TASC NewsBlast Feb. 2024 Texas Association of Student Councils

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When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!



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More event info on Page 5. Bus parking is only available at the Irving Convention Center through a limited amount of passes from TASC; contact Patty to RSVP patty@tassp.org

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICER SCHOOL ELECTIONS AT THE CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT:

- Incarnate Word Academy Love is Respect INFO
- Hallsville HS Happy Hearts INFO
- Vista Ridge HS Finding Roots in Community INFO

VICE PRESIDENT:

- Franklin HS Embrace a Priceless Heart INFO
- Rockwall HS Be a Light in the Shadows: Bring awareness to child abuse - INFO
- Texas HS Texas Roundup! INFO

SECRETARY:

- Bridge City HS StuCo: The Greatest Show! INFO
- Dickinson HS The Power is Yours INFO
- Northwest HS Dream without Fear; Live without Limits - INFO

- Plainview HS Rev Up for Responsible Driving: Teen Drinking and Driving Awareness Car Show - INFO
- Veterans Memorial HS Brooke's Blossoms INFO

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

- Hays HS Let's Chat with TCHATT INFO
- North Garland HS Flip to the Future INFO
- North Mesquite HS Wishing Together, Changing Lives Forever: Make a Wish, Make a Difference - INFO
- UT Tyler University Academy at Longview Love Our Veterans Everyday - <u>INFO</u>

HS BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024-2027:

- James Brown Pebble Hills High School INFO
- Jonathan Colburn Georgetown High School <u>INFO</u>

READ ALL ABOUT THE CANDIDATES AND MAKE AN INFORMED VOTE

FREE ONLINE TRAINING!



Stay Strong...February 5

ALL things State...ALL things Elections **Appreciation Projects & More**

Finish Strong...March 25
ALL things Summer...Projects to Beat the Spring Blues
Year in Review



- **New Advisor Starter Kit >>**
- Sample Calendar for the StuCo School Year >>
- TASC and StuCo Basics for NEW ADVISORS >>

NOTE: ALL TIMES ARE CST

- Link to Past Recordings **HERE**
- and Presentation HERE

ADVISORS SCHEDULE AND ZOOM LINKS >>



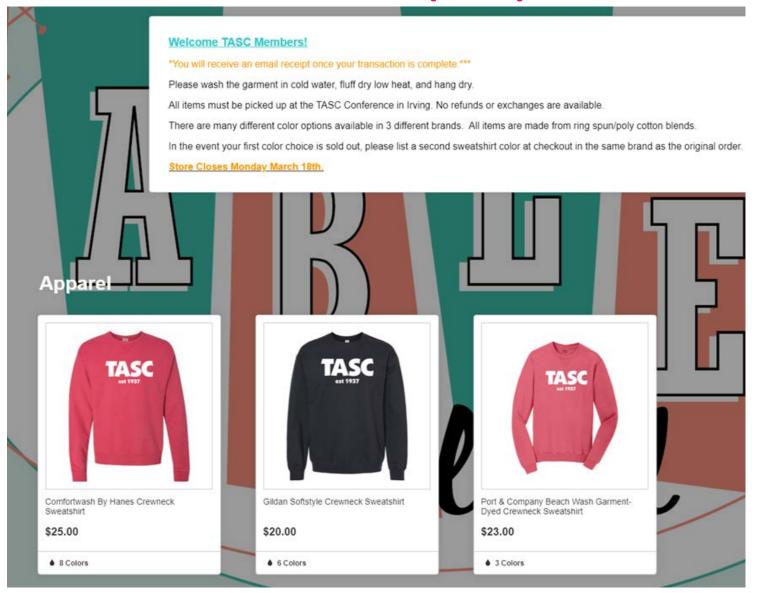






STUDENT SCHEDULE AND ZOOM LINKS >>

GET YOUR TASC SWEATSHIRT HERE! CLICK BELOW



TASC STATE REPORT FORMS

Your council deserves recognition for the hard work you do. Councils can earn recognition in the following (each is a separate award)

- Pride and Patriotism (P&P)
- Energy and Environment (E&E)
- Drugs, Alcohol, Safety, and Health (DASH)
- Community Service (No points required. Just submit the form.)
- Outstanding Student Council
- And Sweepstakes (Earn recognition in all of the above for a Sweepstakes Award)

The 2023 – 2024 State Report Forms are simpler to manage than ever before!

CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION

BUILD YOUR SCHOOL'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The TASC/TASSP State Credit (and very affordable) Leadership Class could be just what you need.

The Student Leadership course provides students in grades 9-12 specific skills to positively impact their lives and their communities. Areas to be addressed include leadership theory, group dynamics, project management, team building, conflict resolution, communication, SMART goal setting, and collaborative strategies. The course is adaptable across various student populations. Students solve relevant and current school and community issues by working collaboratively and independently on real-world tasks such as needs assessments, project planning, project implementation, and presentations.

CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION



IMPORTANT DATES

March 1 Deadline for HS Annual Conference Registration for T-shirts and Early Bird Pricing
 March 1 Deadline to Submit HS Annual Conference Final Candidate Information & Platform
 March 1 Deadline to Submit Service Pin/Retirement Information for HS Annual Conference

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March 1 Deadline to Apply to be HS Conference Coordinator for 2026

March 1 Deadline to <u>Submit Table Talks Proposals</u> for HS Annual Conference
March 6 Deadline to <u>Reserve Hotel Rooms for Annual Conference at Group Rates</u>

March 6 Deadline to Report Award-Winning Schools from Districts

March 8 Deadline to <u>Submit the TASSP Academic Excellence Award Application</u>

March 8 Deadline to <u>Submit the TASSP Teens Serving Texas Application</u>



Step Into Leadership:

National Student Council Applications Open March 5th!

Are you ready to elevate your high school experience and make a lasting impact? The National Association of Student Councils (NASC) is looking for passionate and driven student leaders like you to join its first ever **National Student Council!** Serving on this prestigious council not only sharpens your leadership skills but also grants you the opportunity to voice the concerns and ideas of

students on a national platform. From engaging directly with leaders in the White House and Congress to representing student voices in major media outlets, this is your chance to be at the forefront of shaping educational policies.

- Informational ZOOM webinar for STUDENTS: February 22 (Click link to register)
- Officer applications open: March 5
- Officer applications due: March 26
- Eligibility criteria

Don't let this unparalleled opportunity pass you by. Prepare your applications, mark your calendars, and get ready to unlock a world of possibilities. For more information on how to apply and what to expect: **CLICK HERE**



TASC FYI

- Update your profile on the TASC website.
- Log in and go to the Member Home.
- Click on **My Profile** under the name badge. Select "edit" and make any needed changes.
- Click on "organization" (your school). Select "edit." 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
- Renewal notices were sent via email. Email lori@tassp.org if you need another.



Advisor change for next year? New Advisor? Or need to add a NEW advisor? Please do NOT overwrite the existing advisor's information. (It is best if the new advisor adds this information.) The new advisor can create a profile at this link: Advisor Change/Addition Form. (Co-advisors may be added there as well.) Important: Please do not overwrite a name, email, or school name with another person's information in a profile or in a registration or payment. That results in the advisor profile not being linked to the school profile.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN! BOOK IN THE TASC HOTEL BLOCK!!

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REGISTER NOW >> BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM >>

Please book in the TASC block - this helps keep registration costs low. It also helps you because Conference Direct can help you find other hotels, add additional rooms, etc. Contact Conference Direct if you need their assistance or need them to intercede with the hotel on your behalf. Do not call hotels in our block directly and ask for the rate - you must go through the online service or call Conference Direct for them to assist you. For questions, hotel invoices, or assistance, please get in touch with Conference Direct. How to use the online housing link step by step - HERE!

Download a list of hotels and their services, such as bus parking availability, breakfast, etc. click HERE!

- Students will attend sessions designed to celebrate, educate, and motivate student leaders! They will hear from the top youth speakers in the nation and also learn from each other in Breakout Sessions and Table Talks.
- Students, Advisors, and Schools will be recognized for the work they've done through the TASC State Project, win scholarships and service awards, and elect state officers for the next school year.
- A Night at Six Flags and more!

SUNDAY, APR 7 - DAY ONE - IRVING CONVENTION CENTER

Noon - 7:30p Registration

Noon - 7:00p Campaigns/Entertainment

Noon - 7:00p Exhibits Open

12:40p - 5:40p Special Sessions for Advisors

Dinner purchase is offered at the convention center for Pre-Sale.

7:30p - 10:30p Opening General Session - Sponsored by US Army

MONDAY, APR 8 - DAY TWO - IRVING CONVENTION CENTER

7:30a - 9:00a Registration

8:00a - 8:45a Meet the Candidates Session

9:00a - noon Second General Session

Noon - 1:15p Lunch at the Convention Center Is Offered for Pre-Sale.

Noon - 1:00p Voting

1:15p - 1:45p Eclipse Viewing Indoors/Outdoors

2:00p - 4:30p Break out Rotations (Student and Advisor Sessions)

6:00p - 10:00p Six Flags Party - Private Party with Dinner and Parking included in 2024

TUESDAY, APR 9 - DAY THREE - IRVING CONVENTION CENTER

8:30a - 9:15a Run-off Balloting (if needed)

9:30a - noon Final General Session

Noon - 1:00p Meeting for New Officer Schools and Advisor on Board

Join about 4,000 StuCo leaders in Irving as we come together to celebrate accomplishments, elect officers, and attend sessions on leadership and student council issues. The conference includes a night at Six Flags Theme Park and exciting speakers, exhibits, elections, and activities. Be a part of the largest student council gathering in the U.S. at the 2024 TASC High School Annual Conference!



THANK YOU Sponsor of Opening Keynote Speaker

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The Texas High School Ideas Challenge, hosted by the McFerrin Center for Entrepreneurship at Texas A&M University, is designed to encourage high school students to explore entrepreneurship and foster development of an entrepreneurial mindset.

The Challenge is open to any Texas high school student with a BIG idea!

Finalists are invited to compete in May on the campus of Texas A&M University for a chance to win a piece of

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE MARCH 15

Learn more!:

Download a flyer and slide to share with your students!





McFerrin Center for Entrepreneurship















