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Secretary's Record 2001-2002

by Jenniferanne Broido
National TSA Secretary

An important responsibility of a TSA Secretary is to maintain the *Secretary's Record*. The *Secretary's Record* is generally a three-ring binder that is used to maintain important documents concerning the business of the chapter, state or national association. The record usually contains the following items:

- A copy of all approved minutes
- A list of all members
- A list of all standing and special committees, committee members, and chairpersons
- A copy of all committee reports
- A copy of the state and national programs of activities/calendar of events
- The constitution and bylaws of the organization

The secretary is responsible for keeping the *Secretary's Record* current and should bring it to each meeting. To get started, you may follow the sample *Secretary's Record* found on the Secretary's page via the Directory at www.tsaweb.org.

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National TSA President looks back, and to the future...

By Casey Wiggins,
National TSA President

National TSA how do you feel? I feel good, oh I feel so good! The year is wrapping up, and it seems just like yesterday we were all at the national conference in Richmond Virginia. This year has flown by; I guess that proves that time really does fly when you are having fun! From New York to Colorado, Texas to North Carolina, and Florida to Montana, all across the nation TSA is booming! I would not want to be the National President of any other organization. TSA is clearly on the move, onward and upward. TSA is experiencing membership growth, and enthusiasm is at an all-time high! I couldn't think of a better time to be a member!

Destination Denver, Colorado! The national conference is going to be here before we know it! I know I am excited and I am sure you are also. The national officer team is working hard to ensure that Denver '02 will be the best conference yet! I urge you all to make plans for it and expect it to be the experience of a lifetime.

With national conference on the horizon, it means one more school year is almost over, and TSA's many senior members will become alumni. My salute to all members of National TSA who will be graduating. Congratulations! Hope to see you in Denver! To wrap up my year as president of TSA, I can't decide whether to be sad for it being over or to rejoice for it happening. I guess I'll just say thanks again National TSA. You guys are the best. I urge you all--one member at a time-- to continue making National TSA the absolute best student organization in the world. Best wishes always!

TSA STAR RECOGNITION (as of April 16, 2002)



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White Star Chapters

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Webster County Area
Technical Center

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Senatobia HS

MISSOURI
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PENNSYLVANIA
Cumberland Valley HS

TENNESSEE

Bearden MS
TEXAS
Cunningham MS

VIRGINIA

Woodrow Wilson HS

WASHINGTON

Ingraham HS

Put The Power of the Internet To Work for Your TSA Chapter

by Jeremy Roberts - National TSA Treasurer

Our generation is very lucky! We are witness to the prime time of the Internet's growth. We have seen in our lifetimes the change from a linkup between two computers to millions and billions of megabytes being transferred across the globe. With this knowledge there are a few things that every TSA chapter should consider:

- "Is the TSA chapter taking advantage of the technological opportunities out there?"
- "How can I apply this technology to help my chapter?"

Every day it gets easier to use the Internet to benefit your chapter. One of the most common applications of the Internet today is the use of websites. With new software being released by the minute, you can now create and maintain your chapter's website with ease. There are many programs out there to help even the computer novice. You should experiment and pick your programs depending on how much you know and how much you want to do. In my opinion, one of the easiest programs to use for simple websites is Adobe Pagemill. Some of the more advanced programs include Adobe GoLive and Macromedia Dreamweaver. You also can easily make impressive animations with programs such as Adobe LiveMotion and Macromedia Flash.

With these very common programs you can do the following:

1. Publish a website
2. Increase public relations
3. Publish newsletters
4. Increase general membership
5. Inform of chapter activities
6. List accomplishments
7. Compete in web-related events
8. Increase chapter's activity
9. Increase communication

You can do many things with software other than web activities. Using photo/graphic-editing programs such as Adobe Photoshop can help you create the best looking page in the yearbook or awesome posters to recruit new members. The tools are out there; it's just a matter of finding the right one!



