

## Back To School & Affiliation Pack 2017-2018



Alexander King

Hey Georgia TSA,

The reason why I continue to stay dedicated is because the leadership, personal and lifelong skills that are acquired in this home away from home can be taken and used anywhere, no matter the career you choose. That is the beauty behind Georgia TSA and that is what makes us a family and not just a club. As an organization we continue to grow on all spectrums and it is my honor and privilege to have the opportunity to be leading you into the 2017-2018 school year as your State President. I am Alexander King a junior at G.W. Carver STEM High School in Columbus and the 2017-2018 Georgia TSA State Officer team and I are always hard at work to ensure that your time as a member of Georgia TSA is one that you will be with you for the rest of your days. This year you will have the chance to attend CORE, Tech Day, LeaderCon, the State Leadership Conference and best of all the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. These conferences allow you meet, connect and make long lasting bonds with members from across the state and nation. I encourage each of you to expand your knowledge, increase your leadership and technical skills, and let your talents shine through our over 70 middle and high school competitive events. There isn't a thing that a member of Georgia TSA can't come accomplish. I like to say that don't just shoot for the stars or say the sky is the limit because in my eyes your mind is your limit. With the skills you learn in this organization your mind is limitless so I look forward to working with you this year and seeing you at the conferences as I hope to help you chase and achieve all of your dreams! Sincerely,

Alexander King, Georgia TSA State President-2017-2018



This year in Georgia TSA we are going to celebrate success. Last year we celebrated many successes! We held four successful state conferences, awarded almost \$19,000 in National Conference travel scholarships from our Georgia TSA sponsors, awarded two, one thousand dollar, Tommy Pitchford Scholarships and was home to our first National TSA President.

This year the Georgia TSA Board of Directors is working on even bigger things. We are inviting *you* to get your chapter involved with our CORE Carnival by hosting a booth to raise money for our service projects. We are mixing it up with new events at Tech Day at the Fair and are going to make Fall Leadership an invaluable Leadership experience for your chapter. At State Conference we will have a new rule book for Middle School including three new events and Nationals will be held in Atlanta. It will certainly be an exciting year for Georgia TSA! I look forward to celebrating the success of our students with you at this years conferences.

Thank you to all of our advisors, supporting school systems, administrators and parents for helping build your students' future. Georgia TSA gives them hands-on learning experiences, teaches the spirit of competition and helps students gain leadership skills. I feel the skills, knowledge and experience they will receive in Georgia TSA are unmatched by any other club or CTSO. I look forward to serving you and am always available via email at <a href="mailto:cammielund@lowndes.k12.ga.us">cammielund@lowndes.k12.ga.us</a> to help you and your chapter be successful.

Cammie Lund, President GA TSA Board of Directors





Welcome to a new school year with Georgia TSA. In this pack you will find important information to kick start your year. Please print the TSA calendar and post it somewhere in your room. We have a jammed packed calendar with exciting opportunities I do not want you to miss. For the most up to date information please visit the Georgia TSA home page at www.gatsa.org.

Be an active chapter and send your chapter activities so we can include them in the News section of the Georgia TSA website. Submit all articles with pictures to <a href="mailto:sprice@gatsa.org">sprice@gatsa.org</a>.

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