

Why Be Part of TASC!

TASC is the Premier Student Leadership Organization in Texas and YOUR Leadership home base.



Established in 1937, the Texas Association of Student Councils understands what it takes to be a student leader and advisor. It's about a desire to make schools and communities better every day. But no one leader or council can do this alone. And that's where TASC comes in. We are here to support student leaders and their advisors with training, resources, and connection.

Any like-minded student leadership group may join TASC.

What's in it for students?

When strong student activities are established, achievement follows. Research gathered by the Alliance for Student Activities clearly shows students involved in at least one organized school Student Activity are more likely to *do well academically, have higher test scores, graduate, and find college and career success*. And, they are less likely to get involved with drugs, abuse alcohol, or drop out of high school. Student Activities are critical to keeping students *engaged* in their school environment.

Why student council specifically? College admissions personnel and HR personnel are experts at reading resumes. *Simply being a member of an organization says little. It's what the member did that speaks.* Student Council members truly have voice and ownership, and *they work to engage others and serve their school*. They plan and complete projects. They make good things happen; and they are prepared to *succeed* in education beyond high school and career.

Through TASC, student leaders and emerging leaders meet others with the same *passion to serve* they have. TASC gives them the training, the support, and the resources to serve successfully. TASC prepares students for a *lifetime of leadership*.

What's in it for advisors?

No one is a success in a classroom without *training and support*. The same is true of advisors. *Knowledge, concepts, learned skills, and acquired activities* are essential to being a strong advisor. TASC offers the training necessary to any student activity advisor, and TASC prides itself on a *strong web of support* across the state. We provide the *resources, the experience, the networking, the mentoring, and the friendships* to better serve your students and your school while taking care of yourself through TASC districts, the TASC state association. We are here for you.

What's in it for administrators?

We all want the same thing. We want our students to be *connected, happy, and successful*. We want our staff to be connected, happy, and successful. We want *positive recognition* for our *achievements*. Your student council and your student activity advisors should be your *partners* in that effort. If *student voice is encouraged and heard*, if we all work toward the *same goals*, if we all have *ownership* in the school, *success* is much more likely to follow. And students are truly prepared to be strong *civic participants* throughout their lifetime. If advisors are *educated and supported*, they are much *more likely to stay*. And many advisors say that the work with done with student council is what *keeps them in the classroom*.

What's in it for schools?

A school with a *connected, engaged student body with ownership* in the school is a *stronger school*. A school with staff members who also are connected and have ownership in the school is a stronger school. A school in which advisors *know they and their students make a difference* and in which they experience *support* and is more likely to *reduce advisor (and teacher) turnover*. Your student led student council which participates in training throughout the year will make a positive difference in school culture and school climate.

Trained, supported student leaders in a partnership with advisors and administrators create a *school where students and staff want to be*.



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Our alums, our advisors, and our supporters say it best...



Jenna Williamson, Texas HS Alum
TASC State President 2019 - 2020

"As a student who went to Summer Leadership Workshop every year, I can emphasize how much that one week each summer was a stepping stone for me. StuCo members don't always

get the opportunity to share ideas and make new friends in the summer, but this workshop allows for just that. This is a wonderful opportunity to send students so they can make new friends and gain ideas to help their council grow and excel. I can 100% guarantee, when you leave workshop, you'll not only be glad you came, but you'll be also ready to register for the coming year. The workshops combined with what I learned as an active StuCo member helped me earn a Senate Youth Scholarship, be active in leadership at UT, and earn a summer position in the Texas Governor's wife's office."



Michael Luecke, Forney HS Alum
UNT Student Government Association
President 2020-2021

"The TASC Summer Leadership Workshop along with other TASC events taught me fundamental leadership skills that propelled me into leader-

ship positions throughout high school and during my undergraduate experience at UNT! I learned how to listen and communicate with a team efficiently and effectively and how to work with others to achieve a common goal. (And I had fun in the process.) These are vital skill sets needed when leading an executive staff of 10 or a student body of 40,000!"



Kwame Ambaah, 2022 Graduate of
Sam Houston University and former TASC State
Office Alum

"Throughout my time in high school, I was blessed with the amazing opportunity to attend two summer workshops as a student and one as

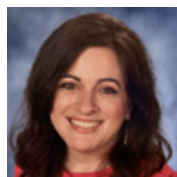
a JC. As well as the Advanced Leadership Workshop and Annual Conference. Before attending my first camp at SFA in 2015 I had no idea what to expect, I was extremely nervous because I still felt new to the "STUCO world". The moment I got there I felt nothing but a warm presence of love and acceptance from all the other students and advisors there. I was able to open up and allow myself to experience and learn what it truly meant to be a leader who has grit! Every second, every moment, and every activity equipped me to become the leader I am today. TASC events don't just prepare you for the upcoming school year, they prepare you to be a true servant leader of integrity who leads in many areas of life. I am forever grateful for TASC and all the work they do!"



Advisor (ML/HS) Allison Stamey, Advisor,
Lewisville HS

"When I became an advisor in 1997, we decided to join TASC, attend a TASC Summer Workshop and become involved in state and district activities. That was the best decision I've ever made as a trainer of leaders. I always knew how much the summer workshop helped our student leaders, but I had no idea how much until we missed the last two years. The five days of leadership training

and bonding is priceless. Each year the first thing our student leaders want to know is 'when is Summer Workshop, when is District Fall conference, when is Advanced Leadership Workshop, when is Fall district, and when is the Annual Conference.' For 25 years TASC has been a great partner with Lewisville High School in showing the way for student leaders to thrive and become the best planners and organizers for our school and community!"



Jennifer Nguyen, Advisor, Arlington HS

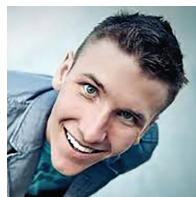
From essential "how to" information to opportunities for professional growth, the staff at TASC provides it all. While the well-designed website offers resources, ideas, and event information, it is the staff and advisors from

across the state of Texas who have shaped and formed me into the advisor I am today. They are family to me, showing support and guidance as we all work together to build strong councils at our schools. Through events offered at the TASC district and state levels, my students and I have grown in our understanding of how student government must be structured for maximum efficiency and effectiveness. My students have had leadership opportunities as Junior Counselors, District officers, and conference hosts. I have had opportunities as a Small Group Facilitator and Consultant in Training for Summer Workshops. We are a more committed and experienced council because of the training and resources we have been given through TASC. Now more than ever, our students and faculty/staff need fulfilling and fun happenings that make them feel connected in our schools. That connection begins with a strong Student Council, which begins with involvement with TASC.



Dr. Shelly Butler, Principal, Mansfield Legacy HS

"Participating in TASC is a life-changing experience. My student council members returned from summer leadership workshop on fire and were ready to serve our campus. I know that TASC sparked a flame in them that will never be extinguished. My student leaders are knowledgeable, successful, and engaged with ALL students due to the things they learned through TASC. It has made our campus a better place to be."



Scott Backovich, Speaker

"TASC is truly incredible! Whether large-scale conferences, in-depth workshops, or content-filled resources, TASC continuously provides students and advisors alike with premier leadership experiences. Being invited to a TASC

event is one of the biggest honors anyone involved in education can hope to have. If you're lucky enough to have the opportunity to take part, don't think twice!

Every student and educator TASC works with is made instantly better as a result. Not only have I experienced it as a speaker, but I've been fortunate enough to watch thousands of students be positively impacted as well. Simply put, TASC is the best!"

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