### TASC NewsBlast Feb. 2025 Texas Association of Student Councils

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# When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!



**Hosts Coronado & Burges High School are proud to present:** 

# 2025 ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE »

(SAT-MON) MARCH 29-31, 2025
LOEWS ARLINGTON CONVENTION CENTER!

**Conference Registration IS OPEN!!** 

EARLY BIRD RATE: (Includes T-shirts) by February 26 - \$210 per person REGULAR RATE: (Does NOT include T-shirts) by March 29 - \$230 per person (NO T-shirts AFTER Feb 26)

NOTE EVERY PERSON: advisor, student, bus driver, and adult chaperone coming into the Loews Arlington Convention Center all need to be registered!

THE ONLINE HOUSING LINK IS HERE! Get your rooms by February 26th!!!

Our housing helps protect your group and makes sure it is the best rate available!

Join about 4,000 StuCo leaders in Irving 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 Theme Park and exciting speakers, exhibits, elections, and activities. Be a part of the largest student council gathering in the U.S. at the 2025 TASC High School Annual Conference!

### STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICER SCHOOL ELECTIONS AT THE CONFERENCE

### PRESIDENT

Forney High School - StuCo Games! - FHS Intent to Run and Resume

Harlingen High School - The Power of Positive Peer Pressure - HHS Intent to Run and Resume

Northwest HS - Kindness Clicks: Encouraging Respectful Social Media Presence - NHS Intent to Run and Resume

### VICE PRESIDENT

Bel Air High School - Fill in the Bank - <u>BAHS Intent to Run and Resume</u> Livingston High School - UP-Lifting - <u>LHS Intent to Run and Resume</u>

### SECRETARY

**Dickinson High School** - Motivation Machine - <u>DHS Intent to Run and Resume</u> **LD Bell High School** - Hang Up and Hangout - <u>LDBHS Intent to Run and Resume</u> **Roma High School** - Bridge the Silence - RHS Intent to Run and Resume

### PARLIAMENTARIAN

Jefferson Silva High School - Break the Silence - <u>JSHS Intent to Run and Resume</u>
VR Eaton High School - New Student Engagement: Gotta Catch 'Em All - <u>EHS Intent to Run and Resume</u>

#### HS CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025-2028:

Jonathan Colburn - Georgetown High School - <u>Jonathan Colburn - GHS</u> Erin Griffin - Pittsburg High School - <u>Erin Griffin - PHS</u>

#### Saturday, March 29 - Day One - Loews CC

2:00p-7:30p Registration NEW Start Time!

2:00p-7:00p Campaigns/Entertainment

2:00p-7:00p Exhibits Open

2:00p-6:45p Special Sessions for Advisors 7:30p-10:30p Opening General Session

Sunday, March 30 - Day Two - Loews CC

7:30a-9:00a Registration

8:00a-8:45a Meet the Candidates Session

9:00a-noon Second General Session

Noon-1:15p Lunch Noon-1:00p Voting

1:30p-4:00p Break out Rotations (Student and Advisor Sessions)

5:00p-11:00p Six Flags Party

Monday, March 31 - Day Three - Loews CC 8:30a-9:15a Run-off Balloting (if needed)

9:30a-noon Final General Session

noon-1:00p Meeting for New Officer Schools and Elected Advisor

- PLEASE BOOK IN THE TASC BLOCK! This helps keep registration costs low. It also helps you because Conference Direct can help you find other hotels, add additional rooms, etc. Contact Conference Direct if you need their assistance or need them to intercede with the hotel on your behalf. Do not call hotels in our block directly and ask for the rate you must go through the online service or call Conference Direct for them to assist you. For questions, hotel invoices, or assistance, please get in touch with Conference Direct, the TASC Housing Bureau.
- <u>THE ONLINE HOUSING LINK IS HERE!</u> Get your rooms by February 26th!!! Our housing helps protect your group and makes sure it is the best rate available!
- For a complete list of hotels and their services, such as bus parking availability, breakfast, etc. <u>CLICK HERE</u>
- ARLINGTON RESTAURANTS » | DIGITAL ARLINGTON VISITOR'S GUIDE »
   Arlington local coupons, restaurants, events, and exploring...



