



When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!



TASC High School Annual Conference
April 14-16, 2019 • Arlington, Texas

Don't miss this highlight of the year!

- Register now for strong programming for High School StuCo members
- Register now to prepare your members for the coming year.
- Register now to access special sessions for advisors
- Register now to hear two outstanding keynotes: [Kevin Laue](#) and [Carlos Ojeda](#).
- Register now to give your council the leadership edge. [REGISTER NOW!](#)

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

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| March 18 | Deadline to submit Service Pin/Retirement Information for the HS Annual Conference |
| March 18 | Deadline to apply for the 2021 HS Conference Coordinator position (We will accept applications later, but applying now gives more time to shadow others at the conference.) |
| March 19 | Deadline for Early Bird Registration at the HS Annual Conference (reduced rate and t-shirts) |
| March 19 | Deadline to reserve hotel rooms at the HS Annual Conference at reduced rates |
| March 23 | Deadline for TASC Districts to submit Award Winning Schools |
| March 29 | Registration opens for TASC Summer Leadership Workshops |
| Now | Review resumes and platforms for candidates for state office . Both the student and the advisor sit on the state board and make decisions for this association. You need strong, knowledgeable advisors and students. |

To-Do List for March:

- Update your profile on the TASC website.
 - Log in and go to the “Member Center”
 - Click on “My Profile” under the name badge. Select “edit” and make any needed changes.
 - Click on “organization” (your school). Select “edit” and make any needed updates AND upload your constitution.
- New advisor for the coming year?
 - Go to “[Join or Update](#)” today. Select Advisor Change/Addition form
 - New primary or co-advisors can add themselves, or you can edit the advisor for your council.

News You Can Use

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

- This spring, [Say What!](#) is offering a variety of kits designed to assist your youth group with advocacy efforts, education, protecting the environment, and living a healthy lifestyle. [Texas Tobacco-Free Kids Day](#) (TTFKD) will be held March 20, 2019. TTFKD is an annual awareness day for youth to expose and combat the tobacco industry's powerful marketing strategies aimed at youth. So, join Say What! and the thousands of youth across the state to educate, rally, and encourage living a tobacco-free lifestyle. Just don't forget to request a Say What! Mini-Grant Kit, Visit <http://txsaywhat.com/mini-grant-kits> to see a detailed list of mini-grant kits available for request. (This includes information about vapes.)
- New information about [Sub Ohm Vaping](#)
- [EverFi has courses](#) about compassion and empathy.
- Find Energy and Environment resources at [Drive Clean Texas](#).
- Seniors can apply for [Don't Mess with Texas Scholarships](#). The deadline is March 29.
- Check out a fundraiser with [Cash4shooz](#).
- [My Name My Story](#) is an organization that develops changemakers based on the belief that stories inspire empathy, and empathy drives change. We deliver curriculum to middle and high school students to teach them 21st Century skills of empathy, teamwork, and innovation in order to create the next generation of changemakers. One of our goals is to teach your students not only how to co-exist together, but to co-create and collaborate together.
- To fight mental health stigma, The University of Texas at Austin, Texas System of Care and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission are sponsoring the [2019 Mental Health Awareness Creative Arts Contest](#), which opens Dec. 10 and runs through March 11, 2019.
- Learn how to host an [Oxfam Hunger Banquet](#).
- Learn about [Project Heart with Ottor Cares](#). The programming, valued at over \$500, is available free. This program is available for 4th – 12th grade.
- Check out [Take Care of Texas](#) for ideas on [neighborhood beautification](#).
- Access [free student leadership resources](#). One is Five Research-Based Methods to [Help Teens Beat Stress and Anxiety](#).
- Download [five secondary lesson plans](#): [The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership](#) in grades 6-12.



2018 – 2019 TASC State Theme and Service Project

- The TASC state theme for 2018 – 2019 is Resolve to Rise.
- The TASC state service project for 2018 – 2019 is [Resolve to Rise – Change Lives](#) and centers on mental wellness. [See the State Officer video](#) about the project here.
- It does not take a huge project to contribute to the TASC State Service Project regarding mental wellness. Small, consistent, intentional projects designed to promote connection and caring can be powerful.
- Take a Look at the “[Hi, How Are You Day](#)” Project. Take the time to talk with someone you know. Just say, “Hi, how are you?”



Follow us on Twitter: TASC_StuCo



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.

- Check out TASC on Snapchat.
- Share this newsletter with your students. (Hint, it's posted on the TASC website.)
- There is a brand-new link to Resources for Middle Level advisors, thanks to Lisa Gilbert, ML Elected Advisor to the Board.
- **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:** You can find sample press releases under the [Resources 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 under the [Resource tab/Advisors](#).
- 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. (Under About Us/Donate).



[2018-2019 CALENDAR OF AWARENESS DAYS](#)



Interactive Calendars with writing prompts, bulletin board ideas, and more:

- <https://www.theteacherscorner.com>: APRIL
- <http://www.brownielocks.com/>

Hang in there! Spring Break is coming.



Ema Waring and Jarret Carnes at Senate Youth in Washington D.C.



State officers presenting at the Texas Association of School Boards Winter Governance meeting about our state project.



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