



TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS
TASC TOP PROJECTS COMPETITION

☒ High School

☐ Middle Level

ENTRY COVER SHEET

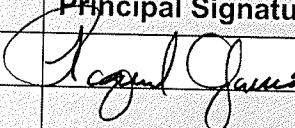
PLEASE INDICATE:

THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL PROJECT.

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THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL PROJECT.

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School Name submitting the application.	School Address:
PSJA Memorial ECHS	800 S. Alamo Rd
School City/State/Zip:	Size of Community(ies):
Alamo, TX 78516	PSJA ISD- Students & Staff 34,000
Advisor Name:	Advisor E-Mail:
Jorge Aaron Lozano	Jorge.lozano@psjaisd.us
Principal Name:	Principal Signature & Email Address
Dr. Raquel Garcia	 Raquel.garcia@psjaisd.us
School UIL Classification:	
5A	
Project Name:	Project Dates:
Annual Track of Hope Cancer Awareness Walk	February 24, 2024 & February 22, 2025
Total Number of Students in Council(s):	Number of Members Involved in the Project:
119	60- Committee Members
Total Number of Students Enrolled in School(s):	Number of Other Students Involved in Project:
4,531	150
Total Number of Faculty employed in School(s):	Number of Faculty Involved in Project:
600	10
Number of Community Groups Involved in Project	Number of Community Members Involved in Project
45+	500+

THIS INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. THE TASC WEBSITE DOES NOT ACCEPT GOOGLE DOCS.

This application must be submitted online via the TASC website.

Upload photos, newspaper articles, etc. **Scan all pages into one document and upload for judging.**

Please upload one good jpeg of the project separately.

Please consider submitting a proposal for a table talk (HS) on your project at the high school conference or for a breakout at the Middle-Level Conference for extra points. You must apply to do that.

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Track of Hope Cancer Awareness & Relief Walk

The PSJA Memorial Student Council, in collaboration with the student councils from all five PSJA ISD high schools, including three TASC-affiliated councils, hosted the annual Track of Hope Cancer Awareness & Relief Walk. Led by a dedicated committee of 60 student members, this completely student-organized event aimed to raise awareness about different types of cancer and provide financial relief to ten PSJA community members currently battling the disease. Each recipient received \$1,000 to assist with any expenses they may have. Committee raised funds by soliciting sponsorships from various community organizations.

The primary objectives included fundraising, promoting cancer awareness, and fostering community engagement. Students led every aspect of the event, from logistics and fundraising to setup and operations. On the morning of the event, the student committee prepared the venue by setting up tables, chairs, and sand-filled paper bags spelling "HOPE" around the track.

The afternoon featured the main event, which united families from three cities in the district, exemplifying the strong bond of the #PSJAFamily. Attendees engaged with over 25 informational booths offering educational resources on various types of cancers and available treatments. A memory garden, organized by students, allowed families to honor loved ones who had passed away from cancer by writing their names on tribute displays. The ten “cancer warriors” receiving relief funds are honored by leading the first lap around the track followed by all attendees behind them. A slide show on the stadium scoreboard displays photos of cancer warriors, survivors, and angels submitted by attendees. There were an estimated 500 attendees.

The event concluded with the lighting of the “HOPE” bags, creating a powerful symbol of resilience and unity. Committee members read inspiration poems while entertainment groups from all schools performed throughout the event.

PRINCIPAL EVALUATION OF ANNUAL TRACK OF HOPE

Please mark each as 1 – 5 with 1 being poor; 2 being needs improvement; 3 being satisfactory; 4 being good; and five being excellent.

	1	2	3	4	5
1. Cancer Relief: Objective Reached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Cancer Awareness: Objective Reached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Execution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Student Engagement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Community Engagement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Venue & Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. Organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes		<input type="checkbox"/> no		<input type="checkbox"/> unsure

Principal or designee comments: (Accomplishments, value to school and community, opportunities for improvement, etc.)

The Student Council does an outstanding job with the Annual Track of Hope. Each year, they surpass expectations with meticulous planning, exceptional student and community engagement, and a genuine dedication to the cause. Their efforts bring hope and spirit not only to those in need but to everyone involved, creating a meaningful and lasting impact.

Reginald Garrison 1-27-25

Principal or Designee Signature / Date



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PSJA ISD STUDENT COUNCILS PRESENT

Track of Hope

2024

A CANCER AWARENESS & RELIEF WALK

NO ONE *Fights* ALONE

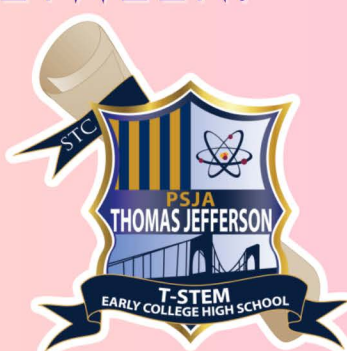
**FREE
ADMISSION**

**SATURDAY
FEB 24
6PM**

**PSJA
STADIUM**

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED
AT THE DOOR**

A STUDENT-LED COLLABORATION BETWEEN:



QUESTIONS? CONTACT
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MARIXA.REYES@PSJAISD.US



Top Projects Rating Sheet (for judges only) Councils may want this as a reference.

School Name	1 Not Met	2	3 Met	4	5 Exceeds
Project Meets Objective					
Amount of Involvement: Council					
Amount of Involvement: Student(s)					
Amount of Involvement: Other School Organizations					
Amount of Involvement: Teachers					
Amount of Involvement: Community					
Originality					
Overall Results: Students					
Overall Results: Faculty/Community					
Project relative to school/community size					
Submitted proposal for presentation at conference					
Evaluation Score Subtotals					

Total Evaluation Score _____

For Collaborative Project, list contact information for all councils involved.

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