

### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Another successful school year closed as Florida took 104 finalists and 36 trophies at the 2018 National Conference in Atlanta. We now come together as a delegation to start off this year with bright, fresh ideas and a desire to change the world around us. With old and new chapters alike joining our diverse delegation, I want to extend a welcome and a promise to work on behalf of our students and advisors.

As your President, I am proud of how dedicated our officer team is to creating new and innovative ideas to implement this year. We are passionate about shaping tomorrow's leaders and giving them the tools to grow as individuals at our Fall Leadership Conference. With Design Teams, our twist on Family Groups, students will be challenged to not only identify others strengths but to find their strengths within.

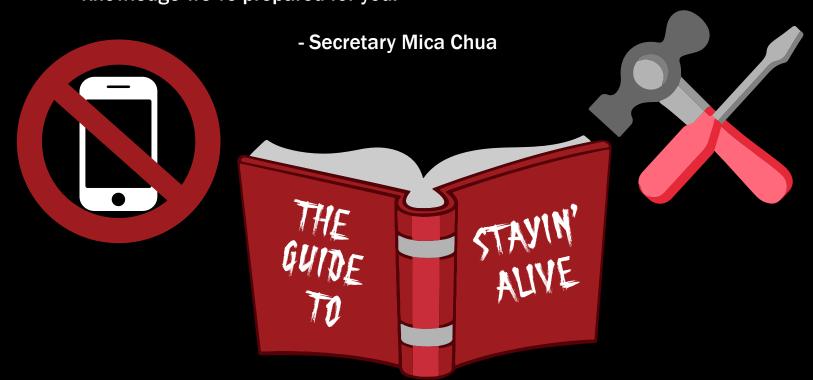
I cannot wait to meet and interact with all the students attending this year's Leadership Conference. With the new break out sessions and competitions, we are planning an engaging conference that will push students limits. Most importantly, it will encourage bonding within and between chapters that make these conferences so memorable. I wish our delegation a great start to the school year and we look forward to seeing Florida's leaders at the Fall Conference! - President Christina Cunningham

### WHATTO EXPECT

What's up Florida TSA? As we transition back into the school year, this state officer team has some exciting news to share. The annual Leadership Conference will be here before we know it and it is better than ever. This year's theme is TSA: The Undead, and we want you to strive to survive in our Stayin' Alive competition. With every Crisis Team competing, only one will prevail.

Every student that comes to Leadership will have the chance to show off their skills with all the events we have in store. Our classic chapter problem solving event is here to stay, but new contests like the lip sync battle allows every team to shine. So don't forget to pack your boxes and rehearse some moves to keep the zombies away.

With that being said, zombies have made phones obsolete so keep them locked and away in your hotel room before you come to the convention center. If you want to survive, you must pay close attention to every breakout session and participate in the events this state officer team has prepared for you. Our team is sure you're dying to see what we have in store so stay prepared and get ready to fill your brain with all the knowledge we've prepared for you.



# FUNDRAISERS

This year at our leadership conference, we can't forget the people who truly face their fears every day with cancer. Our goal is to raise even more money for the American Cancer Society than we did last year. To help us reach our goal this year, we are going to be holding a variety of exciting fundraisers that are to DIE for! Turn into a true member of the undead and experience zombification at our face painting station for a nominal fee. Immerse yourself in our video game competition and fight to prevail against the other competitors, for just \$2.

Also making its debut, our Haunted House is an interactive, self-guided tour of the underworld. Make sure not to trip, keep your eyes alert, and make sure you tread

silently and carefully. Fear lurks at every corner of the house. To experience our Haunted House, make sure you bring \$5 and a strong sense of bravery.

As the school year starts up, encourage your chapter to support ACS by hosting a Relay for Life in your area. You can also raise money through online methods like GoFundMe, and by spreading the word to sponsors to help our impact grow at a state level. We hope you all enjoy your stay at the TSA Undead Conference and keep your eyes peeled. You never know what's lurking behind the

- Treasurer Kashyap Sreeram

corners.



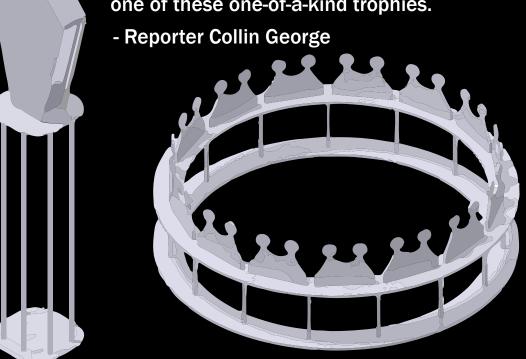
This year's leadership conference mixer is going to be an event to die for! We are so excited for the ZomProm, showcasing new activities, and bringing back your favorites. This year, get ready to get your chapter together for the 2018 ZomProm LipSync Battle. It's going to take all of your brains to pick a song to perform and get your whole chapter involved. Your chapter will also get extra points if your advisor is involved! Good luck to all and may the most DEADicated chapter win!



With this year's mixer theme being ZomProm, it seemed only fitting to have ZomProm royalty who will be selected from a pool of activity winners. We are also emphasizing the Costume Contest this year, and the person with the best costume will receive a trophy. I hope this year's ZomProm is everything you've been dying to see and more, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the leadership conference!

- Sergeant-at-Arms Sarah Belli





## REGIONAL CONFERENCES

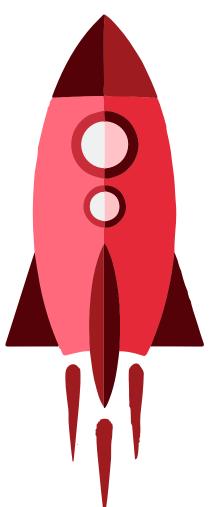
Regional conferences, tigers, and bears, oh my! This year Florida TSA is spicing it up with two new regional conferences: the Space Coast Conference and the Manatee Regional Competition for Suncoast Area Schools. These conferences will help you improve your projects and bond with people from other chapters in your area. So, how do you register and which one do you go to? All chapters in good standing with Florida TSA can register for either of these events, with only a 25 dollar fee per student. Don't let the location stop you – you and your chapter are more than welcome to attend either regional conference.

The Space Coast Regionals will be held at Southwest Middle School on Saturday, December 8th. Events and activities, lasting from 7 am - 5 pm, can be found on the Florida TSA website, as well as the payment information.

The Manatee Regional Competition for Suncoast Area Schools will be located at Southeast High School on a date TBD. The event will start at 7 am and last until 5 pm. All the information for this can be found on the FLTSA website along with registration for the event.

- Vice President Luke Haas





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