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K-ACTE

On August 3-5, 2008, the KS TSA State Officer Team attended the Kansas Association of Career and Technical Educators (K-ACTE) annual summer conference held in Wichita. Each career and technical student organization was allowed to have representatives at the conference to promote the respective organization. Jessica Leiker, State Reporter, and Ryann Green, State Secretary, were selected to

represent our organization. This year Jessica also had the privilege of informing Kansas educators and potential future TSA advisors about TSA and how it is incorporated into the classroom. The officer team also set up their program of work and made plans for the fall leadership conference.

By Garret Struble



KS TSA
State
Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 21-22
Kansas TSA Fall Leadership Conference at Fort Hays University
- November 6-8
CTSO State Officer Training at Emporia
- November 14
Dues to Nationals for Gold Seal Chapter
- November 16-17
K.T.E.A. Conference
- November 20-21
4-State Technology Conference
- April 16-18
Kansas TSA State Conference at Webster Conference Center in Emporia
- June 28-July 2
National Conference at Denver, CO



Top Left: The officer team poses for a quick picture with State Advisor, Carolyn Cole, and State Officer Advisor, Ruth DeLange. (Front Row (l to r): Ruth DeLange, Ryann Green, Jessica Leiker, Allison Young, and Carolyn Cole. Back Row (l to r): Zach Carter, Garret Struble, and Isaac Leihy.) Top Right: State Reporter, Jessica Leiker, speaks to the K-ACTE members.

2008-2009 STATE OFFICER TEAM

Allison Young

Office: President

Grade:Senior

School: Lyndon High

Activities: Cheerleading, FBLA, Scholars' Bowl, Forensics, Book Club, NHS, and Student Council

Favorite Movie: Pride and Prejudice



Isaac Leihy

Office: Vice-President

Grade:Senior

School: Hillsboro High

Activities: Football, Baseball, and FCA

Favorite Movie: Never Back Down

Ryann Green

Office: Secretary

Grade:Senior

School: Blue Valley High

Activities: Cross Country and NHS

Favorite Movie: Step Brothers



Garret Struble

Office: Treasurer

Grade:Senior

School: Chaparral High

Activities: Golf and Key Club

Favorite Movie: Ghost Riders

Jessica Leiker

Office: Reporter

Grade:Senior

School: Colby High

Activities: Golf, Basketball Statistician, Swimming, and Track

Favorite Movie: Remember the Titans



Zach Carter

Office: Sergeant-At-Arms

Grade:Senior

School: Leavenworth High

Activities: Baseball

Favorite Movie: Meet Dave

By Isaac Leihy

KS TSA State

Vice-President



BACK TO SCHOOL

The 2008-2009 State Officer Team would like to welcome you back to school after a very quick summer. We hope you are just as excited as we are to kick-off another great year in TSA.

We have made some exciting new changes to our program this year starting with the location of our state conference. This year we will be holding the state conference at Webster Conference Center in Salina, Kansas; the price will also be all inclusive for the first time! Nationals has also revamped their publications of the competitive events guides with a new CD set. This set includes not only updated competitive events, it includes leadership activities and membership materials. This is all available when you affiliate online this year. Remember to affiliate as soon as possible so that we can begin our best year yet! The cost is fourteen dollars per student for state and national dues (each chapter dues are subject to local advisor's discretion), and each chapter is required to have ten members to affiliate, but of course, membership is not limited to ten members and the more members that join our organization, the better!

The team will also be hosting the Fall Leadership Conference in late October, and we can't wait to see you there. Our new officer team has been hard at work planning the upcoming year and we hope to have one of the best years yet!

By Ryann Green

KS TSA State Secretary



WORDS FROM OUR STATE ADVISOR

Dear Kansas TSA,

This summer has flown by for me, and I have heard that it has done likewise for many of you. It is now time to embark on another fun filled year of school and TSA adventures. I want to first off congratulate our national competitors from Kansas. We showed up ninety strong and took home twenty-five top ten placings with eight of those receiving trophies for placing in the top three in their respective events. You can see a complete list online. I challenge Kansas TSA to do this well, if not better, next year traveling to Denver, CO. This comes with starting the year with some goals in mind, a plan to get there, and continued dedication to achieve these goals!

