

Sergeant-at-Arms



Niya Agrahar



Hey PA-TSA! I'm Niya Agrahar, and I'm running to be your Sergeant-at-Arms.

TSA has played a huge role in my life for the past six years, and I see this as my opportunity to give back. I've had the honor of serving as Region 5's 2026 Treasurer and 2025 Sergeant-at-Arms, competing in three chapters, and participating in four committees. As a Region 5 officer, I've managed our Instagram account for the past two years, boosting following by 300%.

The Sergeant-at-Arms acts as the organization's doorkeeper. This role means more than just standing at the door, it means ensuring everyone feels welcomed and valued. If elected, I'll work to build an inclusive and supportive environment.

First, I want to strengthen the Regional Representatives committee's connections to the SOT by pairing state officers with representatives to plan engaging sessions, boost social media and fundraising. I'll create a toolkit with resources like social media themes, newsletters, and fundraising guides.

Second, I'll introduce a CSAC and Outreach Spotlight series, hosting sessions with professionals where members can build skills, explore careers, and discover new interests. This highlights talent in our organization, and gives members the chance to explore different career paths and interests.

Finally, I'll initiate monthly zoom sessions, hosted by the SOT. These sessions can serve as a space to ask questions, get updates, be introduced to opportunities or connect with others! These sessions will be a place where the PA-TSA community can bond.

Together, let's raise the bar with Agrahar! Thank you!

Lemuel Jiang



Hi PA-TSA! My name is Lemuel Jiang, and I want to serve as your Sergeant-at-Arms. TSA has been one of the most impactful parts of my high school experience, and I want to help create an environment where every member can fully benefit from it.

As the current President and founder of the Downingtown West High School chapter, I have seen that strong leadership is about creating an environment where everyone can contribute and succeed. Contributing to the NSP, Regional Reps, and BARCC committee throughout high school, I have been able to become more involved in TSA, supporting the organization for all members.

As the state Sergeant-at-arms my main initiative that I would like to introduce is a chapter exchange system that allows TSA chapters across Pennsylvania to share successful ideas and strategies that actually worked, as well as their experiences with one another. This could include fundraising methods or ways to recruit members, which would all be compiled into a shared resource accessible to members and chapter officer teams. By creating a space for chapters to learn from each other, newer and smaller chapters would gain guidance, while the more established chapters could expand their impact and involvement in TSA. This would not only improve individual chapters, but also strengthen the overall PA-TSA community and experience, for you!

I am committed to strengthening both the structure and experience of PA-TSA, and I would be honored to serve as your State Sergeant-at-Arms. Remember, your phone just rang, vote for Jiang!

Jaycee Kleinstuber



Hey PA-TSA! My name is Jaycee Kleinstuber, and I'm excited to be running for 2026-2027 PA-TSA Sergeant-at-Arms!

This is my 5th year in TSA and I have served as a chapter officer, regional officer, and state committee position-holder. I'm currently serving my fourth year as my chapter's President. As a Regional Officer for three years, I helped plan regional conferences, Special Interest Sessions, and raised over \$6,000 for the ACS/ARC! This year, I am the CAPC Video Vice Chair, working to create the committee spotlight video, gratitude journal reels, and trend series. Additionally, I am Outreach Alumni Subcommittee Chair, working to organize the ambassador programs. I've contributed to the Regional Representative Committee, CSAC, CAPC, Outreach, NSP, and BARRC; planning conferences, special interest sessions & panels, creating promotional materials & guides, and fundraising.

If elected, I will restructure the regional representatives committee, allowing multiple members from a chapter, ensuring that representatives are best assisting officer teams, and that no representatives are doing pointless work. Secondly, I will create a New member program, including a Special Interest Session on Wednesday aimed at new members. This will teach first-time attendees everything they need to know about TSA events! Lastly, I will create TSA member level badges. This will be a customizable badge that members can make based on their TSA involvement level. Members can then wear these at conferences!

I can't wait to meet you at Seven Springs! Remember, it's not crazy to vote for Jaycee!

Hephzibah Kumi-Atiemo



Hey PA-TSA! My name is Hephzibah Kumi-Atiemo, and I am so excited to be running for your 2026-2027 State Sergeant-at-Arms!

