TASC NewsBlast August 2025 Texas Association of Student Councils

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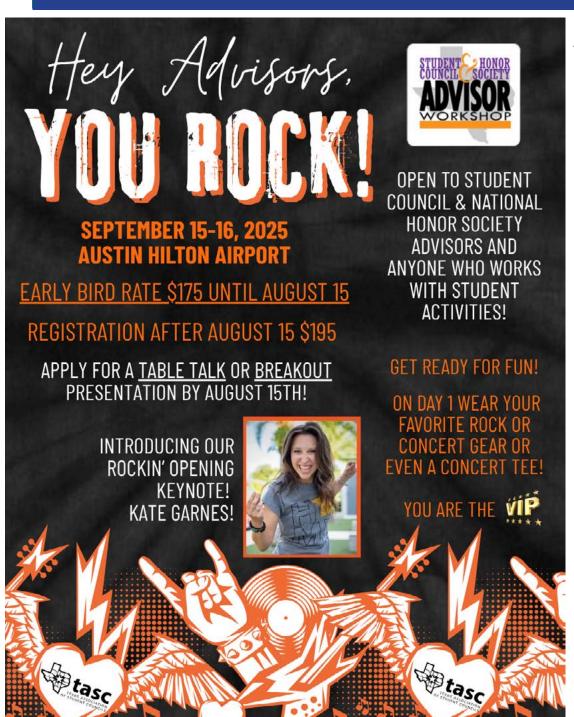








When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!



Share this newsletter with your students. Let them investigate projects and opportunities. The newsletter is posted on the homepage of the TASC website.

ADVISOR

REGISTER NOW!



BOOK in the HOTEL BLOCK





SHARE WITH US!

- We are seeking <u>Breakout</u>
 <u>Proposals</u> from both the student council and honor society advisors. Those who are accepted to present a 45-minute breakout receive free registration.
- We are seeking <u>Table</u> <u>Talks</u> (10-minute facilitated discussions) proposals from both the student council and honor society advisors.



All Advisors and Students are Invited!
7:00pm-8:00pm Central Time
Zoom links are on the linked spreadsheet.

Start Strong!

August 25th Our year at glance and yours! Projects you can do tomorrow.

Be Strong!

November 10th Advanced Workshops, <u>ALL</u> State Applications, & Holiday Ideas/Projects

Stay Strong!

January 12th All things Annual Conference, appreciation projects, & more.

Finish Strong!

February 23rd Campus Elections, projects to beat the spring blues, & year in review.



CLICK HERE!



NEW ADVISOR TRAINING 7 PM CT (6 PM MT

IST SEMESTER

SEPTEMBER 24 OCTOBER 15 NOVEMBER 5 DECEMBER 10

2ND SEMESTER

JANUARY 14 FEBRUARY 11 MARCH 4 APRIL 8

JOIN THE CLASS! GET CONNECTED! ROCK ON!

SCAN THE CODE AND JOIN!





THE WHY -

THE STATE PROJECT, TASC ROCKS AGAINST HUNGER!, IS NEEDED BECAUSE:

- THROUGHOUT TEXAS, 1 IN EVERY 6 FAMILIES FACE FOOD INSECURITY (FEEDING TEXAS)
- IN TEXAS, 1 IN EVERY 4 CHILDREN GOES TO BED HUNGRY, WHICH IS OVER 2 MILLION CHILDREN EVERY DAY (FEEDING TEXAS)
- TEXAS HAS THE SECOND-HIGHEST FOOD INSECURITY POPULATION IN THE NATION (FEEDING TEXAS)
- 5.1 MILLION TEXANS ARE AT RISK FOR HUNGER (FEEDING TEXAS)
- WITHIN A YEAR, THE RATE OF FOOD INSECURITY IN TEXAS HAS RISEN FROM 16.4% TO 17.6% (FEEDING TEXAS)
- TEXAS HAS THE HIGHEST RATE OF SENIOR FOOD INSECURITY IN THE NATION, WITH 13.6% OF TEXAN SENIORS AT RISK FOR HUNGER (FEEDING TEXAS)
- MORE THAN 3.4 MILLION TEXANS RECEIVE SNAP BENEFITS (EVERY TEXAN)
- OVER 3 MILLION STUDENTS ARE ESTIMATED TO QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL LUNCHES (STATISTA)
- OVER 2 MILLION INDIVIDUALS IN TEXAS EXPERIENCE LOW ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD SOURCES (UTHEALTH SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH)
- OVER 4 MILLION PEOPLE RECEIVE FOOD AND RESOURCES FROM THE FEEDING TEXAS NETWORK OF FOOD BANKS (FEEDING TEXAS)
- TEXAS FOOD BANKS ARE REPORTING SIGNIFICANT STRAIN AND FACING CHALLENGES TO PROVIDE ENOUGH RESOURCES TO THOSE WHO FACE FOOD INSECURITY (THE TEXAS TRIBUNE)



