

STUDENT & HONOR
COUNCIL & SOCIETY
ADVISOR
WORKSHOP

**DREAM
BEYOND
LIMITS!**

Sept. 13-14, 2026 | Austin Airport Hilton



Welcome

Welcome to the 2026 Texas Student Council and Honor Society Advisor Workshop sponsored by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) and Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC). Student Council and Honor Society complement and support each other at the campus level, as well as share many common student members. Therefore, this workshop is designed to provide training experiences in areas that are specific to each and common to both sets of advisors.

TASSP/TASC is excited and proud to host this event and welcome exemplary educators to Austin for a weekend of motivation, inspiration and education. The program was carefully designed to offer a dynamic combination of peer and professional presenters who will be a great resource for student council and honor society advisors in Texas.

TASSP/TASC staff is here to help you make the most of your workshop experience. If you need anything, don't hesitate to ask. Partner organizations and exhibitors that support the goals and purposes of these student groups are also in attendance to distribute information, and the TASC student leadership store is stocked with great materials available for purchase. The bookstore will be open on Sunday (8:00a - 3:30p) and Monday (8:30a - 11:00a).

The TASSP motto is "Above All, Students First." We believe that when student councils and honor societies collaborate effectively on campus and when advisors receive meaningful training, students are best served in Texas schools. It is our hope that this workshop will provide you with the experiences necessary to lead these exemplary students in your schools. Best wishes for a great workshop.



Dr. Billy Pringle
TASSP/TASC Executive Director



Patty Wangler
TASC Director



Workshop Schedule

Sunday, September 13

REGISTRATION | Bergstrom Ballroom Pre-function.....8:00a - 3:30p

EXHIBITS AND LEADERSHIP STORE | Bergstrom Ballroom Pre-function....8:00a - 3:30p

OPENING GENERAL SESSION | Bergstrom Ballroom9:00a - 10:15a



MIKE SMITH | Leadership By Design

Leadership by Design is an engaging, hands-on experience designed specifically for leadership advisors who want to develop stronger student leaders and create more connected school communities. Drawing on his extensive experience working with students and educators nationwide, Mike combines design-thinking principles with practical leadership strategies that advisors can immediately put into action. Participants learn new ways to help students discover their strengths, take ownership of their leadership, solve problems creatively, and intentionally design a positive school culture.

TASC AND HONOR SOCIETY DISTRICT MEETINGS 10:20a - 10:50a

StuCo & Honor Society - Districts for TASC, National Updates for NHS:

LOWER LEVEL

Room	Districts
Chennault	3 HS, 3 ML, and 3 HS/ML
Del Valle	713 HS, 713ML, 713 HS/ML

MAIN LEVEL

Room	Districts
Longhorn	10, 11, 15, 16
Wildflower	8, 14
Mountain Laurel	1, 2, 5, 6, 12
Goldenrod	17
Lantana	NHS and NJHS
Violet Crown	9, 18
Live Oak	4, 19, 419

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 1 (See page 4)..... 11:00a - 11:45a

In Breakout Sessions, advisors may choose the specific session that applies to their role and experience level.
See page 4 for session descriptions and locations.

LUNCHEON AND AWARDS | Bergstrom Ballroom 12:00p - 1:15p

Take some time to relax and reconnect. TASC will present the Texas Star Award to Mary Whittenberg during this time.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 2 (See page 5)..... 1:25p - 2:10p

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 3 (See page 6)..... 2:25p - 3:05p

SOCIAL / BREAK - Bergstrom Ballroom Pre-function..... 3:05p - 3:30p
Let's relax for just a moment.

TABLE TALKS | Bergstrom Ballroom (See handout) 3:40p - 5:15p
We will have four rounds of about 15 minute Table Talks.

SOCIAL / RECEPTION | Austin Hilton Airport Hotel Atrium 5:30p

TASC will provide hors d'oeuvres for attendees in the Atrium. Please join us to continue the conversation about student leadership and to build that network of support essential to us all - or just join us to relax and have a good time.



Workshop Schedule

Monday, September 14

INFO, EXHIBITS & LEADERSHIP STORE | Bergstrom Pre-function8:30a - 11:00a

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 4 (See page 7)..... 9:00a - 9:45a

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 5 (See page 8).....9:55a - 10:35a

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION | Bergstrom BR (Door prizes awarded)..10:45a - 11:55p



JEFF GERBER | A School Where Everyone Belongs: We Need More Mrs. Burkhardts

Young people today self-report to be more lonely, more anxious, less connected, and less happy than previous generations. Building a school where everyone belongs has never been more crucial not just to our students academic success, but to their overall sense of wellbeing. Advisors and those who lead extra-curricular activities understand this all too well. Wouldn't it be great if your whole staff understood this too? This engaging and interactive closing keynote will encourage, empower, and equip you to continue the important work you do in your schools.

Just as importantly, it will show you ways to bring your staff along with you as allies in the goal to "connect without limits" and truly make your school a place where everyone belongs.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Look for the Advisor Workshop Evaluation which will be sent via e-mail. We value your opinion and comments.
- TASC members, pick up your TASC District ribbon at the TASC booth. Stop by to ask questions!
- Continuing Professional Education forms will be sent in the post-conference email.
- Handouts, PowerPoints, etc., from presentations will be sent in the post-conference email.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Jan. 23-25, 2027 Lakeview | Feb. 5-7, 2027 Mo-Ranch

TASC ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Includes Middle Level!)

