



# Delaware Technology Student Association

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## New Website Launched!

Have you visited the website ([www.detsa.org](http://www.detsa.org)) lately? If you haven't—you probably should go check it out. We have new features, a new design, and new content. If you have—then you probably notice how this newsletter is based off the same design—in a less color-intensive way. The new website was built over the summer thanks to the dedication of the State Officer team, and has a lot of big improvements over the old website. While the old website was great, this one utilizes new features in new browsers to deliver the best content and experience that is possible on the web. You'll notice you can sign up for our mailing list from the homepage, learn more about each officer and management team member on the "Leadership Team" page, view new photos and videos in our Media Gallery, and experience new content all over the site. We encourage you to go visit it, and check it regularly for updates. If you have any feedback for the site, feel free to write us comments on the "Contact Us" page. *Written by: Steven Vanderloo*

## How many chapter members do you have? Want more?

This year, Delaware is hosting the National TSA conference, which means we want to have a higher showing of members participating in our conferences. One of the biggest ways to recruit more members is by **advertising**. Post creative, colorful flyers with catchy sayings around your school. Make sure the first TSA meeting of the year, and all following meetings, are mentioned on your school's announcements or bulletin board. Word of mouth is another great way to get people to come to your meetings. Make sure you mention how much fun TSA is and all the exciting events there are in which members can participate.. *Written by: Manisha Yarlagadda*

## Fall Leadership Conference

Attention Delaware TSA! You are invited to the 2009 Fall Leadership Conference, to be held November 6th and 10th, 2009. The Fall Leadership Conference is a great way to begin your chapter's TSA year. It is geared toward officers or representatives from both middle and high school TSA chapters, and not only provides you with the leadership skills to make this year in TSA a successful one, but it also acts as a team-building activity by helping to develop effective working relationships between chapter officers. The Conference on Friday November 6th will be for the middle school chapters, and run by your 2009-2010 Delaware TSA Officers. For the Conference on Thursday, November 10th, DE TSA will be partnering with FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America), and high school chapters from both organizations will attend sessions by FOCUS Training. Both conferences will be held at the Duncan Center in Dover from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm. Chapters may bring up to 6 officers or representatives, and their advisor. The registration deadline is Friday, October 23th, 2009. For more information, have your advisor look out for more from the State Management Team, which will be emailed soon. We look forward to seeing you there. We are "Tomorrow's Leaders". *Written by: Rebecca Marshall*

## Delaware Hosting 2010 National Conference - Baltimore, MD

With the hosting of a National Conference comes respect, prestige, acknowledgement, and a large responsibility. Usually the larger states, like Tennessee or Florida, are awarded these honors. For the first time in TSA history, Delaware, a relatively small state geographically, is hosting a National Conference. Yes, the 2010 National TSA Conference will be hosted by Delaware in Balti-

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## Legislative Appreciation Day



State officers attend  
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May 7, 2009



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more, Maryland. Since there is no venue in Delaware large enough to host the several thousand delegates that are expected to attend, the conference will be hosted in the neighboring state of Maryland. There are many things about hosting a National Conference that are beneficial to that state's members. More chapters and more members from that delegation can attend, due to lower transportation costs and the conference's close proximity to home. This is also an opportunity for Delaware TSA to prove to everyone that despite Delaware's small geographic size, it is strong enough to do anything, including hosting a national conference. As members, it is crucial that everyone put their "best foot forward" to help make this conference a success. There is plenty that you as members can do to help; from doing well in events, to helping your chapter to raise funds for Nationals. Remember to stay informed about this great event. Whenever the officer team has new information, we will be sure to relay it to you! Don't forget; this is the biggest event on Delaware's schedule this year. *Written by: Pratyusha Gupta*

## Food Drive helps feed the hungry in Delaware

The First State happens to be the second smallest in geographic area! Our population is just over 893,000 people. Of those 893,000 Delawareans, a little under 90,000 require assistance from the 350 food banks and pantries associated with the Food Bank of Delaware. Of those 90,000, more than 26,000 are kids under 18. These 26,000 kids are your class peers, the students who walk next to you in the hallways, and your locker neighbors. Whether you know it or not there are teenagers struggling with this issue. Hunger is a serious problem and the Delaware Technology Student Association is going to have another DE TSA Food Drive at the 2009-2010 State Conference! Last year at the State Conference, we raised over 2,000 pounds of food! We want to challenge all of the TSA chapters who have contributed canned food to double the amount of food they raised last year and to those few chapters that did not participate we want you all to accept the challenge of matching the other chapters. The chapter that brings the most food by weight will again be honored with the title "Most Charitable Chapter!" The DE TSA Food Drive's goal is to be able to donate 4,000 pounds of canned food to the Food Bank of Delaware. For more information about the Food Bank of Delaware visit their website at [www.fbd.org](http://www.fbd.org)! Let the games begin and start collecting canned food! *Written by: Bridgette Spritz*

## Delaware Succeeds in Denver, CO at the National Conference

The second smallest state in the country was one of the most successful at the recent National Conference in Denver, CO on June 28-July 2. Delaware members won awards in 13 competitive events as well as recognition for raising the most money for the American Cancer Society by participating in the Relay for Life. Delaware's own Peter Andrews, of Mount Pleasant High School in Wilmington, was elected to his second term on the National Officer Team—this time as President! We are very proud of all the competitors at Nationals this year, and are looking forward to a great conference next year, in Baltimore, MD. In Denver the state officer team gave a presentation about being "Tomorrow's Leaders", and was also recognized as the team to host next year's National Conference. The officers also manned a booth at the Education Fair for Baltimore and ran two delegation meetings throughout the week. We hope all students, parents and advisors had a terrific time in the Mile-High City of Denver, and look forward to seeing you all again at the Leadership, State and National Conferences for the 2009-2010 school year. *Written by: Steven Vanderloo*

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## What a great National Conference!



Delaware had a great time in Denver, CO. We received 13 awards!