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When Strong Student Activities are Established, Achievement Follows!

APPLY TO BE A JC FOR ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP & SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP!





ADVANCED JC APPLICATION HERE **SUMMER JC APPLICATION HERE**

ADV DUE NOV. 1 APPLY NOW **SLW DUE DEC. 1**

JC POSITION

- Model high standards of behavior.
- Duties include interacting with delegates and supporting Workshop Leaders.
- Support involves leading activities on stage and working behind the scenes for workshop success.



APPLY NOW

Applicants ideally have prior experience as delegates or JCs in a TASC Workshop Program and demonstrate a strong record of participation in TASC state and district events.

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

TASC Info Nights

on Zoom for Students and Advisors!

August 24

November 9

January 11

February 8

7 PM CT

6 PM MT

BE SURE TO UPDATE YOUR ZOOM WITH THE ZOOM WORKPLACE & LOGIN

Links to the Zooms!

https://bit.ly/4nWEj3i

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PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES MEETINGS!

Dates 2026-2027

- September 22
- November 10
- December 1
- January 5

All meetings
7pm-8 pm CT
6pm-7 pm MT

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Purpose - To help! And to go over expectations, questions about running, and the requirements of a candidate and officer.

For the advisor, student, and anyone interested in learning more!

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TASC PRESENTS

A DREAMY NEW ADVISOR TRAINING

A SEMESTER SERIES

JOIN US FOR A SEMESTER LONG MONTHLY VIRTUAL TRAINING TO ASSIST YOU IN MAKING YOUR FIRST FEW YEARS A DREAM

ALL NEW ADVISOR TRAININGS

7:00 PM (CT)
6:00 PM (MT)

ON ZOOM

SEMESTER DATES

1ST SEMESTER
SEPTEMBER 23
OCTOBER 14
NOVEMBER 4
DECEMBER 2

2ND SEMESTER
JANUARY 6
FEBRUARY 3
MARCH 3
APRIL 7

SCAN THE CODE

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

https://bit.ly/3RDKXju

General Committee Guidelines -

- Schools should't serve the same committee two years in a row.
- Schools may only serve on one committee at conference.
- Conference committee members serving on committees at the conference as well as board members' schools may not nominate or second candidates, and their students must decline to wear gear supporting any one candidate to avoid conflict of interest.



At Annual Conference

For these, your school must not be running for office the year they serve. It is key that those chosen know that - Conference committee members serving on committees at the conference as well as board members schools may not nominate or second candidates, and their students must decline to wear gear supporting any one candidate to avoid conflict of interest.

Audience Etiquette Committee - Helping with general sessions to ensure students aren't running. Ensure people move toward the middle so everyone can get a seat. Keeping everyone cool, calm, and collected. Welcome Conference Guests at the main entrances prior to General Sessions. Time commitments are a shift or 2 before and at the beginning of a general session, and advisors take shifts on the afternoon of Day 2 to help guide students to where they need to be.

Meet the Candidate Committee - Help monitor the room for decorum, and students help pass out materials if needed. Keeping the room to only those allowed to be admitted and on time to not disrupt the flow of the room. Time commitments are a shift of about 1.5 hours on Day 2, not including a training meeting.

Tabulations Committee - Help the school with passing out ballots and confirming election results and the need for a run-off at the annual conference. Meets after each election to verify election results prior to the announcement. Time commitments are a shift or 2 of 1-2 hours, especially on Day 1 and sometimes during Day 2. Also, a short time immediately after an election closes for each election, including runoffs on Day 3.

Welcome Booth - Be a friendly and knowledgeable TASC face! Needs to have been to the Annual Conference before in Irving to know how to direct people and where things are in the building. Time commitments are a shift or 2 of 1-2 hours, especially on Day 1 and sometimes during Day 2.

