



When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!

Upcoming Events:

- **[TASC Advisor Workshop](#): September 23-24, 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.
- **[TASC Middle Level Annual Conference](#): November 9-10, Embassy Suites in San Marcos**
 - 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 leadership training.

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 23-24 | TASC Advisors Workshop |
| September 25 | Deadline for District Presidents to submit nominees for the Warren Shull Award |
| September 30 | Deadline to send donations for Santa Fe High School to TASC (see more next page). |
| October 1 | National Principal's Month begins |
| October 9 | Deadline for Middle Level Councils to submit applications for Top Project and Top Video |
| October 9 | Deadline to register to vote in the November election |
| 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 |
| October 22 | TASC Leadership Day with the Mavericks. For information, contact Cory Webb at 214-658-7111 or cory.webb@dallasmavs.com |
| October 25 | Dallas Stars StuCo Leadership Day. Contact Ashley Castillo at 214-387-5635 or acastillo@dallasstars.com . Register by 9/25 for each attendee to get a free Stars hat. |
| November 9-10 | Middle Level Annual Conference |

- **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.

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 30 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.



Teach your students what voice means in the US. October 9 is the deadline to register to vote for the November election. Partner with your principal in ensuring there is a [voter registration campaign in your school](#).

News You Can Use

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

- 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.
- September 26 is [National Character Day](#).
- September is [National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month](#).
- [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.
- November 6 is the deadline for students to submit applications for The [2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards](#).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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. Save Money. Save Lives. #DriveSafe2Save Check out the app today and use download code, TASC, for 500 points!

MORE News You Can Use...

- 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 Nomination Deadline: Friday, November 2, 2018.
- The Thirst Project is launching its 2018 School Tour and will be in Texas 10/29 – 11/9. They want to reach 25 Texas high schools. The presentations are completely free and educate students about the global water crisis and empower them to help end it.
- September 26 is Character Day. If you haven't done so already, please make sure to [sign up](#) and spread the word to your communities using this [social media toolkit](#) and [customizable email template](#). Your event can be as big or small as you would like it to be — anywhere, any time, at no cost. [Watch this 1-minute trailer](#) and sign up!
- Enter the [National Principal's Month Video Contest](#). Submit entries by October 5.
- 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.

Please thank our sponsor for the
TASC Middle Level Conference:



Interactive October 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).



Meet Lianna Gantz and Lainey Freeman from Keller Central High School, your 2018 - 2019 TASC Vice President school advisor and student representative:



Lianna Gantz is an Algebra 2 teacher and Student Council advisor at Central High School of 15 years. When she isn't at the school she is most likely spending time with her 11-year-old son Cody. She is an expert at teaching life lessons and finding the meaning in everything. She has served on the TASC board before and has served on the TASC District III board numerous times. She has a passion for teaching and building leaders which is why she is such an amazing advisor. She is honored to be serving on the board again and is excited for what this year has in store.

Lainey Freeman is a senior at Central High School and is excited to serve as not only the TASC Vice-President representative, but also Student Body President during her 7th year of Student Council. On top of her passion for servant leadership, Lainey is also involved in Central's Varsity Show Choir, National Honor Society, ASL Club, and more. She enjoys attending church and is very passionate about spreading her love of Jesus. She hopes to one day pursue ministry as a career. She rarely has free time but when she does, she loves hanging out with friends, serving her community, watching Netflix, water coloring, playing with kids (especially her 3 adorable cousins), etc. She hopes to build many relationships with TASC members during her tenure and is very excited to have an amazing year alongside her fellow officers.



"Hornets on Vacation" Azle Homecoming 2018 9/24/18-9/29/18

- Monday – Jet Lag (Comfy Clothes/Sweatpants, Travel Pillow)
- Tuesday – Tacky Tourist (Hawaiian Shirt, Fanny pack, Sunblock)
- Wednesday – World Wide Wednesday (Souvenir T-Shirts)
- Thursday – "Senior" Trip (Grandparent attire)
- Friday – Staycation (Green Out)



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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) | |