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TSA Student Members Embrace the 2023 National TSA Conference Theme, “A Legacy of Innovation”

Louisville, Kentucky — More than 7000 middle school and high school [Technology Student Association \(TSA\)](#) members nationwide gathered at the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC), June 28–July 2, 2023 in Louisville, Kentucky for the 45th National TSA Conference.

The conference theme, A Legacy of Innovation, aligned with TSA’s intra-curricular activities, competitions, and other programs that provide student members with opportunities for personal and leadership development, as well as enhanced education and career exposure in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

For a link to the 2023 National TSA Conference program, click [here](#).

Highlights of the conference included:

- **TSA Middle School Competitions and High School Competitions** — Middle and high school student members competed in 70+ STEM competitive events.
- **TEAMS** — Middle and high school students were challenged by Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science (TEAMS), which featured the theme Engineering & Everyday Devices.
- **Junior Solar Sprint (JSS) and Senior Solar Sprint (SSS)** — Students enrolled in JSS and SSS designed, built, and raced solar-powered vehicles in the conference finals, administered by TSA and funded by the Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP).
- **TSA VEX** — The TSA VEX Robotics Competition (VRC) and the TSA VEX IQ Challenge (VIQC) national championships drew high school and middle school competitors from around the nation.
- **Spirit of Service** — Top TSA chapters and state delegations that raised money for the American Cancer Society were recognized.
- **Super Star Awards** — National recognitions were announced.
 - State Advisor of the Year Award – Mike Fitzgerald
 - Distinguished Alumni Award – Staci Davis
 - William P. Elrod Scholarship – Jordyn Herter
 - Dr. Bob Hanson Distinguished Student Award – Daryen Rodriguez Saucedo
- **National TSA Officers** — The 2023–2024 national TSA officer team was installed: President – David Marquez; Vice President – Tyson Castleberry; Secretary – Shreemayi Undavalli; Treasurer – Ariel Fader; Reporter – Sreemayi Gangireddy; Sergeant-at-Arms – Garv Jain
- **Keynote** — Deanne Bell, engineer, television host, and entrepreneur, delivered a keynote address that encouraged students to set goals, take chances, and follow their dreams.
- **Special Interest Sessions/State Officer Presentations** — Students and adults were able to attend presentations by both companies and [state officer delegations](#).
- **TSA Meet and Greet** — Conference attendees networked with representatives from companies, universities, and non-profits that support STEM and IT education and careers.
- **Leadership Workshops** — Kent Julian, motivational speaker and leadership trainer, held targeted workshops for middle school and high school members and TSA advisors.

The 2024 National TSA Conference, featuring the theme “Evolution of Excellence,” will be held June 26th through June 30th at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida. Follow @nationalTSA on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) and bookmark [TSAweb.org](#) for more information. More than 300,000 TSA members across the United States are “learning to lead in a technical world.” All TSA activities are correlated to the [Standards for Technological and Engineering Literacy](#) as set forth by [ITEEA](#).