



# West Virginia's TSA Connection

## Cody's Corner



Now that Christmas break has passed and 1999 is here, I hope that everyone is working on their projects for the Spring Conference. April will come before you know it, so prepare now and put your best work forward at the conference.

There is more to Spring Conference than competitions, though. I encourage everyone to participate in the TSA Achievement program; make the conference special by earning your silver achievement award. Members can also apply for the TSA Honor Society and Chapter Excellence Award. AND, if your advisor is deserving of the advisor of the year award, by all means, nominate him or her. Most advisors are too humble to nominate themselves. They work behind the scenes for you, shouldn't you honor them?

On another note, I have been asked to serve on the National TSA Constitution Committee to review our national constitution. If anyone has any ideas or any other opinions, please e-mail me (codyc\_@hotmail.com).

Have a great 1999. See you at Spring Conference!!!

- Cody Corliss  
WV TSA President

## Does your Chapter have the Advisor of the Year?

Each year WV TSA recognize an advisor for their commitment to TSA and all of their hard work. If you think your advisor has done a great job, nominate him or her for this award. Don't wait for them to suggest it - they probably won't!! So members, give your advisor the credit he deserves - send us your entries by March 10!! Forms are in the competitive events guide.

### Reminder:

Your \$7.00 dues  
MUST be paid by  
the time you  
register for  
conference. Mail-

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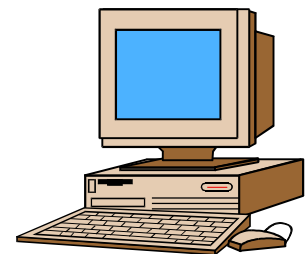


**Check out WV TSA's web site and talk with friends on the List-serv!**  
[www.literati.com/wvtsa](http://www.literati.com/wvtsa)

**Looking for the CAD drawing?  
Say it hasn't arrived?**

Remember, this year, as at last years conference, CAD competition is now an on-site event! You will not have to complete a drawing at the home school ahead of time, or meet any mail-in deadlines. This year the contest problem will be given at the conference, and each participant will provide his or her own computer and printer for use during the event. Please note that this is now ONLY a High School event. Each category may have one entrant from your chapter:

- Beginning CAD**  
(limited exposure to lessons)
- Advanced CAD Architectural**  
(one semester or more)
- Advanced CAD Mechanical**  
(one semester or more)



**Attention: Officer Candidates**

**Officer candidate forms are due in by March 10, 1999. When running for a state office, you need to show the responsibility and commitment needed to be a state officer. A good way to show this commitment is by serving on the Courtesy Corps. Every officer candidate is expected to serve on the Courtesy Corps, but don't look at it as something else you have to do; look at it as a good campaign strategy. While serving on the Corps, you'll be in the public eye, and in effect you will gain campaign time.**

## 1999 West Virginia TSA Conference Themes



### High School level

**Architectural Models** - Participants design a single family residential structure for a family of 5, including 2 adults and 3 children. The design should be developed to emphasize outdoor living and include a permanent in-ground swimming pool. The design should allow for conversion of the garage area as a future mother-in-law suite.

**Cyberspace Pursuit** -

"Manufacturing: Challenges in the New Millennium"

E-mail URL to: [wburton@literati.com](mailto:wburton@literati.com) by midnight March 15, 1999.

**Prepared Presentation** -

"Technology Achieves through Reality and Dreams"

**Promotional Graphics** -

"TSA . . . Transcending the Limits of Imagination"

**Technological Systems** -

"Wireless Communications Systems"

**Tech.I Report Writing** -

"Negative Impacts of Technology"

1. Transportation
2. Manufacturing
3. Communication
4. Construction
5. Power and Energy



### Middle School level

**Cyberspace Pursuit** -

"Biotechnology: Past, Present and Future"

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**Prepared Presentation** -

"Technology Achieves through Reality and Dreams"

**Graphic Design** -

"TSA . . . Transcending the Limits of Imagination,"

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**Technical Writing & Use of Materials** -

"Technological Impact on the Development

1. Recycling
2. Entertainment
3. Sports and Recreation
4. Clothing and Textiles
5. Environment

**Safety Illustration** -

"Safety in the Technology Education Laboratory"

**ATTENTION  
High School Students!**

High schools now have a new competitive events guide with some new rules and new contests!

The guide is available through Mrs. McD for \$25.00. Make sure your chapter gets one before you start preparing for your events!

**Don't be disqualified because you didn't know!!!**

## Spotlight on Service

Volunteering and community service are a huge part of being involved with TSA. Not only do you receive the personal satisfaction of helping someone in need, but you can also receive many awards in TSA. Those of you applying for college will find community service beneficial when applying for scholarships.

Also, remember that this year, the Make-A-Wish Foundation is the state community service project. Please have your chapter collect pop tabs throughout the year, to turn in at conference.

A big thank you to:

**Warwood Middle School**, who turned in a shoe box full at FLC to help with this project.

**Clay County High School**, who recently sponsored an angel tree project for the elementary schools in their county.

Has your chapter done something special in the area of community service or do you have any new ideas you would like to share?? If you would you like your project to be featured in Spotlight on Service, send me the details. I hope to hear from you soon!

