



# Delaware Technology Student Association

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## Delaware TSA Website - [www.detsa.org](http://www.detsa.org)

The Delaware TSA website, located at [www.detsa.org](http://www.detsa.org), has recently gone through some changes. We have put up a fully functional sign up form for the mailing list, located on the right hand side of the main page. By adding yourself to the Delaware TSA Mailing list, you will receive important updates such as the newsletter, new photos, and new videos. An upcoming change to the site is the addition of promotional videos shot by the State Officers for the 2010 National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. These videos will be released gradually over the next few months. The advisors will receive an email or letter about the videos when they are released in addition to members on the mailing list, so keep an eye out and be sure to watch them! *Written by: Manisha Yarlagadda*

## The State Officer Team Sets New Community Service Initiative

The Delaware TSA State Officer Team has set a new community service initiative! Once a month the state officers will give back to Delaware through volunteering, fundraising, and participating in a service project! Sunday, October 18th was no ordinary rainy Sunday for your DE TSA State Officers! In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the new community service initiative, we participated in the American Cancer Society Making Strides event located at Rodney Square in Wilmington, Delaware. Collectively we raised a total of \$1,153.04 for breast cancer research. The American Cancer Society is also the National TSA Service Project! We encourage all TSA chapters to get involved with the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org))! In April there will be a Mount Pleasant High School American Cancer Society Relay for Life ([www.mphs.org](http://www.mphs.org)). Motivate your own chapters to get involved with the community through the American Cancer Society and the DE TSA Food Drive! Fight cancer and feed the hungry in your TSA chapter! *Written by: Bridgette Spritz*

## Chapter Fundraising—Getting to Nationals

At one of the State Officer planning sessions that were held over the summer, the officers decided that they want to increase the amount of members attending the National Conference by 20%. To do this, the officers want to help chapters raise the funds required to attend the conference in Baltimore. There are many ways to earn money for your chapter, you just need to pick the way that works best for your unique situation. Some ideas that are popular in TSA chapters throughout the state would be selling candy or baked goods, having a car wash, or hosting an event at a local restaurant to earn a percentage of the checks. No matter which way you choose to raise money, be sure to start early and advertise the event heavily. Fundraisers are a great way to raise much needed money for your chapter, in addition to spreading the word about what TSA is, and maybe even getting new members out of it. If this sounds like a lot of work to you, it really isn't. Ask your advisor to help with the process, and form a committee to work out some of the logistics. Don't forget to set a goal and keep track of how close you are to the goal. With all of these tips, your fundraiser should be very successful, and all of the results will be worth it when your chapter can afford for more members to go to Nationals. *Written by: Rachael Ciaramella*

## Leadership Conference Roundup

The High School and Middle School TSA Leadership Conferences recently took place. For the first time in many years, the middle and high school were separated to enhance the leadership

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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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experience for both groups. The Middle School Conference occurred on November 6th and was hosted by the State Officer team, who prepared the materials and the agenda for the day. The students were given four presentations on leadership, service projects, meeting structure, and communication. These "lessons" were all created to help the students prepare for their future in TSA as a chapter officer. The High School Conference, which occurred on November 10th, was hosted by FOCUS Training in conjunction with FCCLA. By combining the two groups, we hope to encourage cooperation amongst the different organizations. The topics that were stressed during this conference include: trust building, teamwork, action plans, and communication. We thank Mr. Todd Gehrman, our coordinator for the day, for coming out and making this a great experience for everyone who was there. While both of the Leadership Conferences offered valuable lessons to their participants, they also helped the students network and interact with others whom they otherwise may not have met until the State Conference. Above all, the State Officers would like to thank the advisors and students who came out on these days to show their enthusiasm and respect. It was truly an honor getting to meet everyone there. (Pictures of this event can be found on our website, [www.detsa.org](http://www.detsa.org)) *Written by: Pratyusha Gupta*

## Baltimore: The City Behind the Conference

The state officer team recently had the pleasure of making a short day trip to Baltimore, MD. It was a beautiful day for it too; 73 degrees in early November. We walked around some of the city, especially the Inner Harbor, and visited a lot of the popular attractions around town. It was amazing to explore the city that will soon be hosting over 5,000 of TSA members from around the world, and I cannot imagine a better city for it. Everything you could need for a conference is in Baltimore. Besides the spacious convention center and the attractive Hilton Baltimore Hotel, there is a sundry of other attractions to the city.

No matter your taste or budget, there is always a restaurant to be found that will be a perfect fit. There are restaurants from The Cheesecake Factory (where we had the pleasure of dining), to Phillips Seafood Buffet, to things as familiar as Subway. There are buildings in Inner Harbor that are just filled with various dining options. There is also a similar building across the street that is filled with stores. The Harborplace Gallery, which is a shopping mall that has 4 floors, and over 100 stores, is right across the street from the center of Inner Harbor, and just a short walk from the Hard Rock Café, and the National Aquarium. There is so much to do, see, taste, smell, hear and experience in Baltimore that we couldn't do even a tenth of it in a single day. However, Nationals will take place over a week, leaving plenty of time to experience the city in its entirety.

*Written by: Rebecca Marshall*

## Recruiting More Members

At the Middle School Leadership Conference, chapter officers created recruitment posters to use in their school as a way to increase chapter membership. Chapters should email their posters to [svanderloodetsa@live.com](mailto:svanderloodetsa@live.com) to receive a poster size copy.

Posters aren't the only way for schools to advertise TSA and the benefits of becoming a member. Chapter officers can talk at various Technology Education classes in your school, urging students to join. Be sure to show them how much fun TSA can be, and give them information about our organization such as our state and national website ([detsa.org](http://detsa.org) and [tsaweb.org](http://tsaweb.org)). By having student peers present to classes, your chapter can gain many new members. *Written by: Steven Vanderloo*

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## Delaware TSA hosts 2010 Baltimore Conference



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