Credentials - The Credentials Committee's job is to ensure that all schools can access a fair election. They work directly with the Vice President school in accordance with the rules outlined in the Campaign Rules and Regulations document. They verify that all items brought with the school are accounted for in the budget and comply with the Campaign Rules and Regulations. Time commitment is Day 1 morning through the afternoon with 1 advisor and 2 students. TASC provides lunch during the break between monitoring skits.

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Prior to Annual Conference

For these, your school must not have submitted or not plan to submit one if volunteering for these. If you have never done this before, it could be a great idea to have your younger students help score and then have your students submit the following years.

Top Project - Be able to evaluate all top projects after the deadline to rate them based on the set criteria in a timely manner. Often it is quickly after this that results are needed. Rated based on the information given and by direction of the Parliamentarian School and State Director.

Top Video - Be able to evaluate all top projects after the deadline to rate them based on the set criteria in a timely manner. Often it is quickly after this that results are needed. Rated based on the information given and by direction of the Secretary School and State Director.

Student and School Scholarships - Be able to evaluate all student scholarships after the Dec. 1 deadline and the School Scholarships after the January deadline to rate them based on the set criteria in a timely manner. Often it is quickly after this that results are needed. Rated based on the information given and by direction of the Past-President School and State Director.

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THE NEED FOR CONNECTION

The goal is to address youth isolation and create inclusive school environments where every student feels seen, heard, and valued.

STATE PROJECT IMPACT GOALS

- At least 80,000 service hours dedicated to projects that help serve, educate, and advocate for increased connection within our schools and communities.
- At least 1700 social media posts tagging @tasc_stuco and using #Connect4TASC, which will share resources, projects, and awareness related to the state service project.
- Share at least 1,000 resources, activities, and opportunities that strengthen connections among students and foster a welcoming school community.
- Facilitate at least 1,000 projects that create meaningful interactions and community-building experiences that help students develop relationships and feel connected to their school.
- Reach at least 800,000 people through initiatives that promote connection, inclusion, and belonging. This may be measured through participation in events, workshops, advisory activities, school programs, peer-led initiatives, and engagement through social media and other outreach efforts.

CONNECT 4

Connect Beyond Limits

PEER LIMITATION

- KINDNESS CLIPS
- STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
- PHONE FAST
- EVERYONE BRINGS A PIECE
- BLOOM ANYWAY
- HUMAN LIBRARY

SELF AWARENESS

- POWER BRACELET MAKING ACTIVITIES
- "WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOURSELF? WALL
- NEW STUDENT WELCOME BAGS
- STUDENT CONNECTIVITY LESSONS
- FREE NECESSITIES W/ AFFIRMATION NOTES
- NURSING HOME VISITS

FIXED GROUPS

- HUG A HOMIE
- OPEN CLUB ACTIVITIES
- FRIENDSHIP COMPATIBILITY
- ROCHAMBEAU BEAD GAME
- CULTURAL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
- PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

BURNOUT

- TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN WALL
- COLORING WALL
- UNPLUGGED LUNCH
- DIY STRESS BALLS
- SCHOOLWIDE MOVIE NIGHTS
- WELLNESS COLOR RUN

Tier 1: DROP

Easiest to implement regardless of school circumstance

Tier 2: STACK

Moderate commitment through energy and participation

Tier 3: CONNECT

Community focused; most activity and time required

** TASC Related Endorsed Programs:
Dude. Be Nice, Work2BeWell, Digital 4 Good #icanhelp

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PARTNER WITH TASC ENDORSED PROGRAMS!

DIGITAL4GOOD x #ICANHELP

DONATE LIFE Texas

dude. be nice

HealthCode®

Make-A-Wish®

NEW VOTERS

NICKEL from NICOLE
SAVING LIVES ONE "NICKEL" AT A TIME.

Say What!
Stand up. Speak up. Be tobacco-free.