I am a sophomore at Stroudsburg HS and in my third year of TSA. This organization has provided me with unforgettable experiences, from anxiously waiting for semifinal results to networking with members from across the world. I am interested in the position of SAA because I want to make TSA fun, welcoming, and accessible for everyone.

I have had the privilege of serving in local leadership. I was my chapter's president and currently serve as SAA, where I fundraised \$4,000+ and created toolkits for members. I have also worked on the Regional Representative Committee, CSAC, and NSP. Where I helped plan conferences & special interest sessions, raise money for the ARC, and met new PA-TSA members.

Through these experiences, I have identified ways PA-TSA can grow. If elected, I will implement 3 "key" initiatives. First, I will host online informational sessions with tips regarding competitive events, scholarships, resources, etc. Second, I will create the "Helping Hand Sponsorship", which supports underserved chapters with funds for event materials and fees. My last initiative is to host a career & college fair at SLC to connect members with new opportunities.

My goal is to help inexperienced members, chapters, and regions flourish by providing them with helpful tools. Ensuring that every member of PA-TSA is comfortable, confident, and properly welcomed.

I'm looking forward to meeting everyone! Remember, Kumi is the Key for you and me!

Shreyasee Nanda



Hey PA-TSA! I'm Shreyasee Nanda, and I'm running to be your 2025-2026 State sergeant-at-arms!

Since joining TSA in middle school, this organization has become such a defining part of my life, thanks to not only my advisors and mentors, but also because of all of you. I am honored to now have this chance to give back. From serving as a my chapter's Vice President and now as Junior President, to actively participating in over four state committees in these past few years, I've seen firsthand that the best way to lead is to empower others.

So, if elected, my main goal is to strengthen PA-TSA by further uniting our community. Through CSAC, I will establish mentorship sessions between high schoolers and middle schoolers, and a TSA pen pals program to foster relationships across chapters. These will occur both throughout the year and as special interest sessions. To make our conferences even more accessible, I plan to introduce "Ask-an-Officer" stations, ensuring there are always direct lines to student leadership. Furthermore, by allowing our members to lead their own workshops throughout the school year, we can provide students with additional programs for involvement and leadership. Lastly, I aim to expand and diversify competitive opportunities by introducing more PA-only events for you!

I'm committed to making this year unforgettable for us and super excited to meet you all at states. See you at Seven Springs, and don't forget, it's meant to be, so vote Shreyasee! :)

Caitlyn Tan



Hi PA-TSA! My name is Caitlyn Tan, and I'm excited to be running for your 2026-2027 Sergeant-at-Arms!

For the past four years, TSA has significantly shaped who I am, and my love for its community and lifelong memories continues to grow as I strive to serve this organization that has given me so much. As State High's Reporter, I've helped to secure over \$5,000 in sponsorships and strengthen my chapter through support, promotion, and fundraising. Being a Region 8 Officer, I assisted in organizing nine thrilling SIS that raised \$1,660 and enhanced the Regional Conference. As a Regional Representative and NSP Vice Chair, I've guided 10 PA-TSA chapters in creating service projects supporting the ARC!

My goal as your Sergeant-at-Arms is to ensure all voices are heard. With CSAC, we can make a platform allowing members to submit and vote on SIS ideas, sign up in advance, and view participation trends, furthering engagement while guaranteeing SIS are shaped directly by what members want.

Next, while we currently spotlight many aspects of TSA, we rarely highlight the competitions and projects themselves. We can introduce Event Showcases where members share what they've built, designed, and accomplished through TSA, because the incredible effort behind each event deserves recognition.

Finally, event guides are often extremely confusing, so creating clearer annotated breakdowns with examples and tips from past competitors would be beneficial for everyone.

Looking forward to meeting everyone at States! Find me @caitlyn4tsa, and of course, don't forget to LOCK IN—VOTE CAITLYN!

Jaden Tan



Hey PA-TSA! My name is Jaden Tan, and I am excited to be running for your next Sergeant at Arms. I've dedicated my TSA journey to building, filming, stressing—but most importantly, leading. I'm dedicated to strengthening the members' involvement and communication to enhance the PA-TSA experience. As a regional treasurer, I engaged with members by creating the Region 5 Instagram. I also helped my officer team with organizing activities and communicating special interest sessions to members. As a class officer for Harriton High School, I organized fundraisers to help pay for class activities. Through these experiences, I gained the leadership skills necessary to be your Sergeant at Arms.