GOALS -

WE HOPE TO:

- 1. **SERVE** EACH AND EVERY COMMUNITY THAT FACES FOOD INSECURITY BY PROVIDING THE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES AND TIME.
 - A. IMPLEMENT STATE-WIDE SERVICE INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS THAT FOCUS ON POSITIVELY IMPACTING GROUPS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY FOOD SCARCITY. FOR INSTANCE:
 - I. ORGANIZED FOOD DRIVES
 - II. VOLUNTEER WORK/ SERVICE HOURS GAINED THROUGH COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
 - B. PARTNER AND SERVE WITH ENDORSED STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT TEXAS TO PROVIDE SERVICE, TIME, AND EFFORT EFFICIENTLY.
- 2. **EDUCATE** OTHERS OF THE EFFECTS OF FOOD INSECURITY AND HOW IT CAN BE LIMITED OR REDUCED.
 - A. TEACH EVERYONE THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND SOCIAL IMPACTS OF NOT RECEIVING A BALANCED DIET.
 - B. DISCUSS THE DIFFERENT WAYS YOU AND YOUR COUNCIL CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING RESOURCES.
- 3. **ADVOCATE** FOR COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS BATTLING FOOD INSECURITY AND HELP THEM REGAIN STABILITY.
 - A. SUPPORT THOSE STRUGGLING TO OBTAIN NUTRITIOUS MEALS BY COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR AREAS IN NEED.
 - B. PROMOTE THE POSITIVE IMPACT FOOD DONATIONS CAN HAVE ON STRUGGLING INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES WHILE REDUCING THE STIGMA.



STATE REPORT GOALS -

	STATE SERVICE PROJECT GOALS		
1	Number of projects designed to combat food insecurity or hunger in Texas.	1000	
2	Number of community organizations partnered with at your school (food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, etc.).	750	
3	Number of service hours dedicated to projects that help serve, educate, and advocate for individuals on all things food insecurity.	75,000	
4	Number of social media posts tagging @tasc_stuco and using #TASCFeedsTX, which will share resources, projects, and awareness related to the state service project.	1000	
5	The dollar amount of goods and money donated to partnered local advocacy centers and shelters.	\$300,000	
6	People reached through education efforts. This is considered by counting or measuring the number of people educated through programs/ organizations/ projects (ex., the number of attendees at a seminar, open house presentations, advisory lessons, and the number of people reached through social media).	300,000	

PROJECT IDEAS - <u>CLICK HERE FOR THE CANVA</u>

Starters



Main Course(s)



- Food Distribution Volunteering
- Can For Entry
- Hunger Games



- Nutritional Awareness Posters
- Food Insecurity Infographics



- Reduce Food Waste
- Hunger Advocacy Week

- **Donation Drive Competitions**
- Thanksgiving Basket Collection
- Elementary Nutritional Lessons
- Spring Break Pantry Cleaning
- Food Drive Fridays
- Cereal Feeder Challenge
- Homecoming Can Food Drive
- Nutrition Workshops
- Food Insecurity Fundraiser
 - Themed Assemblies

Dessert



- Community Gardens
- Cook-Off For A Cause
- Community Farmers' Market
- Campus Food Pantry
- **Food Insecurity Forum**
- Food Philanthropy Week
 - Student Impact Testimonial
 - Compost For A Cause

Where table-talkers eat and advocate!

Bearn-a-licious, Nery Educative



Starters

Easiest to implement regardless of school circumstance

Main Course(s)

Moderate commitment through energy and participation

Desserts

Community focused: most activity and time required

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES MEETINGS!

Dates 2025-2026-

- September 23
- November 4
- December 2
- January 13

CLICK HERE!

All meetings 7pm-8 pm CST



Purpose - To help! And to go over expectations, questions about running, and the requirements of a candidate and officer.



TASC EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES!