Take Care of Texas
It's the Only One We've Got!
TakeCareOfTexas.org
A PROGRAM OF TCEQ

TEENS in the DRIVER SEAT
t-driver.com

TEXAS ADVOCACY PROJECT
800.374.HOPE

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W2BW

TASC State Report Forms

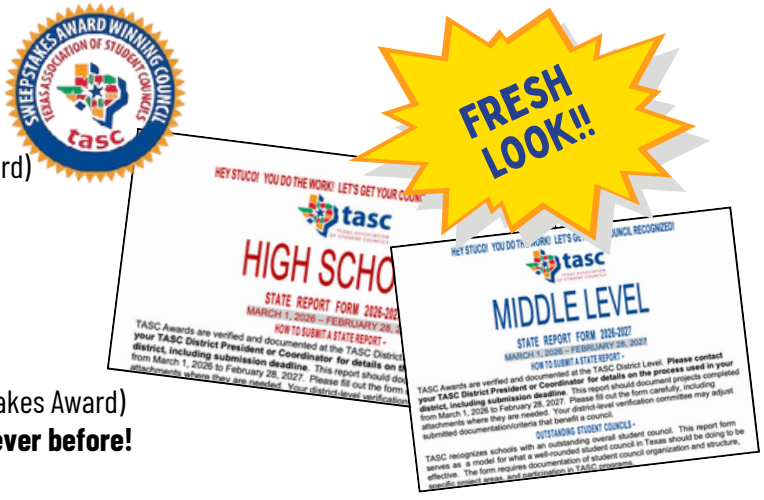
Your council deserves recognition for the hard work you do.

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 2026 – 2027 State Report Forms are simpler to manage than ever before!

CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION



MEET THE LEADERS

BURGES HIGH SCHOOL



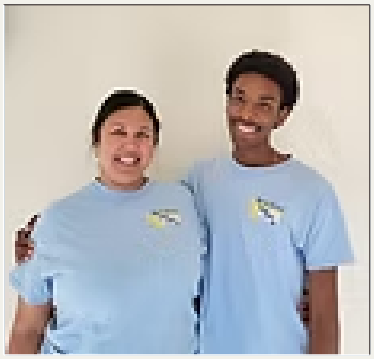
TASC PRESIDENT SCHOOL

Lexi Rosales is a senior at Burges High School and serves as Student Body President and the TASC State President Student Representative. She has been involved in Student Council since 8th grade. Outside of Student Council, Lexi serves as Burges High School's Band Drum Major, is a member of National Honor Society, and founded her school's History Club. Lexi's favorite part of TASC has been meeting student leaders from across Texas and seeing how one idea can grow into an impact far beyond a single campus. As State President Student Representative, she hopes to make the most of her final year by serving others, strengthening connections across TASC, and leaving behind a legacy that encourages future student leaders to step up and make their voices heard while making Burges, District 9, and all of TASC proud!

Ruth Bohlin has served as the Student Council Advisor at Burges High School, in El Paso, Texas since 2017, she has had the privilege of serving alongside some truly remarkable student leaders. Through her involvement with TASC at the district and state levels, her greatest source of pride comes from watching students discover what matters to them and blossom into talented, confident leaders. She believes the best part of being an advisor is creating the space for students to discover their ability to make an impact and seeing them achieve more than they first thought possible!



TASC District 1
Hereford HS



TASC District 3HS
Byron Nelson HS



TASC District 3 ML
Argyle Middle School



TASC District 17
Hardin HS



TASC District 10
Gregory-Portland HS

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A lil' DASH of HOPE



'26-'27 DASH CHALLENGE PROJECT

Supporting CPS Caseworkers

What is a CPS Caseworker?

A CPS caseworker is a professional who works for Child Protective Services (CPS). Their job is to help protect children when there are concerns about abuse, neglect, or unsafe living conditions.

Why is it important to reach out and help...

CPS caseworkers have incredibly demanding jobs, often managing large caseloads while working to protect and support children and families. By supporting caseworkers, we are supporting the children and families who rely on them.

