

WV TSA Connection

West Virginia
Technology Student Association

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Christina's Corner



This year marks the 25th anniversary of TSA, on a national and a state level. Plan something special to observe this occasion among your members and alumni.

To celebrate, you should suggest having a party to chapter officers or your advisor to celebrate this very special occasion. Games like Jeopardy or TSA Squares can be played to test the wits of your chapter. A contest could be held between the different grades, or even between chapters!

Here is some TSA Trivia to get you started:

- WV TSA became an official organization in 1978
- The first year of WV TSA, there were no state officers
- There have been four national officers from WV TSA, one of them being National President
- 33 members have been accepted to the Technology Honor Society
- Students voted to change the name from AIASA to TSA in 1988
- John Marshall High School was the first chapter in West Virginia.
- Mrs. McDaniel used to be the advisor for New Martinsville School, the first chapter in Wetzel County.

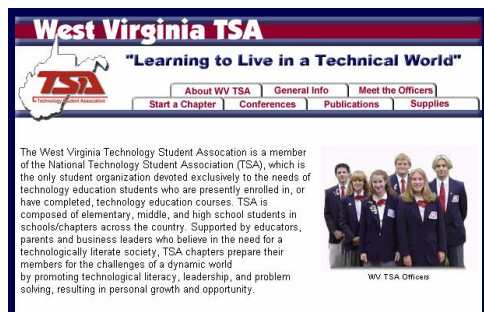
**Make sure to pay
your dues this
Fall.**

If your chapter does anything special for this or any event, let us know! E-mail Ross Setchell at reporter@wvtsa.org. We encourage submissions to WV TSA Connection!

Christina Martin
WV TSA President

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Check out our New Website!

We recently started a complete update of the WV TSA website. Christina and I visited Literati Inc. and started development on what will soon be a more professional looking and organized web site. Christina and I are going to meet with Hank Burton and finalize the details for the revised site. If all goes to plan, it should be up and running within a month or two. In the meantime, here are just a few web sites that you can go to for help on projects or just to have fun. Enjoy.

www.about.com

www.futurehorizons.net

www.arachnophilia.com

www.ask.com

www.nasa.gov

www.engineering.com

Get help with anything from TSA projects to school homework

Always up-to-date on the latest gadgets and technological advances

Download Arachnophilia's newest web site designing programs

Ask Jeeves questions on any subject and get a list of links with your answer

Find information on our governments space program and details about changing technology

Some valuable resources on types of engineering fields as well as links to web sites and games designed to utilize problem solving

Jimmy Nicholson
WV TSA Sgt. At Arms

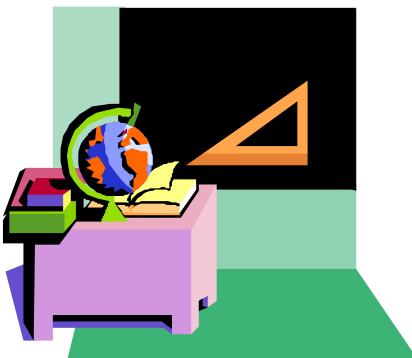
Officers Visit Potential School Chapters

The state officers have put a plan in place this year to increase the membership of our organization. This fall and winter the officers are going to be visiting schools throughout the state to try to spark interest in TSA in both the faculty and students. We'll be visiting schools where a TSA chapter doesn't yet exist as well as schools that have a chapter.

A PowerPoint presentation is being created, and the officers are gathering examples of competitive events, trophies and other TSA "stuff" to show at these schools. A variety of things will be discussed including:

- how to get a chapter started,
- examples of chapter activities, including educational, social, fund raising and community service ideas,

- State Conference activities, including competitions, elections, scholarships, and all of the fun and excitement we have,
- National Conference activities, including the various states that we get to travel to as well as the excitement of a national conference and the potential to win national awards, and
- a hands-on activity to introduce the students' to technology problem solving and the what TSA is really all about.



If you're interested in the state officers coming to visit your school, you can contact me at secretary@wvtsa.org.

Karen Snyder
WV TSA Secretary



2002-2003 State Budget Set

At the most recent board meeting the officer team set a budget for this year.

Because of last year's expenses, we had to raise prices and be more careful with the money we plan to spend. Below is a chart that shows what money we have coming in and going out in each category.

Category	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$2,480	\$1,920
State Officers	\$0	\$2897
State Conference	\$22,600	\$21,300
National Conference	\$42,745	\$41,608
Supplies	\$620	\$570
Other	\$0	\$150
Total	\$68,445	\$68,445

25th Anniversary Fund

National TSA is sponsoring a 25th Anniversary Fund campaign this year, with all proceeds to provide CAP membership for needy chapters throughout the nation. For every \$25.00 donated, a special 25th anniversary pin will be awarded.

I challenge each chapter to collect a minimum of \$25.00 and present the pin to your advisor for a job well done over the years. Additional donations of \$25.00 each will also receive pins. Consider donating and have that special pin for your collection that will only be available this year!!

HOODED SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM

Name: _____

School: _____

Size: Small Medium Large (\$22.00)

Extra Large XXL (\$25.00)

Please send your check and order form to:

Christina Martin
147 Estate Drive
Morgantown, WV 26508

Get the Word Out

One great way to let interested students know about TSA is to have a technology open house this Fall. Get the word out a week or so before the event. Invite professors from local colleges and universities who teach subjects pertaining to technology-related careers. You could also serve snacks or dinner. Write a presentation about how technology is important in our society, what effect technology education has on future career choices, and how TSA relates to these things, and have the chapter officers do a PowerPoint presentation. To encourage students to come, show projects and fun activities that members take part in. You may also want to have door prizes or other give aways to encourage participation in the event.