March 21-23, 2027 • San Antonio

SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

June & July 2027 • Various Colleges in Texas

DISTRICT LEVEL MEETINGS AND TRAININGS

Fall 2026 & Spring 2027 • Various Locations in TX

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CLASS CURRICULUM ACADEMY

June / July 2027 • Austin & Date TBD





Sunday, September 13

BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

SET 1 • 11:00a - 11:45a



Advisors may select one of the sessions in each set. Read about the speakers on pages 9-11.

Focusing on Inclusive Recruitment and Building Student Leadership..... **Wildflower**
Jennifer Eichenberg, Idalou HS Student Council | B For All StuCo

Reaching all types of students, not just the go getters. Making sure every voice is heard and teaching new members how to step up with confidence.

Crack the Code to Healthy, Engaged Students, Teachers and Communities **Goldenrod**
Steve Amos, HealthCode | For All Student Activities

Empower Your School with HealthCode Events! Your students are a powerful force for positive change in your school. Learn how HealthCode events offer an exciting opportunity to promote wellness, community engagement, and leadership development! HealthCode supports D.A.S.H., Energy/Environment, Pride/Patriotism, and Outstanding Student Council.

Campus Unification **Live Oak**
Aaron Kerss, Livingston HS | For All Student Activities

School Spirit is more than just Friday Night Lights and Pep Rallies. Let's discuss how we build a unified campus culture that lasts all year long!

New TASC Advisors - Foundations of Advising **Chennault**
Antoinette Hernandez, Incarnate Word Academy & James Brown, Pebble Hills HS | New HS and ML StuCo

Being an advisor starts with a strong foundation. Come to this TWO-PART session where we will go over constitution, elections, point systems, state reports, and everything you will need to know about TASC and what it can do to help you and your council.

Leadership By Design with Mike Smith **Del Valle**
Mike Smith | For All Student Activities

This session is an engaging, hands-on experience designed specifically for leadership advisors who want to develop stronger student leaders and create more connected school communities. Mike combines design-thinking principles with practical leadership strategies that advisors can immediately put into action. Participants learn new ways to help students discover their strengths, take ownership of their leadership, solve problems creatively, and design a positive school culture.

Motivation in the Middle: Thriving in your Middle Years as an Advisor **Mountain Laurel**
Dr. Jonathan Colburn, Georgetown HS | For All StuCo

Feeling stuck in the middle? Join us for a fun, practical reset designed to help Student Council advisors recharge, reconnect with their purpose, and rediscover the joy in the role. We'll share fresh ideas, laugh at the realities of advising, and explore strategies to keep both you and your student leaders motivated, energized, and moving forward.

Irresistible Experiences: Creating Experiences that Ignite Student Participation **Violet Crown**
Jason Jedamski, Ignite2Unite, LLC | For All Student Activities

This action packed session will provide participants with a systematic approach to transform any event, new or old, into an irresistible experience for students across campus. Participants will leave the session full of invigorating ideas to refresh old events and with innovative ideas to create new events that become irresistible experiences for your student body. WARNING: This session will be irresistible!

NHS Adviser 101 **Lantana**
Laura Mullen, Murphy Middle School | For NHS/NJHS

Geared towards new advisers, this session will provide an overview of basic chapter management requirements for all chapters. Experienced advisers in need of a refresher are welcome as well.

Make It Pop: Budget-Friendly Event **Longhorn**
Katie Keyes, Boswell HS | For All Student Activities

Big impact doesn't have to mean a big budget! Get hands-on as we build a balloon arch together and learn simple techniques you can recreate at your own events. We'll also explore affordable ideas for backdrops, DIY decor, and creative finishing touches that can transform ordinary spaces into fun, beautiful, and memorable experiences for your school.



Sunday, September 13

BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

SET 2 • 1:25p - 2:10p



Let Them Lead: A Workshop Model for Developing Student LeadersWildflower
Stephanie Carrell, Gregory-Portland HS | For All Student Activities

How do you turn a group of students into an effective leadership team? This session walks through a practical, student-centered leadership workshop designed to help officers identify their leadership styles, define their council's purpose and culture, clarify roles, set meaningful goals, and turn ideas into action. Attendees will leave with activities, discussion prompts, and planning strategies they can adapt for their own groups.

Crack the Code to Healthy, Engaged Students, Teachers and CommunitiesGoldenrod
Steve Amos, HealthCode | For All Student Activities

Empower Your School with HealthCode Events! Your students are a powerful force for positive change in your school. Learn how HealthCode events offer an exciting opportunity to promote wellness, community engagement, and leadership development! HealthCode supports D.A.S.H., Energy/Environment, Pride/Patriotism, and Outstanding Student Council.

Host a Mental Health Week at Your SchoolLive Oak
Jennifer Ferguson, Dickinson HS | For All StuCo

We all experience times when our mental health is struggling, especially when school is stressful. At our school, we brainstormed cheap and easy ways to help relieve some of that stress and improve mental health for both students and teachers. This session will provide ideas that you can implement at your school without spending a lot of money.

New Advisor, Now What?Chennault
Antoinette Hernandez, Incarnate Word Academy & James Brown, Pebble Hills HS | New HS and ML StuCo

This breakout session will cover the essential foundations of a successful student council, including constitutions, elections, meetings, membership, officer roles, and more. We'll also explore the many resources, programs, and opportunities TASC offers to support you and your students throughout the year. Whether you're starting from scratch or stepping into an established council, you'll leave with practical tools, resources, and a gameplan for building a, successful student council.

