

FLORIDATS A MARDI-GRAS



2022

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

After a long time waiting... We are back in-person, for the 2022 Florida TSA State Conference!

This year we will travel all the way to New Orleans to attend the party of a lifetime: Mardi Gras! From February 23rd to the 26th, you will enter the French Quarter to dance, have fun, and of course, compete.

You will bring forth your events to go against the best of the best, so make sure to bring your A-game; in addition to your competitions, our officer team has planned crowd favorites like escape rooms, spirit wars, and the masquerade game night.

There will surely be something for everybody at this conference. I am so excited to personally see you all there, and *laissez les bon temps rouler*!



SPRIANARDS

We're back in person, and so are spirit events! This year, all of our Spirit Events will take place during our Mardi Gras Carnival on Friday night to allow everyone the opportunity to participate. Engage in everything we have planned as you build bonds with your Chapter and gain valuable spirit points in the hope of winning the newly updated Spirit Stick with your Chapter.

We all know your chapter can work in a heavy competition, which definitely is a valuable skill, but can you all work in more.... Unconventional circumstances? Well, you can find out in the brand new spirit activities that will test your mettle in a way that will leave you laughing all conference. We encourage you to bring as many people as possible to take part in spirit! Chapter participation can only help you, and everyone wants more trophies. Make sure you come dressed up to our Mardi Gras Carnival in your best Mardi Gras outfit to help your chapter earn spirit points!

The top three most spirited middle and high school chapters will be awarded during our awards ceremony Saturday night. The lucky chapter who scores the highest overall number of Spirit Points will be given the infamous Spirit Stick! If your chapter wins, you get to decorate it as you wish and bring it back to the next state conference to let the tradition continue!

Good luck to everyone competing! The State Officer Team looks forward to seeing all the spirit around the conference!



ACS FUNDRAISERS

The American Cancer Society has always been a key part of our state, and national, delegation, and working to support it is one of the larger goals at the state conference. Even a few dollars from each member of your chapter will be enough to massively support the effort of every individual working for the ACS. This year, the fundraisers for the ACS have taken on some new forms, as well as returned as one of everybody's favorite activities.

T-Shirts: For this year, we're putting an interesting twist on an iconic TSA tradition – T-shirts. As opposed to being included with the registration bundle, the states T-shirts will be sold separately as a for-donation only item. Now you can look your best while contributing towards a great cause.

Mardi Gras Carnival: This year, instead of our traditional mixer, we will be hosting a Carnival. This will include our popular Escape Rooms, Video Game Tournament, and other fun games to play with your chapter. Come dress up in your best Mardi Gras gear, we can't wait to party with you!

Escape Room: This event is a classic; come join our Mardi Gras-style escape room, where you will be tasked with freeing one of the state officers. Running at the same time as the game night, this event will be a great way to test your wits with a team of friends.



HELPFULTIPS

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- For your room:
 - Medications, toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.), multiple pairs
 of clothes (including casual attire), chargers, extra masks
- For around the conference:
 - Casual TSA attire, official TSA attire, money for food and ACS activities, hand sanitizer, any Mardi Gras themed outfits

Please make sure you bring all necessary paperwork, documentation, and projects that are necessary, both a printed copy and a digital copy on a <u>flashdrive to be sure</u>.

The conference can be hectic, so be sure to look over the draft schedule in order to check what time your events are all scheduled for.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Hey Florida TSA! We're so excited for States to be back in person and ready to capture all the amazing memories made during the conference!

During our State conference we'll be most active on our Instagram @FLTSA, posting updates on Instagram. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to message us!



After a year of hard work, it is time to be recognized and awarded! The award ceremony will be happening on Saturday, February 29th from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm.

Parents and guests are welcome, but have to purchase a \$30 badge. Guest registration must be entered by each chapter advisor your school's registration account. You should act fast — there is a very limited quantity of these guest badges. If your family can't make it to the awards ceremony but still want to see you get that awesome Top 10 Finish, the award ceremony will be live-streamed on YouTube. Southeast High School Television (SETV) will be live streaming the awards, so make sure you subscribe to their channel and enable notifications for the awards ceremony. We'll post the live link on our Instagram account when we have it for easy access.

As always, be respectful of your peers and appropriately cheer your chapter on! Good luck everyone!

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