the conference at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center. As guests of the hotel, it is imperative that we follow their security policy, which includes a 12:00 midnight curfew. In addition, it is important to meet their check out deadline. Advisors are responsible for the behavior of their delegates at all times.

## Advisor Meetings

One advisor from each registered school should attend a meeting scheduled Friday from 6:25p to 7:05p in Veramendi C/D to discuss advisor assignments and hotel policies. There will be an optional meeting for new advisors during the first part of the dance/movie as well as scheduled sessions Saturday. The TASC Advisors Business Meeting during which service pins will be distributed is scheduled on Saturday from 12:40p-1:30p in Spring Lake C. See page 16 for additional information on Advisor Meetings.

## Dance/Movie

The dance Friday night will be held in Spring Lake from 9:10p-11:30p. A movie will be shown during that time as well in Veramendi C/D. Music will be provided by All World Entertainment (Clarence Ford, Hodges Bend M.S. Contact 609-876-3855).

## TASC Dress Code

- Jeans/pants and t-shirts are highly encouraged as the primary dress.
  - Shorts are NOT permitted at TASC conferences or workshops held during the school year.
  - Skirts/dresses are permitted at all events but must be no shorter than three inches above the TOP of the kneecap.
  - All tops and dresses must have sleeves for all TASC events.
  - Caps or hats are not to be worn when inside a building.
  - This dress code may be modified for performers at TASC events. Costumes must be approved by a conference committee.
  - This dress code may be modified for specific events; attendees will be notified by the assigned TASC designee.
  - TASC/TASC Districts retain the right to enforce a specified dress code for events outside the TASC state calendar.
- (Policy adopted August 2015)

# Schedule for Friday, November 10

TASC Board Meeting..... 11:00a - 3:00p

Registration/Bookstore - Ballroom Foyer ..... 3:30p - 7:30p

Advisor Meeting - Veramendi C/D..... 6:25p - 7:05p

*At least one advisor from each school in attendance is required to attend the Advisor Meeting.*

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## Opening General Session - Veramendi E/F .....7:30p - 9:00p

Call to order..... Collin Guilbeau, TASC State President

Welcome..... Mylea Estepp, Kountze Middle School President

Invocation..... Seth Anders, Kountze Middle School

Pledge to the Flags ..... Reese Turner and Parker Martinka, Kountze Middle School

Welcome..... Archie E. McAfee, TASSP Executive Director

Presenting the 2017 TASC Eddie G. Bull State

Middle Level Advisor of the Year Nominees..... Carrie Jackson, TASSP President  
and Principal, Timberview Middle School



### Keynote Speaker: **Stu Cabe**

Stu is the CEO and founder of The Ovation company and a specialist in cultivating positive interactions and promoting improved school climate. A professional presenter and trainer, Stu has also been a professional actor for over 20 years. Stu has one simple message for all of us: "Be nice."

[www.ovationcompany.com](http://www.ovationcompany.com)

Adjournment ..... Collin Guilbeau, TASC State President

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Dance - Spring Lake Room ..... 9:10p - 11:30p

Movie: *Hidden Figures* - Veramendi C/D ..... 9:30p - 11:30p

*(All advisors are asked to chaperone during the dance and the movie.  
Students may not leave the area prior to 11:30p without an advisor.)*

Advisor Hospitality - Veramendi B..... 9:20p - 11:15p

Optional New Advisor Meeting - Chautauqua A ..... 9:40p - 10:15p

*The conference evaluation can be accessed on the TASC website, and it will be emailed to you following the conference. Please take a few minutes to provide your feedback.*

# Schedule for Saturday, November 11

Registration - Ballroom Foyer .....	8:00a - 9:00a
Bookstore/Exhibits/T Shirt Store - Ballroom Foyer.....	8:00a - 2:30p

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**Second General Session - Veramendi E/F .....** **8:55a - 9:30a**  
*Learn Like a Leader* with Terry Hamm and TASC State Officers

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Discussion Groups (pages 6-14) .....	9:45a - 11:05a
Session 1.....	9:45a - 10:05a
Session 2.....	10:15a - 10:35a
Session 3.....	10:45a - 11:05a
Advisor Meetings (page 16)	
Lunch on your own.....	11:05a - 12:35p
Concurrent Sessions (page 15) .....	12:40p - 2:20p
Session 4.....	12:40p - 1:25p
Session 5.....	1:35p - 2:20p