My first initiative, if elected, is to make it mandatory for regional and state judges to provide feedback on your events. It's tedious to request a feedback form for every single event, so let's remove that requirement.

My second initiative is to create a hub where Alumni can provide resources, advice, and tips for leadership and events. This will benefit members by allowing them to learn from past experiences and applying it to their own lives.

Lastly, I want everyone to have the opportunity to vote for special interest sessions. I want you, the members of TSA, to have a say in what goes on in the conference and to strengthen our TSA community. I cannot wait to see you all at Seven Springs! Vote for the man with the plan: Jaden Tan.

Reporter



Jhanak Chatnani



Hey PA-TSA! My name is Jhanak Chatnani, and I'm so excited to be running for your 2026-2027 State Reporter. TSA has been such a big part of my journey, helping me grow as a leader, problem solver, and collaborator while connecting me with peers across Pennsylvania. I want to give back by making communication, engagement, and resources easier for everyone.

I've been an active member for four years, serving as a chapter officer and currently as Vice Chair of the Bylaw and Resolution Review Committee. These experiences have strengthened my organization, leadership, and collaboration skills--skills I'm ready to use to bring new initiatives to every member.

If elected, I will introduce my TEAM initiative:

T - Transparent Feedback System: Committee members can share ideas and feedback directly with their chairs and vice chairs, helping committees improve and stay connected.

E - Events Explained: Students currently competing or who have done events in the past will make short videos explaining how events work and offering tips.

A - Ask TSA: I will host interactive Instagram Q&A sessions where members can ask questions about events, leadership, or States.

M - Media Bank: A central hub of past projects, photos, templates, and graphics, giving chapters easy access to resources for promotion and learning.

With TEAM, I hope to keep PA-TSA connected, engaged, and full of opportunities for everyone. I can't wait to see you at States and don't forget to be a smartie and vote Chatnani!

Advik Kashyap



Content creation first piqued my interest in sixth grade. I created my first YouTube channel and uploaded Minecraft videos to my five subscribers. As small as it was, that channel sparked my passion for filming and editing media.

I carried this passion with me throughout my academic career, learning how to use various editing software (CapCut, Premiere Pro, etc.) and applying my technical abilities to videography. In my freshman year, I started running Instagram accounts for clubs to provide updates on club news and promote events. Sophomore year, I grew an Instagram account explaining complex financial terms to a young audience and achieved 2,700 followers in less than 6 months. But still, something was missing. I realized I wanted my skills to make an impact beyond my school. If elected as the state reporter, I will take on the responsibility of posting on PATSA's several online platforms. I'll grow our community's Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook accounts and expand our reach statewide. My goal is to modernize how we deliver regional and state committee news through creative and engaging outlets. Additionally, I plan to launch a mini-series featuring industry professionals to provide guidance and mentorship for members that need help with their competitive events.

I promise to use creativity and dedication to make PATSA's online presence inspire every competitor across Pennsylvania. I genuinely love what I do, and I want PATSA to sense that passion in every post, video, and update I create.

Sophia Seidel



Hey PA-TSA! My name is Sophia Seidel, and I'm thrilled to be running for your 2026-2027 Reporter.

Over the past five years, TSA has created connections and shaped experiences that push me to thrive in and out of this organization. As Region 8 President, I've been inspired by the impact I've made throughout the year and at the conference. I managed the Region 8 Instagram (@patsa_region_8) where I created 50+ posts and engaged with the region; As my chapter's President and former Reporter, I oversee operations to keep our chapter moving forward and managed my chapter's Instagram (@statehightsa), where I created 40+ posts. Besides my Lead Representative role in Regional Reps, I contribute to CAPC, BARRC, Outreach, and NSP to improve our PA-TSA community. Outside of TSA, I also produce engaging promotional videos at my workplace (Check out @momotaro_state_college!).

As PA-TSA Reporter, I aim to encourage connections through social media, which is an impactful tool. On the chapter level, I plan to establish a program to guide and train chapter Reporters to manage social media accounts. Next, I would like to collaborate with other CTSOs through social media and our conferences to expand PA-TSA's outreach, share ideas, and build stronger relationships across organizations. Additionally, I will launch initiatives such as website highlights, interactive polls, and chapter achievement features to enhance member involvement.