### 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 »
- TASC Policies »
- Advisor Recognition Form: 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.
- <u>Texas Hotel Tax Exemption Form »</u>
- FAQs about the Conference »
- PARKING: Registration does NOT include parking. Buses may drop off in front of the convention center but may not park at the convention. We are working with Arlington for a bus parking possibility nearby.

# 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 >>

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



### Important Dates

Feb. 12	Deadline to Apply to be the HS Annual Conference Coordinator School for 2027
Feb. 26	Deadline for HS Annual Conference Registration for T-shirts and Early Bird Pricing
Feb. 26	Deadline to Reserve Hotel Rooms for Annual Conference at Group Rates
Feb. 26	Deadline to <u>Submit Service Pin/Retirement Information</u> for HS Annual Conference
March 3	Deadline for Districts to Report Award-Winning Schools to TASC
March 28	Board of Directors Meeting at the Loews Arlington Convention Center - Fri.
March 29-31	HS Annual Conference at the Loews Arlington Convention Center in Arlington - Sat-Mon

April 2 Registration Opens for Summer Leadership Workshops

April 7 TASC Info Night for all Advisors and Students 7-8 pm CT on Zoom – Finish Strong

June 7/8-10 Steering Committee Retreat (Dist. Pres./Coor.) June 8-10, 2025 for District Representatives

& 7-10 for State Board

June 17-19 TASSP Summer Workshop for TASC President and Officers who exhibit

June-July TASC Summer Leadership Workshops Across Texas

### NEW TASC PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Please join TASC in welcoming **Hallie Weatherford** to our team! She is the new TASC Program Assistant. You can now contact her for registration, dues, invoices, website forms, advisor changes, or login. Also, contact for purchasing from the TASC Store. **hallie@tassp.org | 512-443-2100 ext. 8511**. You will still contact Patty Wangler for information about TASC events, student council procedures, and organization, training, new advisor assistance, National Honor Society training, the TASSP Student Leadership Course, corporate partnerships, etc. **patty@tassp.org | 512-443-2100 ext. 8517** 



### TASC FYI

- Update your profile on the TASC website.
- Log in and go to the Member Home.
- Click on **My Profile** under the name badge. Select "edit" and make any needed changes.
- Click on "organization" (your school). Select "edit." Make any needed updates AND upload your constitution.
- New advisor for the coming year?
- Go to Join or Update today.
- New primary or co-advisors can add themselves
- Renewal notices were sent via email. Email hallie@tassp.org if you need another



• 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 through our link below so the account stays in good standing. 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.

### BUILD YOUR SCHOOL'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The TASC/TASSP State Credit (and very affordable)Leadership Class could be just what you need.

The Student Leadership course provides students in grades 9-12 specific skills to positively impact their lives and their communities. Areas to be addressed include

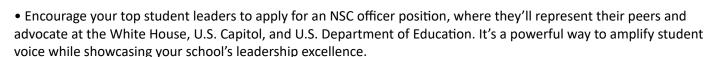
leadership theory, group dynamics, project management, team building, conflict resolution, communication, SMART goal setting, and collaborative strategies. The course is adaptable across various student populations. Students solve relevant and current school and community issues by working collaboratively and independently on real- world tasks such as needs assessments, project planning, project implementation, and presentations.

**CLICK HERE FOR LEADERSHIP CLASS INFORMATION** 

### Applications are open for the National Student Council (NSC)!

### 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR NATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION TIMELINE

- Jan. 6, 2025: State Representative Nominees Application Opens
- January 31, 2025: National Student Council Officer Applications Open
- February 25, 2025: National Student Council Officer Applications Due
- March 25, 2025: National Student Council Officer Candidates Announced
- April 1-27, 2025: National Student Council Officer Campaigns
- April 28 May 2, 2025: National Student Council Officer Elections
- May 5, 2025: National Student Council Election Results Announced
- May 31, 2025: State Representative Nominees Due from State Associations
- June 27, 2025: State Representatives Announced



#### Here are a few tips to help your students prepare:

- ✓ Visit our webpage to learn more about the process and review the eligibility criteria before applying.
- Check out the two ways to get involved: as an NSC officer or NSC state representative.
- Learn more about the <u>benefits of serving</u> on the NSC, including developing leadership skills, connecting with fellow leaders across the country, and traveling to Washington, D.C.



















