

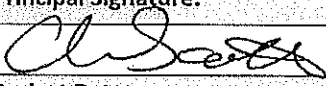
SUBMIT TOP FIVE/TEN PROJECT ENTRIES NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 13, 2018



TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS
TASC TOP TEN PROJECTS COMPETITION

HIGH SCHOOL

ENTRY COVER SHEET

School Name:	School UIL Classification:
Tomball High School	5A
School Address:	Size of Community:
30330 Quinn Rd.	10,000
City/State:	Zip:
Tomball/TX	77375
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Principal Name:	Principal Signature:
Chris Scott	
Project Name:	Project Dates:
"Keeping Our Community Afloat"	September 13 th , 2017; September 15 th , 2017; September 16 th , 2017; November 28 th , 2017; December 21 st 2017; December 22 nd 2017.
Total Number of Students in Council:	Number of Members Involved in Project:
200+	200+
Total Number of Students Enrolled in School:	Number of Other Students Involved in Project:
1850	1650
Total Number of Faculty Enrolled in School	Number of Faculty Involved in Project
145	100
Number of Community Groups Involved in Project	Number of Community Members Involved in Project
10+	100+

THIS INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.

Top Ten entries must be submitted by **FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

This application must be submitted online via the TASC website.

Upload your photos, newspaper articles, etc. online as well. Scan all pages into one document and upload.

Name of Project: "Keeping Our Community Afloat"

Purpose and objectives: To unite Tomball after the immense devastation that came with Hurricane Harvey, working to effectively create a ripple effect of service to others throughout our community.

Description:

The effects of Hurricane Harvey were destructive and far-reaching, but it also presented the region with an opportunity to showcase true service to others. For Student Council, it meant contributing time, money and supplies to help victims of the catastrophic event, and organizing other campus groups to coordinate their volunteer efforts. As the waters receded, however, our commitment to helping those impacted by Harvey continued. Homecoming arrived just a few weeks after Harvey departed, and as an alternative to expensive mums, Student Council provided free carnations to every student in the school. We also discounted the price of Homecoming tickets and arranged for donated dresses to alleviate the financial burden so that every student could participate. After Hurricane Harvey, Salvation Army's supplies were completely depleted and the students of Tomball High School helped replenish their stock by donating over three thousand items (such as Christmas toys) and volunteering at their shelters so that families in need could still have a magical Christmas. Inspired by our experience with Salvation Army, Student Council expanded on our own local holiday outreach program, Holiday Hearts, to provide Christmas gifts and donations to all needy families within our school. Through this project, organizations in the school were able to adopt a family in need to supply them with Christmas presents, food, and clothing during this season of giving. The tragedy and devastation of Harvey revealed the best of Tomball High School, and the experience we had this year will inspire us in the future to maintain this tradition of giving back to the community, as well as spreading a message of unity across Texas.

Description of involvement with:

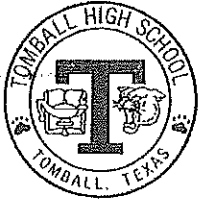
Student Council Members: Volunteered throughout the community and school. Made donations of time, money, effort, and knowledge in order to plan, organize, and serve the community and school throughout this devastating time.

Other Students: Other students and families were able to come and partner with us: they were given this opportunity to serve others selflessly, and they got to experience something beautiful: a chance to give back to others while expecting nothing in return. Many people in our school were also deeply affected by the hurricane, and so we were able to help them and their families get back on their feet. Not only that, but during the holiday season, any family in our school who could not afford Christmas presents was provided with over \$2,000 worth of Christmas presents.

Other Organizations: All volunteers were able to donate items, money, and/or time. Organizations include Tomball High School FFA, Student Media, Band, Cheer, Sports Teams, Choir, Spanish Honor Society, French Honor Society, Charms Drill Team, ROTC, Best Buddies, TAFE, BPA, HOSA, NHS, and the Tomball STAGE.

Faculty: Our amazing faculty donated items, time, and/or money in support of the program.