I can't wait to see everyone at States! Be sure to check out my campaign Instagram (@sophia4tsa) on Wednesday night. Remember, Be a Diva and Vote for Sophia!

Trisha Serai



Hey PA-TSA! My name is Trisha Serai, and I'm running to be your next 2026-2027 State Reporter! I've been an active member of TSA for 5 years, and I'm currently involved in the Outreach, National Service Project, Conference Sessions and Activities, and Communications and Promotions committees. In the past, I have served as my chapter's Vice President, as well as chair of the Bylaw and Resolutions Review TSA Procedures Subcommittee.

If elected, I plan to launch projects that help members feel more connected, recognized, and inspired. I'd create a Statewide Chapter Recognition Program to highlight different chapters each month for their competition wins, leadership, and community impact. For members who can't make it to events, I'd put together Conference Recap Highlights with key accomplishments, projects, and fun moments so everyone can stay in the loop.

I also want to launch an Interstate Collaboration Initiative, giving PA-TSA members a chance to work with students from other states through virtual projects and spotlight exchanges. It's a great way to share ideas, learn new things, and show off the talent we have here in Pennsylvania. Finally, I'd start a Member Spotlight Series to feature students' creativity, leadership, and dedication, so members across the state can get the recognition they deserve.

With your support, we can make TSA stronger and more connected. See you at states PA-TSA, and remember: don't be shy, vote for Serai!

Janani Soundar



Hey PA-TSA! My name is Janani Soundar, a sophomore from Plymouth Whitemarsh High School.

Throughout my 4 years of experience in TSA, I have come to realize the importance of strong leadership in holding together a nationwide organization. The key to maintaining this leadership is integrity, being considerate of others, and most importantly, proper communication. This is why I want to become the state reporter.

By serving as my chapter's current reporter and former secretary, I have come to love the idea of collaborating with those in my chapter as well as helping new and younger members. By being an active member of BARRC and both subcommittees of CAPC this year, I have also learned the importance of communication firsthand, since it is difficult for members to meet face to face.

As a candidate for the state office position of reporter I plan to strengthen communication by implementing a system that utilizes google forms and a series Instagram posts that will broadcast advice relating to events from experienced TSA members such upperclassmen and alumni. I would also like to boost involvement and unity by creating a PA-TSA week with daily Instagram trends, so that each chapter in our state can create posts and tag the state Instagram. Additionally, I would like to hold a special edition pin designing competition open to members who join special interest sessions.

I am thrilled to be running for state office this year. Your future is sound with Soundar!

Nidhi Suchindra



From a young age, I've always been passionate about sharing stories and lifting the spirits of others, and I admired the hard work of reporters. A reporter isn't just the person who shares the news they get with everyone. They make it tell a story through their posts on celebrating other people, or what is happening on the other side of the world. A TSA reporter celebrates our members, promotes information, and highlights events. A good reporter will be able to communicate effectively, stay organized with deadlines and information, use their creativity in the posts, and be enthusiastic about what they do.

As a person, I have all of those qualities. I enjoy connecting with people and sharing stories to inspire others. This position is perfect for me because I have the qualities of a good reporter. As a reporter, I will communicate information through dynamic storytelling while making the information engaging. As a reporter, I want to create content that inspires people and makes them feel recognized.

Through this role, I want to make a difference in PA-TSA by promoting important information to help members get involved in TSA, promoting the projects and hard work of all members, and highlighting events, so people remember them. I am ready to bring my unique ideas and skills, as well as dedication, to aid the other state officers. With this position, I want to make sure that PA-TSA is both well-informed and has members who are proud of themselves.

Treasurer



Sophia Cartigiano



Hey PATSA! My name is Sophia Cartigiano, and I am thrilled to be running as your TSA State Treasurer. TSA has shaped my character in countless ways, and I am motivated to give back by implementing initiatives that benefit all members while supporting the American Red Cross.

Within my chapter, I have helped organize fundraisers for state and national conferences, raising over \$1,000. As my chapter's NSP lead, I also coordinated community fundraising efforts that directly supported the ARC. In addition, I served as my chapter's reporter and social media coordinator, where I promoted fundraisers and shared important conference information to keep members engaged and informed.