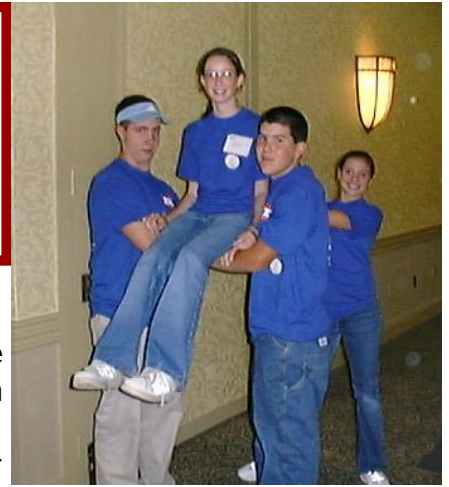
Alex Hemmelgarn
WV TSA Vice President

Hooded Sweatshirts



It's true! WV TSA is selling hooded sweatshirts! The hoodies will be gray with the logo shown here. Small, medium, and large sizes can be purchased for \$22, and XL and XXL can be bought for \$25 each. All orders will be sent together to your school.

Reston Is the Right “Direction” for West Virginia Officers National Leadership Conference



This year, WV TSA state officers attended Directions, the National Technology Student Association leadership conference. The conference was held in Reston, Virginia at the Sheraton Reston Hotel.

Each night we had an inspirational session lead by our national officers.

This time included words of encouragement that told us what leadership and teamwork are really about.



We flew into Dulles airport in Washington D.C. on the first day of the conference,

On the last day of the conference we had the chance to meet as a state and plan how we would use the materials learned this weekend in our home state, as well as complete a “digital scavenger hunt”. Lastly, we made a “web” of friendship by connecting yarn to each person in our group and telling them something positive that they did for us while we were there. The conference ended and we were off to the airport again to catch our flight back to Charleston where we all parted ways.

arriving a little late, after our plane was delayed in Charleston. We arrived at the conference hotel about an hour late but got straight to work with over 150 other TSA members nationwide, attending specialized games and sessions designed to improve leadership, teamwork, public speaking, and general TSA knowledge.

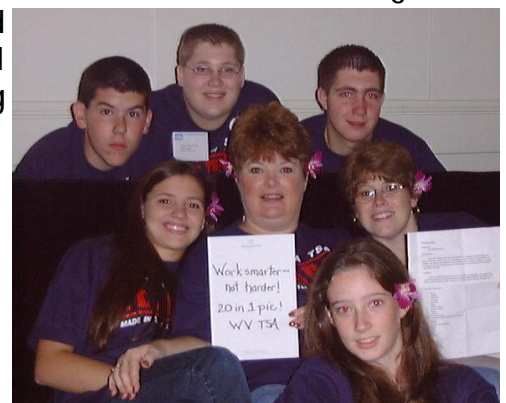


The next day started out much the same as the previous one had ended. We got up and went to breakfast and then we were off to more individual and then team sessions. We all ran around the room doing anything from a nine-legged race to going through a jungle gym of tape without being caught.

have fun, each of us came home feeling like we had accomplished something special.

That evening, we went to the Pentagon Mall for dinner, and took a site-seeing trip around D.C. Our trip was less than exciting, since we were required to stay on the bus because of the sniper activity in the area recently.

Ross Setchell,
WV TSA
Reporter



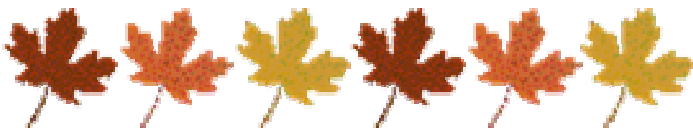
Clay High School Serves Their Community



There are many things you can do at your local TSA chapter for community service. One idea is a project called Angel Tree. At Clay County High School, students get a list of underprivileged children from the principal of the elementary school. Then, they assign every member of the chapter a number of the students to buy a gift for. Then, just before Christmas, we deliver the gifts to the children.

Alex Hemmelgarn
WV TSA Vice President

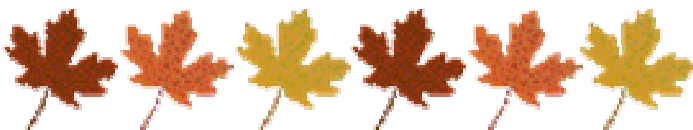
Fall Fund Raisers



Is your chapter planning on conducting a chapter fundraiser soon? Well, here's a great fundraising idea for this fall!

Fall brings beautifully colored leaves...and very messy yards! Help the people in your community and make a profit at the same time! Organize a fall yard clean up. Do your friends and neighbors a favor and rake and bag their leaves for them. Make appointments with families in your area, and have members of your chapter sign up for shifts during the day. Work as hard as you can and make the results worth the money they spend!

Karen Snyder
WV TSA Secretary



MHS Hosts Reception for Former Advisors



Mr. Kimbrew, Ms. Gorman and Mr. Vandegrift admire their "retirement" cake

On Sunday, October 6, Morgantown High School TSA surprised their former advisors with a reception in their honor, since they have all "retired" this year from serving TSA after many, many years. Mr. Kimbrew, Mr. Vandergrift, and Ms. Gorman were each given a few presents, gift certificates, and plaques.



Events in their TSA lives were reenacted. There was a pie auction where Ms. Gorman pied alumni and new MHS TSA advisor Julie

Nicholson, in the face. The guests were also entertained with a sexy leg contest and gag gifts. For more pictures, please go to <http://morgantownhs.wvtsa.org/receptionpictures.html>.

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