

# TASC NewsBlast January 2026 Texas Association of Student Councils

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**When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!**

Hey StuCo,  
**YOU ROCK!**

TASC 90TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

## Get Ready for TASC Annual Conference!

90th TASC High School Annual Conference

See you in San Antonio - Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
March 29-31, 2026 (Sun-Tue)

### Keynote Speakers:



Scott Backovich



Mike Smith



Lori Hayes

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

EARLY BIRD RATE: (Includes T-shirts)

by February 25 - \$225 per person

(Every advisor, student, adult chaperone coming into the Convention Center all MUST be registered!)

REGULAR RATE: (Does NOT include T-shirts)

by March 29 - \$245 per person

(NO T-shirts AFTER Feb 25)(Every advisor, student, bus driver, and adult chaperone coming into the Convention Center all MUST be registered!)

Join about 4,000 StuCo leaders in SAN ANTONIO 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 Fiesta Texas and exciting speakers, exhibits, elections, and activities. Be a part of the largest student council gathering in the U.S. at the 2026 TASC High School Annual Conference!

(*EVERY advisor, student, bus driver, and adult chaperone entering the Convention Center all need to be registered!*)

More details next page...

# YOU ROCK!

TASC 90TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

## Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center March 29-31, 2026 (Sun-Tue)

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE OPEN!**

[Conference Details HERE »](#)

[Conference Registration HERE »](#)

### Hotel Booking Information:

See the links below for the booking link, large block site, and for a complete list of hotels and their services, such as bus parking availability, breakfast, etc. Please pay attention to the bus parking availability.

*If you will have a bus at your hotel, please contact them to arrange parking arrangements ASAP.*

- [Main Hotel Booking Website »](#)
- [Large Block Site » for those needing 10 or more rooms](#)
- [Link to the TASC San Antonio Hotel List »](#)

### FORMS FOR ADVISORS:

- Advisors assume full responsibility for their student delegations during the conference, including enforcing the TASC dress code. Registrants must be in the dress code at the conference. [TASC DRESS CODE »](#)
- [Substitute a Registrant Form »](#)
- [TASC Policies »](#)
- [Table Talk submission form »](#) Table Talks are ten-fifteen-minute presentations presented three times. Each school registering is invited to submit up to 4 Table Talk topics.
- [Advisor Recognition form for service or retirement »](#) TASC recognizes advisors for years of service at five-year intervals. Retiring advisors who have served for more than five years are also recognized. Advisors must submit a recognition form.
- [District Flag Ceremony link »](#) Either the District President Advisor or the District Coordinator for each district is asked to submit the name of the student and the school carrying the district flag. Practice will be held on Day One in the afternoon.
- [Texas Hotel Tax Exemption Form »](#)
- **Parking: Registration does NOT include parking.** For those not walking from local hotels, [HERE](#) is a parking map and pricing for non-buses. *Buses may drop off in front of the convention center but may not park at the convention Center.*



### Schedule Draft for planning purposes:

#### Sunday, March 29 - Day One

2:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Registration
2:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Campaigns/Entertainment
2:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
2:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Special Sessions for Advisors
7:30 - 10:30 p.m.	Opening General Session

#### Monday, March 30 - Day Two

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration
8:00 - 8:45 a.m.	Meet the Candidates Session
9:00 - noon	Second General Session
Noon - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Voting
1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Break out Rotations
5:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Six Flags Party

#### Tuesday, March 31 - Day Three

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Run-off Balloting (if needed)
9:30 - noon	Final General Session
noon - 1:00 p.m.	Meeting for New Officer Schools and Elected Advisor on the Board

*EVERY advisor, student, bus driver, and adult chaperone entering the Convention Center all need to be registered! No hats or shorts are allowed in the Convention Center.*

[Exhibits Registration »](#)



# ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS 2026

- JANUARY ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP:  
Jan. 24-26, 2026 (Sat-Mon) | Lakeview in Palestine TX
- FEBRUARY ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP:  
Feb. 6-8, 2026 (Fri-Sun) | Mo-Ranch in Hunt TX



Jan 24-26 | Sat-Mon  
**SORRY - CLOSED!**

@LAKEVIEW: Students and advisors will be in separate bunkhouse housing. Advisors, if you want more privacy, the cost will be an additional \$200 for a Semi-Private (still sharing with 1 other person of the same sex, but in a motel-like room) or \$350 for a Private Room (room by yourself), but you must contact Patty to check availability and pre-pay before arrival.



