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Delaware TSA: Looking Back and Planning Ahead (Video on detsa.org)

A Recap of the Year

To begin the school year, we had our Leadership Conferences in October, which were hosted by FOCUS training and your State Officer Team. Every month, the state officers participated in a volunteer project or service activity in order to be more active in the community and inspire chapters. Monthly and weekly emails were sent out to communicate effectively. The new Delaware TSA website allows for faster updates and more content, including several photo albums. We hope you are enjoying the informative and creative content that the State Officers work hard on. Newsletters released throughout the year are available on our website under "Downloads"; they provide a nice snapshot of Delaware TSA news.

The 2011 Delaware TSA State Conference

We're sure you're all very excited for this year's state conference! As usual, we have tons of exciting events for the members, including two state-only events: Maglev Vehicles and Model Rocketry. In addition to the many events, Fast Action Motorsports Entertainment will once again be providing racing tracks for the students to spend recreational time on. A new addition this year will be a Seaperch ROV Test Drive, where students can test underwater robotics. Keeping with the community service theme, the State Officers will be hosting an Alex's Lemonade Stand on both days of the conference. There, for 50 cents, you will be able to purchase a refreshing cup of lemonade *and* help a great organization; all of the proceeds will go directly to the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. For more information, please visit alexslemonade.com. As a final reminder, remember the attire requirements for the two days! On the first day of the conference, all participants need to be in business casual, while they need to be in TSA professional or official attire (depending on the event) for the second day. For more information on the State Conference, please visit detsa.org or contact the State Officers.

The 2011 TSA National Conference

The 2011 National TSA Conference will take place in Dallas, Texas. This year, it will be held from June 21 to June 25th. For recreation, students can visit Silver Lake Marina, where they can participate in various water activities. They may also be interested in going to Six Flags Great Adventure located in Arlington, TX. The Gaylord Texan Hotel, which is where the students will be residing and competing, is located in Grapevine, Texas which is only 20 miles away from Downtown Dallas. The hotel features a lush atrium, spa service, an indoor and outdoor pool, and shops; they are even building a water park! Students can find an enjoyable time without ever having to leave the premises.

A Thank You from the State Officers!

It's amazing how the last year has flown by! The chance to serve as your Delaware TSA President has been so rewarding. We have released many exciting publications this year: newsletters, mailing list updates, and a video. Our team has also participated in seven service projects, with our eighth scheduled for April, to give back to the community for their support. I'd like to thank all the members for allowing me this opportunity and my State Officer Team for their support. I'd also like to thank my advisors, Mr. Estock and Mrs. Stuchlik; as well as the Management Team for their guidance.

—Steven Vanderloo, President



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REMINDERS!

**State Conference
Registration due:**
March 11

**State Officer
Applications due:**
March 11

Static Events due:
April 1

State Conference
April 20-21

Advisors Meeting
May TBD

**National Conference
Registration due:**
May 31

National Conference
June 21-25



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2010-2011 has been an incredible year! The opportunity to serve as your DE TSA Vice President has been truly amazing. This year, I have worked on extending communication and expanding the spheres of service in our state. We have sent more emails than ever and volunteered for several extraordinary causes. Of course, none of this would be possible without our new State Advisor, Mr. Fitzgerald, or the DE TSA Management Team. Finally, I would like to thank Delaware TSA; I am so appreciative to have been able to serve you all. —*Bridgette Spritz, Vice-President*

Hello Delaware TSA! I would like to thank all the members for electing me into office; it has been a fantastic year! I enjoyed my role as reporter and my duty of keeping the members and advisors updated. Being a State Officer helped me appreciate the 'behind the scenes' action that goes into making an amazing State Conference. I can honestly say that this was a phenomenal experience and opportunity and I thank you all once again. Thanks to everyone for their time and support, it was great serving for this organization! —*Emily Wong, Reporter*



It's been such a great year for me, but I would like to thank **you** for the hard work that you put into Delaware TSA; without you, the organization does not exist! We thank you for your community service, 'green' activities, and the example you set for future members. Without you we would not need meetings, event planning, or even a conference! But since you're here, we have hundreds of reasons to do what we do. It's been a blast and I can't wait to see everyone at the State Conference! —*Davey McGinnis, Sergeant-at-Arms*

As a graduating senior and finishing my own fourth year in an office, I would like to thank TSA for the honor of being your state officer. From the remarkable experiences to the life long friends that I've made, I have grown up with TSA and it will forever be a part of me. So much of who I am comes from the qualities that I acquired from being in TSA. I truly regret that this will be my last year as an officer, and even my last year as a member, but it is time to step down. So thank you, DE TSA, for everything you have given me. Thank you for letting me meet and work with the amazing individuals who run this organization. But most of all, thank you for turning me into the person I am today. I will never forget what this association has done for me.—*Rachael Ciaramella, Treasurer & Secretary*



It's been an absolute pleasure retaining the chance to work with Delaware TSA this year. I thank everyone in Delaware TSA for giving me the support to get elected as National Secretary. The State Officer team has worked very hard to make this year a complete success, from wonderful leadership conferences to an updated website. I hope that you have enjoyed this year in TSA as much I have and I wish you best of luck in your competitive events! I hope to see you at the State and National Conferences!

—*Pratyusha Gupta, National Secretary & Delaware TSA Past-President*

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Reminders

Delaware TSA Video

Have you checked out our video yet? It can be found on our [Homepage](#) and [Video Gallery](#).

Mailing List

Be sure to sign up for our mailing list on our [website](#) to get the latest updates on everything Delaware TSA!

Alex's Lemonade Stand

Service Project for this year's State Conference. On sale for 50c/cup