Welcome TSA Members,

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you on behalf of the national TSA officer team to the 39th Annual National TSA Conference in Orlando, Florida.

With attractions such as Disney World and the Wizarding World of Harry Potter just down the street, it is easy to see why Orlando is known as a magical place. I hope that these coming days will be magical for you in many ways — I cannot think of a more exciting place to connect with thousands of other leaders in the technical world. As you compete in your competitive events be sure to interact with those competing alongside you.

In keeping with TSA tradition, this past year has been innovative, productive, and historic for our organization. As we continue to grow, the standards are raised and the bar is set a little higher. This is an organization of innovators, leaders, engineers, and more, and I have no reservations concerning the future successes of TSA. As we move forward I encourage you to search within yourself and in keeping with our motto, strive to be a leader, whether by holding a chapter, state, or national office, or by making an impact as an active member.

This conference will be full of successes, successors, setbacks, breakthroughs, and growth, and I, along with the other national officers, wish you the best of luck in your competitions. Remember that failure is temporary, and the development of lifelong experiences and connections will be valuable long after trophies have lost their luster. Take advantage of this opportunity to push your limits and reach achievements most can hardly imagine. This is your time to shine.

Sincerely,

Jack Crawford
National TSA President

This is the introduction from the 2017 National Conference Program. To see the whole program, including national candidates, award winners, and competition schedules, please visit the following link on the National TSA website: http://www.tsaweb.org/sites/default/files/2017%20Conference%20Program.pdf
Serving as a state president in TSA is one of the most unique and exciting experiences you can have as a member! You get to meet new people from all across the nation, plan state events like Leadership Academy and Technosphere, and really work towards your goals for our state association. In my time as state president, I was fortunate to have the chance to network with students and professionals all in the name of TSA. I had the privilege of being chosen by Virginia TSA to serve as state president, and because of that, I was able to fulfill the goals that I set when creating the annual Plan of Work. I got to attend Tennessee’s state conference as a guest speaker, meet with national legislators in support of career and technical education, and promote Virginia TSA every day. Being a state president was an amazing opportunity for me, and I know that it’ll be the same way for Devan!

Even this coming week at the national conference, Devan will have the opportunity to network with other state presidents, represent Virginia TSA during the Parade of State Presidents, and lead our state delegation meetings. Having been in his place last year, it’s been awesome to see Devan preparing for all these responsibilities as the conference gets closer. Immediate Past President is a bittersweet office to hold; as much as I wish I could relive the entire experience, I’ve been so proud to watch the incoming council, especially Devan, fall into their roles. I can’t reiterate enough how much I loved serving as your state president last year, and I hope you all are as excited as I am to watch the new officer team represent us at the national conference!

I surely am excited for the National Conference, Jessica! Like Jessica, I also had the privilege of being chosen by Virginia TSA to serve as state president. My first month of office has been quite a ride. Learning the ropes and getting taught the trade has shown me what a massive responsibility this office is. Thankfully, I have Jessica by my side to lead me along the correct path. Furthermore, having laid out my goals for this year, I am tasked with achieving all of them to benefit our amazing association. From expanding our organization’s reach to restructuring our state events, I plan on doing it all! However, first and foremost, I plan on being part of the Parade of Presidents, meeting with other state delegations, leading our Virginia delegation meetings (which I encourage all to attend), and meeting all of you at Nationals 2017. For a more detailed list on what your 2017-2018 Executive Council and I plan on accomplishing, you can review our annual Plan of Work (found on the Virginia TSA website). I look forward to seeing y’all at Nationals 2017, and I hope you have an amazing summer break (you definitely deserve it after all that hard work)!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Strait and Devan Patel
Immediate Past and Current Presidents
At this past Technosphere, a new slate of officers were elected. They have been readied for their officer duties and are ready to lead at the delegation meetings at the national conference!

2017-2018 Virginia TSA State Officers:

President — Devan Patel
Vice President — Tyler Stein
Secretary — Evan Sooklal
Treasurer — Jasper Leidig
Sergeant-at-Arms — Jenna Benzing
Reporter — Archita Kadam
Historian — Hansika Shah
Parliamentarian — Nidhi Desai
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Northern Regional President — Mithra Dhinakaran
South Central Regional President — Maggie Dube
Southwestern Regional President — Victoria Compton
Tidewater Regional President — Sydney Fletcher
Valley Regional President — Nick Stockner
Immediate Past President — Jessica Strait

2017-2018 Plan of Work:

