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COUNCIL & SOCIETY
ADVISOR
WORKSHOP

SEPT. 15-16, 2025
HILTON AUSTIN AIRPORT

Welcome

Welcome to the 2025 Texas Student Council and Honor Society Advisor Workshop sponsored by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) and Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC). Student Council and Honor Society complement and support each other at the campus level, as well as share many common student members. Therefore, this workshop is designed to provide training experiences in areas that are specific to each and common to both sets of advisors.

TASSP/TASC is excited and proud to host this event and welcome exemplary educators to Austin for a weekend of motivation, inspiration and education. The program was carefully designed to offer a dynamic combination of peer and professional presenters who will be a great resource for student council and honor society advisors in Texas.

TASSP/TASC staff is here to help you make the most of your workshop experience. If you need anything, don't hesitate to ask. Partner organizations and exhibitors that support the goals and purposes of these student groups are also in attendance to distribute information, and the TASC student leadership store is stocked with great materials available for purchase. The bookstore will be open on Monday (8:00a - 3:30p) and Tuesday (8:30a - 11:00a).

The TASSP motto is "Above All, Students First." We believe that when student councils and honor societies collaborate effectively on campus and when advisors receive meaningful training, students are best served in Texas schools. It is our hope that this workshop will provide you with the experiences necessary to lead these exemplary students in your schools. Best wishes for a great workshop.



Dr. Billy Pringle
TASSP/TASC Executive Director



Patty Wangler
TASC Director



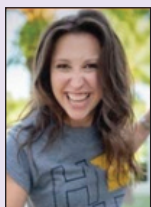
Workshop Schedule

Monday, September 15

REGISTRATION | Bergstrom Ballroom Pre-function.....8:00a - 3:30p

EXHIBITS AND LEADERSHIP STORE | Bergstrom Ballroom Pre-function....8:00a - 3:30p

OPENING GENERAL SESSION | Bergstrom Ballroom9:00a - 10:15a



KATE GARNES - Teachers give everything: time, energy, heart. But in the rush of deadlines, grading, and student needs, one essential truth gets overlooked: the kindest thing you can do for your students is to take care of yourself. Kate is giving you a permission slip to pause. To breathe. To put self-care back on your priority list, not as an indulgence, but as the foundation for effective teaching and meaningful leadership. Self-care isn't selfish, it's necessary. When teachers are grounded, rested, and joyful, students thrive in that same energy. This interactive keynote shares practical, uplifting strategies for weaving rest, joy, and resilience into daily life. Educators will walk away with simple, sustainable practices to protect their well-being and model healthy leadership for their students. Because when we show up whole, we give our students the best gift of all: an example of how to thrive.

TASC AND HONOR SOCIETY DISTRICT MEETINGS 10:20a - 10:50a

StuCo & Honor Society - Districts for TASC, National Updates for NHS:

Lower Level

Room

Chennault

Del Valle

Districts

3 HS, 3 ML, and 3 HS/ML

9, 713 HS, 713ML, and 713 HS/ML



Main Level

Room

Longhorn

Wildflower

Mountain Laurel

Goldenrod

Lantana

Violet Crown

Live Oak

Districts

10, 11, 15, 16

8, 17

1, 2, 5, 6, 12

14

18

4, 19, 419

NHS and NJHS



BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 1 (See page 4)..... 11:00a - 11:45a

In Breakout Sessions, advisors may choose the specific session that applies to their role and experience level.

See page 4 for session descriptions and locations.

LUNCHEON AND AWARDS | Bergstrom Ballroom 12:00p - 1:15p

Take some time to relax and reconnect. TASC will present the Pat Kirschner Award to Antionette Hernandez and the Texas Star Award to Betty Kyle during this time.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 2 (See page 5)..... 1:25p - 2:10p

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 3 (See page 6)..... 2:25p - 3:05p

SOCIAL / BREAK - Bergstrom Ballroom Pre-function..... 3:05p - 3:30p

Let's relax for just a moment.

TABLE TALKS | Bergstrom Ballroom (See handout) 3:40p - 5:15p

We will have four rounds of about 15 minute Table Talks.

SOCIAL / RECEPTION | Austin Hilton Airport Hotel Atrium 5:20p

TASC will provide hors d'oeuvres for attendees in the Atrium. Please join us to continue the conversation about student leadership and to build that network of support essential to us all - or just join us to relax and have a good time. We will also have music trivia!

