



SCTSA Scene

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- Welcome to our very first installment of SCTSA Scene!
- Why TSA is very important to South Carolina Students
- How to grow chapter membership
- LEAP
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Welcome

Welcome to a new school year South Carolina TSA! I'm Jaan Nandwani, the 2017 - 2018 State President. I hope you had a fantastic summer and are ready to "celebrate our success" together this year! On behalf of the State Officer Team, I'd like to thank you for your time and commitment to SCTSA. It is only with the dedication of our advisors and TSA members that our great organization continues to build a lasting legacy.

This past June, at the National Conference in Orlando, Florida we had various national finalists in events such as LEAP Legacy chapter and 3D CAD. We expect to keep improving as time goes on, and we hope to see more of you next year in Atlanta! My fellow State Officers and I are excited for the potential the coming year holds. We have been planning some interesting new elements for the State Leadership Conference. Another area that the State Officers have been working on is improving our availa-

bility and outreach. Through increased use of social media, our new newsletter, and our new YouTube page, the State Officers are now easier to reach than ever before. I encourage all students to reach out to the State Officer team with any questions you may have, or accomplishments to share. We are here to assist you. TSA week is also quickly approaching, and social media is the best way to showcase your TSA achievements during this week!

We also are trying to increase statewide membership, so more students have the opportunity to join this wonderful organization. Be sure to check out Marianna's article in the newsletter for more information and tips about growing and starting a new TSA chapter.

Another goal we have for this year is to increase involvement with the American Cancer Society. Last year, we raised over



\$11,000, and won the award at nationals for raising the most money as a state per capita. I hope to accomplish this impressive feat at nationals again, but that's only possible with your help! Be sure to start an ACS Relay for Life Team and contribute to this great cause! For more information, check out Thomas's article!

Again, South Carolina TSA thanks you for your dedication, your time, and your commitment to this amazing organization. I wish you luck toward another successful school year, and I can't wait to see you in Myrtle Beach!

Why TSA?

Hey SCTSA, it's your State Secretary, Jared Clyburn here! Hope you had a great summer and are ready to get back into it (I know I am). One of our main focuses this school year is growth, so I'll try to answer two questions that are always

going to come up when asking people to join. You've most likely asked them or at least heard someone ask them at one point or another. Let's start off with this one: "Why should I join TSA when there are so many other clubs to choose from?"

Well, aside from TSA be-

ing one of, if not, the oldest student STEM organization in the US, TSA offers more than just trophies if you do well. You can enhance your personal development, build leadership skills, and create career opportunities, if you're diligent enough. Being a part of TSA doesn't just mean work-



ing on projects for your state conference every year, it means continually striving for success in all parts of your academic career alongside your peers and paving the way for the world's future. Who wouldn't want to join a club like that? Alright, next question, I'll try to keep it short. "Technology doesn't really interest me, is there anything else TSA can offer?"

Competition-wise, TSA doesn't only offer hardcore technology events where you're working with wires and things like that. There are events such as Children's Story, where you create an illustrated story book, or events such as extemporaneous speech, where you prepare a speech with limited preparation. There is an event for nearly every interest. You can find a list of high school and middle school events on the website at tsaweb.org. As a bonus for reading this far, I guess I can answer one more question that you're probably not curious about. "How has TSA impacted officers like you guys?"



Being a state officer is quite fun, despite the serious expressions we hold on stage. All of us are pretty much friends with each other and we make the space between us work, we try to meet every month to discuss how we can make SCTSA a better state delegation and try to match up with the rest of the nation. Each one of us is passionate about the positions we hold, and we all try our best to make this school year memorable for all of us, including you! Thanks for reading and I wish you the best of luck starting off this school year!

Growing Chapter Membership

Hello readers, I'm Marianna Moawad, your State Vice Presidents. Although South Carolina's TSA delegation has had a steady increase in membership over the past few years, we are still considered a small delegation. For this reason, membership and chapter growth is one of the main goals of our state officer team this year. Once a chapter has started, membership might seem like a tough task, but it is one all chapters face. This year, SCTSA is implementing 'White Star Chapters Award' for every chapter that either creates a chapter at a new school or increases their own chapter's membership by at least 10%. Now, how do you increase chapter membership?

To start, it is important that the students are informed and educated on what TSA really is. Informational Meetings are a great way to grab the attention of prospective members. It is important that these informational meetings are interactive, informative, and interesting. One way to achieve this goal is to create and hand out flyers or brochures that display TSA in a creative and intriguing way and invite students to your informational meeting. Put these flyers in the halls, cafeteria, classrooms, on social media, through email, EVERYWHERE! Another way is to use the National TSA Promotional Kit (<http://www.tsaweb.org/Promotional-Toolkit>) as a template and customize it to fit your chapter. This presentation grabs the attention of students and allows them to get a better understanding of the great opportunities TSA has to offer. Have past members and/or chapter officers talk throughout the presentation, share their experiences, and even display old projects.

Once you have gathered a good number of interested students, it is important that the meetings throughout the year are enjoyable and productive. Always ask for the feedback of the members or listen to any of their ideas. If the current members are constantly excited for TSA, they will attract their friends and classmates to join. Not to mention, these interactions will create lifelong friendships and make any chapter feel like a family.

Featured Chapter

SCTSA Chapter Spotlight—Florence Chapel Middle School

Florence Chapel placed 1st at states in LEAP Legacy Chapter and then went on to place 2nd in the nation! They were also recognized at the national conference for Middle School Chapter Excellence. For the third time in a row, they won 1st overall in state for middle school and won best in state for TEAMS. In addition, they started their very own VEX team and were already recognized with an award. We are so proud of all of their accomplishments and can't wait to see what they do this year!