The WHY Behind the FunDel Valle
Susan Waldrep, Texas HS | For All Student Activities

Use the concept of *Know Your Why* to create fun and unity within your councils. You'll get ideas for projects and meetings that promote unity and fun at your meetings. Even using Roberts Rules of Order, you can get some excitement in your meetings! You will also get some fun project ideas for your meetings that will keep kids interested.

Donate Life Texas: So, What Is the Little Heart on the Driver License?Mountain Laurel
Michelle Ramirez, Donate Life Texas | For All Student Activities

In the state of Texas, anyone who applies for a learner's permit, driver license, or identification card will be asked, "Would you like to register to be an organ donor?" This breakout will inform what donor registration is, the impact of transplantation, new lesson plans available for educating about donation, and community service projects and hours available through Donate Life Texas so that students can make an informed decision when they are presented with this question.

Student Section BoosterViolet Crown
Jason Jedamski, Ignite2Unite, LLC | For All Student Activities

This fast-paced session will educate, equip, and empower attendees to return to campus and ignite school spirit and support. Participants will leave with the knowledge and tools to create new norms that boost their student section.

Honor Society Selection Procedures (NHS and NJHS)Lantana
Laura Mullen, Murphy MS | For NHS/NJHS

(For all honor society advisors) This session will cover the selection policies and procedures for National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society chapters.

Feeder to Future LeadersLonghorn
Kristen Haywood, West Mesquite HS | For All StuCo

Want stronger student leaders before they ever arrive on your HS campus? Learn how to host a feeder-school leadership conference that connects ML councils with HS student leaders. This session shares the planning timeline, student-led breakout model, team-building activities, logistics and follow-up needed to create a meaningful, repeatable event. Participants learn the framework to adapt to their own feeder pattern and ideas their students can lead, not just attend.



Sunday, September 13

BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

SET 3 • 2:25p - 3:05p



Making a Way When There Seems to Be No Way Wildflower

Angela Steagall, Tuloso-Midway Middle School | For All Student Activities

We've all had different changes in laws, rules, and regulations that have made our job a little more difficult... yet we persevere for our students! Instead of being miserable, let's look at ways to make change a good thing! Walk out with an action plan to improve your life and your council.

Register to Empower Goldenrod

Margaux Granath, New Voters | For All Student Activities

There are 3 weeks until the Texas voter registration deadline... and we want to make sure your seniors are ready to vote! New Voters has registered hundreds of students to vote in Texas, ensuring nonpartisanship and complying with all laws. We can help your student council run a voter registration drive and prepare for midterm elections. Participating schools can earn TASC points, service hours, prizes and a plaque. We are proud to be a TASC endorsed program!

Community Service for All Live Oak

Assunta Burnside, Harold T. Branch Academy for CTE | For All Student Activities

This presentation will share easy community service projects that can be used at any campus, but specifically at non-traditional HS campuses. I will also share a program to help students track community service hours called InnerView.

Reindeer Games and More! Chennault

Cheryl Royal, Bridge City HS | For All Student Activities

The Vibe: High energy. Practical. Maximum holiday spirit with maximum relationship payoff. Come ready to play, laugh, and leave with a plan that will make your campus feel more connected than ever, because the best gift you can give your school community this season is each other. Let's talk Reindeer Games.

Understanding Your Connections: Mapping the Relationships That Affect You Del Valle

Ann Postlewaite, NatStuCo | For All Student Activities

Ever wonder why you instantly click with some people while others push your buttons? In this interactive session, you'll explore your daily interactions, reflect on your relationships, and identify who supports and uplifts you - and who might be adding stress or negativity to your day. Gain insight to strengthen positive connections and bring more balance and awareness to your personal and professional life.

Keeping Your Cool with Middle School Mountain Laurel

Krissy Tatum with Jasmine Johnson, Marshall Jr. High | For All StuCo - ML

Middle School is a trying time for both the students and their teachers. We will focus on strategies and tricks to help you keep your cool while navigating middle level student activities. Get ideas for ML specific activities and organization. Your StuCo members need you to be cool, calm, and collected, and this presentation will help you on that path.

Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork: How Staff Relationships Fuel a Positive School Culture .. Violet Crown

Jeff Gerber | For All Student Activities

Did you know the quality and nature of the relationships among the adults in the building are one of the biggest influences on the culture of your school? Get ready to participate in this active session designed to show you how to build positive connections with your fellow educators and take your school culture to the next level.

"Kids Helping Kids" - StuCo and The LOCKER: a Service Learning Match Made in Texas! Lantana

Stacy Suhre, Tippit MS | For All Student Activities

Are you looking for more opportunities for student body engagement while creating meaningful service learning opportunities for your student leaders? Are you interested in partnering with a homegrown Texas nonprofit which seeks to empower students to help their classmates and their community? Come learn about how we joined forces with an amazing organization (created by students in 2008) which empowers students to help one another at school-level.

Addressing the Expert Blind Spot: For New Advisors, By a Newish Advisor Longhorn

Ashley Riggs, New Braunfels HS | New HS and ML StuCo

StuCo veterans have given you great project ideas and explained Steps B-Z... but you still feel like you're missing Step A. The expert blind spot is the tendency for an expert to forget what it feels like to be a beginner. Because advanced skills feel automatic to them, experts often fail to see where a beginner will get confused. This session is FOR new advisors and led BY a newish advisor. Go over the basics that experts sometimes gloss over. Get the Step A you need to feel confident!