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INFO, EXHIBITS & LEADERSHIP STORE | Bergstrom Pre-function8:30a - 11:00a

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 4 (See page 7)..... 9:00a - 9:45a

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 5 (See page 8).....9:55a - 10:35a

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION | Bergstrom BR (Door prizes awarded)..10:45a - 11:55p



NICKI JOINER | UNLOCKING POTENTIAL: How Educators Can Help Students Confidently Choose and Thrive in Their Career Path

Discover the essential strategies educators can use to empower students to make confident and informed career choices. This dynamic keynote provides educators with practical tools and insights to guide students through their career development journey, helping them unlock their full potential and achieve success.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Look for the Advisor Workshop Evaluation which will be sent via e-mail. We value your opinion and comments.
- TASC members, pick up your TASC District ribbon at the TASC booth. Stop by to ask questions!
- Continuing Professional Education forms will be sent in the post-conference email.
- Handouts, PowerPoints, etc., from presentations will be sent in the post-conference email.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

MIDDLE LEVEL STATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Nov. 17-18, 2025 • Waco

ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Jan. 24-26, 2026 Lakeview | Feb. 6-8, 2026 Mo-Ranch

HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 29-31, 2026 • San Antonio

SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

June & July 2026 • Various Colleges in Texas

DISTRICT LEVEL MEETINGS AND TRAININGS

Fall 2025 & Spring 2026 • Various Locations in TX

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CLASS CURRICULUM ACADEMY

June 2026 • Location and Date TBD

Monday, September 15

SONG PLAYLIST/BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

SET 1 • 11:00a - 11:45a

Advisors may select one of the sessions in each set. Read about the speakers on pages 9-11.

★ **Lianna Gantz, Central High School** **Wildflower**
"Still Standing" - Elton John | **Cell Free, Still Strong (Showing Resilience within Confines of the Law)**

More and more states are heading toward laws that prohibit cell phone use during school hours. How does your council continue to advertise and have a strong social media presence without using our devices? Let's talk about it! **For All**

★ **Stephen L. Amos, HealthCode** **Goldenrod**
"Keep Yourself Alive" - Queen | **HealthCode Empowering StuCo's to Excel**

HealthCode is a nonprofit dedicated to improving the health of students, adults, organizations and entire communities. Through our free monthly virtual challenges the HealthCode Community has grown to over 200,000 event participants from all 50 states and 30 countries. This session will provide practical actions items and resources for your students to use HealthCode in support of D.A.S.H., E&E, P&P, and Outstanding Student Council projects. www.healthcode.org **For All**

★ **Jamie Quarles, Bridge City High School** **Live Oak**
"On Top of the World" - Imagine Dragons | **Honor Society Basic Necessities**

Geared for new advisers, this session will cover the basics of chapter management. Experienced advisors are welcome to come and share what works for them. **For NHS/NJHS**

★ **Jennifer Nguyen, Arlington HS & James Brown, Pebble Hills HS** **Chennault (Lower Level)**
"New Kid in Town" (Part 1) - Eagles | **New High School and Middle Level Advisors: Part 1**

Join us to cover the basics StuCo advisors need to build a strong program. Topics include constitutions, elections, officer roles, managing a council, and project ideas to make your council effective and successful. **New StuCo**

★ **Lakiella L. Rose, Northwest High School** **Del Valle (Lower Level)**
"Serve the Servants" - Nirvana | **State Service Project**

TASC Rocks Against Hunger! How your council can serve, advocate and educate your school and community! **For StuCo**

★ **Julissa Sanchez, Pieper High School** **Mountain Laurel**
"More Than a Feeling" - Boston | **HOCO Court.. Not Just a Popularity Contest**

Now in our third year, we've shaped Homecoming Court into more than a popularity contest. It's a celebration of leadership and excellence. Nominees commit to fundraising for a local cause, giving an evaluated speech, and joining a spirit week decorating contest. Their final points include a popular vote. In the end, each nominee contributes, collaborates, and discovers the impact they can make as leaders in our community. **For StuCo**

★ **Jonathan Colburn, Georgetown High School** **Violet Crown**
"It's (not) a Long Way to the Top (If You Wanna Rock 'n' Roll)" - AC/DC | **Motivation in the Middle: Thriving in Your Middle Years as an Advisor**

Not new but not quite "seasoned"? Designed for Student Council Advisors with a few years under their belt, this workshop focuses on navigating the "middle years" with renewed energy and purpose. Gain practical advice, fresh ideas, and peer support to avoid burnout and continue growing as an effective leader and mentor. **For StuCo**

★ **Aaron Keris, Livingston High School** **Lantana**
"One" - U2 | **Campus Unification**

School Spirit is more than Friday Nights and Pep Rallies. Let's discuss how we build a unified campus culture that lasts all year long! **For All**

★ **Katie D. Keyes, Boswell High School** **Longhorn**
"Come Together" - The Beatles | **Building a Principal's Cabinet: Elevating Student Voice and School Impact**

A Principal's Cabinet creates a direct line between student leaders and campus administration, providing a forum to share perspectives, strengthen collaboration, and expand the influence of student activities. This session will outline how to launch a cabinet, structure effective meetings, and guide projects that emerge from student-administrator partnerships. Participants will leave with practical strategies to establish a cabinet that empowers students, builds trust, and transforms the impact of student leadership on school culture. **For All**

