

TASC NewsBlast December 2018 Texas Association of Student Councils

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When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!

Upcoming Events:

- Register now for the [TASC Advanced Leadership Workshops](#) for grades 9 -12. If you have attended, you know how good they are. If you haven't, well, it's time you did.
 - Lakeview: January 18-20, 2019
 - Mo Ranch: February 8-10, 2019
- TASC High School Annual Conference—Don't miss this highlight of the year!
 - Register now for strong programming for High School StuCo members
 - 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: [Kevin Laue](#) and [Carlos Ojeda](#).
 - Register now to give your council the leadership edge. Registration opens December 7.

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

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.

News You Can Use

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

- [Health Ambassador Applications are open](#). Students must be in grades 9, 10, or 11 to apply.
- Students ages 13 – 18 can earn a \$10,000 grand prize (and other prizes) by entering an original video to educate their peers about the [dangers of distracted driving](#).
- Take part in the [Great Kindness Challenge](#) Jan. 28 – Feb. 1.
- [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 how to host an [Oxfam Hunger Banquet](#).
- Learn about [Project Heart with Ottor Cares](#). The programming, valued at over \$500, is available free. This program is available for 4th – 12th grade.
- [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.
- 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.
- Carry the Flag educational program has programs for elementary, middle, and high school students. Contact 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.



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.

Congratulations to Jaime Hicks Burke, newly elected Middle Level Advisor to the Board and Leslie Russwurm, the 2018 Middle Level Advisor of the Year.

Meet Madeline Jones and Travis Waltz TASC Conference Coordinator student representative and advisor:



Hey Y'all! My name is **Madeleine Jones** and I am this year's Conference Coordinator Student Representative. I spend a majority of my time making sure that state 2019 is going to be amazing. However, in the time that I am not working, I can most likely be found at swim or softball practice or hanging out with my family. My super cool advisor Mr. Travis Waltz spends most of his time working as well. Between teaching AP and Dual credit Government and prepping for state, it seems like he never leaves his classroom. However, he spends as much time as he can at home with his wife and three daughters. We are both working diligently to ensure that state 2019 rocks and we are excited to see y'all there!

Please thank our sponsor for the
TASC Middle Level Conference:



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

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

<https://www.theteacherscorner.net/calendars/january.php>
<http://www.brownielocks.com/>



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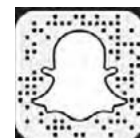


Are your members following the [TASC Facebook](#) page? There are frequent postings of scholarship opportunities as well as ideas for great activities. Find information here first!



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.
- Share this newsletter with your students. (Hint, it's posted on the TASC website.)
- There is a brand-new link to Resources for Middle Level advisors, thanks to Lisa Gilbert, ML Elected Advisor to the Board.
- **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).



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Middle Level Conference 2018

