



www.detsa.org

Delaware Technology Student Association

"It's good being first"

New Year Resolution



We hope everyone had a great holiday break and is bringing in the new year with great resolutions. 2010 was a fantastic year for TSA with many wins at Nationals and at States, but with the start of 2011 comes the State Conference; it is fast approaching and now is a great time to crack down on events. Determination and hard work will make the competition that much more exciting. We are eagerly waiting to see who will be bringing home the trophies in April. If

you're running out of steam already, do not fret! Everyone has a chance to win this year with a few new events added to the competitive list, which means there are even more opportunities to place and perhaps reserve yourself a ticket to Dallas, Texas for Nationals! All it takes is a little perseverance, a lot of faith in yourself and in your chapter, and a great attitude as we begin this new and exciting year!

Delaware TSA Mailing List — Have You Signed Up?

Communication is very important when it comes to success. Creating a network of TSA members' email addresses will enable the DE TSA State Officer Team to deliver information quickly and efficiently. The website was recently updated with a more accessible way to join the mailing list. On every page of www.detsa.org, you will find a logo, as shown to the right. By clicking on it and supplying the necessary information you will be contacted more frequently by Delaware TSA. Each month, several emails are sent out with the news. This allows all members to receive messages about the State Conference, service projects, website changes, and other exciting updates. If you have yet to sign up for the mailing list, get online, and sign up so you will be more in touch with the whereabouts of Delaware TSA!



Running for State Officer



Anyone interested in running for State Office? Well, it's really easy and the first step of the journey is to visit the Delaware TSA website, <http://detsa.org/>, and click on the Downloads tab. There are forms that you and your advisor will need to fill out and several tasks that you must complete. These tasks include: writing essays and getting a letter of recommendation from your advisor and your principal or a teacher. Once these items have been approved, members from the management team will request an interview with you, along with your advisor. The interview is not as bad as it sounds, just remember to stay

confident! If you have completed and passed the interview, then the final step is to give a speech on the second day of the State Conference in front of voting delegates from each chapter; you may campaign if you wish.

If you're nervous, don't be! There is no reason to be afraid, whether you make it or not, it is definitely a beneficial and fun experience! Most State Officers will tell you that they enjoyed their time as a State Officer and that it helps them grow as a person. For any advice or information, contact the State Officer team. You are the future of Delaware TSA.

Contact the State Officers

Steven Vanderloo
President

svanderloodetsa@live.com

Bridgette Spritz
Vice-President

bspritzdetsa@aol.com

Rachael Ciaramella
Secretary

rciaramelladetsa@yahoo.com

Emily Wong
Reporter

ewongdetsa@gmail.com

Davey McGinnis
Sergeant-at-Arms

dmcginnisdetsa@hotmail.com

Pratyusha Gupta
Past-President

pguptadetsa@yahoo.com



Mark your calendars!

State Officer
Applications:
March 11

Static Events Due:
April 1

State Conference:
April 20-21

National Conference:
June 21-25



www.detsa.org

Delaware Technology Student Association

"It's good being first"

New Opportunities: Engineering Design & VEX

This year, Delaware TSA is hosting two new events for the students to partake in. The first is Engineering Design, a new event to high school TSA. In this event, students work to solve a problem. They create a prototype and explain the solution as well as its effect on society and the environment. This team event teaches critical thinking and application of concepts learned in the classroom. Chapters should consider this event for their members; it is a new opportunity for their students to participate in.

Another new event that Delaware TSA is offering is the VEX Robotics competition. The competition will be an exhibition event for 2011; trophies will not be distributed, but chapters can use this to prepare for the National Conference. In the VEX Robotics event, teams will build robots using VEX products and then the robots will face off in a game called Round Up. Teams can learn more about Round Up and registering and purchasing VEX products at robotevents.com/robot-competitions/tsa. The TSA-VEX competition is the perfect avenue for students to get hands-on practice with robotic technology, as well as competing in a fun game in preparation for the National Conference. Should your chapter be interested in participating in this event please contact Mike Fitzgerald.

Both of these new events provide opportunities for the members of DE TSA; we encourage each individual to take full advantage of them.



Service Projects



Have you been working on community service events with your chapter? If you haven't, there is still time left! For example, the Delaware TSA State Officers have a project planned for every month. In December, we donated to Toys for Tots, and we will be working at Hagley Museum's Invention Convention on January 15th, we really hope to see you there! We strongly urge you to organize your own service events. It is a very simple and rewarding task for you and your chapter members. Remember, community service is essential in the Technology Student Association.

From the President's Corner

I hope that this year is off to a successful start for everyone! It's hard to believe that the school year is half over and a new year has just begun! There has been a lot going on with Delaware TSA over the past few months with tons more expected in 2011! We've held two successful Leadership Conferences in October and are starting to distribute information for the State Conference on April 20-21. Keep checking our website, detsa.org, for updates pertaining to the State Conference, events, and service! The State Officers have a lot left to show you this year and we hope that you like what you've seen so far! I'd love to hear feedback from everyone! Feel free to email me at svanderloodetsa@live.com anytime throughout the year. Good luck with your competitive events and fundraising!



Contact the Management Team

Mike Fitzgerald

State Advisor

mfitzgerald@doe.k12.de.us

Frank Ingram

Management Team

fingram@doe.k12.de.us

Sharon Rookard

Management Team

sharon.rookard@redclay.k12.de.us

Bob Bogdziewicz

Management Team

rjbogdziewicz@lf.k12.de.us

Jim Medved

Management Team

james.medved@cr.k12.de.us



At the 2011 Delaware TSA State Conference we will be having an Alex's Lemonade Stand. ALSF is an organization dedicated to raising money for childhood cancer research. TSA members have the opportunity to support the fight against cancer and help find a cure by buying a cup of lemonade at the State Conference. Alex's Lemonade Stand is making an effort to "cure cancer, one cup at a time." To find more information about ALSF, visit their website at www.alexslimonade.org.