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SET 2 • 1:25p - 2:10p

★ **Jaime W Burke Hicks “Bricks”, UT at Tyler University Academy at Longview Wildflower**

“Hold On Loosely” - 38 Special | **Don’t Drop the Potato - A Grit Packed Leadership Lesson**

Looking for a way to inspire perseverance in your leaders? In this interactive session, you’ll learn “Don’t Drop the Potato”, a hands-on leadership activity rooted in the Cajun phrase *Lâche pas la patate!* (Don’t let go of the potato!). This phrase is a powerful metaphor for grit, determination, and showing up for your team, even when the heat is on. Perfect for leadership classes, StuCo or NHS meetings, or even as an energizing staff development. **Veteran StuCo and Leadership Class**

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★ **Shelby Gould, Luling High School Live Oak**

“Band on the Run” - Paul McCartney & Wings | **Intentional Planning and Team Building: Planning an NHS Retreat!**

With the limited options available for NHS, sometimes we have to create our own opportunities. From team building activities, sessions, and strategic planning of your service projects, this will provide a time for your students to be intentional and get your organization in the right mindset. **For NHS/NJHS**

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★ **Jason Jedamski, Ignite2Unite, LLC Del Valle (Lower Level)**

“We Built This City” - Starship | **School Culture Engineering: Ideas Are Great, A System Is Better!**

Full of ideas but lack a systematic approach to school culture? This action packed session will provide a system and tools to intentionally create the culture you want. jason@ignite2unite.com or 918-760-7787. **For All**

★ **Jasmine Johnson, Marshall Jr. High School Mountain Laurel**

“The Middle” - Jimmy Eat World | **Leading In The Middle**

Do you want your Middle School students to take ownership and pride in your council? Do you need ideas to get our students energized and excited to lead without losing your mind or doing all the work? In that case, “why don’t you just meet me in the middle?” and discover practical strategies to inspire and empower your students! **For All StuCo**

★ **Chase Livingston, Chase Livingston, LLC Violet Crown**

“Here Comes the Sun” - The Beatles | **Wellness in the Classroom**

We’ve all heard the adage, “you can’t pour from an empty glass.” That’s why great leaders don’t just manage tasks; they model a life that fuels performance and wellbeing. In this energetic session, Chase shows how your personal health directly impacts leadership and how to create a culture of wellness that energizes you and your students. **For All**

★ **Aaron Kerss, Livingston High School Lantana**

“I Can See Clearly Now” - Johnny Nash | **TASC District Board. Yes You Can!**

Come explore how serving on your district board can help you become a better advisor and help your students become better leaders. I’ll share my council’s journey since we first began serving in District 17 and provide you with the support and confidence you need to make your district the best in TASC. **For All StuCo**

★ **Stephanie M Morell, Explore.Act.Tell. Program Longhorn**

“With a Little Help from My Friends” - The Beatles | **Hunger-Free Future: Student Leaders Can Make a Difference**

This presentation will outline the Explore.Act.Tell. Program, a flexible and free framework that helps students fight food insecurity in their community. You will learn how to facilitate each step, from helping students research local needs to guiding them in creating a sustainable project and documenting its success. This program allows students to move beyond traditional service and become true agents of change. Stephanie@fill.foundation | exploreacttell.org **For All**

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SET 3 • 2:25p - 3:05p

★ **Rita Clawson, Ore City High School** **Wildflower**

"Sweet Home Alabama/TEXAS" - Lynyrd Skynyrd | **A Southern Leadership Buffet**

What are you hungry for? A bonding activity, action item planning or community outreach projects? Come get a big ole helpin' of fun activities to do in your leadership class or at socials/meetings. Choose the portion you find appealing and eat it up! **For All**

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★ **Sylvia C McMinn, Bel Air High School** **Live Oak**

"Rock Around the Clock" - Bill Haley & His Comets | **Getting Your StuCo Ducks in a Row**

Congratulations! You've had elections! Now what? In this session we will give you a plan to lay the foundation for a structured and productive year. From ways to get to know your officers to planning projects, this session covers it all! **For All**

★ **Veronica Hunt, Harlingen High School** **Chennault (Lower Level)**

"Eye of the Tiger" - Survivor | **The Courage to Lead: Using Positive Peer Pressure to Empower Student Leaders**

Just like Dorothy and her friends discovered their inner strength on the Yellow Brick Road, student leaders have the power to guide others with heart, courage, and wisdom. In this interactive session, we'll explore how positive peer pressure can create a ripple effect of encouragement and accountability on your campus. Come ready to learn how to unlock leadership superpowers and help your school shine brighter than the Emerald City! **For All StuCo**

★ **Nicki Joiner, Top Youth Speakers** **Del Valle (Lower Level)**

"Career Opportunities" - The Clash | **Top 3 Resume Mistakes HS Student Leaders Make, and How Advisors Can Help**

