

Florida TSA 2016



President's Welcome

Hello Florida TSA!

I hope you all had a well-deserved, relaxing summer after the exciting frenzy of Nationals success. As a delegation, we earned 133 Top Tens in Nashville, including 42 Top Three finishes and 15 First Place champions! Florida represented incredibly well at the National stage in both awards and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all National participants! I know we will keep this momentum going as we host the 2017 National Conference in Orlando.

The State Officers are excited to announce a variety of new initiatives to diversify Florida TSA. From expanding Alligon Apparel to connecting new members with seasoned competitors, we aim to create a sustainable network of teamwork and generosity. Also, we are ready to reveal the 2016 Leadership Conference theme: The Allimpics! To honor the Summer Olympics, we are paying our own tribute to the games through leadership tests and team-building exercises with a healthy dose of competition between countries.

As you are easing back into the swing of school, sports, and most importantly, TSA, I want to challenge and inspire you to leave your legacy. Your imprint. Your mark. Whether it is mentoring younger students or leading a community service project, TSA thrives off of our member's contributions to our chapters and our communities. If your chapter would like to share a project or team activity with the rest of Florida TSA, just tag us on social media @fltsa and we will try to showcase your ideas.

I hope you have an awesome year in TSA!

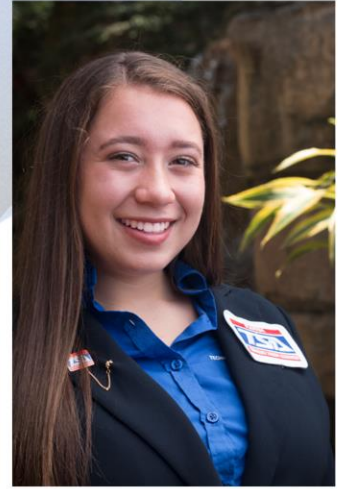
Madelyn Kumar
TSA State President



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Buddy System

There are many aspects of Florida TSA that make us spectacular. From our competition feats at nationals to our exciting success in ACS fundraising, being apart of this delegation is a wonderful adventure. That's why we are so excited to share the newest idea with you to make our delegation even stronger, the Buddy System. The Buddy System is a way to heighten the already wonderful family feeling of TSA. By Applying to be either a big buddy or little buddy, TSA members will have the opportunities to learn and build their legacy alongside another member.



To be a buddy, first see what type of buddy you qualify for. If you are a student with at least one year in TSA, however you must be high school, you qualify to be a big buddy. If you are any middle school student, or first year highschool member, you qualify to be a little buddy. Next, just fill out an application. Applications will be made available in the fall, as well as a timeline so you know when to expect your pairings! Be sure to get to know your buddy via email and social media prior to the state conference, so when you meet you already have a foundation. This could be the start of one of the many TSA friendships you make on your journey, so keep an eye out for the coming applications!

Emma Schindler
TSA State Vice President

Leadership & Recognition

As we begin the new school year, Florida TSA would like to inform all members about various leadership opportunities and special awards that you could receive as members. If you are interested in any leadership role within TSA and want to start small try becoming the team leader of one of your TSA events for the school year. This is a great way to start getting to know the ropes of how to lead as an individual within your chapter. If you are looking for a more involved role as a leader, try to run for an officer position at the chapter level. This will get you more involved in the organizational and delegation side of your chapter and will let your members get to know you more as a leader. Another opportunity is running for a state officer position. But running for this leadership role is a big commitment as a member. You have to be a devoted TSA member and put forth a lot of extra time working to plan and organize the Leadership and State Conferences. If you are interested in running for state office then applications should be available later into the year on the FL TSA website.



Moving forward, there are numerous special awards and scholarships that members can apply for. First of all there's the Florida TSA Technology Honor Society which recognizes members who stand out in academics, leadership, and community service in their district and state. Another award that you can receive is the bronze, silver, and gold achievement awards. These are awards given out to high school students who excel in their school's technology education program. Now for seniors there are several scholarships as well. Some scholarships include the FTEEA scholarship, the Betsy J. Dove memorial scholarship for women in science and engineering, the Justin Lauer Enterprises scholarship for engineering majors, and the Hines scholarship for graphics arts majors. Each scholarship has different qualifications and more information on these scholarships can be viewed on the FL TSA website.