STUDENT COUNCIL/HONOR SOCIETY ADVISOR WORKSHOP • Sept. 15-16. 2025 • Austin Airport Hilton

Join TASC advisors from across the state for this Workshop full of learning, networking, and motivation. Experienced advisors share ideas and insights in small discussion groups and table talks. Advisors may submit a proposal to present a session or a table share. NHS and NJHS advisers are invited and special programming is provided for them.

MIDDLE LEVEL STATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE • Nov. 17-18, 2025 • Waco Convention Center

Middle Level student council and NJHS leaders and advisors hear nationally known speakers, gain training from experts, and share ideas with peers. Build your ML program by registering your students and advisors. For Student Council, NJHS, and other ML Leadership Group members and advisors (Grades 5-8)

ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS • Jan. 24-26, 2026 Lakeview | Feb. 6-8, 2026 Mo-Ranch

Advanced attendees build on their previous trainings such as TASC Summer Leadership Workshops and other training events to further their advanced individual leadership skills with a national leadership consultant.

HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL CONFERENCE • March 29-31, 2026 • San Antonio

Both middle level and high school students and advisors are invited to attend the TASC 90th Annual Conference. Students and advisors celebrate accomplishments, elect state officers, and attend sessions on leadership and student council topics. This high energy conference is the largest gathering of student council leaders in the country.

New Advisor? Check these out:

- **New Advisor Starter Kit >>**
- Add TASC Event Planner dates & deadlines Sample Calendar for the StuCo School Year >>
- Teacher me Back Event
- TASC and StuCo Basics for NEW ADVISORS >>
 - Community Pep Rally
 - Door Greeters
 - TX Say What Anti-Vape

Review your council constitution

calendar as a planning guide Create a calendar for the year/semester

Use the TASC Outstanding Report form and this

er for Advisor's Workshop

*Women's Equality Day

General Council

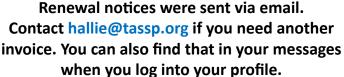
- Attend Advisor Workshop as an Advisor and bring back ideas to your students! Childhood Cancer Month
- Project Ideas -
- *Hydrocephalus Awareness Month
- W2BW Week Mental Wellness?Suicide
- Prevention *Texas First Responders Day
- *Patriot Day/National Day of Service and
- *Constitution Day/ Celebrate Freedom Week
- *American indian Heritage Day
- -Dr. Hector P. Garcia Day
- -Hispanic Heritage Month
- Voter Registration Drive











Renew Today!











TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS Event Planner 2025-2026



2025	TASC website forms along at midnight Control Time on the data listed	Notes
2025 July 14-17	TASC website forms close at midnight Central Time on the date listed TASC Board of Directors Preparation and Meeting - Actual Board Meeting July 16, 2025 in San Antonio	Notes BOD Meeting
August 15	Deadline to Submit Table Talk and Breakout Presentations for Advisor Workshop	DOD Weeting
August 15	Deadline for Registration for Advisor Workshop at Early Bird Pricing	
August 15 August 25	TASC Info Night for all Advisors and Students 7-8 pm CT on Zoom – Start Strong	
Sept. 2	Deadline for Hotel Reservations at Group Rate for Advisor Workshop	
Sept. 15-16	Advisor Workshop at the Hilton Austin Airport Hotel, Austin, TX	Mon - Tues
Sept. 23	Prospective Candidates Meeting 7 pm CT on Zoom – for potential candidates for office	Mon - rucs
Sept. 24	1st Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom – Training 1	
Oct. 8	Deadline for Registration for ML Conference at Early Bird Pricing	
Oct. 8	Deadline to Submit ML Discussion Group Topics	
Oct. 8	Deadline to File for ML Elected Advisor to the Board & to Apply to Coordinate the ML Annual Conference 2026	
Oct. 8	Deadline to Reserve Rooms at Group Rate for ML Conference	
Oct. 8	Deadline to Submit Top Project and Top Video Applications for ML Recognition	
Oct. 8	Deadline to Submit ML Advisor Service Pin/Retirement Information	
Oct. 11-13	SASC Conference at Wade Hampton High School, Greenville, SC (not a TASC event)	
Oct. 15	1st Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom – Training 2	
Nov. 1	Deadline to Submit ADVANCED JC Applications	
Nov. 4	Prospective Candidates Meeting 7 pm CT on Zoom – for potential candidates for office	
Nov. 5	1st Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom – Training 3	
Nov. 10	TASC Info Night for all Advisors and Students 7-8 pm CT on Zoom – Be Strong	
Nov. 17	TASC Board of Directors Fall Meeting	Mon.
Nov. 17-18	Middle Level Annual Conference – Waco Convention Center, Waco, TX	Mon - Tues
Nov. 5	Deadline for Districts to Submit Nominations for ML/HS Advisor of the Year	
Dec. 1	Deadline to Submit SUMMER JC Applications	
Dec. 1	Deadline to Submit TASC Student Scholarship Applications	
Dec. 2	Prospective Candidates Meeting 7 pm CT on Zoom – for potential candidates for office	
Dec. 3	Super Early Bird Deadline Registration for Advanced Leadership Workshop in January	
Dec. 10	1st Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom – Training 4	
Dec. 10	Early Bird Deadline Registration for Advanced Leadership Workshop in January	
Dec. 10	Super Early Bird Deadline Registration for Advanced Leadership Workshop in February	
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General Committee Guidelines -

