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Welcome Back Members

Welcome back WV TSA to the 2020-2021 school year!! We appreciate all of you that participated in the online State Officer election as it went smoothly. I'd also like to thank all of you that supported Sydney Smith on her run for National Office, although you didn't win, I commend you on the time and effort you put in Sydney. I can't wait to see how this year pans out as it's an interesting one! The officer team has plans for a virtual fall leadership conference, implementing a student ambassador program, and many other exciting projects!

I know that last year everyone was upset that State Conference was canceled, but this year if we cannot be at Cedar Lakes there will be a virtual conference. The State Officer Team is working on a way to have an in person and virtual conference to make sure that our State Conference happens. National TSA already has a plan for an in person and virtual conference as well.

I'd also like to break the news for all of you that enjoy doing your LEAP resumes and interviews that LEAP is no longer a part of TSA. However, ask your advisor or check the national website for other leadership opportunities through TSA.

Your President,
Caleb Atha

The National TSA Organization has replaced LEAP paperwork with another system called Partnership for 21st Century Skills. This system is much like LEAP in the way of paperwork. We are still gathering information about this new system and will keep you updated on the goings on the competitions via newsletters as well as Social Media posts ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Our Website](#))



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The State Officer Team understand how vital it is to be informed during these times of x. We have come up with a system that we believe would work that will keep the chapters informed. The system will allow each chapter to have the option to elect maximum two (2) Student Ambassadors that will communicate with the State Officer team. These delegates will be able to bring any question their school chapter has, gather information from the State Officer team, learn more about the leadership of the State Association, gain knowledge of leadership skills. This is an opportunity for students to learn as well as keep their own chapter informed. We believe that this going to be another resource for the school chapters to stay informed and will give a new experience to students.

This year, due State regulation, West Virginia TSA has decided it will be safer to hold a virtual Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) this year, but do not worry! We will have plenty of activities to participate in as has been tradition in years prior. Your State Team is dedicated to making this TSA year nothing short of amazing, and cannot wait to see you online during FLC. The date for this conference is still to be determined, but we will update you regularly on any changes via these monthly newsletters as well as through social media posts ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Our Website](#).) We thank you for your patience through this time, and we will announce the date as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Suzy Orr at sorr@tsaweb.org. Thank you all for your cooperation, and we look forward to working with you this year

Due to the global pandemic, there will be many changes coming to the middle school level for the 2020-2021 school year. National TSA is planning for both a virtual and an in-person conference to occur in June 2021. Students able attending virtually will still be to view the sessions, ceremonies, and compete and vote alongside students attending the conference in person.

This plan will also consist of competitions that will be done virtually and some that will be done in person. The competitions that will be in person only at the middle school level are the following:

- Dragster
- Electrical Applications
- Flight
- Problem Solving
- Structural Engineering
- System Control Technology

The events listed above must be completed in person at state and national conference and cannot be done virtually. All the competitions not listed above can be done virtually if the competitors choose to or they can be done in person. The portfolios, models, and displays are still required. A list of requirements for each competition can be found at www.tsaweb.org under the Competitions and Programs, Middle School Competitions.

It's time to start affiliating your chapters. If you and/or your friends would like to be apart of your school's chapter, make sure to get in contact with your advisor and sign up as soon as possible!!

This year we have changed the sign-up process for our advisors to be more comprehensive and user-friendly. Using a new system than years prior, advisors will have a variety of features meant to aid in leading a TSA chapter in today's world including the following:

- 1) Easy access to competitive event guidelines
- 2) Both Virtual and Non-virtual competitions
- 3) Customized leadership materials
- 4) And a Student membership site

Due to this new system, we kindly ask all chapter advisors to create a new account for your school. Step-by-step instructions for the affiliation process are available [here](#).



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