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Baltimore Promotional Video — launched!

We as a state officer team have been talking about the great city of Baltimore for several months, and now it is your turn to see the wonderful location of the 2009-2010 TSA National Conference as we have experienced it, a few months before you get the opportunity to experience it for yourself. Posted on our website (detsa.org) is a video about this year's conference city; starring your 2009-2010 DE TSA State Officers, and the city of Baltimore itself.

We visit a variety of locales, including one of the hotels, the Hilton Baltimore, Inner Harbor and Harborplace Mall. You will be exposed to some of the food, history, shopping and attractions of Baltimore, as well as details pertaining to the conference itself. This video was created for you, the members and advisors, to inspire you to attend the conference, proudly hosted by Delaware, in the rich city of Baltimore, MD.

State Officers Continue to Partake in Monthly Service Projects

The Delaware TSA State Officer Team has been busy at work volunteering in various ways each month. In the last edition of the newsletter, we told you how the State Officers participated in the Making Strides walk in October—raising over \$1,000. Since then, we have sent letters to soldiers for Veterans Day in November. We collectively were able to send out over 50 letters! In December, we looked to the Holiday Season as a time of giving, so we participated in the Adopt-a-Family program and adopted a great family for Christmas. In January, the officers participated in Hagley Museum's Invention Convention by helping young inventors experiment with hands-on fun. In February, the officers visited local libraries and participated in Read-Aloud-Delaware, reading to young children and teaching them the importance of reading.

Getting Ready for the State Conference — Two Months Left!

Greetings fellow TSA members! A new and exciting year is upon us and with it comes another satisfying TSA State Conference this April. Teams and members are surely working hard on their events, striving to achieve ambitious goals of placing in the top three for a dazzling trophy. Awarding events and everlasting memories are not the only thing the TSA State Conference has to offer though; each year new State Officers are elected by the members of this state organization, and my fellow State Officers and I encourage anyone who has ever been interested in becoming an officer at the state level to fill out the application. It is such a fun and knowledgeable experience that can bring many benefits in the years to come. For instance, the bond that is created through the State Officers and management team is endless and I've taken so many truly great friendships away from the experience. This year, though, being a State Officer comes with a new and exciting responsibility as the 2010-2011's TSA State Officers are going to be representing the state when Delaware hosts the 2010 National TSA Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. I am confident there are many promising and great candidates in this state delegation that would make excellent State Officers, but the only question remaining is: Will you become one of them?

Nationals 2010 : Baltimore, MD

With the end of winter vacation and the beginning of the New Year, April (and with it, the State Conference) look so much closer! As the State Conference nears, we should also begin to think about Nationals. The process of getting a chapter to a National Conference is a lengthy one, so do not delay! Remember to fundraise in order to help offset the cost; some good ideas include a

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DE TSA Food Drive

- Advertise DE TSA Food Drive and collect canned food early!
- Turn in canned food on Thursday, April 22nd at the first day of the State Conference!
- The chapter that raises the most food is awarded the title "Most Charitable Chapter"!


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candy sale and getting donations from local small businesses. Since Delaware is hosting this conference, which I'm sure all of you are well aware of, the State Officers would love to see every chapter send representation. It will be an unforgettable conference – full of networking, exciting competitions and sightseeing! Speaking of sightseeing, Baltimore is stuffed with great places to visit, such as the Inner Harbor, the National Aquarium, an Edgar Allan Poe museum, among a host of others. In close vicinity to the hotels and conference center are the Harborplace Mall and many restaurants, including the Cheesecake Factory. Apart from the wide array of locations that Baltimore has to offer, the conference itself will be a unique experience for those who have not attended one before. A National Conference is a great time to meet students from all over the nation who hold similar interests as oneself; you may find yourself making everlasting friends. The competitions at National's are unlike any other; it is amazing to see the speedy CO2 and the astounding Fashion Design outfits. Overall, coming to National's should be a goal of every TSA member, for it is an experience that one will never forget. On top of that, this year is perfect – Baltimore is right next-door and we can support Delaware TSA as an organization.

State Conference Service Projects — Food Drive & Penny Wars

This year at the 2010 State Conference in Harrington, Delaware we will be having Penny Wars in addition to the DE TSA Food Drive. All proceeds donated will be given to the Food Bank of Delaware. This event will be competitive, creative, and most importantly help the community! TSA chapters will be expected to bring decorated jars on the first day of the 2010 State Conference filled with coins that they collected at their schools. The jar should be decorated festively and represent what the DE TSA Food Drive and the Food Bank of Delaware means to their chapters. For example, chapters may choose to include their school mascots or symbols of TSA and food drives. Middle school chapters and high school chapters will be competing against each other (middle school vs. middle school and high school vs. high school) to collect the highest total coin weight. The middle school and high school chapters that donate the most weight of coins will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony as well as the TSA chapter who designs the most creative Penny Wars jar. The chapter that gives the most weight in cans for the Food Drive will be awarded the "Most Charitable Chapter." To guarantee victory at the 2010 State Conference get your entire school involved in collecting pennies and cans! Set up collection jars and boxes in the main office, the cafeteria, or your Technology Education classroom and advertise the cause by making announcements, discussing your participation at chapter meetings, and distributing flyers! Collect canned food, donate extra change, and help the Food Bank of Delaware at this year's State Conference! Good luck!

An Update on Our Website — www.deTSA.org

Recently, a few new things have been posted on the Delaware TSA website. The photos from both the middle school and high school leadership conferences have been posted and are available for viewing in the photo gallery. The state officers have also made a promotional video about the upcoming National TSA Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The video covers many aspects of Baltimore that will make your experience there more memorable such as restaurants, shopping places, and it's history so be sure to check it out! Also, don't forget to sign up for the mailing list if you haven't already done so, so that you can receive important updates about the goings-on of TSA.

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Are you getting ready for Baltimore? Stay tuned to detsa.org for exciting news regarding Baltimore.