Feb 6-8 | Fri-Sun  
**Registration Open**

**REGISTER EARLY TO \$AVE!!**

**“SUPER Early Bird” Registration until Dec. 10: \$305**

**“Early Bird” Registration closes Jan. 7  
or when full: \$330**

**Registration Closes on Jan. 21 or when full: \$355**

**Schools may register up to 14 students**

@MO-RANCH: Students and advisors will be in a separate motel or bunkhouse-style housing based on the day and time of registration and facility availability. If in a motel-style room, Advisors are 2 to a room, whereas students are 4 to a room. Advisors, if you want more privacy, the cost will be an additional \$365 for a Private Room (room by yourself), but you must contact Patty to check availability and pre-pay before arrival.

Endorsed  
Program



## SIGN UP TODAY!

**D.A.S.H., E&E,  
P&P, Outstanding Student  
Council & More**



[HealthCode.org/stuco](http://HealthCode.org/stuco)

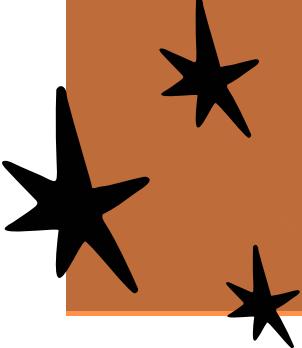
**Crack the Code  
Healthier  
Students, Adults,  
and Communities**

**2025-2026**



# ROCK AS A NEW ADVISOR!

JOIN US FOR A SEMESTER LONG MONTHLY  
VIRTUAL TRAINING TO ASSIST YOU IN ROCKING  
YOUR FIRST FEW YEARS



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**NEW  
ADVISOR  
TRAINING  
7 PM CT  
(6 PM MT)**

**1ST 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 OR  
CLICK THE LINK TO JOIN!**



# 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.**

**For the advisor,  
candidate, and anyone  
interested in learning  
more!**



# COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED



<https://bit.ly/4576d5b>

## 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.



# TASC INFO NIGHTS

All Advisors and Students are Invited!

7:00pm-8:00pm Central Time

Zoom links are on the linked spreadsheet.

*Start Strong!*

**August 25<sup>th</sup>** Our year at glance and yours! Projects you can do tomorrow.

*Be Strong!*

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

*Stay Strong!*

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** All things Annual Conference, appreciation projects, & more.

*Finish Strong!*

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** Campus Elections, projects to beat the spring blues, & year in review.



**CLICK HERE!**



## 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 BATTLED 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 - [CLICK HERE FOR THE CANVA](#)



# TASC'S

## Rockin' Diner



### Starters

*Served Warm!*

- • Snack Packs
- Food Distribution Volunteering
- Can For Entry
- Hunger Games
- • Parent Info Meetings
- Nutritional Awareness Posters
- Food Insecurity Infographics
- • Social Media Campaigns
- Reduce Food Waste
- Hunger Advocacy Week

### Main Course(s)

- • 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

### Desserts

- • Can The Campus
- 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!



*Learn-a-licious,  
Very 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**

## Mark it!



- Jan. 12 TASC Info Night for all Advisors and Students 7-8 pm CT on Zoom – Stay Strong
- Jan. 13 Prospective Candidates Meeting 7 pm CT on Zoom – for potential candidates for office
- Jan. 14 2nd Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom – Training 1
- Jan. 16-18 Directors and Consultants Workshop
- Jan. 21 Deadline to register for Advanced Leadership Workshop in February
- Jan. 24-26 Advanced Leadership Workshop - Lakeview Sat., Sun, Mon.
- Jan. 28 Deadline to File for HS State Office and Submit General Platform
- Jan. 28 Deadline to File for HS Elected Board Position
- Jan. 28 Deadline to Apply for HS Top Ten Project and Video
- Jan. 28 Deadline to Apply for a Table Talk at the HS Annual Conference
- Jan. 30 Deadline to Submit Applications -TASSP/TASC Partnering with your Principal ML & HS [\\$1,000 Council Scholarships](#) They go hand in hand with being a successful council.
- Feb. 6-8 Advanced Leadership Workshop – Mo-Ranch
- Feb. 11 Deadline to Apply to be the HS Annual Conference Coordinator School for 2028
- Feb. 11 2nd Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom – Training 2
- Feb. 23 TASC Info Night for all Advisors and Students 7-8 pm CT on Zoom – Finish Strong
- Feb. 25 Deadline for HS Annual Conference Registration for T-shirts and Early Bird Pricing
- Feb. 25 Deadline to Reserve Hotel Rooms for Annual Conference at Group Rates
- Feb. 25 Deadline to Submit Service Pin/Retirement Information for HS Annual Conference



- **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.*



The **Hi, How Are You Project** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that aims to educate young people worldwide about the importance of mental health and well-being through creative content, events and community-building programs. [\*\*Click for Info\*\*](#)

## 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 2025 – 2026 State Report Forms are simpler to manage than ever before!**

### PLEASE NOTE:

If you downloaded this form in August, please [Re-Download this one.](#)  
We found and fixed errors!  
Thank you!

[\*\*CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION\*\*](#)