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**Final General Session - Veramendi E/F .....** **2:30p - 4:00p**

Call to order.....	Collin Guilbeau, TASC State President
Recognition of Top Project Awards	
Ed Irons Middle School   Patti Welder Middle School   Sacred Heart Catholic School	
Recognition of Top Video Awards	
Ed Irons Middle School   Kirby Middle School   Lake Travis Middle School	
Thank you from the Conference Host School .....	Sarah Whittle, Kountze Middle School

## Motivational Media

This year TASC asks you to Deepen Your Heart, and Motivational Media’s Live Out Loud echoes that thought. Young people need to reach deep in their hearts and rise above the norm. A half-way, semi-committed effort won’t do. They need an all in, no holding back effort to succeed. It’s time to LIVE OUT LOUD!

- Live like a hero. Embrace the challenges in life to be your best. Take charge!
- Push all the way through a trial to get stronger. Everyone’s life has challenges and errors. Get stronger through perseverance.
- Make good decisions. Find deep in your heart the will to choose wisely, guide others, and accept the responsibility of positive leadership.
- Build your team. Express yourself; raise your voice; get involved; and make a difference.
- Make progress, not excuses. Get up and get moving. Reach for the starts.

Our daily choice is to be a spectator or a participant. Get out there and LIVE OUT LOUD!  
[www.motivationalmedia.org](http://www.motivationalmedia.org) 800-248-6040 Email Piper Kroth [pkroth@motivationalmedia.org](mailto:pkroth@motivationalmedia.org) or Kristi Sheldon [ksheldon@motivationalmedia.org](mailto:ksheldon@motivationalmedia.org)

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# SATURDAY DISCUSSION GROUPS

Session 1 9:45a - 10:05a • Session 2 10:15a - 10:35a • Session 3 10:45a - 11:05a

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**For StuCo: DASH (Health and Safety)**

How can you help your students say no to drugs and alcohol? How can you help your school stay safe and make healthy decisions? How can you make sure your council receives the DASH Award this year? Come listen and participate in this breakout from your State President, Boswell High School!

**Crafty Creations and Staff Appreciation .....Veramendi B  
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**For StuCo: Outstanding Student Council**  
 Let's take a look at how your councils earn Outstanding Student Council recognition and get a Top Video Award.
- **Pinterest-Worthy Recycling Projects..... San Marcos River A**  
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 Get fundraising tips that can help your student organization raise money.
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Help members of your organization "Deepen their Hearts" by working with your local shelter to create bags of love. Come ready to learn about what our council does in the community and complete community service projects for the homeless. Be ready to create Bags of Love in our session.

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Carroll Senior High School, Sarah Millhorn, Advisor, [sarah.millhorn@southlakecarroll.edu](mailto:sarah.millhorn@southlakecarroll.edu)

**For StuCo: Pride and Patriotism**

Learn how to double down on Pride and Patriotism projects by adding components that can count for other state report forms. We will include a tutorial on the new and improved report form, tips for success on P&P projects, and a chance to share which projects work best on your campus!

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# Groups At-A-Glance

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**For Both StuCo and Honor Society: Pride and Patriotism, Student Leadership**

Take one if it means something to you as a reminder or to share with a friend who needs some inspiration. It's all about kindness right? We all can benefit from The Kindness Rocks Project. Students will decorate rocks with an inspirational message and place it where someone can find it, and, hopefully, that person will create their own rock to leave for someone else. #TheKindnessRocksProject

**Crafty Creations and Staff Appreciation** .....**Veramendi B**  
**Central High School, Lianna Gantz, Advisor, Lianna.Gantz@kellerisd.net**

**For Both StuCo and Honor Society: Budgeting and Planning**

Learn how to be creative on a budget! Get creative with your ideas as well as with your budget. Reuse what you have; find design plans you can implement; share ideas with others, and have fun. Learn how to make your vision a reality.

**Put Your Heart Into Action** .....**Veramendi C**  
**Texas High School, Susan Waldrep, Advisor, waldreps@txkisd.net**

**For Both StuCo and Honor Society: Community Service**

You will receive information about the TASC Community Service report, ideas for the state service project, and ideas on how to put your heart into action with planned service activities to meet the needs at your school and in your community. This is good for any student organization.

