

# WV TSA Connection

West Virginia  
Technology Student Association

Fall 2004

## From the President



Dear Members,

As we remember and share our exciting adventures over the summer, we are planning yet another school year. Your 2004-2005 State Officer Team has worked hard in preparing to make this a fantastic year for us all!

In this newsletter, you can read about the goals that we set for this year, such as visiting some current chapters and holding a Fall Leadership Conference. This newsletter, which you are reading, is also something we have tried to improve. It will provide you with information that you, as student members, need to know as well as a few fun activities.

If you ever need to know something that isn't mentioned in the newsletter, please feel free to e-mail any of the state officers. Our email is our office title followed by @wvtsa.org. For example: [president@wvtsa.org](mailto:president@wvtsa.org). Any of us would be more than glad to answer your questions and/or concerns throughout the year.

As of now, you need to focus on getting your chapters running and excited for this great year ahead. Elect your new officers, welcome new members, start new chapters, and plan for your competitions! I would like to hear of all the wonderful things that your chapter is doing, but until then, I hope you have a great start to a new year!

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Yours in TSA,  
Caitlyn Davis-McDaniel

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WV TSA President



## Awards for You!



**Advisor of the Year**- This award gives the TSA chapter members the opportunity to nominate their advisor. Advisor activities are reviewed and only one award to one advisor is awarded per year.

**Achievement Awards**-The non-competitive program provides opportunities for students to earn points toward a pin through involvement in technology education programs and activities.

**WV Spirit Award**- The WV Spirit Award is presented annually at the WV TSA Spring Conference; the winner is nominated for the national Air force Recruiting Salutes Award. Selection is based on the overall value of the civic objectives, and activities that perpetuate the American way of life.

**Chapter Excellence Award**- This award is designed to recognize a chapter that is very active in all aspects of the organization.

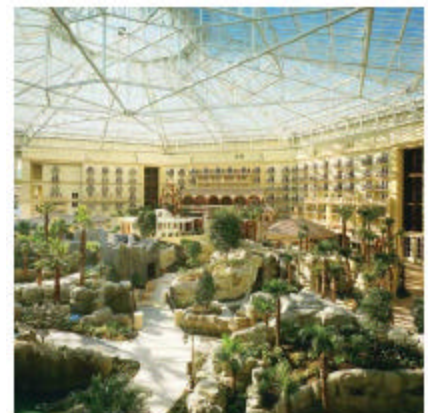
**Honorary Lifetime Membership**- WV TSA recognizes those individuals who have given above and beyond the call of duty to our organization for many years.

**Technology Honor Society**- This award recognizes students for high academic achievement as well as involvement in technology education, TSA, and other activities. The student must submit three recommendation forms and document leadership and service activities. There is a middle and high school level for the TSA Technology Honors Society.

## TSA Goes to Nashville—2004 Conference

This year's national conference took place at the prestigious Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. The hotel featured sky lit gardens, spacious ballrooms, an indoor river with fish & ducks, and many restaurants.

The conference took place over a five-day period from June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. The TSA Members boarded the bus to Nashville at 5 AM in the morning! Most arrived around 3 PM and immediately began exploring Music City, USA. The advisors set up trips to various places such as: Hard Rock Café, Wild Horse Saloon, Opry-Mills (a shopping center), and the Springhouse Golf course.



On Wednesday evening, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life was held, and West Virginia sported a very creative banner. The 2003-2004 State Officers and Titus Schoolcraft from Clay High School designed it, and everyone signed it! A few members walked the entire two hours, and West Virginia donated about sixty dollars to the American Cancer Society.

Between general sessions, competitions, trips, and much more, Nashville was a very exciting but tiring city! By the end of the conference, everybody was exhausted! West Virginia was proud to have 16 finalists and five trophy winners! (Finalists and award winners are listed on the next page)

**Nashville was so much fun! We hope to see you in Chicago!!!!!!!**

# 2004 National Conference Finalists and Winners!



The following is a list of finalists and award winners:

Agriculture/Biotechnology Challenge	6th	Team	Clay County Middle School
Challenging Technology Issues	7th	Team	South Middle School
CAD-Animation-Architectural	9th	Jennifer Huggins	Valley High School
Cyberspace Pursuit	8th	Team	South Middle School
Desktop Publishing	4th	Cathy Lambey	Clay County High School
<b>Electronic Research/Experimentation</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Morgantown High School</b>
Marine Design Challenge	8th	Team	New Martinsville Middle School
Medical Technology Challenge	10th	Team	New Martinsville Middle School
Prepared Speech	9th	Kimberly Kimble	New Martinsville Middle School
<b>Scientific &amp; Technical Visualization</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Morgantown High School</b>
Structural Challenge	9th	Team	South Middle School
<b>System Control Technology</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Warwood Middle School</b>
<b>System Control Technology</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Morgantown High School</b>
Technology Problem Solving	10th	Team	Valley High School
Technical Writing Challenge	7th	Bethany Scott	New Martinsville Middle School

## West Virginia Places Second in F1 in Schools



**Just look at that smile!**

The team from Morgantown High School just returned from the USA National contest for **F1 Teams in Schools**, sponsored by Jaguar, with a second place trophy! National F1 Teams in Schools held their finals in conjunction with the TSA National Conference in Nashville, TN. The first place winners will compete at the international contest in England this Fall!! Maybe next year will see WV students visiting England!! Congratulations!!



