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## Technology Student Association (TSA) Hosts National Conference

RESTON, VA – Last week, the Technology Student Association (TSA) hosted its largest national conference in history.

Over 7,500 attendees attended the 38<sup>th</sup> national TSA conference, held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, TN.

“Every year, TSA members continue to break barriers and set a new expectation for STEM education and competition, and this year is no different,” said Dr. Rosanne T. White, national TSA executive director. “Their passion for learning and competition is unparalleled, and they continue to raise the bar in STEM areas and competition through TSA events.”

More than 6,000 students competed in over 65 STEM competitions such as Technology Problem Solving, Debating Technological Issues, Geospatial Technology, and Structural Engineering. The national winners of the [Verizon Innovative App Challenge](#), administered by TSA, presented their winning mobile apps to conference attendees. Additionally, middle school teams competed in the Junior Solar Sprint competition, funded by the [Army Educational Outreach Program](#) (AEOP), where teams design, build, and race solar-powered vehicles. Middle and high school students also participated in leadership training.

This is the fourth year that the national Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science (TEAMS) competition has been held in conjunction with the national TSA conference. More than 650 students competed at the national level, which involved writing essays, giving oral presentations, and designing solutions to hands-on problem-solving scenarios centered around the theme “Engineering the Tools of Innovation.” A complete list of finalists can be found on the [TEAMS website](#).

Award winners were recognized on stage at the awards ceremony, held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. A complete list of finalists for every event can be found [here](#). The new national officer team for the 2016-2017 school year was also elected.

More information on TSA is available on the TSA website at [www.tsaweb.org](http://www.tsaweb.org).