Student council and honors society members are often highly involved and high-achieving, but that can work against them when writing a resume. This session helps advisors spot the top 3 resume mistakes made, and gives practical ways to coach them toward stronger, more focused content. Leave with tools to weave career readiness into meetings, trainings, and advising so students confidently present their experience to employers and college programs. **For All**

★ **Peggy Grimes, Baird High School** **Mountain Laurel**

"Sweet Child O' Mine" - Guns N' Roses | **A Culinary Arts Teacher's Thoughts on Food Insecurity and Hunger**

We know the statistics and need for our state project - TASC Rocks Against Hunger. As a Culinary Arts Teacher, I will share additional ways and activities that we can combat food waste in our everyday lives. From understanding the difference between "use by" and "best by" dates, proper storage techniques, additional uses for left-overs, ways to stretch your food supply, etc. to projects for providing food for families that are in need. **For All StuCo**

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★ **Juanita Delgado, Hill Country College Preparatory High School** **Lantana**

"We Are Family" - Sister Sledge | **One School, One Family**

Want your school to feel less like a building and more like a home? Let's swap ideas on teaming up with groups like Student Council, NHS, and others to host fun, inclusive events that connect all grade levels. Bonus: these activities can double as community service! Bring your creativity, leave with a playbook for building school spirit and togetherness. **For All**

★ **Tim Watson, Rockwall High School** **Longhorn**

"Rhythm is Gonna Get You" - Gloria Estefan | **Organizing and Automating Sweepstakes**

Rockwall HS uses a scrum board process to plan activities. From there, the reporting process is automated saving time at the end of the year when putting together our report binder. Come see how we track stuco points in Canvas, plan projects, and use one google form to do the rest. This is a great session to take the pressure off beginning advisors. **For All StuCo**

Tuesday, September 16

SONG PLAYLIST/BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

SET 4 • 9:00a - 9:45a

★ **Assunta C Burnside, Harold T. Branch Academy for CTE** Wildflower
"You've Got a Friend" - James Taylor | **Using Google Tools**

This will be an informal sharing session on how to use Google Suite with your council to not only stay organized, but to make your life a little easier. I will share information what my council does and others can share any secrets that they may have to help new advisors stay on track. **For All**

★ **Jasmine Johnson & Krissy Tatum, Marshall Jr. High School** Goldenrod
"On the Road Again" - Willie Nelson | **Travelling Soldiers-Attending Overnight Events with ML Students**

Are you nervous about travelling with your Middle Level Students to ML Conference or Summer Leadership Workshop? Don't worry, we've got you covered! Join us for helpful tips on planning successful overnight trips with Middle Level students. Get ready to turn your ML students into travelling soldiers, because the Middle Level Conference is worth it!

New ML StuCo

★ **Reanna L Choate, Luling High School** Live Oak
"Come On Up to the House" - Tom Waits | **Cash & Connections: Partnering with Your Community**

Tight budget? Big goals? If you're a Student Council or NHS sponsor struggling to fund events, attend conferences, or make an impact without financial support from your school - this session is for you! Join us to explore practical ways to partner with your local community and secure the resources your students need. Learn proven strategies for fundraising, sponsorships, and collaboration that turn "no budget" into "no problem." **For All**

★ **Rita Clawson, Ore City High School** Chennault (Lower Level)
"Monday, Monday" - The Mamas & The Papas | **Movie Monday**

More clips to lead discussion. If you came to this one last year, this year will have new video samples and more ways to discuss in your classes or meetings. Movie Monday is a great way to start off your week! **Veteran StuCo and Leadership Class**

★ **Antoinette Hernandez, Incarnate Word Academy & Cheryl Royal, Bridge City HS** .. Del Valle (Lower Level)
"What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger" - Kelly Clarkson | **What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger**

Join two of TASC's more "seasoned" advisors who have experienced a lot and have lived to share about it. 38 years combined experience join forces to share 38 nuggets we have learned along the way. Fast and furious presentation led by this year's Pat Kirschner Award Winner, Antoinette Hernandez, Incarnate Word Academy and her sidekick, Cheryl Royal, Bridge City HS. **For All**

★ **Chase Livingston, Chase Livingston, LLC** Violet Crown
"Under Pressure" - Queen & David Bowie | **Intentional Leadership 2.0; Helping Advisors Strike the Balance Between Grit & Grace**

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SET 5 • 9:55a - 10:35a

★ **James Brown, Pebble Hills High School** **Wildflower**

"Message in a Bottle" - The Police | **Using Mail Merge to Streamline Reports**

Stop having your students write project reports one by one. Learn how to utilize a Forms document to collect information about the projects you do throughout the year and use Mail Merge to create your project reports. **For All StuCo**

★ **Angela Steagall, Tuloso-Midway Middle School** **Goldenrod**

"We Will Rock You" - Queen | **Rock The Middle: Ways to Make Your Council or Club Stage-Ready!**