As State Treasurer, I will aim to strengthen chapters by helping members fundraise more effectively. My first initiative is to host virtual fundraising workshops and improve communication between chapters, especially newer ones, to ensure every member has access to mentorship on how to raise funds. My second initiative is to hold seminars through NSP focused on educating members about the ARC and its impact. Attendees will also have the opportunity to collaborate with officers to design merchandise for the TSA store, with proceeds benefiting the ARC. Finally, I plan to organize outdoor sports tournaments to raise money for the ARC, complete with prizes to encourage participation.

I am committed to empowering TSA chapters, big and small, to collaborate and support each other. With your vote, we can put these ideas into motion. So remember, it's a bright idea to vote for Sophia!

Zoe George



I'm Zoe George, and I'm running to be your next PA-TSA State Treasurer. TSA has been a major part of my life for the past 5 years, and I'm passionate about giving back to this community through leadership and service. I'm my chapter's current president and former middle school president. In 9th and 10th grade, I served as treasurer. In these leadership roles, I have worked with my chapter to raise over \$10,000 for service projects and fundraised to reduce the cost of states. Beyond my chapter, I have been actively involved at the state level, serving on several PA-TSA committees, including NSP, Outreach, Inclusivity, and Regional Representatives. I have also taken on leadership roles as the Region 9 Lead Representative and as an NSP sub-chair.

As your State Treasurer, my top priority is making TSA more affordable and accessible for every student. To achieve this, I will try to secure corporate sponsorships and expand fundraising efforts to significantly reduce the cost of attending states. By building partnerships with companies, we can secure new funding and increase resources.

In addition, I would like to restructure NSP to better serve TSA's current needs. I would work with Regional Representatives to release fundraising resources to help set up chapters for financial success. I would also focus on statewide events like virtual thons, allowing members to participate in exciting events, build bonds, and learn about fundraising. If you are curious about these initiatives, vote George for treasurer! Think Curious, Think George!

Benny Gulis



Hey PA-TSA, my name is Benny Gulis, and I'm thrilled to be running for your 2026-2027 Treasurer!

As a four-time chapter officer, regional officer, and active member of CAPC, Regional Reps, Outreach, CSAC, and NSP, I've had the opportunity to run fundraisers, promote activities, and connect with organizations and universities for merch, conference representatives, and sponsorships. This year alone, I helped raise over \$1300 for our national service project.

As Treasurer, I will focus on strengthening fundraising and expanding access across PA-TSA. First, I will organize virtual sessions featuring professionals and TSA alumni in business. Chapters would receive tailored advice on how to promote fundraisers, secure sponsorships, and manage budgets effectively.

Next, I will work to reduce financial barriers by supporting chapters and students in attending the Regionals, States, and Nationals. Throughout my TSA experience, I've met many students who qualified for states or nationals but chose not to go due to the cost. Through expanded fundraising efforts, sponsorship outreach, and a microgrant system with advisor selection, I aim to ensure underfunded chapters and talented students can participate and succeed.

Additionally, I will use social media to highlight successful fundraising strategies for all chapters to learn and apply, and improve the PA-TSA fundraising toolkit and promotional templates to reflect the change to the American Red Cross. Finally, I will increase community service through NSP, with projects like food drives and public workshops on STEM skills.

See you all at States, and remember: You Can Trust Benny With Every Penny!

Saumya Patel



I am interested in running for PA State treasurer for many reasons.

The first and main reason for this is my love and respect for TSA as a whole. In my few short years of TSA, I have experienced everything from wins to losses to the first slivers of responsibility. In my seventh grade year, I felt the heartbeat of TSA. In my eighth grade year, I learned I have what it takes to win and independence. In my ninth grade year, I had my expectations shattered, and I learned to lose and grow. This year, my sophomore year, I have put in my blood, sweat, and tears to win.

The second reason I have for running for the State Officer Team is I want to learn and make connections. I know that there are a lot of great and dedicated people that work with the SOT in order to make everything work out so fluidly. I want to connect with them, and I want to learn from their years and years of experience in leading a successful organization at a large scale.

The third reason I want to run for the State Officer Team is because I want to gain some real world experience. Up till now, I have had many responsibilities, but they haven't had any real consequences. The SOT would provide me with a great opportunity to learn how to deal with pressure and responsibilities.