Hand in Hand w/ Caseworkers...

Other Individuals who play important roles in the Fostering & Child Protective Services.

- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Juvenile Probation Officers
- School Social Workers
- McKinney-Vento Liaisons

CPS Departments by County

Texas DFPS
Travis County CPS
Tarrant County CPS
El Paso County CPS
Harris County CPS
Dallas County CPS
Bexar County CPS
Nueces County CPS



Let's Get it Done!



Code to project ideas & linked resources

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D.A.S.H. Challenge Project



Background

Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers play a critical role in protecting vulnerable children and supporting families across Texas. Despite high caseloads, emotional stress, and limited resources, they continue to make a lasting impact by advocating for the safety and well-being of children every day.

Purpose

The D.A.S.H. Challenge Project shines a light on the essential work CPS caseworkers do while encouraging student councils to recognize, appreciate, and advocate for the professionals who protect our communities' most vulnerable children. Through service, education, and community partnerships, councils can show support for CPS caseworkers while making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families.

Project Ideas



Thank You Card Campaign

Write handwritten notes or create digital cards expressing appreciation to local CPS caseworkers.

Care Package Drive

Collect snacks, self-care items, office supplies, reusable water bottles, and encouraging messages.



Awareness Campaign

Create and share posters and social media materials educating your campus about the role of CPS caseworkers their mission to serve community members.





Donation Drive

Partner with your local CPS office to collect requested supplies, gift cards, children's books, backpacks, or comfort items.

Community Service Project

Volunteer with organizations that support foster families or children in care.





Comfort Kit Project

Assemble backpacks with blankets, stuffed animals, coloring books, hygiene items, journals, and other comfort items for children entering care.

Helpful Resources

https://partnershipsforchildren.org/about/

https://theforgotteninitiative.org

https://www.safeaustin.org

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Join Us!







Renewal notices were sent via email and are in your account! Instructions are below for how to see your invoice if you can't find it in your email! Contact hallie@tassp.org if you need assistance with your invoice or payment.



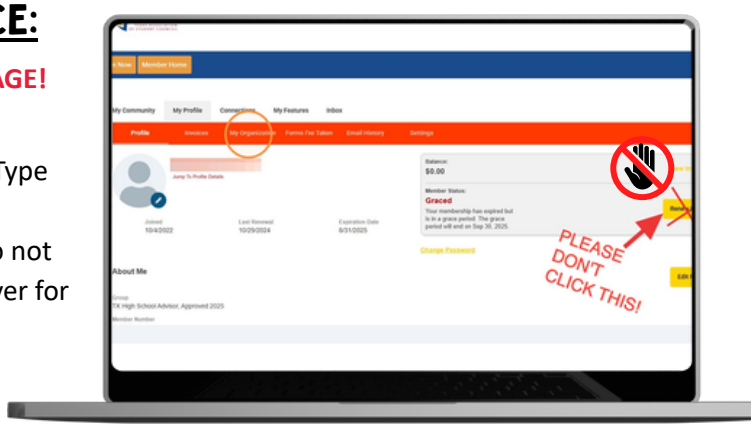
Renew Today!

HOW TO VIEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INVOICE:

DO NOT CLICK THE RENEW NOW BUTTON ON THE MY PROFILE PAGE!

- Click on "My Profile" link on the Member Home landing page.
- Select "My Organization" and then "Member Invoices" and then "Type Renewal" to print or pay online with a credit card.
- Please make sure your membership profile is up to date! Please do not overwrite items on your account if you are a new advisor taking over for someone else! Use the New Advisor/Advisor Change Form!

CLICK HERE FOR THE STEP BY STEP!



NEW ADVISOR OR CO-ADVISOR AT AN EXISTING TASC MEMBER SCHOOL?