Spencer Waid
TSA State Sargeant at Arms



Alligon Apparel

Although us TSA members may grow, our attire does not. Over time, we may find ourselves stashing old attire in our closets as we spend hundreds of dollars while on the hunt for new attire. This astronomical cost is no more! With the release of Alligon Apparel from our officer team, we've set up a store for any secondhand official attire, including blue shirts, grey slacks and skirts, ties, and blazers to be sold at conferences at a heavily discounted price. If you've outgrown your attire or are graduating soon, you can donate your attire at the leadership and state conferences. In return

for your generosity, donators like you will be awarded with special prizes. Since Alligon Apparel's inventory thrives on your donations, we encourage you to spread the word to your chapter and donate! Thank you for your help in the growth of Alligon Apparel!



Yoshi Torralva
TSA State Secretary

Fundraising

With the start of the new school year and competition season it's time to start thinking about fundraising. As we all know with projects and the price of competition TSA can get extremely expensive and if you don't start fundraising early you could end up in a bind. There are many ways that you can get started with fundraising such as:

- Ask local businesses if you can hold a fundraiser with them. Lots of restaurants will give you some of the profits of the night.
- If your school has a uniform or strict dress code, ask your administration if they will let students dress down/up for a profit. Give the students a theme such as tacky tourist or favorite character.
- Sell snacks before or after school. Buy a big pack of chips or candy and sell them for fifty cents or a dollar.
- Hold a fun night at your school. You could play a movie or have a karaoke contest and sell tickets and concessions.
- Offer to help teachers at your school with cleaning their classrooms or to clean up your campus for money.

These are just a few ideas for fundraising and they might not work for everyone so if you have any other ideas please share them with other chapters. With all of these fundraisers you can also donate money to the American Cancer Society. Remember to stay safe while fundraising and have fun doing it. I hope to see you all at conference ready to compete!

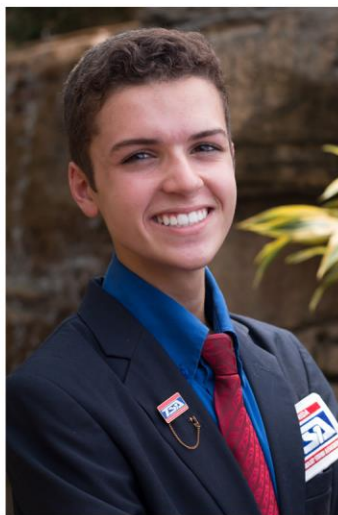


Cameron Honeycutt
TSA State Treasurer

Preparing for Leadership Conference

Hey Florida TSA!

It's your 2016-2017 Florida TSA state reporter hoping that you are as excited as the state officers and what we have planned for this upcoming year. One of the biggest experiences Florida TSA has to offer is the "Florida TSA Leadership Training Conference & competition". This conference is for officers and students in TSA who want to focus on their role as a leader during a three-day conference. The state officers are excited to announce that the theme for the 2016 Leadership Conference is "Allimpics" an Olympic themed conference for a Gold medal winning state delegation.



So what should you expect from a three-day conference like this? Guest-speakers, breakout sessions, and team building activities that all focus on goal setting, overcoming obstacles and opportunities in leadership and scholarship recognition. Students can expect to get involved in two competitive events, an "Allimpic Village Mixer", And the Final Allimpic Event which is the pinnacle experience of a leadership conference. Don't forget that leadership also has opportunities to donate to the American Cancer Society. One of the biggest opportunities to donate this year will come from the new "Escape Rooms" designed and created by the state officer team to challenge your chapter in problem solving skills. Florida TSA be sure to keep updated on social media to be ready for this upcoming school year!

Kevin Tenczar
TSA State Reporter