**Be Outstanding in Energy and Environment ..... Chautauqua A**  
**Byron Nelson High School, Tammy McClure, Advisor, TMcClure@nisdtx.org**  
**For StuCo: Energy and Environment**

Learn how your council can be recognized for an outstanding Energy and Environment Program and have fun at the same time. (There are prizes.)

**Bags of Love.....Chautauqua B**  
**Lake Dallas Middle School, John Fabro Advisor, jfabro@ldisd.net**  
**For Both StuCo and Honor Society: Community Service**

Help members of your organization “Deepen their Hearts” by working with your local shelter to create bags of love. Come ready to learn about what our council does in the community and complete community service projects for the homeless. Be ready to create Bags of Love in our session.

**Pinterest-Worthy Recycling Projects..... San Marcos River A**  
**Ed Irons Middle School, Lisa Gilbert, Advisor, lgilbert@lubbockisd.org**  
**For Both StuCo and Honor Society: Energy and Environment, Pride and Patriotism, Staff Appreciation**

Check us out to learn about awesome recycling projects you can make for teacher and staff appreciation.

**Getting Your StuCo Ducks in a Row.....San Marcos River B**  
**Bel Air High School, Sylvia McMinn, Advisor, smcminn@yisd.net**  
**For Both StuCo and Honor Society: Organization and Student Leadership**

If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Learn a few organizational and planning tricks to implement with your organization to ensure a smooth and successful year! We will give away supply kits to a few lucky attendees!

**Buy a Plug. Get a Hug ..... Veramendi G**  
**Kountze Middle School, Inez Estep, Advisor, iestep@kountzeisd.org**  
**For Both StuCo and Honor Society: Fundraising**

Get fundraising tips that can help your student organization raise money.

**Recycling to Beautify! ..... Veramendi H**  
**Eastlake High School, Kelley Akins, Advisor, kakins@sisd.net**  
**For Both StuCo and Honor Society: Energy and Environment**

Learn how to use common, everyday recycled items to decorate your school dances, upcycle items for bird feeders, and beautify your campus overall! We will show you how we’ve done it at our campus, give you tips to take it back to your school, and show off examples to put it in perspective!

**Big Red Giving Day!.....Veramendi I**  
**Bel Air High School, Sylvia McMinn, Advisor, smcminn@yisd.net**  
**For Both StuCo and Honor Society: Community Service**

Find out how you can donate to 20+ organizations in one day! Make maximum impact without overwhelming your group. It can be done!

**Staff Appreciation and So Much More..... Veramendi J**  
**Spring Forest Middle School, Terri Cyphers, Advisor, terri.cyphers@springbranchisd.com**  
**For Both StuCo and Honor Society: Staff Appreciation**

Teacher Appreciation is an essential part of your school climate. Take home some examples of easy projects, plus see other projects that can fit multiple categories for report forms!



# Concurrent Sessions

**Session 4 • 12:40p - 1:25p** - Sessions repeat - Choose one for each session

**Session 5 • 1:35p - 2:20p** - Sessions repeat - Choose one for each session

**Moving up While Getting Down..... Spring Lake A & B TASC State Officers**

Hey, StuCo, do you know the Standing O? Can you sing the Announcement Song? Are you ready to Wigalo? Meet, greet, and learn StuCo traditions in this active participation session with the TASC State Officers. NJHS - Join us for lots of fun.

**The Power of Play..... Veramendi C & D**



**Lisa Gilbert, technology teacher and StuCo advisor at Ed Irons MS, is a TASC Leadership Consultant, 2013 ML Advisor of the Year, a TASC Board member, and the 2018 TASC nominee for the ML National Advisor of the Year**

Join us to learn some great activities to create a positive, fun, and engaging atmosphere for your group. You will learn how to conduct activities to help your group relax, get motivated, and think outside the box!

**Practice Puzzling Problem Solving.....Veramendi G & H**



**Courtney Goldberg, Student Activities Director and StuCo advisor at Episcopal High School is a TASC Leadership Consultant, TASC Board Member, and the 2017 TASC nominee for the Earl Reum Award.**

In this interactive session, students will work together to practice problem solving techniques in fun, energetic, and mobile ways. Students will work with others to accomplish a common goal.