We have many new changes occurring within Kansas TSA. One I would like to announce is that Ruth DeLange, Lyndon High Chapter Advisor and Instructor, will assume the position of State Officer Advisor. Another change is that our policies and procedures are being updated. One thing I would suggest to you is to have your students complete whatever medical release, liability, and code of conduct forms are necessary, scan them, and burn them on to a CD to travel with. These forms will be updated and posted on the website if you should need them. The one form that I will need is the photographic release form, which is only necessary if the student has not completed one in the past five years. There will be more information about the policies and procedures changes to come later.

We have included information about fall leadership conference and the calendar of events in the newsletter. This information can be found on the website (if it is up and running...technology...technology...technology!). Don't hesitate to contact me with any

Sincerely,

Carolyn Cole

State Advisor

NATIONAL CONFERENCE RESULTS

This year marked the 30th annual National TSA Conference. The conference was held in Orlando, Florida June 28 through July 2. There were over 90 Kansas attendees present. Kayla Schmitt received the William P. Elrod Memorial Scholarship award. There were a substantial number of top ten placings, which are included below. All had a great time, and Kansas was well represented.



By Jessica Leiker
K.S. TSA State Reporter

National Finalists 2008

High School

Blue Valley High –

Sciviz – 4th Place
Technology Challenge – 8th Place

Blue Valley West High –

Matt Wedel – Computer-Aided Design 2D, Architectural – 7th Place
Tim Boreas – Computer-Aided Design 3D, Engineering – 1st Place
Dominic LaMonca – Computer-Aided Design Animation, Engineering – 2nd Place

Chaparral High –

Nicole Schmidt – Desktop Publishing – 6th Place
Nicole Schmidt – Promotional Graphics – 7th Place
Megan Seipel – Extemporaneous Presentation – 8th Place

Colby High –

Courtney Ress – Extemporaneous Presentation – 5th Place

Hillsboro High School –

Nicholas Mueller – Dragster Design – 6th Place
Nicholas Mueller – Flight Endurance – 2nd Place
Brandon McMillen – Flight Endurance – 8th Place
Radio Controlled Transportation – 1st Place
Structural Engineering – 4th Place

Leavenworth High –

Ryan Gregoire – Technical Sketching and Applications – 7th Place
Architectural Model – 9th Place
Medical Technology – 3rd Place

Lyndon High –

Allison Young – Extemporaneous Presentation – 3rd Place
Allison Young – Prepared Presentation – 1st Place

Olathe Northwest High –

Structural Engineering – 2nd Place

Middle School

Anthony Elementary –

Jason Schroeder – Flight Challenge – 9th Place

Colby Middle School –

Technology Transfer Challenge – 7th Place

Louisburg Middle –

Samantha Kinney – Technical Writing Challenge – 5th Place
Technology Bowl Oral – 6th Place

Top Left: State President, Hannah Corcoran, poses with some of the NH TSA members. Top Right: Dakota Langley and Brandon McMillen. Bottom Left: Members of the Chaparral chapter. Bottom Right: Kayla Schmidt with her William P. Elrod Memorial Scholarship.





KANSAS T.S.A-Calendar of Events

2008-2009 Theme—"Shape the Future!"

