

# WV TSA Connection

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## Christina's Corner

Throughout this issue of the WV TSA Connection, you will find many helpful tips and facts about this year's Spring Conference held at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, WV! It is WV TSA's 25th Anniversary and we have discovered that there has been a lot to celebrate over these 25 years, but we hope this year's celebration will top all conferences past! I hope that you have at least begun your projects! I know that working on your projects can get frustrating and tiresome, but what a

reward it is to go to the National Conference! Hopefully, all of your hard work will pay off with a trip to Orlando, Florida, where there is so much to see and do, you'll never get bored! This conference is sure to be a great one, and I hope everyone works hard to make this conference worthwhile!

Christina Martin  
WV TSA President

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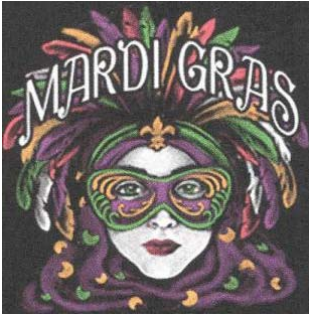
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## 25th Anniversary Fund

As you all know this year National TSA is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. TSA would love to have everyone that wants to be part of TSA be able to join, but, due to finances, they can't. This year, National TSA has come up with a campaign called the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund. It will allow needy chapters throughout our nation to become members of TSA. We are encouraging each chapter to donate a minimum of \$25.00 to the fund. For every \$25.00 donated you will receive a very special 25th Anniversary pin. If you are looking for another pin to add to your collection here is your chance! This pin will only be available this year!

Caitlyn Davis-McDaniel  
WV TSA Treasurer





## Spring Conference:

## A Special Celebration

What's in store for you at the upcoming conference? Cedar Lakes will be lively this April, and colors of green, purple, and gold will be everywhere...Our theme "Unveiling the Potential in You" will be carried out everywhere with masks, celebrations and a Mardi Gras atmosphere. How can you not have a good time? On Thursday night, the Assembly Hall will be stocked with craft items to create your own special one-of-a-kind mask for the next day's big event--a masquerade ball! The masquerade ball will be held after the banquet, but there's no need for fancy gowns or dress suits, just wear your mask, grab some beads and have a great time!

Saturday is always a day filled with emotion. Seniors cry at the thought of this being their last spring conference, and new members are saddened at the thought of returning home. On the other hand, there will be excited members who get to go to Florida, and many will be excited to go back home to their own bed. If this is your last conference, be

assured that it will be a great one. If this is your first, let's hope it makes a good impression! Remember to work hard on your competitions, and come prepared for some FUN!

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WV TSA President

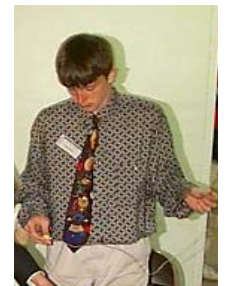
## TSA Colors: Dress Professionally

This year, National TSA voted to change the dress code. There are now three levels of dress for student competitors:



**Official Dress** (most formal) includes the blue blazer, white dress shirt, gray slacks or skirts, and the red TSA tie. The only contest that **REQUIRES** the official dress is Chapter Team Competition.

**Professional Attire** (less formal) includes a button up shirt with collar (no polo's), tie for men, dress pants (no jeans or baggies), and dress shoes.



**Business Casual Attire** (least formal) is for contests such as Construction Systems where you have to work with tools and materials, and is the same as professional attire, except a tie is not required, and a polo or golf shirt is acceptable.

The state officers are requesting all participants to continue to wear the WV TSA colors to all events and General Sessions. Although judges and coordinators will not require official dress, it makes everyone look nicer and adds a very professional look to our State Conference.

Ross Setchell

WV TSA Reporter

## Don't Wait

That's right, states is just around the corner and that means projects are due. The more time you work on the projects the better they can be, so don't procrastinate and wait to the last minute.

## Hoodies (and Other Items) For Sale

WV TSA is selling hooded and crew neck sweatshirts at the conference this year! The logo will be printed on gray hoodies and look like the one shown here.



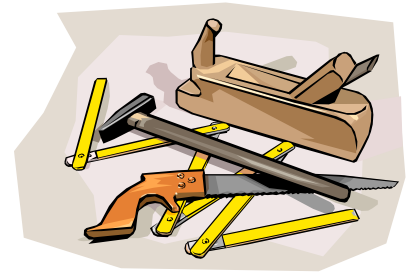
The officers have received their hoodies and love them! You can order them in M, L, XL, or XXL. They are \$22 each, except for the XL and XXL, which are \$25 each. You can buy the hoodies at the State Conference gift shop but, they will be limited.

