

# KANSAS TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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## CTSO OFFICER TRAINING

The annual Career and Technical Student Organization officer training was held in Emporia on November 7-8, 2008. The officers of TSA, in addition to those of Business Professionals of America (BPA) and Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) were in attendance. The training was provided by Motivated Performances' Brian Fiese, a professional motivational

speaker from Texas. The officer team learned presentation skills, teamwork, and communication skills. For entertainment, Brian Fiese hypnotized some of the officers. The officers had a great time and learned many valuable skills to help them with the rest of their term in office.

By Garret Struble

KS TSA  
 State  
 Treasurer



## UPCOMING EVENTS

January Planning Meeting

April 16-18  
 Kansas TSA State Conference

June 28-  
 July 2  
 National Conference at Denver, CO



Top Left: Jessica Leiker looks at her workbook.

Top Right: The officer team poses for a quick picture during their down time with Presenter, Brian Fiese, and State Officer Advisor, Ruth DeLange. (Front Row (l to r): Allison Young and Jessica Leiker. Back Row (l to r): Brian Fiese, Zach Carter, Isaac Leihy, Spencer Walker, Garret Struble, and Ruth DeLange.)

### \*January Planning Meeting Has Changed! \*

This year the planning meeting for the state conference will not be held in conjunction with Citizenship Day. More information to follow once time and place has been determined. There will be a Board of Directors meeting beginning at 3 p.m. on January 14th in Topeka anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

## PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Dear Kansas TSA Delegation,

Believe it or not, state conference is only three months away! I am very excited about many of the things that will be happening in the next couple of months. My advice for each and everyone of you is to start your projects early. Take advantage of every workday you can. I, like many of you, have started my projects too late and have worked on them the night before they were due. This is not at all the way to go. The earlier you start the better you will feel about the project you are putting forward for judging. So go ahead and begin you events now. I would like to end with a quote from Timothy Lister and Tom DeMarco, "There are a million ways to lose a work day, but not even a single way to get one back."

Sincerely,

Allison Young

KS TSA State President



## WORDS FROM THE STATE

### ADVISOR

Hello To All,

I hope that your year is going well as it is off to a flying start—half over. As many transitions and changes are taking place, we are accepting the challenges to better KS TSA. I am very pleased with the Board of Directors input, and the leadership put forth by the officer team. The state conference is just around the corner. The January Planning meeting might be in February this year, as we might have to change our location for state conference. We are trying to keep with the published date for our state conference and find a new site to hold it. All information will come your way as soon as I know more.

I suggest to advisors to encourage your students to get started on all of their projects for state conference **now** and for them to put their best effort forward. It would be nice for KS TSA to bring home more top ten placings and trophies from nationals. Should you ever have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me as we are all working for the betterment of our students and our association.

Sincerely,

Caroln Cole

KS TSA State Advisor

Hope you had a safe and happy holiday season!



This newsletter was created by Allison Young. It was also edited by Carolyn Cole and Allison Young.

## STATE REPORTER

The Board of Directors has appointed Spencer Walker (pictured right) as the new State Reporter. Jessica Leiker was appointed to fill the spot of State Secretary which was left vacant due to the resignation of Ryann Green.



## FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

This year's fall leadership conference was held at Fort Hays State University on October 21-22, 2008. There were 17 schools and 113 students and advisors in attendance. Tuesday evening, students participated in ropes course activities. The next day, Students participated in different breakout session like dressing for success, teamwork, becoming a state officer, goal setting, competi-

tion updates, and fundraising. The students also took a tour of the FHSU's technology studies departments. We hope that this conference will help those in attendance to finish this year strongly.

By Zach Carter

KS TSA State

Sergeant-at-Arms



Right: Students participate in ropes course activities.