Mar. 23-25	MACE Conference – Bonner Springs HS Go to www.mace-ks.org/
August 3-5	KACTE —Wichita, KS
TBA	New Chapter Recruitment Training – All new and potential Advisors
Oct. 21-21	Fall Leadership Conference—(Chapter officers and interested members) <i>Required for State Officers</i>
Nov. 14	National and Kansas Affiliation Dues are due in National Office to receive Gold Seal
Nov. 6-8	C.T.S.O. Leadership Conference- Best Western, Emporia (State Officers Only) <i>Required for State Officers</i>
Nov. 16-17	K.T.E.A. Spring Conference--TBA
Nov. 20-21	4-State Technology Conference--Pittsburg State University (Advisors and Instructors)
Dec. 4-6	A.C.T.E. —Charlotte, NC www.acteonline.org/
Jan. 14	1. C.T.S.O. Legislative Day--Topeka (State Officers) 2. State Conference Planning Meeting—Lyndon High School (State Officers and ALL advisors)
Feb. 15	State Officer Candidate Applications due to State Officer Advisor (Carolyn Cole)
Feb. 15-21	Career & Technical Education Week
Mar. 5-6	Education Technology Fair (MACE Conference) – Manhattan, KS Go to www.mace-ks.org/
Mar. 26-28	I.T.E.A. National Conference- Louisville, KY
April 16-18	Kansas T.S.A. State Conference— Webster Conference Center, Salina, KS (All Kansas TSA Members) <i>Required for State Officers</i>
Apr. *	K.T.E.A. Spring Conference--TBA
Apr. *	Fort Hays State University Technology Fair
Apr. 13-17	National Student Leadership Week
Apr. 20-24	National T.S.A. Week
May 1	National Officer Candidate Applications due to State Advisor
May 1	Deadline for Star Chapter Recognition
May 22	National Conference Registration information due to State Advisor and Nationals
June 28-July 2	National TSA Conference— Denver, CO

T.S.A. MOTTO—"Learning to Live in a Technical World"

Updated 7/9/08 *unsure

Dear Kansas TSA Delegation,

First of all, I would like to congratulate all of the members who attended the 30th National TSA Conference. I would also like to mention that Kansas placed twenty-five times at the conference. Way to go! The members of TSA drive our organization. As a state delegation, I would like to offer you a challenge. I would like to see our delegation increase this year by one hundred members. In order to do this, however, I need your help. The growth of TSA starts at the local level. It starts with your local chapter. I would like challenge you to increase your local chapter membership by 25%. If you had 12 members last year, strive for 15. At state conference, a special recognition will be given to those chapters who have met this goal.

There are several ways to increase the membership of your chapter. It all starts with you, the individual member of TSA. Try recruiting a friend. Share your experience with a fellow technology student. Put information about your first meeting in your student announcements. Hold a back to school party to share information about TSA. Whatever you do, just simply make TSA available to your student body. If you have any great ideas from your chapter on how you get new members, email me at president4ktsa@hotmail.com. I will be glad to mention them in our next newsletter. Remember, TSA is the best kept secret. Spread the word; help meet our challenge of one hundred additional members of Kansas TSA.

Sincerely,
Allison Young



KS TSA State President

School	2007-2008 Members	2008-2009 Goal
Anthony Junior High	21	26
Belle Plaine Middle	10	13
Colby Middle	20	25
Emporia Middle	10	13
Harper Elementary	18	23
Louisburg Middle	10	13
Lyndon Middle	10	13
Pittsburg Middle	18	23
Belle Plaine High	13	16
Blue Valley North High	11	14
Blue Valley High	20	25
Blue Valley Northwest High	13	16
Blue Valley West High	38	48
Canton-Galva High	13	16
Chaparral High	31	39
Colby High	14	18
Emporia High	10	13
Eureka High	12	15
Frontenac High	15	19
Hillsboro High	23	29
Leavenworth High	22	28
Louisburg High	13	16
Lyndon High	13	16
Mulvane High	16	20
Olathe East High	13	16
Olathe North High	10	13
Olathe Northwest High	23	29
Pittsburg High	11	14
Rose Hill High	23	29
Smith Center High	10	13
Spring Hill	10	13
Wichita High East	10	13
Total	504	604

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

It is time again to begin thinking about this year's Fall Leadership Conference. This year it will be held at Fort Hays State University on October 21-22, 2008. The cost will be \$35 for those spending the night and \$25 for those coming in for one day. This price is all inclusive; it includes meals, registration fees, and housing in Gross Coliseum. Those chapters wishing to stay off-

site will have to do so at their own added expense. Those chapters staying in Gross Coliseum need to bring bedding and appropriate pajamas. Boys and girls will be separated for the night.

Registration for those spending the night will begin around 4 p.m. We will begin the evening with ropes course activities with an emphasis on team building. On Wednesday morning registration will begin at 8 a.m. with opening session promptly

beginning at 9 a.m. Highlights of the second day include sessions on topics including teamwork, fundraising, goal setting, university tours, and much more. We can't wait to see you there!

By Zach Carter

KS TSA State
Sergeant-at-Arms



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