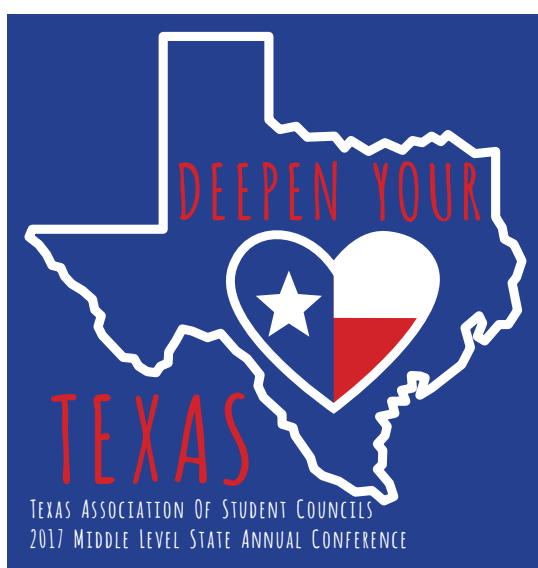




When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!



Upcoming Events:

- [TASC Middle Level Annual Conference: November 10-11, 2017](#)
Hear motivational speaker Stu Cabe; experience mini leadership workshops, and learn from your peers. This event is open to student council and NJHS. Your students will have a great time with this introduction to TASC leadership. Registration will remain open online until November 7. Onsite registration is available.
- [TASC Service Learning Trip to the Dominican Republic Summer 2018:](#)
Please share this opportunity with your high school students. Post information in your classroom.
- [Use these resources for the State Service Project.](#)



DATE CHANGE: The 2018 TASC High School Annual Conference dates have been changed to April 14-16, 2018. (Due to TEA's changing English I and II STAAR test dates.)

[Access the TASC Event Planner with dates for the year here.](#)

Upcoming Deadlines:

- November 27: Deadline for District Presidents to submit nominees for ML and HS State Advisor of the Year
- December 1: Deadline to [Submit JC Applications for Advanced and Summer Leadership Workshops](#)
- December 1: Deadline to [Submit TASC Student Scholarship Applications](#)
- December 1: TASC [Online Housing Reservations Opens](#) for HS Annual Conference
- December 15: Deadline for District Nominees to Submit Applications for State Advisor of the Year. Submit this via the link on the TASC website.

Congratulations, TASC!

You earned the Ardis Kyker National Service Project of the Year Award for Dare to Donate!

News You Can Use

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

Spotlight on the TASC State Project from Claire Doan, the student representative from Texas High School, TASC HS Annual Conference Coordinator School:

Texas High has been and will continue to be very involved in the state project. We have done the following:

- informed our council about the dangers of trafficking,
- constructed blankets for those in need,
- volunteered at a CASA run.
- fed underprivileged children once a week,
- heard a guest speaker speak about her story in foster care.

Future plans include:

- training for our entire school staff at our school on the signs of human trafficking
 - hosting another speaker during the 2nd semester,
 - more CASA volunteer projects during the Spring semester,
 - adding a card with signs of human trafficking and a hotline number to any necessity bags, blankets, etc. provided to the homeless, those in foster care, those in shelters, etc.
- Texas High School wants your school to be part of the action at the 2018 HS Annual Conference. [Read about the Heart of Texas Drumline, StuCo's Got Talent, and the Longest Line Dance.](#)
 - **Advisors: You can get your 6-hour G/T update at the TAGT giftED17 Summit:**
Get your 6-hour G/T Update by attending the TAGT giftED17 Summit: Serving Secondary G/T Students Wednesday, November 29, 9:00 am – 4:15 pm, Hilton Americas, Houston, TX
Secondary educators and district or campus leaders will explore diverse resources to meet the academic and social and emotional needs of gifted students. Participants will identify needs and challenges specific to secondary GT classrooms, begin to solve these challenges through awareness and differentiation, and network with stakeholders. <http://tagtconference.org/summit/>
NOTE: giftED17 Wednesday [registration](#) and RSVP required. G/T teachers, G/T program leaders, and campus administrators may register by selecting the 1-day giftED17 option or join TAGT for the full event, including an additional 2-day [secondary track](#). Once registered, [RSVP here](#).
 - [Project Heart Curriculum](#) available free to educators. Project Heart is an innovative educational curriculum that provides 4th/5th grade students, middle school students, high school students, and teachers with the opportunity to learn and experience philanthropy. This curriculum valued at \$500 is available at no cost to teachers.
 - [Drive Smart Contest](#): Teens can win \$10,000.
 - [Energy and Environment](#) ideas you can use
 - Access [Sallie Mae's Plan for College](#). Student leaders will benefit from this and could win \$1,000 for college.
 - [New Educator Email List from Take Care of Texas](#). Sign up for emails with lesson plans, projects, etc. tailored just for you.
 - The [Take Care of Texas Video Contest](#) closes December 15.
 - [Gain access to projects ideas students can implement now to impact animal welfare, acceptance and tolerance, citizenship, hunger, health and wellness, and more.](#)
 - Your council can send a [message of hope and love](#) to the families of America's fallen military heroes.
 - **Through November 7**, middle and high school students who volunteer can apply for @PruSpirit of Community Awards: <http://spirit.prudential.com>.
 - **Show this [Burger King video](#) to your students and lead a class discussion.**



Meet your State Secretary Team: Ridge Point HS

Advisor: Tonya Samuels I have been in education for 25 years. Originally, I am from Michigan. I graduated with a degree in Journalism from Central Michigan University. I received my teaching Certificate at Michigan State University as well as a Master's in Curriculum and Teaching. I have an amazing daughter in the 5th grade who cannot wait to be a student leader. I am in my second year as an advisor at Ridge Point and a first-time member of the TASC Board Member. It is an honor to represent Ridge Point High School and Fort Bend ISD as State Secretary School.

Student: Blessina Babu Hi everyone! I am so glad to serve on the state board. I was born in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and moved America at the age of 10. I am passionate about servant leadership and have a definite place in my heart for helping children. In my free time I enjoy listening to music, reading books, and you can always catch me watching re-runs of Friends. Family and faith are very important to me. In the future I plan to major in biomedical science and become a pediatric doctor. My goal is to work for the Peace Corps and help children from all over the world. I'm thankful to be part of the TASC board and the opportunity to grow in my leadership abilities.



Attention Middle Level Schools: **Nominate your outstanding 4th-8th graders**

for summer 2018 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 3, 2017.

Interactive December Calendars with writing prompts, bulletin board ideas, and more: <http://www.brownielocks.com/>
<https://www.theteacherscorner.net/calendars/december.php>



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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.

- **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:** Please remember you can find **[sample press releases](#)** under the resource 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 to active members.
- 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.
- Download the new Texas Association of Student Councils Mobile App! Search for TASC 2017
- Check out TASC on Snapchat.





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