Monday, September 14

BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

SET 4 • 9:00a - 9:45a



Automating & Organizing Sweepstakes..... Wildflower **Tim Watson, Rockwall HS | For All StuCo**

From google form to completed report forms in 5 minutes. It's true! Come find out how Rockwall HS project plans, tracks student points for membership, and uses a mail merge to finish report forms in a snap. Great for both new advisors and veterans.

National Honor Society Discipline & Dismissal Policies.....Goldenrod **Laura Mullen, Murphy MS | For NHS/NJHS**

(For all honor society advisors) In this session, we'll cover the proper procedures for addressing student membership issues in National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society.

Using Mail Merge to Streamline You Life - Now Featuring Canva..... Live Oak **James Brown, Pebble Hills HS | For All Student Activities**

Learn how to simplify report writing, certificate making, and much more using Mail Merge.

Real Live Administrator in the House!.....Chennault **Dr. Amanda James, Bridge City HS | For All Student Activities**

Dr. Amanda James, Principal at Bridge City HS's TASC Secretary School 26-27, is an exceptional administrator who understands how important student voice is to campus climate and culture. She is eager to share how you can connect with your administrators to help your organization's ideas turn into real campus wins. Spoiler: The students usually have the best ideas - so how can we get campus leadership to listen? Come find out.

The 26-27 State Project: Connect4TASC!..... Del Valle **LaKiella Rose, Northwest HS | For All Student Activities**

Get to know the 26-27 TASC State Service Project, take a look at project ideas, and discuss how to Connect4TASC!

Donate Life Texas: So, What Is the Little Heart on the Driver License?..... Mountain Laurel **Michelle Ramirez, Donate Life Texas | For All Student Activities**

In the state of Texas, anyone who applies for a learner's permit, driver license, or identification card will be asked, "Would you like to register to be an organ donor?" This breakout will inform advisors on what donor registration is, the impact of transplantation in our state, a brief overview of careers in the field, new lesson plans available for educating about donation, and community service projects and hours available through Donate Life Texas so that students can make an informed decision when they are presented with this question.

Art as Therapy..... Violet Crown **Rita Clawson, Ore City HS | For All Student Activities**

Need a way to calm your mind? Let's form a club, right?!? Come check out cool ways to encourage and support mental health. You do not have to be able to draw a straight line and drawing stick figures is more than welcome! Come calm down with me, Rita Clawson.

Who is Leading Your Council?..... Lantana **Jasmine Johnson with Krissy Tatum, Marshall Jr. High | New HS and ML StuCo**

Join us as we provide helpful tips to get your Middle Level student leaders to take an active role in your student activities programming. We will help you to give your student leaders a sense of ownership in your program as they take responsibility for the outcome of your activities.

Linking Arms with Community Partners..... Longhorn **Ruth Bohlin, Burges HS | For All Student Activities**

Establishing and fostering community partners can be an essential part of your student organization's ability to make real, lasting impact in their own communities. Get some insight and share yours while we discuss the advantages of positioning your leaders to take on meaningful service projects with long-standing community partners.



Monday, September 14

BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

SET 5 • 9:55a - 10:35a



E&E Made Easy-erWildflower

Aaron Kerss, Livingston HS | For All StuCo

Energy and Environment doesn't have to be a raincloud on your TASC Sweepstakes Parade. In this session, we will think about E&E beyond recycling water bottles and create a process that works WITH your council to help the environment AND your sanity.

Preserving the Integrity of Serving our Communities.

What Do You Consider Community Service?Goldenrod

Amanda Garay, Pebble Hills HS | For NHS/NJHS

Together we will explore and share what our schools consider as community service. In a post COVID and seemingly "unsafe" world, how do we ensure that our students are effectively serving our communities in a way that will leave a lasting impact on their self-development and communities.

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Student Leaders - Teaching Character Before LeadershipLive Oak

Julissa Sanchez, Pieper HS | For All StuCo

Student Council is about more than planning events, it's about developing student leaders of character. In this interactive session, advisors will explore Stephen Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* through engaging activities and practical strategies that can be implemented with student leaders to build a culture of service, responsibility, teamwork, and lasting leadership.

The Plan of LeadershipChennault

Courtney Waldrep, Texas HS | For All Student Activities

Develop your plan for your club and extracurricular activities so you aren't stressed. Train your students in time management, the power of an elevator speech, etiquette, the purpose of your meetings and the purpose of your club. You'll leave with 3-4 activities for your meetings and ideas for leadership training.

Big Events! Are you CRAZY?Del Valle

Mary Whittenberg, Northwest HS | For All Student Activities

Not really, you can do it! Any big picture is just a bunch of small pixels. You can do it, I can show you some of the breakdowns to make things easier.

Register to EmpowerViolet Crown

Margaux Granath, New Voters | For All Student Activities

There are 3 weeks until the Texas voter registration deadline... and we want to make sure your seniors are ready to vote! New Voters is a youth-led, nonpartisan 501(c)3 dedicated to nonpartisan HS voter registration. New Voters has registered hundreds of students to vote in Texas, ensuring nonpartisanship and complying with all laws. In the next 3 weeks, we can help you and your student council run a voter registration drive and prepare your students for midterm elections. Participating schools can earn TASC points, service hours, prizes and a plaque. We are proud to be a TASC endorsed program!