Community: The Tomball Community, Tomball Independent School District (TISD) Administration, Tomball Fire Department, Chamber of Commerce, Tomball EMS, Tomball Police Department, TEAM, and the Salvation Army came together to serve those who were affected by the devastating floods.



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February 2, 2018

To TASC:

It is my privilege to write to you on behalf of the Student Council of Tomball High School. This student led organization is an integral part of our school and does an outstanding job in leading our student body. STUCO is always on hand to help with any activity that takes place here at THS. From teacher luncheons to guest speakers STUCO is there. They also help promote the school's sporting events, student recognitions and anything else needed by our administrative team.

As many of you know the Houston area including Tomball was hit hard by Hurricane Harvey this past year. Many members of STUCO stepped in to unload supplies from five 18-wheelers in order for people to have cleaning supplies, water and other necessities that were needed. Recognizing that Tomball High School's Homecoming was just days away after so many suffered so much, STUCO decided to cut ticket prices and helped students to find dresses, suits, flowers and anything else that was needed so that students could find some form of normalcy in their lives.

Homecoming for Tomball High School is a time when STUCO goes all out to bring the school and community together! During Homecoming they work hard to engage everyone in school pride and spirit. STUCO works tirelessly to put together a Homecoming Parade and an exceptional half time show and the dance is over the top with decorations. This year even after Harvey there were over 1350 students in attendance! It will definitely go down in the books as one of the best ever!

Each year STUCO welcomes and personally greets the new freshmen and new students during new student orientation day. Here at THS we call it Cougar Camp. In November TISD hosts the patriotic show in honor of the community's veterans. It is during this night that STUCO decorates the stadium with 150 red, white and blue flags, both Texas and American. During National Drug Free Week student council creates a fun week for the student body by choosing activities that encourages a drug free environment. STUCO is also involved in assisting the school Renaissance organization (PTO) by working in the concession stands for the many sporting events that are held throughout the year.

In 2012 STUCO began the project "Building a legacy, one brick at a time," in conjunction with the school beautification program that was started a few years ago for

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the front of the school. Past and present students have purchased bricks with their name and year of graduation so that there is a common bond which ties them all together, the common bond of being part of the Tomball High School Legacy. In 2017-2018 this continues to be an ongoing project.

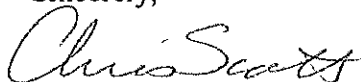
Another ongoing project for Tomball High School Student Council is "Holiday Hearts." STUCO began this project in November 2014 as a charitable program for teens in which they can obtain winter wear, personal hygiene items and gifts that are typically only available to younger children. This program is not only for the holidays but has been extended throughout the year since many teen's needs are continuous and do not end after Christmas. Since its inception Holiday Hearts has grown to be a TISD district outreach. The first year 14 families were served, this year THS with the help of other TISD schools helped 35 families.

Special projects are what makes THS STUCO so special. This is the fourth year that they will participate in "Fishing with PALS." This special event is one where Student Council hosts a fun experience for the special need students and their teachers. They meet and host the event at one of our Student Council Officer's homes. The PAL students and teachers are bussed over from Tomball High School for a day of fun and excitement. The host home has a pond where the students receive a fishing pole, have a chance to catch a fish, and receive snacks, lunch and several treats to go home. Several of the student's families, administrators, and teachers look forward to this annually. This event has definitely become a highlight of Tomball High School filled with lots of fellowship and a day full of love! This special program that is shared between THS and both of the junior high schools in the district now have over 40 volunteers and 8 PALS students that join together to make this a memorable day for all involved.

By the end of the school year there is not a month that goes by that student council is not giving back to their school and community. So in May of each year tradition at THS is to host the Top 10% breakfast for the seniors. STUCO is on hand to greet, serve and ensure that the top 10% students, their invited guests and members of the school district administration enjoy this special moment.

Tomball High School is extremely blessed to have an organization that exemplifies the best of student's in Texas. The leadership skills exhibited by Tomball High School's Student Council are both exceptional and incomparable. These remarkable students truly show in all they do that they are not only leaders, but that they care for all people and will rise to the call in order to make their school and community a better place.

Sincerely,



Chris Scott

Principal

Tomball High School