How to nominate your chapter to be highlighted in the next SCTSA School Scene?

Hey SCTSA, it's your state sergeant at arms, Baylee Masonoff! I'm so excited for this year and I can't wait to see the great accomplishments of all of our chapters. Your school can be nominated for a chapter spotlight in our next school scene to show all of your chapter's amazing achievements! There will be a different chapter for every SCTSA Scene. Please send me your chapter's name and a list of accomplishments to sergeantatarms@southcarolinatsa.org. Then, your chapter will be featured! It's that simple! Best of luck and I can't wait to showcase the success of our chapters.

LEAP!

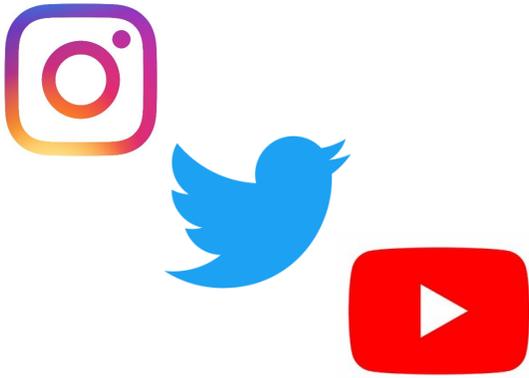
Hey SCTSA members! It's Roshni Nandwani, your state 2nd vice president! I hope your summer was great! But with the new school year starting, there are a lot of new changes coming to our middle school handbook. There will be new events, and LEAP (Leadership. Education. Achievement. Personal Growth.) will be implemented at the middle school level. The new handbook for middle school as already been released.

In addition to the new handbook, LEAP Legacy Chapter is something we're really trying to enforce this school year. LEAP Legacy Chapter is basically a leadership recognition program offered to middle and high school chapters as an optional national TSA activity that includes a competition component. Chapters demonstrate and are evaluated on their involvement in LEAP activities related to The Student Leadership Challenge-Five Practices for Becoming an Exemplary Leaders.

Chapters complete LEAP Legacy Portfolios, which consist of a cover page, activities template and supporting documents. Portfolio entries are evaluated by national TSA judges. Based on these certain scores, one middle school and one high school per state will be selected as semifinalists. Ten middle school chapters and ten high school chapters will be selected to advance as national semifinalists.

The incentives for this program are as follows: First place- \$1,000, Second place- \$500, Third place- \$250

This past year at the national conference, 2 chapters from South Carolina were recognized for their accomplishments. Congratulations to Florence Chapel Middle School for 2nd place and the Academy for Arts, Science, and Technology for 4th place. Make sure to work hard on your LEAP portfolios within your chapter to possibly be recognized at the 2018 National Conference!



Staying Connected and TSA Week

Hey SCTSA it's your State Reporter, Lorena Beltran, reporting in! It's a brand new year, with new friends, new teachers, and a fresh new start. With the start of a new year in SCTSA, we'd like to keep you all, the members of SCTSA, informed about all upcoming events and activities happening throughout this year by using social media. Be sure to follow us on Instagram and twitter @officialsetsa. It is our best way to stay connected! In addition, this year our officer team has created a new YouTube page. We'd like to invite you all to subscribe to our YouTube channel @SC TSA for monthly Q & A's with the officers, showcasing memories and so much more!



Also, a great time to stay up to date with all things TSA is during TSA Week! As TSA week, October 2-6, 2017, approaches, we encourage all chapters to celebrate this week and all members to post on social media about the impact TSA has had! Beginning with "My TSA Monday" post pictures of memories you've made in TSA. On teammate Tuesday, send photos of you and you teammate/teammates participating in a group event for TSA. Then on Wednesday show your best #WeAreTSA spirit. Then let's take a step back into the past and post a Throwback Thursday photo/photos of some of your most memorable moments in TSA. Finally, Forever TSA Friday, share how excited you are to be a part of this wonderful organization! I'm so excited for this great year and can't wait to keep in touch with all of you through social media!

Relay for Life

Greetings SCTSA! It's Thomas Moir, your South Carolina state treasurer, reporting in for the first time in a while. Summer has come and gone, and I had a blast doing nothing. School has already started and that means opportunity. Opportunity for what you might ask? You can read the title, I think you know where this is going. If you don't know, TSA's main service project is the American Cancer Society, and they host an event that is called Relay for Life. It's a day long event on a local track or football field dedicated to those who have been affected by cancer. Your next question is obviously, "How do I join?" Allow me to teach you a thing or two about creating and joining a team!

Step 1: Pitch the idea. Talk to interested chapter members or family and obtain about 15 people to participate. Explain to them what Relay for Life is and how it benefits the community. Once a team has been established, register the team on relayforlife.org.

Step 2: With your chapter and teammates hold a meeting. Nothing too serious, and don't worry no parliamentary procedure. The only requirement is to have a device so your teammates join. It's a good idea to do it all at one time so you won't have to chase people down to tell them to sign up. While you are at this meeting, brainstorm a donation goal, and ideas on how to fundraise for that goal. A good money maker is a bake sale, or selling ACS feet, for example.

Step 3: Vote on a team captain. This one is really straight forward, just consider people who are good leaders and who take initiative, like making a Relay for Life team or something.

Step 4: Have a folder or workspace in which money and documents will be held for safekeeping. It is imperative that you stay organized!

Step 5: Pay attention to the next Relay for Life event in your area. You might also be able to volunteer and help at this fun event.

Finally, have a good time, but please be a shining example of TSA's values and represent your chapter well! Keep in mind that your efforts count towards community service hours, and recognition at the state and national conferences. Anyway, that's all from me folks! Y'all are fantastic and please stay golden SCTSA!