Are you a new Primary Advisor or a new Co-Advisor at a campus with an existing membership or profile with TASC?
Please complete the Advisor Change Form linked here to update your campus profile. Select either Primary Advisor or Co-Advisor as your role. (https://tasc.memberclicks.net/advisorchange)

NEW STUDENT COUNCIL CAMPUS MEMBERSHIP

Are you an Advisor wanting your campus to join TASC for the first time? Be sure to double-check the Current TASC Campus Directory first before completing this form. Note: If your campus has both a formal name and a nickname (i.e. Stephen F. Austin High School or Austin High School) search for both names. If you find your campus listed, please return to CURRENT CAMPUS MEMBER to proceed. Join as a NEW Student Council if your campus isn't there.

TASC EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES!

ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS • Jan. 23-25, 2027 Lakeview | Feb. 5-7, 2027 Mo-Ranch
Advanced attendees build on their previous trainings such as TASC Summer Leadership Workshops and other training events to further their advanced individual leadership skills with a national leadership consultant.

TASC ANNUAL CONFERENCE • March 21-23, 2027 • San Antonio
Both middle level and high school students and advisors are invited to attend the TASC 91st Annual Conference. Students and advisors celebrate accomplishments, elect state officers, and attend sessions on leadership and student council topics. This high energy conference is the largest gathering of student council leaders in the country.

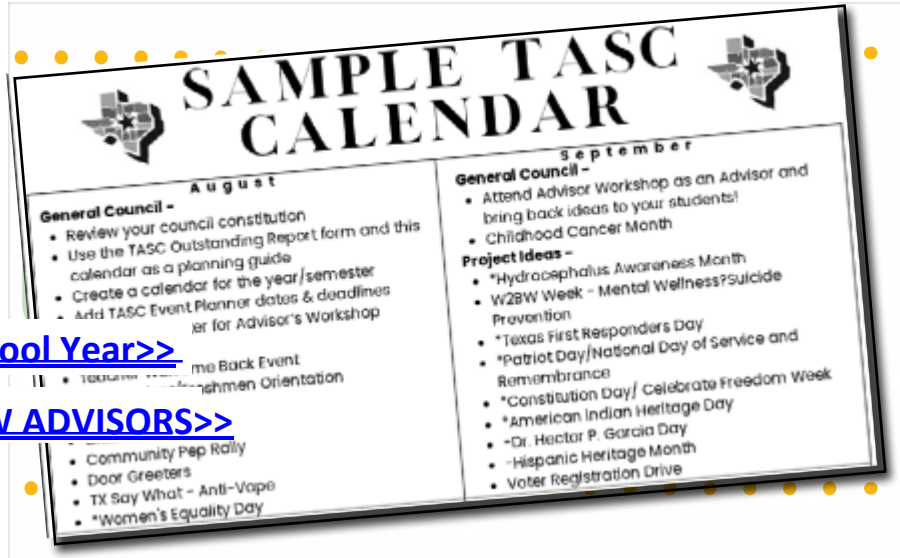
Download the 2026-2027 Event Planner!

