

# TASC NewsBlast November 2018 Texas Association of Student Councils

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

**There is still time!**

## TASC [Middle Level Annual Conference](#)

- Register now for strong programming for ML Student Council and NJHS
- Register now to prepare your members for the coming year.
- Register now to access special sessions for advisors
- Register now to hear two outstanding keynote speakers: [Kyle Willkom](#) and [David Edward Garcia](#).
- Register now to give your students the leadership edge.

## Attention Middle Level Advisors:

- A ML Elected Advisor to the Board will be elected at the Middle Level Annual Conference November 10. Apply for this position by October 10. [You can see their resumes here.](#) (Scroll down.)



## Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

November 9 & 10	Middle Level Annual Conference
November 26	Deadline for TASC Districts to submit nominees for the ML and HS State Advisor of the Year.
December 1	Deadline for students to submit JC applications for Advanced and for Summer.
December 7	Deadline for students to submit applications for scholarships
December 7	Deadline to submit an application to present at the Texas Association of School Boards Winter Meeting in Galveston
December 14	Deadline for District Advisors of the Year to submit applications for State Advisor of the Year
January 9	Deadline to register for the Advanced Leadership Workshop at Lakeview
January 16 / 5:00p	Deadline for students to apply to be part of the Student Panel (and earn a \$1,000 scholarship) at the TASB Winter Meeting in Galveston.

**Spotlight your council! Submit an [application to present](#) at the Texas Association of School Board's Winter Governance meeting in Galveston. Depending on travel distance, hotel cost may be picked up by TASB. Submit applications by Wednesday, January 16.**



## 2018 – 2019 TASC State Theme and Service Project

- The TASC state theme for 2018 – 2019 is Resolve to Rise.
- The TASC state service project for 2018 – 2019 is [Resolve to Rise – Change Lives](#) and centers on mental wellness. Look for guidelines and suggestions soon on the TASC website.

## To-Do:

- **Update your profile on the TASC website.**
  - Log in and go to the “Member Center”
  - Click on “My Profile” under the name badge. Select “edit” and make any needed changes.
  - Click on “organization” (your school). Select “edit” and make any needed updates **AND upload your constitution.**
- **New advisor for the coming year?**
  - Go to “[Join or Update](#)” today. Select Advisor Change/Addition form
  - New primary or co-advisors can add themselves, or you can edit the advisor for your council.

## News You Can Use

**Share this newsletter with your students. (Hint, it's posted on the TASC website.)**

- Shred It wants your entry to shred your worst memory of 2018 and enter to [win a free five night trip to NYC](#) for Shred It Day, December 28, 2018. More prizes available. What would you shred to win? Enter by November 29.
- [Health Ambassador Applications are open](#). Students must be in grades 9, 10, or 11 to apply.
- [Lead2Feed](#) has a new 12 lesson track called Now Go Lead. This is an enhancement to the program they already have. This programming is free.
- Learn about [Project Heart with Ottor Cares](#). The programming, valued at over \$500, is available free. This program is available for 4th – 12th grade.
- Participate in a [service-learning program](#) honoring International Day of the Girl and other Pennies for Peace programs.
- Horace Mann is giving away up to \$60,000 in DonorsChoose.org funding. Administrators, principals, and teachers are all eligible to apply. **ENTER NOW!** Feel free to contact your [local representative](#) to learn more.
- [The Drive Smart Contest is open](#). Through Jan. 6, 2019, students can submit a digital short for a chance at a \$10,000 scholarship. There are prizes for students and teachers.
- November 6 is the deadline for students to submit applications for The [2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards](#).
- Drive Clean, Texas: Find [teacher resources](#) that emphasize air quality education.
- The [World of 7 Billion video contest](#) is back. Contest topics are preserving biodiversity, sustainable resource use, and protecting human rights. The contest is open to middle and high schools students. Participating teachers receive free curriculum resources from Population Education, and student winners receive cash prizes.
- Check out Take Care of Texas for [Pollution Prevention Projects and Lesson Ideas](#), [digital tools to teach energy and environment activities](#) and the [Take Care of Texas Video Contest](#) is now open. It is open to 6th – 12th graders. Students can win \$2,500 scholarships or GoPro Cameras.

## MORE News You Can Use...

- Connect with Safe2Save, one of TASC's newest endorsed programs. SAFE 2 SAVE - Mission: Changing behavior toward distracted driving with rewards for safe driving. Student Council leaders promote safe driving and encourage students, parents and school administration to participate in a safe driving competition. They can help you with fund-raising. Everyone can download the FREE SAFE 2 SAVE app using a unique code created for the school and then join a friendly safe driving competition using the app. Click on the link for more details on starting a competition at your school, <http://bit.ly/2Lyz4Dv>. For more information on SAFE 2 SAVE, visit [www.safe2save.org](http://www.safe2save.org). Save Money. Save Lives. #DriveSafe2Save Check out the app today and use download code, TASC, for 500 points!
- Nominate your outstanding 4th-8th graders for summer 2019 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](http://www.educationinaction.org/nominate-leaders) Nomination Deadline: Friday, November 2, 2018.
- Carry the Flag educational program has programs for elementary, middle, and high school students. Contact [donna.kee@carrytheload.org](mailto:donna.kee@carrytheload.org) to bring the program to your school. Download the [campus guide](#) here.
- Access [free student leadership resources](#). One is Five Research-Based Methods to Help Teens Beat Stress and Anxiety.
- Download [five secondary lesson plans](#): The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership in grades 6-12.

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### [2018-2019 CALENDAR OF AWARENESS DAYS](#)

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

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

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



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- Check out TASC on Snapchat.
- **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:** You can find sample press releases under the [Resources 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 under the [Resource tab/Advisors](#).
- 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. (Under About Us/Donate).



## Meet Randi Shaw and Jarret Carnes, TASC State Parliamentarian school advisor and student representative:



**Randi Shaw** is currently in her 5th year teaching American Sign Language and serving as the Student Council Advisor at Whitehouse High School. She graduated from Mineola High School and later attended Tyler Junior College, A&M Commerce and the University of Texas at Tyler. Her heart has always been in the classroom, and it has been her greatest joy to see her students grow in their leadership ability. Randi typically spends her free time with her two fur babies, going to the movies or documenting her life via snapchat. She is very excited to serve as the Parliamentarian Advisor for the upcoming year!

**Jarret Carnes** is currently a senior at Whitehouse High School and serves as the Senior Class President. He has been a member of Student Council since the 3rd grade and is very grateful to be spending his 10th and final high school year serving as the State Parliamentarian Representative. In his free time (which is extremely rare), Jarret can be found juggling various objects, reading the news, volunteering or struggling to figure out how computers work. When asked about his role in Student Council, he often summarizes his position as “the full-time therapist for Ms. Shaw” and says that he wouldn’t trade it for the world. His largest goal for the upcoming year is to leave a positive legacy.



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