

TASC NewsBlast August 2018 Texas Association of Student Councils

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When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!

Upcoming Events:

- **TASC Advisor Workshop: September 23 and 24 at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos.**
 - Register now to ensure your success for the coming year.
 - Register now to build your web of support.
 - Register now with your honor society advisor (and anyone who works with student activities) to strengthen your leadership team.
 - Register now to fill your leadership toolbox.
 - Register now to enjoy a conference just for you with others who are committed to making schools a place where students and staff want to be.

Attention Middle Level Advisors: The TASC Board set a new deadline for Middle Level Councils to submit applications for Top Project and Top Video. The link is open now, and you can submit at any time, but they are not due until October 9. Some of the best submissions will be recognized at the ML Conference in November. Remember, Animotos count as videos. We want to recognize your council's good work.

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

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| September 3 | Deadline to submit breakout topics and table shares for Advisors Workshop |
| September 7 | Deadline for early bird registration and hotel at group rates for Advisors Workshop |
| September 23-24 | Advisors Workshop in San Marcos |
| | ML deadline to submit applications for Top Project and Top Video |
| | Deadline to apply to run for ML Advisor on the Board. |
| September 30 | Deadline to send donations for Santa Fe High School to TASC (see more below). |
| October 1 | National Principal's Month begins |
| October 9 | Deadline for Middle Level Councils to submit applications for Top Project and Top Video |
| October 10 | Deadline to apply to host the ML Annual Conference for 2019 |
| October 10 | Deadline to apply for ML Elected Advisor to the Board |
| October 15 | Deadline for students to apply for the Senate Youth Program |
| November 9-10 | Middle Level Annual Conference |

To Do List for August:

- 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). Make any needed updates AND upload your constitution.
- New advisor for the coming year?
 - Go to "Join or Update" today.
 - New primary or co-advisors can add themselves, or you can edit the advisor for your council.

Please thank our sponsor for the
TASC Middle Level Conference:



Congratulations TASC! You played a starring role at the National Student Council Conference.

- JJ Stroud from Brooks Wester Middle School was recognized as the Region 8 Middle Level Advisor of the Year.
- Due to your efforts, the TASC State Service Project was once again honored with the Ardis Kyker Award.
- Susan Waldrep from Texas High School was named the National Student Council High School Advisor of the Year.

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.

Donations to Santa Fe High School

September 15 is the deadline to send contributions to Santa Fe HS to TASC. TASC will send one lump sum to the SFHS Student Council so that their students may determine how best to help their school recover from last year's tragic school shooting. TASC will also send a list of all councils donating to Santa Fe. (You might choose to send donations to Santa Fe as your spirit gift at football games this year. You could present a certificate saying a gift has been made in that school's honor.) Send checks to TASC at 1833 S. IH 35, Austin, TX 78741 and mark them as a donation to Santa Fe HS. This would count as participation in the 2018-2019 TASC State Service Project as you are helping SFHS address mental wellness in staff and student body.

News You Can Use

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

- Inspire your students to change the world with free resources from [Project Heart by Otterbox](#).
- September 26 is [National Character Day](#).
- September is [National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month](#).
- There is a brand new link to Resources for Middle Level advisors, thanks to Lisa Gilbert, ML Elected Advisor to the Board.

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

- <https://www.theteacherscorner.net>
- <https://www.brownielocks.com>



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Are your members following the [TASC Facebook](#) page? There are frequent postings of scholarship opportunities as well as ideas for great activities. Find information here first!



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.

- 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).





TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

Event Planner 2018-2019

| 2018 | | Notes |
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| June 10-12 | Steering Committee Retreat (District President/Coordinator/Board) New Braunfels | |
| June 25-27 | NatStuCo Conference in Minnesota (TX officers pre-trip June 21-28) | |
| July 10 | Deadline to Register for Student Leadership Course Curriculum Academy at E.B. Prices | |
| July 29-31 | TASC Board Meeting at the Austin Westin at the Sonesta Bee Cave Austin | |
| Aug. 1-2 | Student Leadership Course Curriculum Academy at the Sonesta Bee Cave Austin | |
| Sept. 3 | Deadline to Submit Discussion Group Topics for Advisors' Workshop | |
| Sept. 7 | Deadline for Hotel Reservations at Group Rate for Advisors' Workshop | |
| Sept. 7 | Deadline for Registration for Advisors Workshop at Early Bird Pricing | |
| Sept. 23-24 | Advisors Workshop at Embassy Suites and Conference Center San Marcos | |
| Sept. 25 | Deadline to Submit Warren E. Shull Adv. of the Year Nomination (optional-nat'l award) | |
| Oct. 9 | Deadline to Submit Top Projects and Top Video Applications for ML recognition | |
| Oct. 10 | Deadline to Submit ML Discussion Group Topics | |
| Oct. 10 | Deadline to File for ML Elected Advisor to the Board | |
| Oct. 10 | Deadline to Apply to Coordinate the ML Annual Conference 2019 | |
| Oct. 23 | Deadline for Registration for ML Conference for T-shirts and Early Bird Pricing | |
| Oct. 23 | Deadline to Reserve Rooms at Group Rate for ML Conference | |
| Oct. 23 | Deadline to Submit ML Advisor Service Pin/Retirement Information | |
| Nov. 9 | TASC Board of Directors Meeting, Embassy Suites, San Marcos | |
| Nov. 9-10 | ML Annual Conference, Embassy Suites, San Marcos | |
| Nov. 26 | Deadline for Districts to Submit Nominations for ML/HS 2018-19 Advisor of the Year | |
| Dec. 1 | Deadline to Submit JC Applications (Summer and Advanced) | |
| Dec. 7 | Deadline to Submit TASC Student Scholarship Applications | |
| Dec. 7 | HS Annual Conference Online Hotel Reservation Service and Registration Opens | |
| Dec. 14 | Deadline for Nominees to Submit Applications for HS/ML 2018-19 Advisor of the Year | |
| 2019 | | Notes |
| Jan. 9 | Deadline for Registration for Advanced Leadership Workshop at Lakeview | |
| Jan. 11-13 | Directors and Consultants Meeting @ the Sonesta Bee Cave Austin | |
| Jan. 18-20 | Advanced Leadership Workshop at Lakeview | |
| Jan. 23 | Deadline for Registration for Advanced Leadership Workshop at Mo Ranch | |
| Jan. 30 | Deadline to Submit Applications for ML & HS \$1,000 Council Scholarships | |
| Feb. 4 | Deadline to File for HS State Office and Submit General Platform | |
| Feb. 8-10 | Advanced Leadership Workshop at Mo Ranch | |
| Feb. 13 | Deadline to Submit Table Talk Proposals for HS Annual Conference | |
| Feb. 13 | Deadline to Submit Top Ten Projects and Top Ten Video Applications for HS | |
| Feb. 15 | Deadline to Submit HS Annual Conference Final Candidate Information & Platform | |
| March 1 | Deadline to File for HS Elected Board Position | |
| March 18 | Deadline to Submit Service Pin/Retirement Information for HS Annual Conference | |
| March 18 | Deadline to Apply to be HS Conference Coordinator for 2021 | |
| March 19 | Deadline for HS Annual Conference Registration for T-shirts and Early Bird Pricing | |
| March 19 | Deadline to Reserve Hotel Rooms for Annual Conference at Group Rates (may be extended) | |
| March 23 | Deadline to Report Award Winning Schools from Districts | |
| March 29 | Registration Opens for Summer Leadership Workshops | |
| April 14 | Board of Directors Meeting at Sheraton in Arlington | |
| April TBD | HS Annual Conference in TBD | |
| June 9-11 | Steering Committee Retreat (District President/Coordinator/Board) | |

Meet Chad Cooke and Ema Waring from Azale High School, your 2018 - 2019 TASC President school advisor and student representative:



Chad Cooke is an algebra teacher and student council advisor at Azle High School. He graduated from Azle and returned with a passion for teaching leadership. This will be his sixth year as a StuCo advisor. He has held a district office twice, served as district conference host, and is honored to have Azle StuCrew be elected to State President. Student Council means a lot to Mr. Cooke, and his students testify, "Even when he leaves campus he is still working." In his free time here and there, he plays games, makes jokes, and visits the ocean.

Ema Waring is a senior at Azle High School, although sometimes confused for a sophomore #2019. This will be her sixth year participating in Student Council, and she is excited to serve as the State President representative. She often quotes, "StuCo is life," and enjoys staying up late to work on projects and events. In addition to community service, Ema is a spirit leader for The Swarm, dabbles in theatre, and runs cross country & track. She enjoys rock climbing, reading self-help books, and taking pictures in front of murals. She hopes to meet as many TASC members as possible and engage the state with a valuable service project.



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