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TSA Student Members Embrace the 2022 National TSA Conference Theme, "Discover Your Journey"



Dallas, TX — The 2022 National <u>Technology Student Association</u> Conference was recently held in Dallas, Texas. Just under 6000 attended, gathering from June 26th through June 30th to participate in the diverse activities planned for the conference.

The conference theme, Discover Your Journey, epitomized TSA's 44 years of intra-curricular activities, competitions, and other programs that provide student members with opportunities for personal and leadership development and enhanced education and career exposure in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Highlights of the conference included:

- TSA 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 in Entertainment.
- Junior Solar Sprint (JSS)—Fifth through eighth grade student members designed, built, and raced solar-powered vehicles in the JSS 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. The TSA chapter that raised the most funds was Page Middle School (TN). The TSA state delegation that raised the most funds per capita was Pennsylvania.
- Super Star Awards—National recognitions were announced.
- National TSA Officers—The 2022–2023 school year national TSA officer team was installed: President: Esha Bolar; Vice President: Carson Schmitt; Secretary: Sami Vallury; Treasurer: Shreemayi (Siri) Undavalli; Reporter: Samra Iqbal; Sergeant-at-Arms: David Marquez.
- **Keynote**—Kent Julian, nationally known youth motivational speaker, delivered a keynote address about how a person's response to life's challenges can determine success.
- **Special Interest Sessions** Students and adults attended various sessions including one that featured a robotics demonstration, several that focused on specific educational software platforms, and one that previewed competitive events for the coming year.
- TSA Meet and Greet—Conference attendees networked with representatives from companies, universities, and non-profits that support STEM and IT education and careers.

"A Legacy of Innovation" has been selected as the theme for the 2023 National TSA Conference, which will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, June 28th-July 2nd. Follow @nationalTSA on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u> and bookmark <u>TSAweb.org</u> for more information. More than 250,000 TSA members across the United States are "learning to lead in a technical world." All TSA activities are correlated to the <u>Standards for Technological and Engineering Literacy</u> as set forth by <u>ITEEA</u>.