Nuts and Bolts of Being an AdvisorLantana

Vicki Long, Deweyville Jr. High | New HS and ML StuCo

If you are new to student council or just feel a little lost come get the information you need to be successful.

Volunteer Anywhere: Connecting Students, Tracking Hours & Measuring ImpactLonghorn

LaKeisha Taylor, Spring HS | For All Student Activities

Volunteer Anywhere: virtual and in-person opportunities - connecting students - helping students find meaningful ways to serve - tracking hours - documenting and verifying service - measuring impact - showing the bigger story behind those hours.



Workshop Speakers



MIKE SMITH | Mike Smith, a changemaker and storyteller, has dedicated over ten years to youth empowerment and education, creating real-world impacts that extend far beyond mere advocacy. As a Stanford-certified Design Your Life Coach and StoryBrand Guide, Mike has redefined educational standards through groundbreaking initiatives like his 501(c)(3) nonprofit, The Bay, The Harbor TV, and Bay High, in partnership with Lincoln Public Schools. Mike also teaches a college course at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and leads global Design Your Future Workshops, inspiring both youth and educators to expand their vision, plan strategically, and lead with renewed creativity. Mike has brought engaging, impactful, and accessible ideas to life for thousands.



JEFF GERBER | Capitalizing on 20 years of experience in Student Activities and Leadership, Jeff is blessed to speak to schools and organizations across North America about Leadership, Love, and Belonging. In his time as an educator he was recognized as Advisor of the Year for the Province of Ontario and as a National Leader of Distinction by the Canadian Student Leadership Association. Empowered by a passion for building cultures where people are seen, heard, and valued he has served students and educators in all 10 Canadian Provinces and 25 US States, including the great state of Texas!



Steve Amos - HealthCode | Steve is founder/CEO of the nonprofit HealthCode, whose mission is to empower people to live healthier, happier lives free from preventable chronic disease.



Ruth Bohlin - Burges HS | Ruth Bohlin has been an advisor for 10 years at Burges HS in District 9. She has served multiple times on D9's BOD, was crazy enough to help coordinate the TASC HS Annual State Conference in 2025, and is currently serving as advisor for this year's TASC President School.



James Brown - Pebble Hills HS | James Brown has been an advisor for 16 years. He currently serves as TASC Coordinator for District 9 and is an Elected Advisor to the TASC Board of Directors. jbrown10@sisd.net



Assunta Burnside - Harold T. Branch Academy for CTE | Accomplished educator with an extensive background in science education. She has been involved in student leadership for many years and is happy to share her knowledge with anyone. Assunta.Burnside@ccisd.us



Stephanie Carrell/Brandi Stevenson - Gregory-Portland HS | Stephanie and Brandi have served as Student Council advisors at Gregory-Portland HS for the past four years, working together to develop student leaders and build a strong, student-driven council. They can be reached at scarrell@g-pisd.org and bstevenson@g-pisd.org



Rita Clawson - Ore City HS | Rita Clawson, Ore City HS For over 25 years, Rita has been a StuCo advisor on the OCHS campus, very active in TASC D19 and at the state level. She has also been an art teacher for 32 years and loves to share/swap ideas and collaborate with others in all capacities. clawsonr@ocisd.net



Dr. Jonathan Colburn - Georgetown HS | Jonathan is serving in his 10th year of education as a teacher and soccer coach, and 6th year as a "voluntold" StuCo Advisor at Georgetown HS. He thrives in the relative "chaos" of student activities and loves the opportunity to help students reach toward their fullest potential-- in leadership and beyond. colburnj1@georgetownisd.org



Jennifer Eichenberg - Idalou HS Student Council | My name is Jennifer Eichenberg. I am a Special Education teacher and the Student Council Advisor for the last five years. Our student council has achieved sweepstakes awards for the last three years and Outstanding Council for the last two years.



Jennifer Ferguson - Dickinson HS | Jenn Ferguson has been teaching for 20 years and a Student Council advisor since 2017. Her passion is improving school culture and helping all students feel included.

Workshop Speakers



Amanda Garay - Pebble Hills HS | Bonjour! My name is Amanda Garay and I have been serving our National Honor Society as the chapter advisor since 2018 at Pebble Hills HS in El Paso, TX.



Margaux Granath - New Voters | Margaux Granath is the Director of Programs at New Voters, nonpartisan 501(c)3 dedicated to HS voter registration. She can be reached at margaux@new-voters.org



Kristen Haywood - West Mesquite HS | Kristen Haywood is a longtime student leadership advisor and educator with experience in Student Council, journalism, yearbook, campus communications and school culture. She is passionate about creating meaningful leadership experiences that give students ownership, strengthen campus connections and help develop the next generation of student leaders.



Antoinette Hernandez - Incarnate Word Academy | Antoinette Hernandez is an advisor at Incarnate Word Academy where she serves as the Director of Leadership. As an advisor of over 20 years, she has served as a TASC Summer Leadership Workshop Consultant, State Officer, Elected Advisor to the Board, and District Coordinator. She has been awarded the Eddie G. Bull State Advisor of the Year and the Pat Kirschner Award.



Dr. Amanda James - Bridge City HS | Dr. Amanda James is starting her 4th year as Bridge City HS's Principal. She has over 17 years experience in various roles from teacher to admin- but has never forgotten that the kids are the most important resource on campus. She is a one of a kind administrator- and you can't have her. :)



Jason Jedamski - Ignite2Unite, LLC | Jason Jedamski (JJ) is a former teacher, coach, activities director and principal who led a dramatic turnaround in student engagement at Broken Arrow (OK) HS from low participation to a thriving culture nationally recognized as the Most Spirited HS in America by Varsity Brands. In 2021, Jason founded Ignite2Unite, his speaking and consulting company, which delivers more than 300 days of school culture work each year across North America.