The Executive Council has just completed their Plan of Work for the upcoming year during the weekend of New Officer Workshop. The goals of each officer and each committee are listed here, to be completed by the end of the next Technosphere. You can find it located on the Virginia TSA website here: http://virginiatsa.org/assets/2012/06/2017-18PlanOfWork.pdf
These are the top 3 placements for each middle school and high school event. For the top 10 in each event, please visit the Virginia TSA Website: [http://virginiatsa.org/events/results/](http://virginiatsa.org/events/results/)

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1. Team 1  
   - Stone Hill Middle School  
   - Loudoun County

2. Team 1  
   - Mark Twain Middle School  
   - Fairfax County

3. Team 1  
   - Rachel Carson Middle School  
   - Fairfax County

### A-02 CAD Foundations (MS)

1. Jonathan Fan  
   - Blacksburg Middle School  
   - Montgomery County

2. Sreeram Pillai  
   - Rachel Carson Middle School  
   - Fairfax County

3. Andy Cao  
   - Rachel Carson Middle School  
   - Fairfax County

### A-03 Career Prep (MS)

1. Ritika Allada  
   - George H. Moody Middle School  
   - Henrico County

2. Charlotte Uehling  
   - Mark Twain Middle School  
   - Fairfax County

3. Sreya Peddi  
   - Holman Middle School  
   - Henrico County

### A-04 Catapult Design (MS)

1. Team 1  
   - E.B. Stanley Middle School  
   - Washington County

2. Team 1  
   - Wilson Middle School  
   - Augusta County

3. Team 1  
   - Holman Middle School  
   - Henrico County

### A-05 Challenging Technology Issues (MS)

1. Team 2  
   - Rachel Carson Middle School  
   - Fairfax County

2. Team 1  
   - Rachel Carson Middle School  
   - Fairfax County

3. Team 1  
   - Wilson Middle School  
   - Augusta County

### A-06 Chapter Team (MS)

1. Team 1  
   - E.B. Stanley Middle School  
   - Washington County

2. Team 1  
   - Thomas Harrison Middle School  
   - Harrisonburg

3. Team 1  
   - Wilson Middle School  
   - Augusta County

### A-07 Children's Stories (MS)

1. Team 1  
   - E.B. Stanley Middle School  
   - Washington County

2. Team 1  
   - Holman Middle School  
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3. Team 2  
   - Holman Middle School  
   - Henrico County

### A-08 Community Service Video (MS)

1. Team 1  
   - Holman Middle School  
   - Henrico County

2. Team 1  
   - E.B. Stanley Middle School  
   - Washington County

3. Team 1  
   - Rachel Carson Middle School  
   - Fairfax County

### A-09 Construction Challenge (MS)

1. Team 1  
   - Holman Middle School  
   - Henrico County

2. Team 1  
   - Blacksburg Middle School  
   - Montgomery County

3. Team 1  
   - E.B. Stanley Middle School  
   - Washington County

### A-10 Digital Photography (MS)

1. Malayna Cherbaka  
   - Blacksburg Middle School  
   - Montgomery County

2. Patrick Davis  
   - Blacksburg Middle School  
   - Montgomery County

3. Clare Walsh  
   - Swanson Middle School  
   - Arlington County

### A-11 Dragster (MS)

1. Ella Hodges  
   - Saint Clare Walker Middle School  
   - Middlesex County

2. Nicholas Daddario  
   - Saint Clare Walker Middle School  
   - Middlesex County

3. Silas Benevento-Zahner  
   - Thomas Harrison Middle School  
   - Harrisonburg
### A-12 Electrical Applications (MS)

1. Dasol Lee  
   Blacksburg Middle School  
   Montgomery County
2. Deniz Olgun  
   Blacksburg Middle School  
   Montgomery County
3. Ritika Allada  
   George H. Moody Middle School  
   Henrico County

### A-13 Environmental Engineering (MS)

1. Team 1  
   Mark Twain Middle School  
   Fairfax County
2. Team 1  
   Short Pump Middle School  
   Henrico County
3. Team 1  
   Holman Middle School  
   Henrico County

### A-14 Essays on Technology (MS)

1. Nadia Bucks  
   Short Pump Middle School  
   Henrico County
2. Anya Ambarish  
   Stone Hill Middle School  
   Loudoun County
3. Sagar Gupta  
   Rachel Carson Middle School  
   Fairfax County

### A-15 Flight (MS)

1. Philip Clement  
   Holman Middle School  
   Henrico County
2. Caroline Chen  
   Rachel Carson Middle School  
   Fairfax County
3. Ansel Abraham  
   Holman Middle School  
   Henrico County

