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Delaware TSA Fall Newsletter



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Delaware TSA Officer News and Success

Written by: Steven Vanderloo, Treasurer

Remember those Delaware TSA officers you elected at last year's state conference? Well, we have all been very busy since the conference planning an amazing year for you all. After we were elected, we went to a Legislative Day in Dover, DE to ask the senators and House of Representatives for their continued support of TSA and the other CTSO's. After that, we went to a two day leadership training course in June which was also a ton of fun and something

we all learned a lot at. You saw us at nationals, (if you were there) at the Delegation Meetings and then again at the awards ceremonies when we all won awards. But since then, let me tell you some of the things we have been up to; After the National Conference, we all came home and recovered from such a successful week, and relaxed a bit. On July 11th, all of us officers went down to Rehoboth Beach for our weeklong Training Workshop. We learned valu-

able leadership skills, planned for the year, and even had a little bit of fun throughout the week. After that, we all compiled a Work Plan for the 2008-2009 year and a Leadership Conference plan of action. Once we finished those two tasks, we had a Business Meeting on September 23, and at which we discussed several events for the future, which you all will hear about quite soon... We are all doing well, and you can expect to hear from us soon!

Tips 4 Success #1- Get a planner!

Written by: Steven Vanderloo, Treasurer

Organization is always one of the problems that teens face now a day. School, sports, clubs, TSA, family, friends, and church, it never ends does it? One of the ways to get organized and quick is to get a planner. So, now you are probably asking, "How will a planner help me?" or, "I do not have time to be writing everything in a planner!" or even, "I do not want a planner to hold my life down." Well, I can tell you that keeping a planner will not hold you down, or take up your time. The only thing it will do is help you by getting all of your responsibilities done, and done on time! Fill it out weekly with all of your assignments and responsibilities, and then check it daily to see what needs to be done for that day to fulfill your commitments to yourself and others. So what are you waiting for? Go out and get a planner! Target, gift shops, and office supply stores are good places to get one. They are not expensive either, being two to ten dollars normally.

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Reminders about Upcoming Delaware TSA Events

Written by: Steven Vanderloo, Treasurer

- October 6-10 - National TSA Week (Wear a TSA shirt or pin to school at least one day that week)
- Tuesday, Oct. 21 - TSA Advisor's Meeting (Collette Educational Center)
- Wednesday, Oct. 29 - Leadership Registration Due by 4:00pm (State Office)
- Wednesday, Nov. 5 - TSA Leadership Conference (DE State Fair Grounds)

Public Information - Technology Student Association

Written by: Seth Ritter, Reporter

Both Delaware TSA and National TSA have experienced numerous changes over the course of the last few months. National TSA is undergoing various new projects, thanks in part to our new officers, which includes a very large revamping of the National TSA Website. The new website is designed to be more functional than those of the past and has a new layout that keeps with the rapidly changing styles. In addition to the National Website, the new TSA Tri-fold

contains an assortment of new info about the organization. This year the addition of several new events for the high school and middle school are included, as well as new leadership skills, and fundamentals.

Delaware TSA is currently undergoing the first steps of the year's tasks to be completed. Our website is presently being updated and reworked so that it will contain all the information Delaware participants will require. Included in this will be the

winnings for the State Conference, updated contact information, a functional picture gallery, and an archive for all newsletters.

We hope this year will be one of our most successful and are happily looking to the future.

Technology Today - Large Hadron Collider

Written by: Seth Ritter, Reporter

The Large Hadron Collider, otherwise known as the LHC, is the largest engineering project, on Earth, of the modern age. It is designed to create conditions by which tiny particles can be accelerated to near the speed of light and collided with one another, along an underground tubular track that is 17 miles long. The goal of this device is to generate conditions which occurred just after the "Big Bang". The discovery, or confirmation of various particles will allow the advancement of Quantum Mechanics and drive forward technological discovery. The machine sits underground between the border of France and Switzerland, and was a joint effort by thousands of scientists, engineers, and researchers from around the world. The price released to the public was set at 5.3 billion dollars, provided by the European Union.

For more technical information go to "<http://lhc.web.cern.ch/lhc/>" (without quotes).