# High School Events Have Changed!

There are two new competitive events and many rules changes in the new **High School Competitive Events** for this coming year. Make sure to get a copy of the 2005-07 competitive events that you will be competing in early in the year and review them in detail for new rule changes. The two new contests are Career Exploration and RC Transportation has been renamed RC Robotics.

## Check Out the Updated Website!

Well, we have updated the website again! Look for the new additions to our website including a page about our exciting conference in Nashville, Tennessee—including a list of winners & finalists and some pictures! Our state officer team has also revised the officer goals, our 04-05 calendar, and other pages around the site. Be sure to check them out and keep coming back for more information during the year.

<http://www.wvtsa.org>



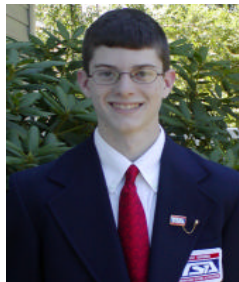
## Officer Highlights

**Caitlyn Davis-McDaniel**  
WV TSA President

Although viewed as shy and quiet, Caitlyn is a strong leader and absolutely deserves everything she has achieved in her life. She's very outgoing in small groups, extremely sweet, and loves food (*especially squirt cheese*)! Caitlyn has great musical ability—she plays French horn, trumpet, and piano!



**John Semmens**  
WV TSA Vice-President



John is an overall well rounded guy. He is very reliable, hard working, well mannered, kind hearted, intelligent, and a great leader. He is definitely not a morning person, but a great pianist, and a Lord of the Rings expert. He also always has an appetite and will eat just about any food.

## Are You Ready for the Fall Conference?



Do you need some ideas and guidance on developing leadership, teamwork, and communication skills? Well, if your answer is yes, then talk to your advisor now about registering for the Fall Leadership Conference! All chapter officers (up to 10 members per chapter) are invited to come to Cedar Lakes on November 5-6, 2004 for a great time.

You will learn how to plan fundraisers and community service projects, strengthen your team, develop parliamentary procedure skills, and much, much more! So,

get your team together and register now!



# Officer Goals for 04-05

This years state officers have set many goals to strengthen West Virginia TSA.



- **Officer Network**-A communication device to help the state officers give and receive information to chapters and chapter officers.
- **Conduct a Fall Leadership Conference**-A wonderful way to provide officer training, leadership, and tips and ideas for your chapters.
- **Easier Navigation of the WV TSA Website**-To help the new and old members understand what is occurring in our organization.
- **Make Business Cards**- A simple and easy way to tell people what TSA is.
- **Strengthen New and Old Chapters**- Visit current and interested chapters to help involvement in WV TSA. Including visiting incoming sixth graders to inform them about TSA.
- **Get 5 sponsors**- Receive donations and sponsors to get funding for WV TSA.
- **Numbers for Courtesy Corps**- Have more members sign up at conferences to help important personnel feel comfortable.

## Working Hard to Serve You!



This year's officer training took place at Mrs. McD's house from June 25-29. Unlike last year, we did not have a theme, but that didn't stop the state officers from coming up with creative activities. John Semmens, developed a

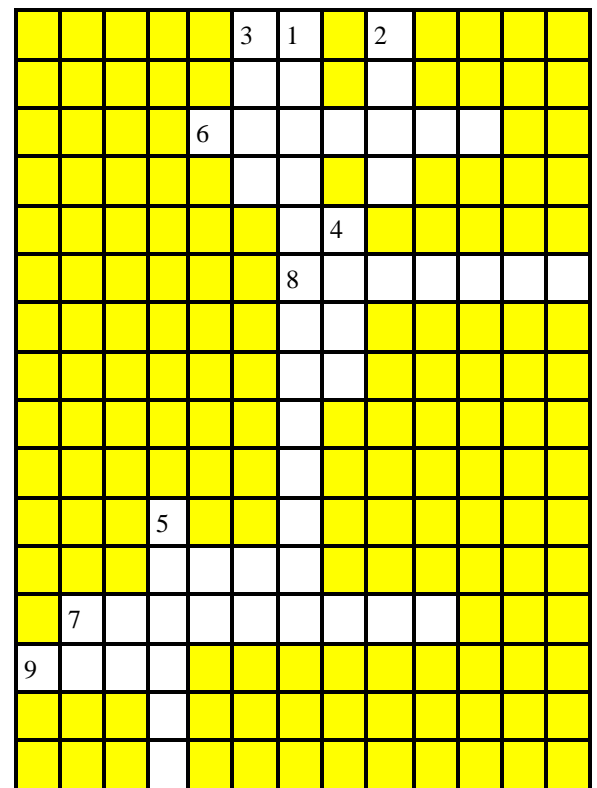
leadership activity that involved carrying raw eggs on a plastic spoon through an obstacle course. The eggs were not just smashed on the course, but also on Caitlyn and Mrs. McD!

All day, everyday, we worked very hard on developing goals, a budget, the Back to School Booklet, updating the website and developing fall leadership conference activities for WV TSA. Hard work also deserves time to play, but... on the first night, the state van broke down, and had to go into the shop until Monday. Since the van was broken, we were all confined to Mrs. McD's house and had to cook dinner every night. Following dinner, we got to watch movies since we couldn't go out anywhere!

All in all, it was another successful training, and we all learned more about each other and more about TSA.



## Many Faces of WV TSA



### Down

### Across

- Makes the trophies for winners at States (2 worlds— includes space in puzzle)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lennon
- WV State Advisor
- Does Web Design
- Likes to ride horses
- Plays Guitar
- The DJ at States (2 Words—includes space in puzzle)
- Is your 2004-2005 WV State TSA President
- The oldest officer on the team