### A-16 Forensic Technology (MS)

1. Team 1  
   Mark Twain Middle School  
   Fairfax County
2. Team 3  
   Rachel Carson Middle School  
   Fairfax County
3. Team 2  
   Kilmer Middle School  
   Fairfax County

### A-17 Geospatial Technology (MS)

1. Team 1  
   E.B. Stanley Middle School  
   Washington County
2. Team 1  
   Blacksburg Middle School  
   Montgomery County
3. Team 2  
   Rachel Carson Middle School  
   Fairfax County

### A-18 Inventions and Innovations (MS)

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   Stone Hill Middle School  
   Loudoun County
2. Team 1  
   George H. Moody Middle School  
   Henrico County
3. Team 1  
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### A-19 Junior Solar Sprint (MS)

1. Team 1  
   Stone Hill Middle School  
   Loudoun County
2. Team 1  
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   Henrico County
3. Team 1  
   Swift Creek Middle  
   Chesterfield County

### A-20 Leadership Strategies (MS)

1. Team 1  
   Rachel Carson Middle School  
   Fairfax County
2. Team 1  
   George H. Moody Middle School  
   Henrico County
3. Team 1  
   Holman Middle School  
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### A-21 Mass Production (MS)

1. Team 1  
   Holman Middle School  
   Henrico County
2. Team 1  
   Thomas Harrison Middle School  
   Harrisonburg
3. Team 1  
   Rachel Carson Middle School  
   Fairfax County

### A-22 Medical Technology Issues (MS)

1. Team 1  
   Rachel Carson Middle School  
   Fairfax County
2. Team 1  
   Stone Hill Middle School  
   Loudoun County
3. Team 1  
   E.B. Stanley Middle School  
   Washington County

### A-23 Micro Controller Design (MS)

1. Team 1  
   George H. Moody Middle School  
   Henrico County
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Members of the Month

The Virginia TSA Officer Blog has chosen members over the course of this school year to be featured as Members of the Month; here is a recap of everyone with a brief excerpt from their blog article!

Emma Devine — “Shortly after joining TSA I knew that I would become obsessed with the club and the educational drive of the students involved in it. I quickly took up a leadership position in my chapter, eager to learn more. Shortly after Technosphere 2015, I competed in my first TSA National Competition in Dallas, Texas. My absolute favorite part of the National Conference was getting to meet members from all over the country, including state and national officers. Seeing how these officers stood out in TSA by running for leadership positions inspired me to learn more about how I can grow as a leader.”

Casandre Rice — “It took spending the rest of the day spending time and bonding with my fabulous chapter before I was able to put things into perspective. I realized that at that point there was nothing more I could do about the event except chalk it up to a learning experience and hope I would be fortunate enough to compete at states in the same competition the following year. I would be familiar with the process and I wouldn’t be nearly as nervous about it. I came to terms with the fact that I probably didn’t place and I was okay with it. After all, the path to success is littered with failure. Which makes this next part so incredible.

We were at the awards ceremony and finally Digital Photography Semi-Finalists were called. I walked to the stage, received my pin and waited for the top three to be announced.

“From Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School...”

My face immediately lit up.

“...Casandre Rice.”

Patrick Graybeal — “I took immediate interest as I knew I wanted to follow a career in STEM, but I did not know where. TSA seemed to be the perfect opportunity to explore. I spoke with him to see if there were a way to start the club at LHS; he was willing to start the club if there were at least 5 members I could bring in. At this, I managed to find 4 other peers who were willing to help begin the club. The rest is history. We manage to go to States to be finalists in most of our team competitions and individual categories!

The feeling of starting a new TSA chapter was exciting and empowering. We hope to keep TSA alive in our school by recruiting new members who have a passion for STEM as well!”

Rebecca Collins — “My name is Rebecca Collins, and I’m an eighth grader at E.B. Stanley Middle School. This is my third year in TSA, and I have loved it from the start! Last year, I served as Sergeant-At-Arms for my chapter. Currently, I am chapter President, as well as the Southwestern Region’s Sergeant-At-Arms! In the upcoming years, my goal is to run for a state office. Some of my favorite competitions include, Chapter Team, GIS, and Children’s Stories. I am a two-time state and national conference veteran, placing in the top ten every time.”
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**Seth Usher**— “Massaponax High school has never had a representative holding any state or regional position and I wish to change that. I wish to run for a regional position to show our chapter that even when odds seem against you and you aren’t shown much support; if you wish to achieve it, you will work for it. I can’t wait to progress further into TSA and tell my peers about it in hopes of them joining the club that will lead the youth in a future full of technology and dreams!”