**It Takes Teamwork..... Veramendi I & J**



**JJ Stroud, language arts teacher and StuCo advisor at Brooks Wester Middle School is a TASC Leadership Consultant, president advisor of TASC District 3, and a former Middle Level State Advisor of the Year.**

One of the most powerful reasons for team building is to get results. Through a series of planned team bonding events that are fun and motivational, students will learn to build skills like communication, planning, problem-solving and conflict resolution.

**Process the Experience**

*Use the “Now What?” sheet included in the Advisor’s packet to process and extend the learning that took place this weekend.*

*Have your students plan their “elevator speeches” and thank you’s for their return to school.*

# **Eddie G. Bull Middle Level State Advisor of the Year Nominees:**

**District 3: John Fabro, Lake Dallas Middle School**

**District 5: Tonja Evans, Atkins Middle School**

**District 14: Lisa Steiner, Iago Junior High**

**District 16: Melissa Maldonado, DeZavala Middle School**

**District 18: Stephanie Berryman, Church Hill Middle School**

**District 4/19: Jasmine Johnson, Marshall Middle School**

**District 7/13: Michele Jackson, Dean Middle School**

*Congratulations to all!*

## **Plan Ahead:**

### **Leadership Workshops Open to Middle Level Student Councils and NJHS**

Austin College, Sherman  
June 25-29 (Mon-Fri) with Vicki Long

Trinity University, San Antonio  
July 24-28 (Tue-Sat) with Terri Cyphers

Day Workshop - Spring Forest MS, Houston  
Oct. 8 (Mon) with Terri Cyphers

Advisors attend with their students, and training is provided for both students and advisors. This is the BEST investment you can make to create strong teams and build leadership skills in your student members. Registration costs will be posted on the TASC website in February. Registration opens March 30.

# Advisor Schedule

**Fri. 6:25p - 7:05p | ADVISOR MEETING: All Required to Attend.....Veramendi C/D Terry Hamm, TASC Director |** At least one advisor from each of the registered schools must attend this meeting regarding advisor assignments and student expectations. All adults are invited.

**Fri. 9:20p - 11:15p & 3:30p - 7:30p | ADVISOR HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN...Veramendi B**

**Fri. 9:40p - 10:15p | NEW ADVISOR MEETING - OPTIONAL ..... Chautauqua A Lisa Gilbert, Ed Irons Middle School |** Is every page in your notepad covered, your brain spinning, and you still have questions about this conference and your council or chapter? Attend this session led by an experienced middle level student council advisor who will guide you toward a smoother conference and a better year.

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**Sat. 7:30a - 8:50a | PLAN THE DAY .....Breakfast and home school meetings**  
*Make session assignments for the day, make arrangements to meet for lunch*

**Sat. 8:45a - 11:05a | SATURDAY MORNING ADVISOR HOSPITALITY ..... Spring Lake C**

**Sat. 9:40a - 10:15a | YOU GOT THIS..... Spring Lake C Clarence Ford, Hodges Bend Middle School and JJ Stroud, Brooks Wester Middle School |** Join these experienced advisors who will guide you on your journey to have a successful organization. Whether it is student council or honor society, you need to be organized, build student ownership, have great communication, provide opportunities for growth, and partner with other student leadership groups in order to be successful.

**Sat. 10:25a - 11:05a | ADVISOR SESSION WITH STU CABE ..... Spring Lake C**  
Join Stu to learn the basics of 4 Word Momentum. Advisors can provide students with new perspectives on what school life can look like while also promoting ways for students to better communicate with one another. Use the 4 Word Momentum Themes of COURAGE, SAFETY, VALUE, and KINDNESS as building blocks to help middle level students make life-long, positive choices.

**Sat. 11:05a - 12:35p | LUNCH..... On your own**

**Sat. 12:40p - 2:20p | SATURDAY AFTERNOON ADVISOR HOSPITALITY ..... Spring Lake C**

**Sat. 12:40p - 1:30p | TASC ADVISORS MEETING..... Spring Lake C Terry Hamm, TASC Director |** Please attend for an overview of the state of the association as well as advisor recognition.

