



## SEASON 1, EPISODE 9

# Creativity

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### DISCUSSION GUIDE

In this episode, Hannah Ongmanchi reflects on how creativity—both as a technical skill and a mindset—shaped her TSA journey, fueled her passion for architecture, and empowered her as a leader. From designing logos for state conferences to competing under pressure in national CAD events, Hannah shows that creativity is not just about being artistic, it is about problem solving, working with others, adapting quickly, and thinking in new ways. Her story demonstrates that creativity is a skill anyone can build, and TSA offers the perfect environment to grow it.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### Middle School

1. Hannah says creativity isn't just about art—it is about problem solving and adapting. How would you define creativity in your own words?
2. When designing logos or posts, Hannah had to think of ways to be both creative and consistent with TSA's branding. Why is it important to find a balance between fun ideas and clear communication?
3. Hannah shares how she didn't always get her design right on the first try. Why is it important to be open to feedback and keep trying new ideas?
4. Hannah talks about working on a team for architectural design. Have you ever been part of a team where everyone brought different strengths? What was your role?
5. What is one creative competition, project, or activity you would like to try in TSA that you haven't yet?

#### High School

1. Hannah says creativity is a process—not a perfect result. How do you stay motivated when your first idea doesn't work out the way you hoped?
2. In high-pressure competitions like CAD architecture, Hannah had to think fast and prioritize what mattered most. How do you handle time pressure or unexpected challenges?
3. Collaboration was a big part of Hannah's TSA and college leadership experience. How does creativity show up in the way teams work together?
4. Hannah helped relaunch a college organization after it lost momentum. What is a time you have had to bring fresh energy or ideas to something that was struggling?
5. Hannah says creativity is a muscle you have to train. What are some ways you actively build your creativity—in TSA or in your personal life?

### Optional Extension Activity

Design Your "Creativity Snapshot"

- Create a collage, digital slide, or journal page that shows what creativity means to you. Include 3 examples from your life where you used creativity—this could be artistic, problem-solving, team-based, or anything that required thinking in a new way.
- Label each one with what you learned and how it helped you grow.
- Then answer this question: "What is one new creative risk I'll take this semester—in TSA, at school, or in life?"