- -Schools may not serve the same committee two years in a row.
- -Schools may only serve on one committee.
- -Conference committee members serving on committees at the conference as well as board members schools may not nominate or second candidates, and their students must decline to wear gear supporting any one candidate to avoid conflict of interest.



Prior to Annual Conference

For these, your school must not have submitted or not plan to submit one if volunteering for these. If you have never done this before, it could be a great idea to have your younger students help score and then have your students submit the following years.

Top Project - Be able to evaluate all top projects after the Feb. 7 deadline to rate them based on the set criteria in a timely manner. Often it is quickly after this that results are needed. Rated based on the information given and by direction of the Parliamentarian School and State Director.

Top Video - Be able to evaluate all top projects after the Feb. 7 deadline to rate them based on the set criteria in a timely manner. Often it is quickly after this that results are needed. Rated based on the information given and by direction of the Secretary School and State Director.

Student and School Scholarships - Be able to evaluate all student scholarships after the Dec. 1 deadline and the School Scholarships after the January 30th deadline to rate them based on the set criteria in a timely manner. Often it is quickly after this that results are needed. Rated based on the information given and by direction of the Past-President School and State Director.

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At Annual Conference

For these, your school must not be running for office the year they serve. It is key that those chosen know that - Conference committee members serving on committees at the conference as well as board members schools may not nominate or second candidates, and their students must decline to wear gear supporting any one candidate to avoid conflict of interest.

Audience Etiquette Committee - Helping with general sessions to ensure students aren't running. Ensure people move toward the middle so everyone can get a seat. Keeping everyone cool, calm, and collected. Welcome Conference Guests at the main entrances prior to General Sessions. Time commitments are a shift or 2 before and at the beginning of a general session, and advisors take shifts on the afternoon of Day 2 to help guide students to where they need to be.

Meet the Candidate Committee - Help monitor the room for decorum, and students help pass out materials or distribute questions. Keeping the room to only those allowed to be admitted and on time to not disrupt the flow of the room. Time commitments are a shift of about 1.5 hours on Day 2, not including a training meeting.

Tabulations Committee - Help the school with passing out ballots and confirming election results and the need for a run-off at the annual conference. Meets after each election to verify election results prior to the annual commitments are a shift or 2 of 1-2 hours, especially on Day 1 and sometimes during Day 2. Also, a short time immediately after an election closes for each election, including runoffs on Day 3.

Welcome Booth - Be a friendly and knowledgeable TASC face! Needs to have been to the Annual Conference before in Irving to know how to direct people and where things are in the building. Time commitments are a shift or 2 of 1-2 hours, especially on Day 1 and sometimes during Day 2.

Credentials - The Credentials Committee's job is to ensure that all schools can access a fair election. They work directly with the Vice President school in accordance with the rules outlined in the Campaign Rules and Regulations document. They verify that all items brought with the school are accounted for in the budget and comply with the Campaign Rules and Regulations. Time commitment is Day 1 morning through the afternoon with 1 advisor and 1 student. TASC provides lunch during the break between monitoring skits.

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TASC Committees NOT Related to Annual Conference

As a continuation of our investigation of areas of concern for overall TASC services, we have created two committees. If you would like to be on these, you just have to select them, and the committee leads will communicate the schedule of meetings with you. These would be advisor only areas for volunteering due to the longitudinal nature.

The membership goal is to have 2-3 members from each TASC District working on the initiatives.

Accessibility Committee -

To discuss making sure TASC and its services are accessible for all member schools across Texas.

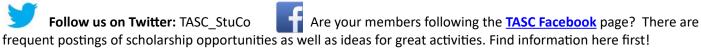
Mentorship Committee -

To help those that are new or newish to advising if you are willing to be paired to help others on their new advisor journey.

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