



## What is your favorite TSA competition and why?

My favorite competition in TSA is Prepared Presentation. The nature of this event allows for a wide range of presentation options which allows competitors to practice a variety of speaking styles. Prepared Presentation not only offers a comfortable environment in which to boost confidence and speaking ability, but also helps competitors prepare themselves for real-world scenarios that involve writing and delivering presentations.

## If you were a fictional character, who would you be and why?

I would be Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Atticus is a lawyer who defies the standards of a biased society and follows his moral compass by defending a man convicted only as a result of social injustice. I hope to be a lawyer one day, and I do believe that what is right is not always what is easy, but is still necessary nonetheless.

## Who is your role model and why?

One of my role models is my late grandfather, Reverend Burnell Chaney. He passed away eight years before I was born, but the legacy and impact he left on my family and everyone he met is something profoundly inspiring. Today, when I return to my hometown in rural Alabama, the family friends and church members that knew him still speak of his humility, his friendliness, and his love for everyone. A legacy that leaves such strong waves of kindness and love twenty years later is nothing short of amazing, and I only hope to leave a fraction of such an impact on my friends and family during my lifetime.



**Jack Crawford**  
**National TSA President**  
**Valdosta, GA**

## If you could give a TSA member one piece of advice, what would it be?

No matter what, try. Even if you fail you can at least say you tried and there is a good chance that you learned something valuable from it.

## Outside of TSA, what is your favorite past time?

Running, because it has taught me so much about pushing myself, about self-control and courage. It clears my mind and makes me feel very accomplished.

## If you could meet anyone, who would you choose to meet and why?

I would want to meet Peter Schrader, CEO of Schrader and Company. This company is one of the most successful and my personal favorite architectural business. Peter Schrader is one of the most unique people I have ever read about. I want to meet him because he is different than other CEOs and I think that's what makes him so successful. One of my favorite responses he ever had was when he was asked, "What does a founder (of a business) do anyway?" His response, as likely as any other from him, might be of him discreetly peering over one shoulder and then even more covertly peering over the other shoulder as he edges in closer and in a whisper responds "anything he wants to."



**Zac Quinby**  
**National TSA Vice President**  
**Woodward, OK**

## What is your favorite TSA memory and why?

I'm not sure if I can pick just one! I've made countless memories during my six years in TSA. One that is very dear to my heart happened at the 2012 national conference in Nashville, Tennessee. At my state conference, our Community Service Video had placed 4th. We took it to the national TSA conference and submitted it, not expecting anything spectacular and we ended up winning 1st place! I then uttered a line to a 6th grader on my team, Jessica Strait: "Well, there's no going back now!" We both took that to heart and set on the path of leadership in TSA. Reflecting on that moment has taught me to never give up on your dreams whether they be short or long term.

## Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?

The most influential person in life has been my mom. Though my dad has also been an extremely positive influence, my mother stands out because no matter what she has always been there for me. Whenever I need a friend, a confidant, an advisor, or a hug I know my mom will always welcome me with an open heart. She has supported my crazy endeavors since the beginning. She and my dad have always been in my corner and I can never thank them enough for all they have done for me.

## What is your favorite book and why?

Other than *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th Edition* (for the obvious reasons), my favorite book is *The Great Gatsby*. F. Scott Fitzgerald's beautiful, descriptive writing never fails to make me feel like I'm living along with the story in the Roaring Twenties. It also highlights the importance of understanding that money isn't everything and true happiness won't be achieved through financial prosperity. The book holds many of my favorite quotes and ends on my favorite closing quote in literature: "So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past." Nothing makes for a better read on a peaceful afternoon!



**Erin Sullivan**  
**National TSA Secretary**  
**Abingdon, VA**

## What part of TSA are you most excited for this year and why?

The part of TSA that I am most excited for this year is the national TSA conference. Seeing students compete and win is amazing and having the opportunity to give national trophies away to them is the icing on the cake.

## What is your favorite quote and why?

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference"- Winston Churchill. This is one of my favorite quotes because many people do not think about their attitude which can change a life in an instance. You should always watch your attitude because you do not know who is watching.

## If you could live anywhere in the world for one year, where would you live and why?

If I could decide anywhere to live in the world it would be San Miguel de Allende, Mexico because of the desire I have for Mexican food and spring-like weather.



**Javonate Williams**  
**National TSA Treasurer**  
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## What is the most important thing you have learned in TSA so far?

There is no doubt that TSA has played a major role in shaping me into the person I am today. I have learned several lessons (sometimes the hard way) that I will certainly carry with me throughout my future endeavors. With that being said, the most important thing I have learned is time management, whether it be racing against the clock to complete onsite events within the allotted time frame or trying my best not to procrastinate on preparing my drop-off submissions. Additionally, having to balance a rigorous academic schedule and extracurricular activities forced me to use my time wisely. Although I still struggle with it at times I have immensely improved and for that, I am grateful.

## What is your favorite movie and why?

One of my favorite movies is *Forrest Gump* because it is a mixture of several of my favorite genres and is simply a classic. I love how it is capable of making you laugh and cry all at the same time. *Finding Dory* is also up there as being one of my favorites because baby Dory gets to me every time.

## What job will you have 10 years from now?

Personally, I prefer to live life one day at a time and take every opportunity as it presents itself. With that being said, I do not know exactly what I will be doing 10 years from now, but I do know that I have a strong interest in medicine and engineering and would like to pursue a career either as a biomedical engineer or a doctor.



**Aala Nasir**  
**National TSA Reporter**  
**Glen Allen, VA**

## How has TSA changed your life?

The single biggest way that TSA has changed my life is my change in confidence. Before TSA, I always felt that there was no place where I could truly belong, but TSA has provided a safe, friendly atmosphere for me to transform from a shy middle schooler to a confident senior.

## What is the #1 item on your bucket list?

The #1 item on my bucket list is to travel to South Korea. My parents were born in South Korea, and I have not been able to travel to the country yet. I believe that it is important to learn about one's culture and I hope that by traveling I can learn valuable information about my family's past.

## What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?

The best piece of advice I have ever received is, "Don't stop dreaming just because you had a nightmare." There will always be bumps in the road but running away in fear is typically never the best solution. When there is tribulation, those who continue with determined hearts reap the benefits; this sage piece of advice has allowed me to take risks and turn my dreams into reality.



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