**Sat. 12:40p - 1:30p | NJHS OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK ..... Chautauqua A Terri Cyphers and Patricia Suess, Spring Forest Middle School |** Terri and Patricia have a strong partnership at Spring Forest MS. Terri can share opportunities for NJHS through TASC, and they can both tell you how they are more successful by working together. Patricia will facilitate a sharing session for NJHS. You are welcome to attend the 35 Ideas in 40 minutes at 1:40 or continue your networking session.

**Sat. 1:40p - 2:20p | 35 IDEAS IN 40 MINUTES..... Spring Lake C Amando Cantu, Patti Welder MS; John Fabro, Lake Dallas MS; Kimberly Hall, Friendswood Junior High; Jaime Burke Hicks, UT Tyler Innovation Academy; Terri Cyphers, Spring Forest MS |** Get ready to listen and learn! Tommy Calais from St. Agnes Academy will facilitate a terrific session in which you will hear successful advisors share a new idea every 60 seconds. Ideas will include, but may not be limited to: council organization (elections, meeting planning, etc.), fund raising and budgeting, pride and patriotism ideas, energy and environment ideas, DASH ideas, state service project ideas, and how to accomplish great things without losing your mind.





# Exhibitors

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The #1 Cause of Teenager Deaths in the USA is Car Accidents. Nickel from Nicole is a teenage safe driving awareness campaign - Saving Lives One Nickel at a Time!

### Say What! / Texas School Safety Center

[www.txstate.edu](http://www.txstate.edu) | Kathleen Bates | [txsaywhat@txstate.edu](mailto:txsaywhat@txstate.edu) | 512.245.8082

Say What! stands for Students, Adults and Youth Working Hard Against Tobacco! and was created by Texas youth to connect anyone working towards reducing tobacco use throughout the Lone Star State to people, resources, and trainings that enable them to make a positive difference in their homes, schools and communities!

### Special Olympics Texas- Unified Champion Schools

[www.sotx.org](http://www.sotx.org) | Alice Keller | [akeller@sotx.org](mailto:akeller@sotx.org) | 512-491-2951

Unified Champion Schools is a strategy to activate youth, engage educators, and promote school communities of acceptance and inclusion where all young people are agents of change. Students with and without intellectual disabilities work together to lead and plan advocacy, awareness, and other Special Olympics and related inclusive activities.

### Successful Promotions Service and Fundraising

Jerry Jost | [jerrywjost@gmail.com](mailto:jerrywjost@gmail.com) | 214-458-2075

Spirit and fundraising ideas.

### Take Care of Texas-TCEQ

[www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov) | Dennise Braeutigam | [dennise.braeutigam@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:dennise.braeutigam@tceq.texas.gov) | 512-239-0598

Take Care of Texas is a statewide campaign from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that provides helpful information on Texas' successes in environmental protection and encourages all Texans to help keep our air and water clean, conserve water and energy, reduce waste, and save a little money in the process!

### YUDA Bands

[www.yudabands.org](http://www.yudabands.org) | Brent Whiting | [brent@yudabands.org](mailto:brent@yudabands.org) | 801-669-4859

Handmade Yuda Bands are sold as a service project in US schools to build scholarship funds for youth in developing nations who cannot afford a basic high school education.

## Students and Advisors:

Don't forget to visit the exhibitors and have them stamp your

## EXHIBITS PASSPORT CARD

Turn it in at the bookstore by 11:30a Saturday for a chance to win a door prize! **We will text winners.** If you do not have a phone, check by the booth after lunch to see posted winners and pick up your prize.



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Thank you from deep in our hearts.

# Conference Schedule

## Friday, November 10

- 3:30p - 7:30p Registration/TASC Bookstore
- 6:25p - 7:05p Advisors' Meeting - Veramendi C/D
- 7:30p - 9:00p Opening General Session - Veramendi E/F
- 9:10p - 11:30p Dance or Movie

See page 16 for  
Advisor Schedule

## Saturday, November 11

- 8:00a - 2:30p Registration/Bookstore for Advisors & Students
- 8:55a - 9:30a 2nd General Session - Veramendi E/F
- 9:45a - 11:05a 3 Breakout Sessions/Advisor Meetings
- 11:05a - 12:35p Lunch (on your own)
- 12:40p - 2:20p 2 Concurrent Sessions/Advisor Meetings
- 2:30p - 4:00p Final General Session - Veramendi E/F