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Committee Name: PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Morgan Maddox, NationalTSAVicePresident@yahoo.com

Co-Chairperson: Megan Denny, NationalTSAReporter@yahoo.com

Type of Committee: Standing Committee

About it: TSA members learn about cultures, ideas, and opinions that may be different from their own, and are given the opportunity to make use of these differences. Everyone in a school system needs to be aware of what TSA is and how it functions. One key factor in achieving this goal is through vigorous promotion of the organization.

THE GOALS OF THE NATIONAL TSA PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE ARE:

1. In coordination with the state TSA advisor, invite state media groups to all state TSA events.
2. To send home generic articles with each chapter after a state TSA event.
3. To visit schools and give a presentation about TSA or send mailings to schools with TSA information.
4. To attend state conferences of other organizations and have a TSA informational booth with the approval of the state TSA advisor.
5. To follow the RIMP Flow in search of corporate support.

Useful Links:

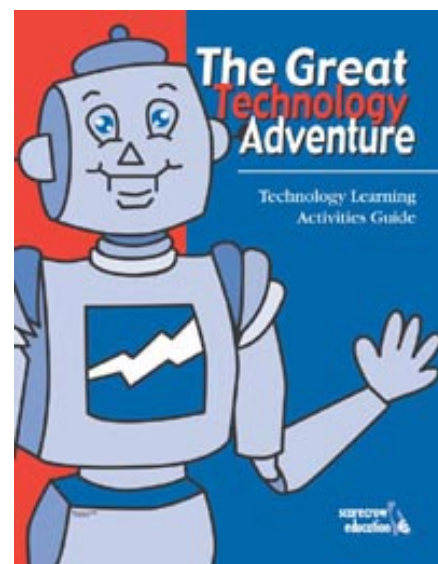
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The Great Technology Adventure-*Technology Learning Activities Guide* Now Available Via National Publishing House

by Hillary Lee, Program Manager

The *Great Technology Adventure–Technology Learning Activities Guide* was developed by TSA for its elementary school members. The guide features twenty-seven technology learning activities (TLAs) for student use, as well as information for teachers about how to promote technology and problem solving skills in the K-6 classroom. Until recently the guide was published in-house by TSA, and it was available only to elementary schools affiliated with TSA through the Great Technology Adventure program. January 2002 marked a turning point for TSA, however, when publication and distribution of the guide was put in the hands of the Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group and its imprint company Scarecrow Press, Education Division. Now the guide is available not only to TSA's elementary membership but also to the public at large.



Here's a summary of what our new publisher has to say about the *Great Technology Adventure–Technology Learning Activities Guide*:

Tobor the Robot plays host to elementary school-age children in an easy-to-use workbook dealing with technology. Designed to promote technological literacy in elementary-age students, this guide is a resource for teachers who are trying to integrate technology into the elementary curriculum. Technology learning activities (TLAs) are included, with the idea that teachers will integrate them into the existing curricula of elementary schools as a companion to other subjects. The TLAs correlate to national technology content standards published by the International Technology Education Association. Designed to be used in a hands-on environment, the book also comes with evaluation logs.

This is a **FUN** book for students and teachers interested in activities that encourage broad-ranged technological problem solving skills!

Committee Name: NATIONAL TSA WEB-SITE**Chairperson:** Jeremy Roberts, NationalTSATreasurer@yahoo.com**Co-Chairperson:** Jenniferanne Broido, NationalTSASecretary@yahoo.com**Type of Committee: Standing Committee**

About it: With the passing of a resolution by majority vote at the 2001 National TSA conference in Richmond, Virginia, the National Officer Team has been working with the national staff to restructure, redesign, and expand the National TSA website. When the website was created several years ago, TSA was one of the first National CTSO's (Career and Technical Student Organizations) to have an online presence. Our main goals as a committee are to continue to achieve an effective way to market our organization while providing more resources to our members, rich with content and features. If you have any recommendations or questions, please feel free to contact your national officers.