Were you handed a middle-level council or club and don't know where to start? I'll have a toolkit for you to rock the middle as an advisor! Organization, year at a glance parental collaboration, accountability, behavioral expectations, needs assessments, project tracking, awards - everything you might need to have the best year yet! Time permitting, we can share some ideas as well. **For All**

★ **Angela Thomas, Red Oak High School** **Live Oak**

"Every Day is a Winding Road" - Sheryl Crow | **A Year Full of StuCo!**

Are you a new advisor trying to figure out how to plan out your year? Come see what we have planned for an entire year of StuCo projects. We stay busy all year long and consistently earn Sweepstakes Recognition. Come learn how your council can do the same! **For All StuCo**

★ **Sylvia C McMinn, Bel Air High School** **Chennault (Lower Level)**

"Let's Work Together" - Canned Heat | **Collaborating WITH your Administration, Faculty and Organizations**

Work for the betterment of your campus while collaborating with your administration, faculty and organizations! In this session, we will cover ways to work with three important groups and individuals to make your school and council function with purpose and creativity. We will also explain the new section on our report forms that gives you more opportunities to earn points towards your sweepstakes award! **For All StuCo**

★ **Jason Jedamski, Ignite2Unite, LLC** **Del Valle (Lower Level)**

"We Are the Champions" - Queen | **The Nation's Most Spirited High School (Really)**

This fast-paced session will share how the largest high school in Oklahoma went from 28 students at a home football game to winning Varsity Brands Most Spirited High School award. *Hint: It's what you practice, permit, and promote!* **For All**

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★ Workshop Performers ★



Kate Garnes | Kate Garnes is a nationally recognized youth motivational speaker who helps students discover their worth, especially in the moments when no one else is there to remind them of their value. Before stepping onto keynote stages, Kate spent over a decade as a performer for Walt Disney World Resort and Universal Studios Orlando, bringing energy, storytelling, and stage presence to thousands of guests. That same ability to captivate and connect now drives their work with young audiences, blending entertainment with transformation. Whether speaking to a gymnasium full of teens or a ballroom of educators, their mission remains the same: to help every person walk away knowing they are valuable, enough, and capable of writing their own story.



Nicki Joiner | Nicki Joiner is a national career readiness speaker and former Fortune 100 recruiter who has reviewed tens of thousands of résumés and interviewed thousands of candidates. She helps educators and advisors equip students with the skills, language, and confidence to translate their leadership experience into career-ready stories.



Stephen L Amos, HealthCode - steve@healthcode.org | Steve is a social entrepreneur with 35+ years of experience spanning technology, global/U.S. marketing, advertising, education, healthcare, and the nonprofit sector. On the SXSW and SXSW EDU Advisory Team, and is an avid scuba diver. A National Fitness Foundation Partner and a Healthy People 2030 Champion by the U.S. Department of HHS, Moving the Needle award by the Austin Mayor, Business Group on Health, finalist in AFWERX Empowering Airmen and Family Wellbeing Challenge, Shaper of the Future by Converge. steve@healthcode.org



James Brown, Pebble Hills High School | James Brown is the Student Activities Director and Student Council Advisor at Pebble Hills HS in El Paso, TX. He currently serves as Elected Advisor on the TASC Board of Directors. You may recognize him from his appearances on Jeopardy! and The Chase. jbrown10@sisd.net



Jaime W Burke Hicks "Bricks", UT at Tyler University Academy at Longview | Jaime has been an educator for over 20 years and has spent nearly 15 of those years serving as a dedicated Student Council and National Honor Society advisor at both the middle level and high school. Jaime has previously served as an elected advisor on the TASC board, is a Summer Workshop Director-in-Training, and was honored as the 2023 National Middle Level Advisor of the Year. jburke-hicks@uttia.org



Assunta C Burnside, Harold T. Branch Academy for CTE | Accomplished educator with an extensive background in science education and student leadership. She is happy to share her knowledge with anyone. Assunta.Burnside@ccisd.us



Reanna L Choate, Luling High School | Reanna Choate is the Student Council Advisor at Luling High School. Although only in her third year as an advisor, she has already helped her students achieve big goals: holding a TASC District office and earning recognition as both a TASC Outstanding Student Council and a NASC Gold Council of Excellence. reanna.choate@luling.txd.net



Rita Clawson, Ore City High School | For 25 years, Rita has been an active StuCo advisor on the OCHS campus, with District 19 as an office representative and currently serves as an elected advisor on the state board. She loves to share/swap ideas and collaborate with others. clawsonr@ocisd.net



Jonathan Colburn, Georgetown High School | Jonathan Colburn is the advisor for Georgetown High School. He is starting his fifth year as an advisor. He is currently serving his first year on the TASC board of directors as a High School Elected Advisor. colburnj1@georgetownisd.org

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Juanita Delgado, Hill Country College Preparatory High School | Juanita is starting her 5th year as Student Council Sponsor at Hill Country College Preparatory High School in Bulverde (just north of San Antonio). She teaches AVID and also a class sponsor. juanita.delgado@comalisd.org.