Patches, ties, pins, pens, mugs and ball caps will also be for sale during the conference at reasonable prices. Get your TSA items early, before they run out!

Caitlyn Davis-McDaniel  
WV TSA Treasurer

## Event Tips & Hints

All of you have had some trouble with an event while preparing for Spring Conference. The State Officers are here to help if you have any questions! Just e-mail me at any time at [reporter@wvtsa.org](mailto:reporter@wvtsa.org) with your questions about any event. If I don't know the answer, I will find an advisor or previous judge of that event that can help you with



your question. Also, check out the Frequently Asked Questions section under Conference Events on the WV TSA website.

Ross Setchell  
WV TSA Reporter

*Do your best  
at whatever you try.*

## Time-Line Of TSA: 25 Years At A Glance

- 1978** The first board of directors as well as the first executive director were elected. AIASA gained financial independence.
- 1979** AIASA held its first national conference. [West Virginia became a chartered state.](#)
- 1988** Students voted to change the name of AIASA to Technology Student Association (TSA).
- 1988-91** Mrs. McDaniel served on the National TSA Board of Directors
- 1989** Students voted to adopt new TSA logo/emblem.
- 1990-91** [Bobby Burton, Morgantown HS, TSA National Treasurer](#)
- 1990-91** [Teri Hayes, Magnolia HS, TSA National Reporter](#)
- 1991** [Bobby Burton, Morgantown HS, National Distinguished Student Award](#)
- 1992** [Alta McDaniel, Distinguished Service Award](#)
- 1993** TSA elementary program was developed and implemented.
- 1994-95** [Brooke Davis, Winfield HS, TSA National Secretary](#)
- 1995-96** [Brooke Davis, Winfield HS, TSA National President](#)
- 1995-96** [Eva Edgell, Magnolia HS, TSA National Reporter](#)
- 1996** [Brooke Davis, Winfield HS, National Distinguished Student Award](#)
- 1996** [Hank Burton & Bob Burton, Morgantown HS, Distinguished Alumni Award](#)
- 2003** TSA celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

## National Conference: Orlando, Florida

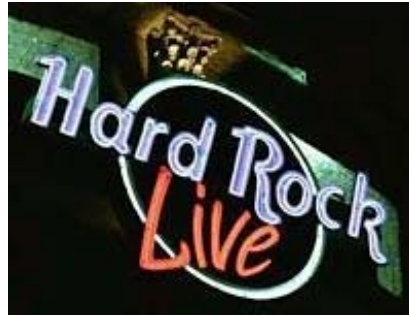
I know most of you are now thinking about the upcoming spring conference. Lets take a look a little farther down the road to the national conference. This year it is being held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida, from June 24-29. We will be traveling by bus this year. It will be a long, long trip, but there is lots to do once you arrive. The main part of the conference is, of course, is the competitive events and assemblies. If that's not good enough, what's more fun than staying at nice hotels, eating at one of Orlando's fine restaurants, shopping in a mall you've never been to before, or seeing all of the sites in beautiful Orlando, FL. I hope you think about these things as you work on your competitive events, because if you obtain one of Mr. Chavanak's fine first place trophies when we go to Cedar Lakes this April, you will be on your way to Orlando. Good luck at Spring Conference, I hope to see you in Orlando.

Alex Hemmelgarn  
WV TSA Vice President



*Rosen Centre Hotel  
Orlando, Florida*

## Where To Go While We are There?



You probably know that this year's national conference is in Orlando, Florida. I'm sure you have heard of a few places around Orlando to visit, in-

cluding Disney World , Sea World, Universal Studios, Hard Rock Café, and many of the other attractions. Like last year, we plan to take a side trip to one of those places while at national conference. Each member will be casting one vote for the event of their choice on the ballot at the state conference. Decide where you would like to spend the day, and let us know!! Plans are soon underway for nationals!!

## WV TSA's New Web Site

Hank Burton, with the help of MHS TSA members, have been working hard these past few months to update the WV TSA web page. It can be found at the same address as always (<http://www.wvtsa.org>).

A whole new layout and color scheme is just one of the features that make the page more appealing. Navigation is easier with general links to find whatever you want. This page also seems to provide more useful information. Publications, picture galleries, awards, officer information, and more are easily accessible. Also, links to any form you may need (including applications to various awards and the state officer candidate filing forms) are now on our page.

The changes made over the winter are definitely for the best. The changes were made to make the web page more useful to members, parents, and advisors. Remember to check for new updates and several resources at your fingertips.

We will be adding pictures to each page and updating files in the next month—so keep checking back.

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WV TSA President