

WV TSA Connection

West Virginia
Technology Student Association

Fall, 2003



From the President

Summer ends, another school year begins. Your WV TSA officer team has been hard at work. We have prepared and sent a full color copy of the **Back to School Booklet** and 2003-04 **Calendar** to each chapter, and both documents will be available on our website for you to download. This will cut down on printing costs dramatically, and make color copies available to you at home or school.

Many of you will be happy to know that we are planning a Fall Leadership Conference this year, to be held November 10-11, 2003. If you have attended this conference before, you probably remember it as an enjoyable, rewarding experience. If not, you are in for a great time and some real leadership experiences!

I hope most of you have had a chapter meeting by now, and elected chapter officers. If you would please send the names and e-mail addresses of your officer team to me we will try to stay in contact with each of you this year.

I hope you are enjoying being back at school, and learning many new things that you can apply to your competitive events to make them the best ever! Please feel free to contact any of your state officers. Simply e-mail the officer of your choice with the name of their office followed by @wvtsa.org.

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

Alex Hemmelgarn, WV TSA President

*"... I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that it won't work."
Thomas Edison*

Fall Conference is Back!!

Do you need to know how to run chapter meetings? Do your officers need to know what they are supposed to do? Need ideas for fundraising, community service and chapter activities? Well, worry no more because the Fall Conference is back! Chapter officers and other interested members (up to 10 per chapter) are invited to come to Cedar Lakes and learn about leadership skills, strengthen your team and have a lot of fun as well! Ask your advisor about registering your chapter for the:

**Fall Leadership Conference
November 10-11, 2003
Cedar Lakes, WV!**



Website is Update with Pictures, New Info

As an officer team, we have put our heads together to make the WV TSA website more organized and eas-

2002-2003 State Budget Set



ier to use. Many links have been rearranged in order for you, the member, to navigate easier. You can also check out the following updated features!

- Yearly calendar showing state and national events
- Back to School Booklet

Visit us online at www.wvtsa.org

- Helpful resources

American Cancer Society Service Project

TSA's new service project partner is the American Cancer Society. Fifteen prominent physicians and business leaders in New York City founded the American Cancer Society in 1913. This particular society is a nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

The American Cancer Society's information service's main priority is providing the public with accurate, up-to-date information on cancer. You can help by participating in the Relay for Life, or other fund raising activities. If you have questions, call the local office or visit their website at www.cancer.org



Fund Raising Ideas for Fall

Now that school is back in session, so is TSA. I bet your all already getting prepared for the conferences to come, but before you start your competitions, there are more important matters to handle. You can't, after all, go to state conference without fundraising. It's never too early to start saving money, and with the growing cost of conferences, a little preparation can go along way.

Here are some ideas to get you on the right track: Morgantown HS and South MS held bake sales, car washes, dances, and sold food at the dance. Clay HS sold beef jerky and held car washes. Magnolia HS sold candy. New Martinsville School sold candy and held a car wash. These are just a few ideas from the schools of the state officers.



2003 Natinal Conference—Orlando, Florida



The National Conference is always the climax of the TSA, and this year was no different! Ninety-nine members from all he state boarded buses and headed for Florida. Our accommodations were in the luxurious Rosen Centre Hotel, also the site of the conference. This year was the 25th anniversary of the organization. To recognize this time period, past TSA and AIASA presidents presented their thoughts of the organization to the student body.

As usual, competitive events were on everyone's minds. The awards ceremony came with high hopes and much anticipation. Overall, West Virginia did very well. With regret we packed our bags and started the journey home. The last stop before leaving Florida was Universal Studios where everyone enjoyed the free time.



Get Involved in the Achievement Awards Program

TSA is constantly encouraging its students' success –success that should be acknowledged. The TSA Achievement Program is a program designed to recognize you for your outstanding efforts and dedication to our organization. Students are able to earn points in various categories such as leadership development, understanding technology, school and community service, and career and personal planning. The bronze achievement award, which is chapter level, requires 100 points. The state level silver award requires an additional 100 points, making a total of 200 points. The third and greatest award is the national gold achievement award, which is once again an additional 100 points, making 300 points the total amount needed.

Take pride in your accomplishments. Ask your advisor for a copy of the Achievement Award Program booklet or e-mail Mrs. McDaniel today at amcdanie@access.k12.wv.us.

" Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right.."
Henry Ford