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Type of Committee: Executive Committee

About it: The National TSA Officers in their Program Of Work have continued with E-MAST, which stands for Enhancing Membership through Alumni, Students, and Teachers. The goal of this committee is to enhance all areas of the membership of TSA. In the Alumni area, we currently are working on ways to show our appreciation for their continued support of TSA. We plan to hold an Alumni Reception at the National Conference again this year. For the Student and Teacher areas, we have included the goals of both the Public Relations Committee and the National TSA Website Committee with those of E-MAST. Please visit the Public Relations Committee and National TSA Website Committee links for more information, and feel free to contact any national officers regarding E-MAST.

2001/2002 National TSA Community Service Project: AMERICAN RED CROSS

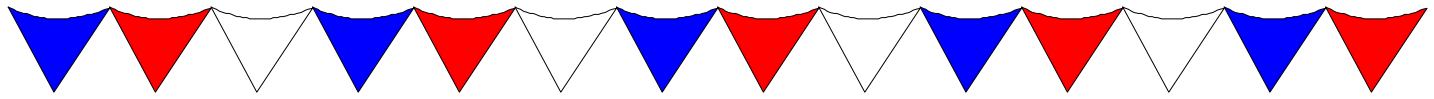
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About it: The American Red Cross, one of the nation's largest humanitarian organizations, provides relief to disaster victims and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. The National TSA Creed reminds us to make our "schools, community, state, and nation better places in which to live." One way TSA is making a difference is through our National Service Project with The American Red Cross. The goal of the TSA Partnership with the American Red Cross initiative is to create collaborations between local Red Cross chapters and members of TSA in order to unite the strengths of each and create a dynamic opportunity to invest in public service to our communities.

Latest Report: If your chapter has worked with the American Red Cross in any way over the past months, please e-mail a description of your activities to lhaitz@tsaweb.org. Maybe the Red Cross has conducted a training session for students. Maybe TSA members have worked on a Red Cross project. National TSA wants to spotlight your activities on the TSA website or in a story for *School Scene*. Your message will also be forwarded to the national office of American Red Cross. National TSA, let's strengthen our organization's mission and focus by getting involved with the American Red Cross!

Useful Links:

- http://www.tsaweb.org/conferences_programs/redcross/
- <http://www.redcross.org>
- <http://www.redcross.org/youth>
- <http://www.cotsa.org/cmmnty.htm>
- <http://www.texastsa.org/TTSAstatecommserv.htm>



CHAPTER NEWS

ALABAMA

Robertsdale TSA officers for the 2001-2002 school year are Marie Pace, President; Philip Cieloha, Vice-President; David Gore, Secretary; Joshua Rice, Treasurer; Reporter; and Ty Jordan, Sergeant-at-Arms. In November, the chapter collected canned goods for a needy RHS family and provided the family with a complete Thanksgiving Dinner. To fund the chapter's Christmas Social, members sold 484 Santa Gram Stockings and were able to rent a three-bedroom condo on the Gulf of Mexico in Gulf Shores. Chapter members dined at the King Neptune's Restaurant, worked out in the fitness room, swam in the heated pool and hot tubs and ended the night watching movies and enjoying each other's company, as well as a night away from home.

In January, TSA provided a school-wide "Teacher Appreciation Faculty Meeting" with sandwiches, chips and dip, fresh fruit, chocolate goodies and punch.

On March 19, 2002, members attended the Baldwin County TSA Competition. Marie Pace won first place in both the Prepared Presentation and Promotional Graphics events. One Tech Bowl team (consisting of Philip Cieloha, Joshua Rice and Nick Mitchell) placed second, while another Tech Bowl team (Ty Jordan, Kyle Boyington and Nick Weber) placed fourth. In our local event of Safety Illustration, David Gore placed sixth, Madalyn Hankins placed seventh, and Ben Prockup placed ninth. Also, Philip Cieloha and Nick Weber had the two fastest times in the Dragster Design event.

The Alabama State TSA Conference is being held on April 25 & 26, 2002, in Montgomery, Alabama. After having two RHS TSA members place in the top ten at the National TSA Conference in Richmond, Virginia last year, we are hoping for an opportunity to scale the TSA National Conference mountain in Denver, Colorado!

