



# WV TSA 2011 Fall Newsletter

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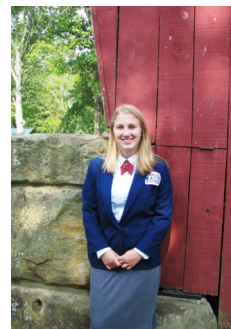
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## President's Welcome

Hey guys! I'm Kristin Holmes, your West Virginia TSA State President. I hope you all are ready for another exciting year in TSA. This year's theme is *The Road to Success*. My fellow state officers and I are working hard to plan a fun and exciting conference. Therefore, your local chapter needs to get off to a great start and begin traveling on the WV TSA Road to Success. There will be many twists and turns as you work hard on your projects. You will even hit a few speed



**Kristin Holmes**  
2011 WV TSA State President

bumps and curves but keep focused on your drive until you come to the Ripley exit in March. Hopefully, your road to

success will lead you to a victory at the state conference and you can gas up and head for Nashville, TN. I am hoping that a first place trophy is waiting for you at the end of your journey. The state officer team and I want to steer you in the right direction so check the website and our WV TSA Facebook page for updates. It's going to be a great ride! See you at States!

Sincerely,

*Kristin Holmes*

## 2011-2012 State Officer Goals

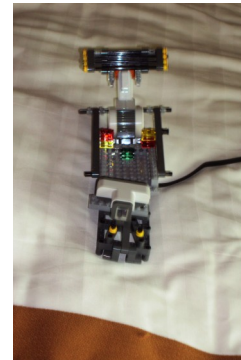
- Solicit Corporate Donations
- Put out digital newsletter in January 2012
- Boost state membership by 25 members
- Make TSA Facebook page more interactive
- Invite media to state conference
- Beat last year's pie auction total
- Prepare a newsletter prior to state conference and state conference survey
- Encourage members to solicit donations before the conference
- Make state conference more eco-friendly—digital tests, recycle tests, and recycle cans



# 2011 WV TSA National Conference Winners

## Middle School Winners

10th Place	Challenging Tech Issues	Team I	South MS
10th Place	Engineering Structure	—	South MS
10th Place	Go Green Manufacturing	—	Clay Co. MS
7th Place	Inventions & Innovations	—	Warwood MS
8th Place	Multimedia Production	Jayde VanRiper	South MS
6th Place	Robot TOBOR	—	Clay Co. MS
10th Place	System Control Technology	—	Clay Co. MS
2nd Place	Techno Talk	—	Warwood MS
7th Place	Transportation Challenge	Seth Porter	Warwood MS



## High School Winners

10th Place	Architectural Model	—	Valley HS
7th Place	Chapter Team	—	Clay Co. HS
4th Place	Manufacturing Prototype	—	Magnolia HS
8th Place	Structural Engineering	—	Morgantown HS

# 2011 National Conference



This year, the 2011 National Conference was held in Dallas, TX. For one week, over one hundred people from West Virginia participated in competitions, general assemblies, a leadership program, and much more. New national officers were

## Clay County National Conference Attendees

elected, friendships were formed, competitions were won, and memories were made.

When not competing in one of the 60 competitions, participants had many options for entertainment. From eating at restaurants like the Texas Station and visiting the rodeo, participants were never bored.

Conference attendees were also able to attend a one-day Career &

Education fair which included vendors such as Goodheart-Wilcox Publishers, Oklahoma State University of Technology, Whitebox Learning, and a Friday night major league baseball game.

We all worked hard and succeeded in placing in several competitions. We can't wait for next year to travel to Nashville, TN, where we plan on having an increased number of national winners and participants. So invite your friends, work hard and we hope to see you there.

*"If you are a striving student in any of the STEM areas, you should consider joining."*

## Awards

Each year, we give out community service, outstanding advisor, and achievement awards. Please consider nominating your advisor or chapter for these awards. The community service award will recognize chapters that do an outstanding amount of community service.

If you have an advisor that you feel is exemplary and inspires you on a daily basis, you may suggest that your chapter nominate your advisor to be recognized at the state conference as one of the best advi-

sors in the state.

If you are a student of outstanding effort, and always promote active membership in your chapter, you may consider nominating yourself for the Achievement Award.

More information and forms for each of these awards are available on the state and national TSA websites. Make sure you don't miss the deadline!

Also, you may consider joining the National Technology Honor Soci-

ety. If you are a striving student in any of the STEM areas, you should consider joining. It is a great resume builder and is something you can always be proud of! This is available for middle and high school students. If you are a junior or older, you may also be recognized at the National Conference. If you are interested, please visit the national website and print off the application.

## Alumni Section

The Alumni Association mission is to encourage the alumni to serve as ambassadors for TSA. They also lend support to their local chapters and communities where they work together to develop leadership, personal growth, and career success.

West Virginia TSA and the National TSA Alumni Associations would

like to invite you to become members of our associations and we would like your support as judges, coordinators, and resources for tomorrow's leaders on the "Road to Success".

To be a West Virginia Alumni member, judge, or coordinator for the West Virginia TSA State Conference, please visit our site at

[www.wvtasa.org](http://www.wvtasa.org) and click on the Alumni link.

You may also register with the National TSA Association at [www.tsaweb.org](http://www.tsaweb.org).



**Past TSA State Officers**

## 2012 WV TSA State Conference

WV TSA Spring Conference will be held March 22-24, 2012 at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, WV.

The WV TSA Spring Conference provides competition in more than 25 middle and high school events, a campaign and election of state officers, and a variety of social events. Don't miss out on this year's Road to Success!



April 22-24, 2012  
State Conference

*2012 National  
Conference to be  
held in  
Nashville,  
Tennessee*



## 2012 National TSA Conference

The 2012 TSA National Conference will be held June 21-25, 2012 in Nashville, Tennessee.

This year's theme is "Road to Success".

TSA National Conference is the climax of the TSA year. All state associations gather to compete in the highest levels of competitive events and to elect the new national officer team. Special interest sessions and keynote speakers highlight the conference activities.

"Road to  
Success"

# 2011-2012 State Officers



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Facebook under WV TSA

# Mark Your Calendar

## September

1 Fiscal/Membership Year 2011/2012 Begins

## October

4-8 National TSA Week

## March

7-11 TSA Advisor Appreciation Week

21-25 National TSA Electronics Recycling Week

22-24 WV TSA State Conference

## April

17-23 Earth Week (April 22 Earth Day)

18-24 National Student Leadership Week

## May

15 National TSA Officer Candidate Applications Due to National TSA

31 National TSA Conference Registration Due to National TSA

## June

21-25 34th Annual National TSA Conference, Nashville, Tennessee