Lianna Gantz, Central High School | Lianna is starting year 22 in education and year 21 in StuCo! She has served multiple years on both the district and state levels of TASC and currently serves as a TASC Summer Leadership Workshop Director. lianna.gantz@kellerisd.net



Shelby Gould, Luling High School | Shelby Gould is starting her 3rd year of being the NHS faculty advisor for Luling High School. The most joyful part of her job is to interact with students and help them push to strive for more. shelby.gould@luling.txed.net



Peggy Grimes, Baird High School | Peggy Grimes is a CTE/Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Baird High School where she has served for 27 years. She has been a Child Care and Development Teacher at Cisco Junior College for 15 years and attended Baylor University. pgrimes@bairdisd.org



Antoinette Hernandez, Incarnate Word Academy | Antoinette Hernandez is beginning her 21st year as a student council advisor. She is a Pat Kirschner Award Winner, awarded this year. She is the current TASC Past President Advisor to the Board-TASC Advisor of the Year 2013 and has held many TASC district and state roles. ahernandez@incarnateword.org



Veronica Hunt, Harlingen High School | Veronica Hunt is a passionate Harlingen High School science teacher and dedicated student council advisor with a deep commitment to student leadership and school culture. Her mission is to inspire students to lead with integrity, empathy, and purpose. For questions or collaboration, you can reach her at veronica.hunt@hcsisd.org.



Jason Jedamski, Ignite2Unite, LLC | Jason Jedamski (JJ) is a former teacher and administrator turned speaker and facilitator who is known for flipping the student culture of the largest high school in Oklahoma from surviving to thriving that resulted in winning a \$25,000 prize as the Nation's Most Spirited High School. jason@ignite2unite.com



Jasmine Johnson, Marshall Jr. High | Jasmine Johnson is in her 17th year as TASC Middle Level Advisor and is a current Elected Advisor to the Board. She was the 2019 Eddie G. Bull State Advisor of the Year for Middle Level. She was the 2017 and 2024 Middle Level Conference Coordinator School Advisor. johnsonjl@marshallisd.com



Aaron Keress, Livingston High School | Aaron Keress is the Student Council Advisor for Livingston High School. He also serves as the advisor for District 17 Vice President school and on the side teaches AP junior and senior physics and serves as Science Department Chair. akeress@livingstonisd.com



Katie D Keyes, Boswell High School | Katie Keyes is in her 28th year as a Chemistry Teacher and Student Council Advisor. She has served multiple years on both the district and state levels of TASC and as a Summer Leadership Workshop Consultant since 2006. Boswell is currently the TASC District 3 President School. Katie also serves as one of the Southern Representatives on the board of the National Association for Student Activities. kkeyes@ems-isd.net



Chase Livingston, Chase Livingston, LLC | Chase Livingston is a keynote speaker, wellness professional, and youth advocate dedicated to helping others unlock their full potential through holistic health and personal development. Chase combines storytelling, science-backed strategies, and actionable wisdom to inspire change. Chase@chaseinspires.com

★ Workshop Performers ★



Sylvia C McMinn, Bel Air High School | Sylvia McMinn has been an advisor at Bel Air High School for 14 years. She has served on the Board of Directors for District 9 and is the current TASC Vice President Advisor.



Stephanie M Morell, Explore.Act.Tell. Program | Stephanie Morell is an Explore.Act.Tell. program consultant for the Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning. She also leads the Student Teaching course at the University of Indianapolis. Prior to her current positions, Stephanie spent many years in education as a teacher and PBL math consultant. stephanie@fill.foundation



Jennifer Nguyen, Arlington High School | She was recently named the High School Eddie G. Bull Advisor of the year for 2024. She currently also serves TASC as a Summer Leadership Workshop Consultant. She has been an advisor with TASC 14 years.



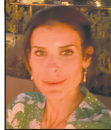
Jamie Quarles, Bridge City High School | Jamie Quarles has been the NHS adviser for 17 years at Bridge City High School. She works alongside her friend and colleague Cheryl Royal who runs the student council. They work together to make Bridge City High School a place where students and staff want to be!



LaKiella L Rose, Northwest High School | I am LaKiella Rose, currently serving as the Advisor of the President School. I love spending time with my family and watching my 3 little ones grow and learn! If you have questions or just want to talk, feel free to reach out, lakiella.rose@nisdtx.org!



