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TSA Student Members Embrace the 2024 National TSA Conference Theme, “Evolution of Excellence”

Orlando, Florida — Approximately 9000 middle school and high school **Technology Student Association (TSA)** members and other attendees from across the nation gathered at the Rosen Shingle Creek, June 26–June 30, 2024 in Orlando, Florida for the **46th National TSA Conference**.

The conference theme, Evolution of Excellence, aligned with TSA’s competitions, activities, and programs that provide members with enhanced exposure to topics in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); opportunities for personal and leadership development; and career awareness.

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 the Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science (TEAMS) competition, which featured the theme Engineering Another World.
- **Junior Solar Sprint (JSS) and Senior Solar Sprint (SSS)** — JSS and SSS competitors 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 national championships for the VEX Robotics Competition (VRC) and the VEX IQ Challenge (VIQC) drew high school and middle school student members nationwide.
- **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.
- **National TSA Officers** — The 2024–2025 school year national TSA officer team was installed:
 - President: Lane Lamping
 - Vice President: Yug Patel
 - Secretary: Odelia Kneiser
 - Treasurer: Lizzie Grounds
 - Reporter: Margo Wycoff
 - Sergeant-at-Arms: Sen Yakandawala
- **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** — Representatives of the Florida State University (FSU) STARS Leadership Corps conducted leadership sessions.
- **TSA Universal Experience** — Over 5000 national TSA conference attendees participated as a group in the TSA Universal Experience at Universal Studios during the afternoon/evening of Saturday, June 29.

The next national TSA conference, featuring the theme “Tune into Technology” will be held June 27 – July 1, 2025, in Nashville, Tennessee at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. Follow @nationalTSA on **Facebook** and **Instagram** 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 align with the **Standards for Technological and Engineering Literacy** as set forth by **ITEEA**.