Jasmine Johnson - Marshall Jr. High | Jasmine Johnson is in her 19th year as Student Council Advisor at Marshall Junior High. Outside of school, she spends her time at the mercy of her daughter's dance rehearsal and performance schedule. #dancemom #mydaughterisgrown johnsonjl@marshallisd.com



Aaron Kerss - Livingston HS | Aaron Kerss is entering his 11th year as the Student Council Advisor for Livingston HS. He has previously served on boards for District 17 and TASC. He teaches AP Physics and serves as the Science Department Chair for LHS. akerss@livingstonisd.com



Katie Keyes - Boswell HS | Katie Keyes is in her 29th year as a chemistry teacher and Student Council advisor at Boswell HS in Fort Worth. She has served on the TASC District 3 and State Boards and as a Summer Leadership Workshop Consultant since 2006. Katie also serves on the National Association for Student Activities board. A former TASC State Advisor of the Year and Warren E. Shull Region 8 Advisor of the Year, she is passionate about helping students find their voice, grow as leaders, and create positive school cultures.



Vicki Long - Deweyville Jr. High | I've been a stu co advisor for 35 years. I love it too much to quit. I love getting others excited about being an advisor. Vlong@deweyvilleisd.com



Laura Mullen - Murphy MS | With nearly three decades in secondary education, Laura is an experienced middle school educator, leader, and student support specialist with expertise in instruction, student support, and leadership development. A longtime NJHS adviser and NPA volunteer, she has advised National Junior Honor Society chapters since 1999.



Ann Postlewaite - NatStuCo | Ann Postlewaite is the Director of Student Program Operations for the National Principals Association (NPA), where she oversees and leads initiatives for the NHS and NASC. Ann is a veteran educator and student leadership adviser. She has a passion for all things student leadership and strives to elevate student voice and the importance of student voice in school decision making and change.

Workshop Speakers



Michelle Ramirez - Donate Life Texas | Michelle Ramirez, MS, FT has served Donate Life Texas as community education specialist since 2016 and currently serves as the Community Engagement Manager. She supports education outreach efforts and partner relationships on behalf of Donate Life Texas. Michelle also supports Done Vida outreach efforts as well.



Ashley Riggs - New Braunfels HS | Ashley Riggs has been a Student Council advisor for 5 years, and teaches AP and Dual Credit English at New Braunfels HS. She earned a certificate in Leadership Studies from her participation in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University, and she describes herself as an "ambivert" and a "voracious reader". ariggs@nbsisd.org



LaKiella Rose - Northwest HS | I am LaKiella Rose, Student Council Co-Advisor at Northwest HS currently serving on the TASC State Board as Past President School Advisor. Feel free to reach out with any questions! lakiella.rose@nisdtx.org



Cheryl Royal - Bridge City HS | Cheryl Royal is starting her 27th year and her 18th year as an advisor. If it's loud-it's probably her. Proud Nan fan and all things StuCo - Let's GOOOOOOO!



Julissa Sanchez - Pieper HS | Julissa Sanchez is an English teacher and Student Council advisor at Pieper HS, where she has helped build the school's leadership culture and traditions since the campus opened five years ago. With more than 25 years in education, she is passionate about developing servant leaders and empowering students to lead with character, purpose, and a heart for service.



Angela Steagall - Tuloso-Midway MS | Angela Steagall is a 35-year veteran of education and closing in on 25 years in TASC. She serves as a Middle Level Advisor Elected to the Board and is the librarian at Tuloso-Midway Middle School in Corpus Christi, TX.



Stacy Suhre - Tippitt MS | Stacy Suhre, Tippitt MS (Georgetown ISD) - Advisor: Student Council & The LOCKER SuhreS@GeorgetownISD.org & Ashley Fraser, The LOCKER - Director of Operations thelocker.gtown@gmail.com (website: TheLocker.info)



Krissy Tatum - Marshall Jr. High | Krissy Tatum is in her 7th year of teaching and her 4th year of StuCo. Outside of school, she has no time for anything due to her two kids, 1 husband, and event decorating business. tiredtatumkk@marshallisd.com



LaKeisha Taylor - Spring HS | LaKeisha Taylor has served as a Student Council Advisor at Spring HS since 2023 and currently serves as the TASC District 713 Co-Coordinator. She is passionate about developing student leaders, promoting service, and creating meaningful opportunities for students to make a positive impact in their schools and communities. Itaylo6@springisd.org



Courtney Waldrep - Texas HS | Courtney Waldrep has been a StuCo advisor and Cheer Coach for 15 years at Texas High School. She has also helped facilitate the students' workshop at TASC Steering for numerous years.



Susan Waldrep - Texas HS | Susan Waldrep has 29 years of Student Council experience and is a StuCo icon. She won the National Advisor of the Year in 2018 and the Eddie G Bull Advisor of the Year in 2016 and is a party always waiting to happen.



