TASC NewsBlast September 2024 Texas Association of Student Councils

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When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!



ADVISOR WORKSHOP KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



Phil Boyte! | Phil is the founder of Learning for Living and the creator of nationally known programs including, Link Crew, WEB, and Breaking Down the Walls. Phil authored the book and podcast, "School Culture By Design." Phil brings a dynamic and relationship-centric approach to programs to encourage engagement and inspire belonging!

Jason Queen! | Growing up, Jason experienced a lot of academic, family, and social challenges. All of that led to failing classes, fighting, being labeled, drug and alcohol abuse, foster homes and being placed in programs. During his sessions, he shares what changed his life, and how students can move forward too.

& HONOR SOCIETY ADVISOR WORKSHOP

REGISTER NOW!



Don't Miss the Advisor Workshop! REGISTER TODAY!

- Separate strands are offered for National Honor Society & Texas Association of Student Councils
- Anyone who works with student activities will benefit from this workshop!
- You will get to choose breakouts and table shares based on exactly what you need (as new or experienced advisors)
- Hear from nationally recognized experts in student activities
- Gather with others who understand and support what you do
- Learn from TASC partners

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

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES MEETINGS!

Dates and Links -

- September 30
- November 12
- December 16
- January 14

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!





2024 TASC MIDDLE-LEVEL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(Mon-Tues) Nov. 4-5 | Waco Convention Center

CHECK IT OUT!

CLICK HERE Ju

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

TASC ML Conference Page Link >

\$95 with a t-shirt by October 9th \$110 without a t-shirt by November 4th

TASC Room Blocks are available at the Hilton Waco Convention Center or Courtyard Hotel:

Hilton Waco Convention Center Block Link >
Marriott Courtyard Block Link >

DEADLINES:

- Oct. 2 Deadline to Submit ML Discussion Group Topics
- Oct. 2 Deadline to File for ML Elected Advisor to the Board
- Oct. 2 Deadline to Apply to Coordinate the ML Annual Conference 2025
- Oct. 9 Deadline for Registration for ML Conference at Early Bird Pricing
- Oct. 9 Deadline to Reserve Rooms at Group Rate for ML Conference
- Oct. 9 Deadline to Submit <u>Top Project</u> and <u>Top Video</u> for ML Recognition
- Oct. 9 Deadline to Submit ML Advisor Service Pin/Retirement Info

Middle Level and High Schools can apply to present breakout sessions!

Breakout Session Proposal Link >



The United States Senate Youth Program, established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution, is a unique educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service.

Two students from each state will be selected to attend the weeklong Government and Education Leadership program in Washington D.C., and each will receive a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship. Students must attend the entirety of the program to receive the scholarship to be held **March 1 - 8, 2025.**

The Texas United States Senate Youth Program is for high school students who demonstrate leadership and an interest in government. Students must be a junior or senior in High School. Interested students must be nominated by the high school principal and/or student council advisor. Interested students should inform their principal or student council advisor that they are interested in applying to the Texas US Senate Youth Program. Two high school juniors or seniors from Texas who hold elected or appointed positions of leadership are selected by the

State Commissioner of Education to participate in the Senate Youth Program. This is a highly selective program; any student nominated should be an extremely strong leader with strong communication and interpersonal skills, the initiative to respond to group needs, above-average intelligence, and a great desire to participate in the American democratic processes.

Principals and Student Council Advisors are asked to jointly nominate their most outstanding student to be considered by a state committee from the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals for nomination as a candidate for this program. Only one application per school will be accepted. Final decisions regarding nominations are subject to the judgement and verification of the state selection administrators.

Texas students must submit the completed application and supporting documentation to TASSP/TASC by October 4, 2024.

See the <u>USSYP Brochure</u> for qualifications and the 2024-2025 Texas application and information <u>HERE</u>.



FREE ONLINE TRAINING!



All Advisors And Students Are Invited! 7:00-8:00pm CT Zoom Link To Come

Start Strong...August 26

Our Year At A Glance..Your Year At A Glance Projects You Can Do Tomorrow

Be Strong...November 18

Advanced Workshops-ALL State Applications Holiday Ideas/Projects

Stay Strong...February 3

ALL Things State...ALL Things Elections; Appreciation Projects & More

Finish Strong...April 7

ALL Things Summer...Projects To Beat The Spring Blues Year In Review



ZOOM LINKS HERE!!

New Advisor? Check these out:

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





Renewal notices were sent via email. Email lori@tassp.org if you need another invoice. You can also find that in your messages when you log into your profile.



Check it out and stay connected!

STATE PROJECT 2024:

Love is the Light

Love is the Light On The Horizon

The Why -

- Half of the nation's youth experience unhealthy or abusive relationships.
- It contributes to the student's sense of security within the school environment.
- It helps students recognize toxic behaviors and form healthy boundaries in familial, romantic, platonic, and teacher/staff relationships.
- It encourages students to form bonds with people they can rely on and confide in to create a safer environment.
- It allows healthy relationship values/dynamics to be projected into the community within and outside the school.
- It helps community members recover from domestic violence and unhealthy relationships.

Goals -

- **1. Grow** in self-love by embracing your own individuality and uniqueness to allow for you to understand how to love others and what love you will accept from others.
 - a. Grow by implementing projects that support individual emotional needs (focusing on self-care, and building self-worth).
- **2. Educate** on healthy relationships including boundaries and respect.
 - a. Teach everyone what a balanced, loving, interpersonal relationship should look like.
 - b. Communicate this message to your student body and community to raise awareness.
- **3.** Advocate for yourself and others to help break the cycle of unhealthy relationship dynamics.
 - a. Support those transitioning to healthier relationships and recovering from the negative repercussions of abusive behavior.
 - b. Promote domestic violence prevention and awareness programs. VISIT PAGE >

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 2024 – 2025 State Report Forms are simpler to manage than ever before!

CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION

- Have you reviewed your goals with your principal yet? Review this for a plan for <u>Partnering with Your Principal</u>.
- Take a look at the \$1,000 scholarship forms for partnering with your principal. They go hand in hand with being a successful council.

Access the 2024 – 2025 TASC Event Planner with dates for the coming year.

Follow us on Twitter: TASC_StuCo Are your members following the <u>TASC Facebook</u> page? There are frequent postings of scholarship opportunities as well as ideas for great activities. Find information here first!



TASC is on Instagram: tasc_stuco. Install the app to follow TASC photos and videos.

TASC member schools are starting off the year strong in your schools and communities!

