Sally Ann Cruikshank  
WV TSA Secretary

### What to Wear

**Meetings and Competition:** Official dress for the conference is either official TSA dress (grey slacks or skirt, white shirt, blue blazer, and red tie) or business attire. Because of the conditions at Cedar Lakes, tennis shoes will be allowed. Note, however, this is not allowed at Nationals.

**Banquet:** Either official dress or a dress outfit(similar to "church type" clothes)

**Free time, Dance:** Casual outfits, but make sure casual is STILL professional! No jeans with holes, obscene T-shirts, or bellies showing!



## PLAN AHEAD- No On-Site Registration of Events!



There will be no on-site registration for events again this year. You must

register for any event you wish to participate in by March 10, to assure your spot. This change is so that we can purchase and prepare the appropriate number of tests and material kits for the contests.

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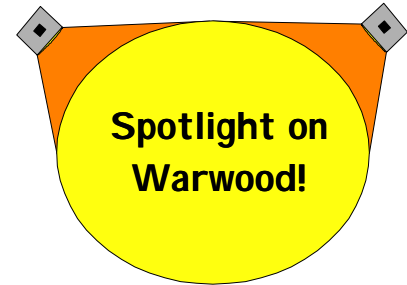


## Newsflash!! Officer Elections Around the Corner!

Spring Conference is soon, and you know what that means--State Officer Elections! I can honestly say that serving as State

Reporter has helped me emerge as a leader. It gave me new confidence and presented me with several rewarding challenges. I served the state and worked with a wonderful officer team. I strongly encourage all of you to take the initiative to run. I know that campaigning and speaking in front of large crowds can be scary, but it is worth it. I would also like to remind everyone that elections are serious business. Please take the time to carefully evaluate the candidates before voting, and choose your leaders wisely.

-Brooke Thomas  
WV TSA Reporter



## Spotlight on Warwood!

A recent story in the Wheeling News Register spotlighted Warwood TSA's efforts to aid a young girl with a brain tumor. To help offset the expenses caused by treatment, they held a penny drive that raised \$1,242.54. Great job!!! WV TSA commends you

## Tech Writing Challenge Tech Report Writing

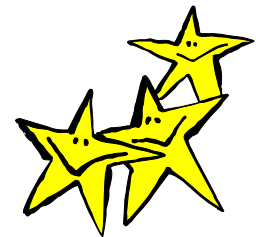
We want a national winner from West Virginia this year, so here are a few sure-fire pointers for writing winning reports.

- ✓ Make sure you have an introduction, a body, and a conclusion.
- ✓ In the introduction, summarize points you are going to make. In the body of the paper, give examples of each point.
- ✓ Give each point a whole paragraph, not just a couple of sentences.
- ✓ Never, EVER, start your conclusion with the words "In conclusion." EVER.
- ✓ Make sure you review the points you made.

Last year's national winning report, from Jennifer Cloud of Tennessee, is reprinted on the next page as an excellent example of a winning technical report.

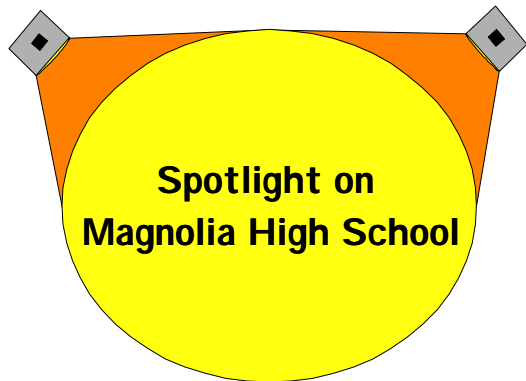
- Monica Elkinton  
WV TSA Vice President

## Be Super Stars!



Do you think the Broncos or the Falcons waited until November to start working toward the Super Bowl? April is creeping up, and Spring Conference will soon be here. I encourage you to work on projects, if you have not already started. Procrastination can be tempting, but it will not win a trophy.

I wish you the best of luck, and remember: "You only get out of something what you're willing to put in it."



## Conference Registration- New and Improved!

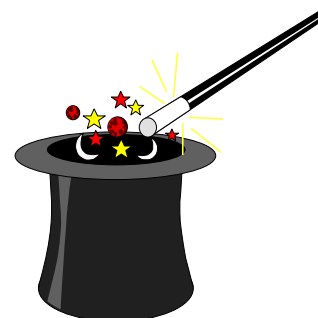
Magnolia TSA began the year by electing new officers. The 1998-99 officers are:

President	Melissa Smith
Co-Vice Presidents	Scott Ferguson Keith Knisely
Secretary	Marie Robinson
Treasurer	Kelley Peard
Reporter	Clay Archer
Sgt-at-Arms	Abby Freeland

After electing officers, the chapter has completed various service projects, including collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, initiating a school wide recycling program, and sponsoring a dance with the school Spanish Club to raise money for victims of Hurricane Mitch.

"When you come to the edge of all the light you have, and must take a step into the darkness of the unknown, believe that one of two things will happen to you: either there will be something solid for you to stand on, or, you will be taught how to fly.

Patrick Overton





News You Can Use-  
**High School Events Update**