Tim Watson - Rockwall HS | Hey Siri, create my bio and mention Rockwall HS served as 23-24 D3 Recording Secretary, 24-25 TASC VP, and 25-26 TASC Conference Coordinator. Also mention how much Patty Wangler loves the Crazy Frog song, but try to work it in naturally. Siri? This isn't working... tim. watson@rockwallisd.org ~ RockwallStuCo.com



Mary Whittenberg - Northwest HS | An educator since 1986, she found her calling two years later when she first joined TASC as an advisor. Beyond advising StuCo and founding a solar car team, she hosted both the 2003 state and 2008 national conferences. Through every project, TASC has remained at the very heart of her career.



Exhibitors



Please take time to visit our exhibitors!
Sunday (8:00a - 3:30p) and Monday (8:30a - 11:00a).



American Council for International Studies (ACIS) | www.ACIS.com

ACIS is an established premier educational travel tour operator specializing in educational trip opportunities for teacher-led student groups for middle and high school students.



Donate Life Texas | donatelifetexas.org

Donate Life Texas is the nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Texans safely and securely document their donation decisions, and is the only official tissue, eye and organ donor registry in the state.



HealthCode | www.healthcode.org

HealthCode is a nonprofit endorsed for use by TASC members; especially in support of D.A.S.H., E&E, P&P, and Outstanding Student Council. Delivering free monthly activity wellness events, accessible to all.



Ignite2Unite, LLC | www.ignite2unite.com

Ignite2Unite provides partnerships and programs to help schools create thriving school cultures.



New Voters | new-voters.org

New Voters is a youth-led, nonpartisan 501(c)3 dedicated to ensuring high school students are heard and prioritized in politics. Since being founded in 2017, we have run nonpartisan registration drives in over 500 high schools across 42 states.



NPA/NASC & NHS | www.natstuco.org / www.nationalhonorsociety.org

The National Principals Association, the national professional home for PreK-12 principals and assistant principals also advances student leadership development through its nationally recognized programs, the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, National Elementary Honor Society, and the National Association of Student Councils.



Say What! | www.txsaywhat.com

Say What! is the state's official youth tobacco prevention program. The program serves 6-12th grade students through a variety of free youth-friendly resources, materials, and training to help educate about the dangers of all tobacco products and empower youth to share that information with their family & friends.



Steve's Cool Stuff / Christi's | stevethepurseman@hotmail.com

Boutique jewelry, accessories, and clothes, novelty items



Teens in the Driver Seat | www.t-driver.com

The free Teens in the Driver Seat program seeks to save lives and prevent injury among youth through education, empowerment, and peer-led outreach. Learn how your group can use this peer-to-peer program to develop safer passengers and drivers on your campus, all while developing leadership skills and earning cash rewards for your efforts.



Texas School Safety Center | www.txssc.txstate.edu

This program provides 6th-12th grade students with opportunities to create safe and healthy schools by providing a statewide membership and youth-friendly resources, like training, guides, projects-in-a-box, and other resources that encourage youth and adults to work together to help build a safe and healthy school community.



VARSITY MADE

Varsity Made | www.varsitymade.co

Varsity Made is a Company that recognizes Leadership through customized jackets. Our Jacket Contribution Program allows Student Councils to recognize student leaders in a way unlike any other. We aim to recognize students with Leadership Jackets at no cost to them or the program.



Texas Star Award

Established in 2000, this award was presented to exceptional advisors who served TASC for 30 years or more. In 2019, the Award is now presented by Board directive to TASC advisors, staff, or alumni who have given exceptional service or brought exceptional recognition to TASC.

They are the heroes and legends of TASC!

2026.....	Mary Whittenberg, Northwest HS, Justin
2025.....	Betty Kyle, Canyon HS, New Braunfels
2024.....	Tommy Calais, St. Agnes Academy, Houston
2023.....	Terry Hamm, TASC Director
2022.....	Eddie G. Bull, TASC Director; Jean Wyatt, Lake Highlands JHS; Kay Baker, LD Bell HS; and JJ Colburn, TASC Director
2014.....	Jerry de la Garza, Memorial MS
2010.....	Pat Finch, Boswell HS
2009.....	Laura Price, Montwood HS
2008.....	Jimmy Chapman, Henderson HS
2008.....	Calvin Buchholtz, Jay HS, San Antonio
2005.....	Anne Newman, Marshall HS
2004.....	Rodney Love, Linden-Kildare HS
2002.....	Carolyn Baron, Edna HS
2001.....	Brenda Gilmore, Arlington HS
2000.....	Dwight Mutschler, Austwell-Tivoli HS

The Pat M. Kirschner Award

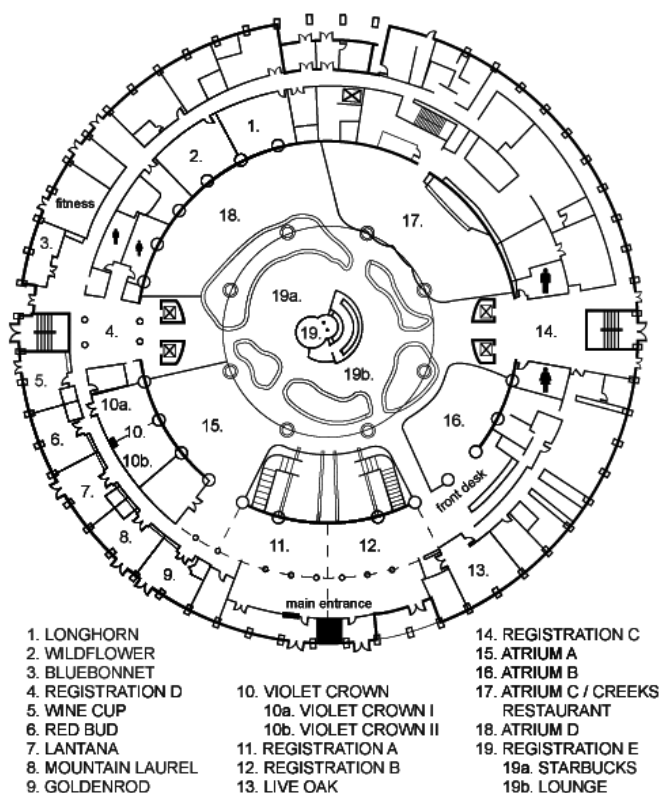
The TASC Board of Directors created this award in 1987 to recognize outstanding contributions to the TASC Summer Leadership Workshop Program. In order to be nominated, the recipient must have served for ten or more years as a Summer Workshop Director or Consultant. The Board must vote to present the award. The following advisors have received the Pat M. Kirschner award.