Cheryl Royal, Bridge City High School | Cheryl Royal is a long-time student council advisor. She is a past TASC Board Member, President of the Nan Fan Club, and the TASC Advisor of the Year 2023. She also serves as the District Coordinator for TASC District 17 and has held many TASC district and state roles. cheryl.royal@bridgecityisd.net



Julissa Sanchez, Pieper High School | Since Pieper HS has opened, with my council, I have had the honor of building Pieper school tradition... campus culture. We seek to build real world experiences and values that are rooted in our high school, but that transcend it in the surrounding community. julissa.sanchez@comalisd.org



Angela Steagall, Tulosso-Midway Middle School | Angela has been in education for 35 years, 24 of them as a StuCo advisor at both ML and HS levels and a few of those years as an NJHS advisor. She loves to help people find solutions to problems so that councils and clubs can be all they were made to be! asteagall@tmisd.us



Krissy Tatum, Marshall Jr. High | Krissy Tatum is the 6th grade Keyboarding teacher and Yearbook sponsor at Marshall Junior High School. She is starting her third year StuCo Co-Advisor and is the 2024 Middle Level Conference Coordinator School Co-Advisor. tatumkk@marshallisd.com



Angela Thomas, Red Oak High School | Angela Thomas is the lead Student Council advisor at Red Oak High School with 20 years in education and 17 years as an advisor. She was selected as the 2025 Eddie G. Bull TASC State Advisor of the Year. angela.thomas@redoakisd.org



Tim Watson, Rockwall High School | Tim's Rockwall HS has served as D3 Recording Secretary 23-24, TASC VP 24-25, and TASC Conference Coordinator 25-26 because Tim does not know how to say no to kids. tim.watson@rockwallisd.org

★ Exhibitors ★

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www.ignite2unite.com

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The number one cause of teenage deaths in the USA is car accidents. Nickel from Nicole encourages all schools to be "proactive" in developing a safe driving awareness program. The FREE collateral from Nickel from Nicole can be used by student council members to start their own safe driving awareness campaign or complement their existing program.



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www.t-driver.com

The free Teens in the Driver Seat™ program seeks to save lives and prevent injury among youth through education, empowerment, and peer-led outreach. Learn how your group can use this peer-to-peer program to develop safer passengers and drivers on your campus, all while developing leadership skills and earning cash rewards for your efforts.



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We Help Two was founded on the belief that fundraising can be done in a way that benefits two causes. By hosting a funky sock fundraiser through We Help Two, organizations not only raise funds for their cause but also impact their local community through our sock donation program to local homeless shelters.



Texas Star Award

Established in 2000, this award was presented to exceptional advisors who served TASC for 30 years or more. In 2019, the Award is now presented by Board directive to TASC advisors, staff, or alumni who have given exceptional service or brought exceptional recognition to TASC. *They are the heroes and legends of TASC!*

2025.....	Betty Kyle, New Braunfels HS
2024.....	Tommy Calais, St. Agnes Academy, Houston
2023.....	Terry Hamm, TASC Director
2022.....	Eddie G. Bull, TASC Director; Jean Wyatt, Lake Highlands JHS; Kay Baker, LD Bell HS; and JJ Colburn, TASC Director
2014.....	Jerry de la Garza, Memorial MS
2010.....	Pat Finch, Boswell HS
2009.....	Laura Price, Montwood HS
2008.....	Jimmy Chapman, Henderson HS
2008.....	Calvin Buchholtz, Jay HS, San Antonio
2005.....	Anne Newman, Marshall HS
2004.....	Rodney Love, Linden-Kildare HS
2002.....	Carolyn Baron, Edna HS
2001.....	Brenda Gilmore, Arlington HS
2000.....	Dwight Mutschler, Austwell-Tivoli HS

The Pat M. Kirschner Award

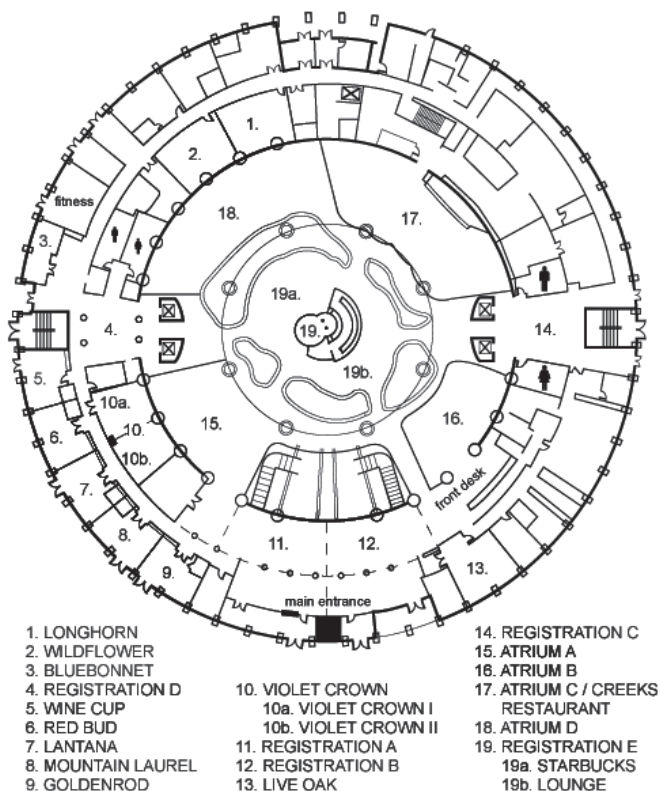
The TASC Board of Directors created this award in 1987 to recognize outstanding contributions to the TASC Summer Leadership Workshop Program. In order to be nominated, the recipient must have served for ten or more years as a Summer Workshop Director or Consultant. The Board must vote to present the award. The following advisors have received the Pat M. Kirschner award.