**Josie Cox**— “Within my first week of being a part of TSA, I met so many amazing people who would become a much larger part of my life. I never expected that a single club would hold so many congenial and zealous personalities! Of course, my 2016 Leadership Academy experience really opened up my eyes as well and helped me to gain a better understanding as to what TSA truly is. Though, I’m certain anyone who has been to Leadership Academy in the past can identify with that statement. Within the blink of an eye, TSA seemed to have become the center of my life. Never before would I have imagined TSA would affect my life in the way that it has.”

**Logan Apple**— “Despite having been a part of TSA for seven years, I am still constantly inspired by the creativity, dedication, and brilliance of the people who constitute its ranks. When I joined TSA in my 6th grade year, I wasn’t entirely certain what to expect -- I simply enjoyed working with computers and thought it would be an effective means of applying my talents. Now, after attending several state and regional competitions, serving in various positions in my local chapter, and meeting countless new friends with whom I would spend my time, I have discovered that TSA did far more for me than I ever could have imagined.”

**Jenny Heatwole**— “With the right passion, support system and work ethic, I knew I was capable of being more than a competitor. Though I was insanely nervous, I gave it a go and served as a Sergeant-At-Arms school wide and regionally during my second year. My fellow members encouraged me to do more and I ran for Regional Vice President. I was successful and will start my new term this fall. TSA has definitely been a tool in transforming me from a shy freshman that preferred to stay by themselves to leading an entire region. I’m very grateful for my many friendships and can not wait to see what this upcoming year has in store for me!”
### B-01 3D Animation (HS)

1 Team 1
- Mountain View High School  
  Stafford County

2 Team 1
- Richmond Technical Center  
  Richmond City

3 Team 1
- Kettle Run High School  
  Fauquier County

### B-02 Animatronics (HS)

1 Team 1
- Franklin County High School  
  Franklin County

2 Team 1
- Edison High School  
  Fairfax County

3 Team 1
- Lake Braddock Secondary School (HS)  
  Fairfax County

### B-03 Architectural Design (HS)

1 Team 1
- Chantilly High School  
  Fairfax County

2 Team 1
- Mclean High School  
  Fairfax County

3 Team 1
- West Potomac High School  
  Fairfax County

### B-04 Biotechnology Design (HS)

1 Team 1
- Rock Ridge High School  
  Loudoun County

2 Team 1
- Landstown High School  
  Virginia Beach

3 Team 1
- Lake Braddock Secondary School (HS)  
  Fairfax County

### B-05 Chapter Team (HS)

1 Team 1
- Abingdon High School  
  Washington County

2 Team 1
- Henrico High School  
  Henrico County

3 Team 1
- Surry County High School  
  Surry County

### B-06 Children's Stories (HS)

1 Team 1
- Fauquier High School  
  Fauquier County

2 Team 1
- Wilson Memorial High School  
  Augusta County

3 Team 1
- Briar Woods High School  
  Loudoun County

### B-07 Coding (HS)

1 Team 1
- Thomas Jefferson High School For Science And Technology  
  Fairfax County

2 Team 1
- Maggie L. Walker Governor's School  
  Richmond City

3 Team 1
- Landstown High School  
  Virginia Beach

### B-08 Architectural CAD (HS)

1 Belle Keiser
- Kettle Run High School  
  Fauquier County

2 Lauren Leonard
- Kettle Run High School  
  Fauquier County

3 Joeseph Rogers
- Chesterfield Technical Center at Hull  
  Chesterfield County

### B-09 Engineering CAD (HS)

1 Elijah Hodges
- Blacksburg High School  
  Montgomery County

2 Victoria Holtzman
- Caroline High School  
  Caroline County

3 Louisa Estaban
- Fort Defiance High School  
  Augusta County

### B-10 Computer Integrated Manufacturing (HS)

1 Team 1
- Deep Run High School  
  Henrico County

2 Team 1
- Highland Springs High School  
  Henrico County

3 Team 1
- Chantilly High School  
  Fairfax County

### B-11 Debating Technological Issues (HS)

1 Team 1
- Henrico High School  
  Henrico County

2 Team 1
- Oscar F. Smith High School  
  Chesapeake

3 Team 1
- Thomas Jefferson High School For Science And Technology  
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**B-31 System Control Technology (HS)**

- 1 Team 1: Mountain View High School, Stafford County
- 2 Team 1: Grassfield High School, Lake Braddock Secondary School (HS), Chesapeake
- 3 Team 1: Lake Braddock Secondary School (HS), Fairfax County

**B-32 Technology Bowl (HS)**

- 1 Team 1: Mountain View High School, Stafford County
- 2 Team 1: Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, Richmond City
- 3 Team 1: Woodbridge Senior High School, Prince William