2025.....	Antoinette Hernandez, Consultant
2024.....	Bettye Turney, Director
2021.....	Mary Whittenberg, Consultant; David Womack, Director
2019.....	Pat Finch, Director
2018.....	Calvin Buchholtz, Director
2015.....	Laura Price, Tina Sarratt, & Debby Tabor, Consultants
2014.....	Brenda Gilmore, Consultant
2014.....	Sharion Richardson, Director
2013.....	Kay Baker, Director
2012.....	Sharon Solanik, Consultant
2011.....	Jimmy Chapman, Director
2010.....	Deborah Alford, Director
2009.....	Terry Hamm, Consultant
2008.....	Jim Beam, Consultant
2007.....	Lu Pochelski, Consultant
2006.....	Betty Kyle, Consultant
2004.....	Darlene Bonner, Director
2001.....	Jean Turner Wyatt, Consultant
1990.....	Billie Love, Director
1988.....	Lennie Dauphine, Director
1987.....	Pat Martin Kirschner, Consultant

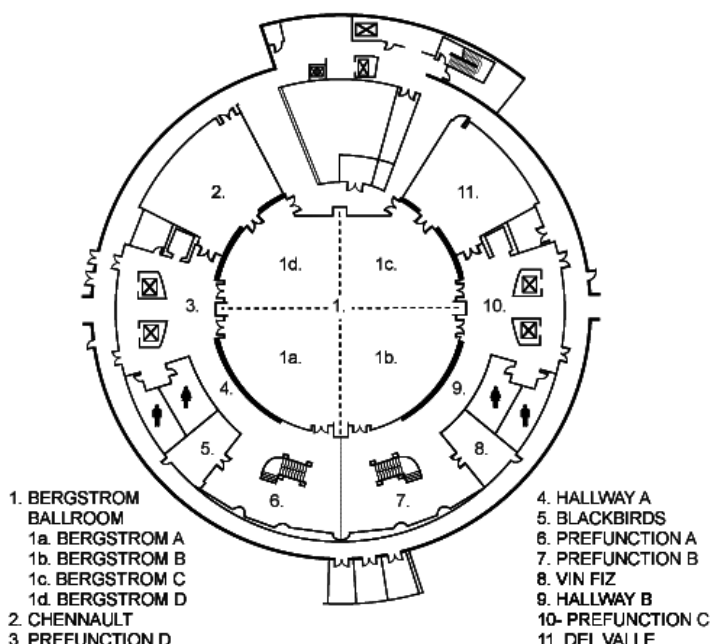
Scholarship Fund

TASC accepts donations to the TASC Scholarship Funds year-round. Those monies will, depending on designation by the donor, be used for the TASC Senior Scholarship Fund, or for the TASC Summer Leadership Workshop Scholarship Fund. Those wishing to donate may access the Donation Link under the Support Us Tab on the TASC website (www.tasconline.org).

HILTON AUSTIN AIRPORT - MAIN LEVEL



HILTON AUSTIN AIRPORT - LOWER LEVEL



TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS



Sunday, September 13

REGISTRATION Bergstrom Ballroom Pre-function	8:00a - 3:30p
EXHIBITS AND LEADERSHIP STORE Bergstrom Ballroom Pre-function ..	8:00a - 3:30p
OPENING GENERAL SESSION Bergstrom Ballroom	9:00a - 10:15a
TASC AND HONOR SOCIETY DISTRICT MEETINGS (See page 2)	10:20a - 10:50a
BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 1 (See page 4)	11:00a - 11:45a
LUNCHEON AND AWARDS Bergstrom Ballroom	12:00p - 1:15p
BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 2 (See page 5)	1:25p - 2:10p
BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 3 (See page 6)	2:25p - 3:05p
SOCIAL / BREAK - Bergstrom Ballroom Pre-function.....	3:05p - 3:30p
TABLE TALKS Bergstrom Ballroom (See handout)	3:40p - 5:15p
SOCIAL / RECEPTION Austin Hilton Airport Hotel Atrium	5:20p

Monday, September 14

INFO, EXHIBITS & LEADERSHIP STORE Bergstrom Pre-function	8:30a - 11:00a
BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 4 (See page 7)	9:00a - 9:45a
BREAKOUT SESSIONS - SET 5 (See page 8)	9:55a - 10:35a
CLOSING GENERAL SESSION Bergstrom BR (Door prizes awarded) ...	10:45a - 11:55p

Thank you for attending!



WELCOME!

If you see a star on a name badge, please welcome and offer help to the new advisor.