*by Madalyn Hankins
TSA Chapter Reporter*

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut TSA advisors and state officers have visited three New England states and presented five separate workshops on the benefits of TSA—all in the hopes of increasing membership in the region.

In October, 2001, Chris Marot, CT TSA State President spoke to many technology teachers and handed out TSA materials at the New England Association of Technology Teachers Conference in Waterbury. TSA advisor, Jim Hutson of Windham MS/HS, and State Advisor, Phil Monty, also held a TSA workshop at the conference.

In November, Phil Monty hosted a TSA workshop at the University of Southern Maine at Gorham. Mr. Monty and Mr. Hutson accompanied CT TSA Vice President Lisa Madson to Rhode Island College in Providence for a TSA presentation.

In March, Mr. Hutson and Chris Marot traveled to Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA. to speak about TSA. Chapters from both Vermont and Rhode Island will be competing this year at the Connecticut TSA 24th Annual Conference. This will be the first time CT TSA has hosted chapters from both of these states.

*by Phil Monty
CT TSA State Advisor*

GEORGIA

Campbell High School TSA recently sponsored an informational event for the student body, faculty and staff that showcased the use of robotics in industry and in the private sector. The event featured Sherion, a speaking robot similar in appearance to famous Star Wars robot R2D2, designed and built by Clint Bridges, founder and CEO of NetPlanner Systems, Inc. Mr. Bridges also designed a robot vacuum cleaner and a prototype for a lawnmower.

*by Faheem S. Rasool
Campbell HS TSA Advisor*

VIRGINIA



TSA members at Virginia Beach Middle School performed in "The Lesson", a play co-written by TSA Advisor Enrique Wiggins and School Improvement Specialist Yolanda Young.

The play, set in the 1970s, highlights the technological inventions of African American women. Although performances were free, students collected donations for the American Red Cross before and after the shows. "The purpose of putting on this play was twofold," explained Mr. Wiggins. "First, we hoped that it would bring some pride to these students as well as the understanding that they can do anything they set their minds to. And second, we wanted to raise money for the Red Cross."

Photo: Delores Williams and Soshannah Upchurch rehearse for a production of "The Lesson"

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National Technology Achievement Award (NTAA)



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TSA Participates in Career and Technical Education Week at OVAE

By Lynda Haitz, Communications Manager

Within the U.S. Department of Education, the Office of Vocational and Adult Education supports “a wide range of policies, programs, and activities that help young people and adults obtain the knowledge and skills they need to prepare for post secondary education, successful careers and productive lives.” The OVAE, through its home page, www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE is a valuable source for students, teachers, counselors, administrators and parents. Visitors to the website will find useful information and resources for post secondary requirements and opportunities, relevant legislation, career development, adult education, literacy and grants and programs sponsored by OVAE.

One such program, Career and Technical Education Week, sponsored annually by OVAE, was held February 11-15, 2002. As part of this year’s celebration, OVAE hosted student representatives from eight Career and Technical Student Organizations on February 12, 2002, for day-long meetings and activities. Mr. Tommy Duffy, Virginia TSA State President, represented TSA along with seven other student representatives; the students participated in facilitated group discussions regarding topics such as the effect of career and technical education on academic experiences, student opinions about organizations like TSA, and the current emphasis on academic testing. Students had the opportunity to share with OVAE staff members the goals of their individual organization, as well as their individual experiences. Dr. Carol D’Amico, OVAE Assistant Secretary, also personally held a discussion with the student group. Following morning meetings and lunch at the Switzer Building in southwest Washington, DC, visits for the student representatives were arranged with various Congressional offices. Mr. Duffy and TSA Executive Director, Dr. Rosanne White met with Mr. Tom Super, who handles educational issues for Virginia Senator John Warner. Mr. Super expressed that Senator Warner supports TSA and “sees the value of technical education in the Virginia curriculum.” Mr. Super and the Senator’s office were familiar with TSA through interaction with Virginia TSA’s conferences and state programs.

Run For A TSA Office? You CAN Do It!