**B-33 Technology Problem Solving (HS)**

- 1 Team 1: Chantilly High School, Fairfax County
- 2 Team 1: Douglas S. Freeman High School, Henrico County
- 3 Team 1: Thomas Jefferson High School For Science And Technology, Fairfax County

**B-34 Transportation Modeling (HS)**

- 1 Zippora Cardwell: Richmond Technical Center, Richmond City
- 2 Won Young Choi: Chantilly High School, Fairfax County
- 3 Maryam Ali: West Potomac High School, Fairfax County

**B-35 VEX Robotics (HS)**

- 1 Team 3: Rock Ridge High School, Loudoun County
- 2 Team 1: Highland Springs High School, Henrico County
- 3 Team 2: Highland Springs High School, Henrico County

**B-36 Video Game Design (HS)**

- 1 Team 3: Blacksburg High School, Montgomery County
- 2 Team 1: Blacksburg High School, Montgomery County
- 3 Team 1: Southampton Academy High, Southampton Academy

**B-37 Webmaster (HS)**

- 1 Team 1: Abingdon High School, Washington County
- 2 Team 1: Blacksburg High School, Montgomery County
- 3 Team 1: Woodbridge Senior High School, Prince William

*Again, these are the top 3 placements for each middle school and high school event. For the top 10 in each event, please visit the Virginia TSA Website: [http://virginiatsa.org/events/results/](http://virginiatsa.org/events/results/).*
Karyn Cumming was the Virginia TSA State Reporter on the 2015-2016 Executive Council. She highly suggests becoming an alumni, as you will learn and look back on the times you had in TSA!

Attending Technosphere 2017 as an alumna was a wonderful experience! I was really nice to come back to something that was so important to me in high school with a year of college under my belt. I appreciated everything that took place over the weekend so much more with a newfound perspective. The best difference was that I did not have to prepare before the weekend arrived. Though my stress for my last finals lingered over the weekend, it was refreshing to be able to enjoy everyone’s projects without worrying about my own. Though I was not competing, I did not just sit around all weekend: I judged! Virginia TSA is always looking for people to judge, so it was a great opportunity to give back to the organization that had given me so much. I also learned quite a bit while judging, as I got to interact with advisors and parents from different schools, many of whom gave me great career and life advice. Looking at projects for challenges I had not had the opportunity to compete in while in TSA was also a neat experience, and I definitely appreciated the effort that went into creating each of them more. The best part of coming to Technosphere as an alumna, however, was getting to see all of my friends again. I loved spending time with the people I had competed for years with; it was almost like a homecoming. I highly recommend going to TSA events after you graduate to volunteer and reminisce on all of the great times you had in the wonderful organization. Even while I my finals were looming, it was an amazing experience and great excuse for a study break!

Respectfully Submitted,

Karyn Cumming

TSA Alumna
In some ways five years seems like forever and yet it also seems like I just arrived in Virginia TSA last week. Much has occurred over the past five years, most I hope will be seen as positive. Being the Virginia TSA State Advisor has been more of a “Labor of Love” than a “Job.”

Much has happened in the last five years, Virginia TSA has grown from 6700 members to nearly 10,000. The national association has now surpassed 250,000 members. Virginia has continued its quality of leadership with our 5th National TSA president, Kelsey Stoner, and two national Officers this past year in Erin Sullivan & Aala Nasir. Three more members from Virginia are running for national office next week!

Each year I’m amazed at the quality of the students who make up the Executive council. Virginia TSA is blessed to have such a wonderful Leadership Development structure and such strong young leaders.

When I came to Virginia TSA five years ago my desire was to share & help develop young leaders. I follow a couple of Mantra’s that I believe in and have used throughout my teaching and coaching career. First and foremost is “If Better is possible, good is not enough.” My belief is that a person, group or organization should never “Settle” for being OK or GOOD, but always understand that there is room for improvement! Always strive to be BETTER. This mantra lead me to start the cry of “Virginia TSA, Onward and Upward!!” My hope is that you will continue to strive to move “Onward & Upward.”

As I stated in my farewell speech on Saturday evening of Technosphere, my desire was to lead with a servant’s heart. To lead the way I desired to be led when I was a classroom teacher and TSA advisor. I think we have all grown from that attitude. My hope and desire is that Virginia TSA continues that growth and continued leadership.

While this is goodbye, please know you will remain in my heart forever…

Andy Stephenson

Thank you Mr. Stephenson!!!
Farewell!

I am honored to have been your author for the past year! I’ll be serving you as an officer next year as well! See you at Nationals!

- Evan Sooklal

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