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Event Planner 2026-2027

2026	TASC website forms close at midnight *Central Time* on the date listed	Notes
Aug. 20	*Deadline to Submit Table Talk and Breakout Presentations for Advisor Workshop and EB*	
Aug. 24	*TASC Info Night for all Advisors and Students 7-8 pm CT on Zoom – Start Strong*	
Sept. 2	*Deadline for Hotel Reservations at Group Rate for Advisor Workshop*	
Sept. 13-14	**Advisor Workshop at the Hilton Austin Airport Hotel, Austin, TX**	**Sun - Mon**
Sept. 22	*Prospective Candidates Meeting 1 @ 7pm CST on Zoom*	
Sept. 23	*1st Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom*	
Sept. 30	*United States Senate Youth Applications Due to TASSP*	
Oct. 14	*1st Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom*	
Nov. 1	*Deadline to Submit **ADVANCED** JC Applications*	
Nov. 4	*Deadline for Districts to Submit Nominations for ML/HS Advisor of the Year*	
Nov. 4	*1st Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom*	
Nov. 9	*TASC Info Night for all Advisors and Students 7-8 pm CT on Zoom*	
Nov. 10	*Prospective Candidates Meeting 2 @ 7pm CST on Zoom*	
Nov. 14-17	***Fall Work Meeting and Board Meeting***	
Dec. 1	*Deadline to Submit **SUMMER** JC Applications*	
Dec. 1	*Deadline to Submit TASC Student Scholarship Applications*	
Dec. 1	*Prospective Candidates Meeting 3 @ 7pm CST on Zoom*	
Dec. 2	*Super Early Bird Deadline Registration for Advanced Leadership Workshop in January*	
Dec. 2	*1st Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom*	
Dec. 9	*Early Bird Deadline Registration for Advanced Leadership Workshop in January*	
Dec. 9	*Super Early Bird Deadline Registration for Advanced Leadership Workshop in February*	
Dec. 16	Annual Conference Online Hotel Reservation Service and Registration Opens	
2027	**TASC website forms close at midnight *Central Time* on the date listed**	**Notes**
Jan. 5	*Prospective Candidates Meeting 4 @ 7pm CST on Zoom*	
Jan. 6	*2nd Semester New Advisor Training 7 pm CT on Zoom*	
Jan. 6	*TASC District Nominees to Submit Applications for HS/ML Advisor of the Year Due*	

New Advisor?
Check these out:

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


SAMPLE TASC CALENDAR

August

General Council –
- Review your council constitution
- Use the TASC Outstanding Report form and this calendar as a planning guide
- Create a calendar for the year/semester
- Add TASC Event Planner dates & deadlines
- …er for Advisor's Workshop
- …me Back Event
- …shmen Orientation
- Community Pep Rally
- Door Greeters
- TX Say What – Anti-Vape
- *Women's Equality Day

September

General Council –
- Attend Advisor Workshop as an Advisor and bring back ideas to your students!
- Childhood Cancer Month

Project Ideas –
- *Hydrocephalus Awareness Month
- W2BW Week – Mental Wellness?Suicide Prevention
- *Texas First Responders Day
- *Patriot Day/National Day of Service and Remembrance
- *Constitution Day/ Celebrate Freedom Week
- *American Indian Heritage Day
- -Dr. Hector P. Garcia Day
- -Hispanic Heritage Month
- Voter Registration Drive

TASC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

TASC recognizes **5 Outstanding Seniors** with scholarships. Completed applications must be submitted online via the TASC website by the December 1 deadline. The Past-President School Advisor is assigned the responsibility for selecting members to judge the scholarship applications and for tabulating the results. **CLICK HERE**

TASC SENIOR LONE STAR AWARD

The TASC Senior Lone Star Award is the newest awards only program sponsored by the Texas Association of Student Councils. This non-scholarship award was created to motivate and challenge student leaders to extend their leadership skills and activities and to confer Texas recognition upon those students who demonstrate superior student council leadership skills and knowledge based on TASC criteria and evaluation procedures. The TASC Lone Star Student Leader designation will be bestowed upon any student that has shown evidence of being a knowledgeable and effective leader and has met the program criteria. **CLICK HERE**

TASSP STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Please see the TASSP site for details and application through TASSP! **CLICK HERE**

- The **Academic Excellence Award** was established to honor and recognize high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in areas of academic achievement, test scores, and writing skills.
- The **Teens Serving Texas** award was established to honor and recognize high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in areas of community service, leadership, and personal accomplishment through unique endeavors, obstacles overcome, or special talents.

Are you and your members following the **TASC Facebook** and **TASC Instagram** (@tasc_stuco)? There are frequent postings of event information, recap posts, and interactions with you for your posts and events! Find information here first and stay connected with TASC on social media!

Our student district leaders have been busy presenting at TASSP Region Meetings!