*by Lavoncia McGee,
National TSA Sergeant-At-Arms*

Campaigning is not just passing out flyers and candy to win. Campaigning is interacting with your constituency, the members of TSA. This interaction can be a speech, but also simple “Hello” when passing by at school or at a conference.

If you are seeking a TSA office, be assured that everyone will watch you. Be aware of your surroundings and have a plan, but be ready because everything does not always go accordingly. As members, we are looking for someone with our interests in mind and someone who takes PRIDE in our organization. If you are considering becoming an officer, you should keep this in mind.

Patience- It takes time. Don’t expect things to happen when you want them.

Respect- Most likely you will not run unopposed, therefore you must keep in mind the feelings of your opponents. By the end of your campaign, your opponent may be your best supporter.

Integrity- Be honest with the members, and most of all be honest with yourself.

Dedication- Are you ready for the commitment? Be willing to stick it out to the end no matter what presents itself.

Enthusiasm- Excitement about the organization should be noticed in your words, your body language and in the image you portray.

No matter what happens always remember what’s in your heart.

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TENTATIVE NATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

Be sure to check the Conference Program for confirmed dates and times.

•Sunday, June 23

- 5pm TSA, Inc. BOD Meeting
- 5pm National TSA Officers Meet

•Monday, June 24

- 10am Conference Registration
- 12pm CRC/Event Coord. Meeting
- 3pm Officer Candidates Meeting
- 3pm Display Event Check-In
- 4pm Advisors Orientation Meeting
- 6pm Delegation Meetings
- 8pm TSA Mixer

•Tuesday, June 25

- 8:15am State Flag Reps Meeting
- 9am Opening Session
- 12pm Conference Info Desk Open
- 12pm Special Interest Sessions
- 12pm Competitive Events
- 3pm Advisor Update Meeting
- 5pm State Presidents Meeting
- 6pm TSA Alumni/Senior Reception
- 6:30pm Delegation Time/Meetings

•Wednesday, June 26

- 7am Business/Education Exhibits Set-up
- 8am Competitive Events
- 9am Conference Info Desk Open
- 9am Business/Education Fair
- 9am Special Interest Sessions
- 10am Advisor Update Meeting
- 1pm Corporate Board Meeting
- 5pm VIP Reception
- 8pm General Session II
- 10pm Delegation Meetings

•Thursday, June 27

- 8:30am General Session III/Annual Business Meeting
- 11am Conference Info Desk Open
- 11am Advisor Update Meeting
- 11am Special Interest Sessions
- 11am Competitive Events
- 1pm State Advisor Forum
- 1pm CRC/Students Forum
- 3pm CRC/Advisors Forum
- 5pm Delegation Meetings
- 9pm TSA Annual Dance

•Friday, June 28

- 9am General Session IV/Awards Ceremony
- 12pm TSA, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting (new board)
- 12pm Outgoing/Incoming National TSA Officers Meeting

Colorado TSA Prepares to Welcome the 24th Annual National TSA Conference

by Meg Denny, National TSA Reporter



One part Rocky Mountains, a handful of stadiums, a helping of Six Flags, a dash of the Denver Mint, some free shuttle services, pour in world class museums, a nationally known zoo, a serving of the Air Force Academy, and top it all off with a beautiful downtown area, and you have the perfect recipe for your 2002 National TSA Conference. Ladies and gentleman you're all in for a real treat when you travel to Denver, Colorado this June and learn what the Mile High City is all about.

To find out about how exciting this conference will be, I went straight to the top to the national conference chairman (who is also on the TSA national Board of Directors) Mr. Mike Ribelin. For the past year the conference committee has been diligently working on the preparations for one of the most memorable events of TSA. Not only is the setting perfect for our theme, "To Achieve and Succeed," but the convention will be conveniently located in one conference center/hotel.

When asked if the team has had any problems, Mr. Ribelin expressed the team's concern of what affect 9-11 might have on the attendance this year. Overall the planning process is running smoothly in Denver, and I hope everything is on track where you are, because we can't wait to kick off a great conference and have every seat filled! Mark your calendars for what promises to be one of the best TSA conferences yet, June 24-28 2002!

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