2025.....	Antoinette Hernandez, Consultant
2024.....	Bettye Turney, Director
2021.....	Mary Whittenberg, Consultant; David Womack, Director
2019.....	Pat Finch, Director
2018.....	Calvin Buchholtz, Director
2015.....	Laura Price, Tina Sarratt, & Debby Tabor, Consultants
2014.....	Brenda Gilmore, Consultant
2014.....	Sharion Richardson, Director
2013.....	Kay Baker, Director
2012.....	Sharon Solanik, Consultant
2011.....	Jimmy Chapman, Director
2010.....	Deborah Alford, Director
2009.....	Terry Hamm, Consultant
2008.....	Jim Beam, Consultant
2007.....	Lu Pochelski, Consultant
2006.....	Betty Kyle, Consultant
2004.....	Darlene Bonner, Director
2001.....	Jean Turner Wyatt, Consultant
1990.....	Billie Love, Director
1988.....	Lennie Dauphine, Director
1987.....	Pat Martin Kirschner, Consultant

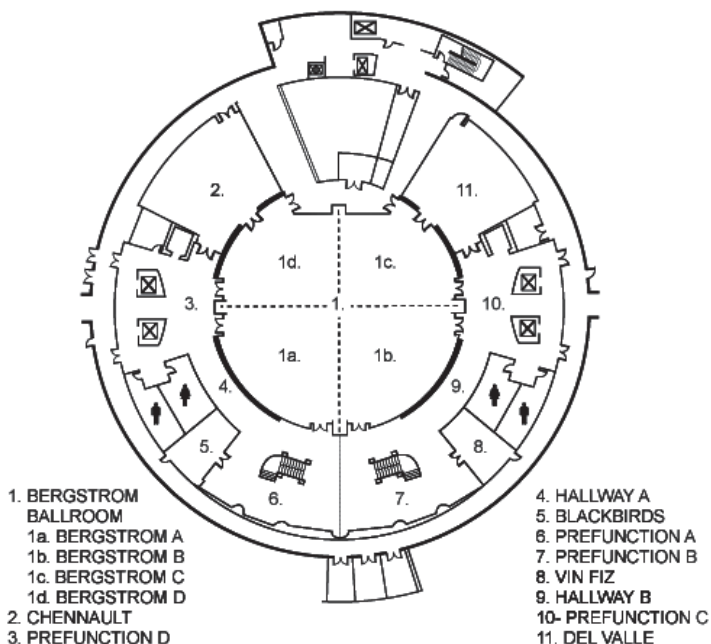
Scholarship Fund

TASC accepts donations to the TASC Scholarship Funds year-round. Those monies will, depending on designation by the donor, be used for the TASC Senior Scholarship Fund, or for the TASC Summer Leadership Workshop Scholarship Fund. Those wishing to donate may access the Donation Link under the Support Us Tab on the TASC website (www.tasconline.org).

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TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS



Monday, September 15

REGISTRATION Bergstrom Ballroom Pre-function	8:00a - 3:30p
EXHIBITS AND LEADERSHIP STORE Bergstrom Ballroom Pre-function ..	8:00a - 3:30p
OPENING GENERAL SESSION Bergstrom Ballroom	9:00a - 10:15a
TASC AND HONOR SOCIETY DISTRICT MEETINGS (See page 2)	10:20a - 10:50a
BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 1 (See page 4)	11:00a - 11:45a
LUNCHEON AND AWARDS Bergstrom Ballroom	12:00p - 1:15p
BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 2 (See page 5)	1:25p - 2:10p
BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 3 (See page 6)	2:25p - 3:05p
SOCIAL / BREAK - Bergstrom Ballroom Pre-function	3:05p - 3:30p
TABLE TALKS Bergstrom Ballroom (See handout)	3:40p - 5:15p
SOCIAL / RECEPTION Austin Hilton Airport Hotel Atrium	5:20p

Tuesday, September 16

INFO, EXHIBITS & LEADERSHIP STORE Bergstrom Pre-function	8:30a - 11:00a
BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 4 (See page 7)	9:00a - 9:45a
BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 5 (See page 8)	9:55a - 10:35a
CLOSING GENERAL SESSION Bergstrom BR (Door prizes awarded) ...	10:45a - 11:55p

Thank you for attending!



WELCOME!

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welcome and offer help to the new advisor.