



PRESIDENT: Arjun Ajmani

Hey guys!
I hope all of you have kicked off the new school year on great footing and are prepared for this year! I am excited to serve as this year's State President, and am looking forward to the tasks ahead. North Carolina TSA has really grown over the last few years and it is a real honor to spend my senior year serving as the leader of NCTSA's State Officer team. Thank you for the opportunity! As you prepare for the upcoming regional

and state conferences, I encourage you to remember this year's theme, "TSA: Tomorrow's Leaders." Take initiative, put in that extra effort, and don't be afraid to try new things; it can only benefit you down the road. The state officer team has been working hard to organize this year's state conference and sincerely hopes you and your chapters don't miss the chance to attend what is promising to be a memorable conference!

NATIONAL TSA TREASURER: Zach Barnes

We would like to congratulate those who competed in the 2009 National Conference in Denver, Colorado this past summer. **YOU ARE THE PRIDE OF NORTH CAROLINA TSA!**

We would also like to congratulate Zachary Barnes for being elected to serve as the 2009-2010 National TSA Treasurer. Zach worked diligently all year for North Carolina TSA and now all of his hard work has paid off and he is representing our state

at the National level. Great job Zach! Zach and the other National TSA Officers are focused on the 2010 National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. We hope that every one of our North Carolina chapters will be able to attend in 2010.

SERVICE PROJECT: American Cancer Society

What is the ACS? ACS (American Cancer Society) is an association that is dedicated to Cancer research. It is also focused on trying to help find a cure for people that are affected by it. Their main goal is to save lives. As a service organization, TSA has traditionally worked with the American Cancer Society and we as a state officer team have decided to continue this tradition for the 2009-2010 year.

This year we have chosen to challenge all of the participating schools to team up with a local **Relay for Life** chapter or a similarly affiliated organization in order to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. We will also have a chance for chapters to donate money on site at the NC TSA State Conference in Greensboro. Any TSA chapter that helps raise money will be recognized at the state conference and the top three money raising chapters will be recognized.

CONFERENCE DATES:

Piedmont (Central) -
February 6, 2010

Southeast/Northeast
January 25, 2010

Western— February 19,
2010

**NCTSA State Conference—March 7-9,
2010**

**For info:
www.nctsa.org**

The Technology Student Association (TSA) and Innovation First International: Partnership to Introduce a Signature Robotics Competition Using the VEX Robotics Design System

The TSA VEX Robotics Competition will provide students with a hands-on co-curricular competition for learning about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and will complement the existing technology-related competitions offered by TSA. TSA VEX Robotics tournaments will be conducted in conjunction with the organization's state conferences beginning in spring 2010 in approximately ten states followed by a championship event at the National TSA Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, which will be held on June

28 through July 2, 2010.

TSA anticipates additional states will host events in the 2010-2011 school year.

The TSA VEX Robotics game will be a one-on-one competition played on an 8 x 8 field designed specifically for use in the classroom. Similar to other TSA competitive events, the game will carry over from year to year. The annual VEX Robotics Competition game, which changes each year, will continue to be a two-on-two competition played on a 12 x 12 field. Officially registered VEX

Robotics Competition teams will have a choice of participating in any TSA VEX competition event plus any of the more than 150 VEX Robotics Competition tournaments worldwide.

Please visit www.tsaweb.org for additional information. Mr. Keith Edwards of Learning Labs, is the North Carolina representative for VEX Robotics. He will be attending the NCTSA State Conference to answer questions about the event and provide a demonstration. Please stop by his table to learn more about VEX Robotics.

VICE PRESIDENT: Marcela Torres-Cervantes

Allo fellow TSA members! I am so stoked for this year's theme because I believe that TSA is the best organization for *Building Tomorrow's Leaders*. That being said, I would like to encourage each of you to consider running for a state officer position and continue the tradition of a strong and diverse leadership team. I look forward to meeting all of you

at the state conference and good luck preparing and competing at your regional competitions! ♥



SECRETARY - Roy Abernathy

The NCTSA State Officers are actively working toward the betterment of NCTSA. I hope TSA school year is going well and you are now working on fundraisers, competitions, and service projects. As you complete different TSA related endeavors I hope all of you realize the amazing satisfaction and joy that comes from TSA. With the accomplishments I expect all of you to share these ex-

periences with fellow classmates, friends, relatives, and anyone who will listen. Through sharing your experiences you can attract new members to TSA. This is our goal; to make TSA a stronger organization. As members we should all be focused on strengthening our local chapter but also reaching out to the community and encouraging other schools to start chapters. Think about how

awesome NCTSA would be if we had a chapter in every school in the state. I challenge all of you to encourage strong membership in your school, community, and state. I am looking forward to serving you, the NCTSA members, to the best of my ability and seeing all of you at the North Carolina TSA State Conference