Trystan Steckbeck



Throughout my years in high school so far, I have been an active and dedicated member of Technology Student Association (TSA). In this time, I have contributed my time, effort, and enthusiasm to the organization. My time in TSA has led me to develop my communication, leadership, and innovative skillsets, which is why I believe I would make an excellent PA-TSA Treasurer. Over the past three years I have participated in TSA, I have qualified for the state conference and placed in the top three in the majority of the events I have qualified in, including team events, which demonstrates my time management skills and dedication to putting my best self forward. I have also served as my chapter's president for the past two years, which has allowed me to strengthen my leadership, organizational skills, and sense of responsibility. Through the role of president, I worked closely alongside our chapter's treasurer, assisting with financial tasks and helping to manage our chapter's funds. This experience has given me an understanding of budgeting and financial transparency within an organization. Additionally, I have served as a Regional Representative and Lead Representative, through this, I have developed stronger communication skills, which allows me to better lead a team and assist others. I also serve as a Key Club member for my school, where I have dedicated 20 service hours this year so far, which reflects my commitment to service; both in my community and with hopes to provide direction for the National Service Project. With my leadership skills, including my experience with finances and my commitment to serving the community, I am confident that I would make a good fit for PA-TSA Treasurer.

Lucille Turner



What do I want to be PATSA treasurer? Because I love TSA. Because I care about our members. I have been in TSA for the past four years, and I have gone to states every year. Some of my favorite memories include watching someone iron a poptart, the glass elevator band, and going to nationals. This year I was in NSP and Region Reps, and I put on an assembly for the Red Cross to raise awareness. I made a financial system for my chapter, and used money that was fundraised to help me and my chapter pay for states.

As your treasurer, I want to do three things. First, I want to make a list of scholarships in STEM throughout the state that different colleges already have available. PATSA offers three scholarships, but with hundreds of students chances of getting one are slim. Knowing other options in the area can be very helpful in guiding members.

Second, adding more special interest sessions about the Red Cross at states and regionals. Learning basic first aid, learning more about the Red Cross in general to raise awareness for support.

Third, new chapter grants. PATSA and the businesses we work with would pay for five members from a first year chapter to go to states. All new chapters would be sent the application, and a chapter would be selected. The students would have to qualify for states.

Kenisha Verma



Hey PA-TSA! My name is Kenisha Verma, and I'm proud to announce that I'm running to be your next State Treasurer.

Serving as your State Historian this past year has been an absolute honor. I've co-chaired CAPC, launching the PA-TSA Gratitude Journal to highlight member and advisor accomplishments. I also reinstated the Inspiration Award, recognizing chapters for their commitment to service and charity.

As your State Treasurer, I will initiate Raise4Red, a trio of fundraisers for the American Red Cross leading up to and at the State Conference. These consist of a concession stand at States, raffle baskets with corporate donations, and an Instagram-based mile challenge where participants donate based on milestones. Through my chapter's fundraising committee, I've raised over \$2500 from virtual fundraisers, and I hope to scale these efforts statewide.

To enhance Red Cross awareness, I propose the ARC Impact Fair, which is a States SIS centered around the Red Cross's five vital services. Through interactive "stations," members will learn about the ARC and participate in service components.

Additionally, following this year's launch of the PA-TSA Merch Store, I will introduce a Merch Store Design Contest where your artistic talent will be featured on official apparel, with the winner recognized on Instagram and at States.

Finally, I aim to introduce a scholarship for under-resourced schools, funded by merch proceeds, to ensure that every chapter has the support to participate and succeed.

When voting, don't get amnesia; remember Kenisha. See you all at States, PA-TSA!

Secretary



Jacob Randolph



I want to become a state officer to expand TSA in Pennsylvania and help more students to prepare for college. I like to help better people, and I feel like this position will help me complete that goal of mine. I am interested in the reason, not for my own gain, but to help others in PATSA. I believe I can make PATSA a bigger organization than it already is today. In my 4 years of TSA, I have learned a lot from upperclassmen and graduated students, and I am ready to apply that to a bigger organization. Throughout my many leadership experiences in high school, I have gained many leadership skills. Through my experiences in TSA, I have loved it and wish to get more involved in the organization. This organization is home to me, and the same for many others. This organization is where my friend and I would make up random phrases to keep us going. I spend more time doing TSA than sleeping. I don't like to admit this is an important place to me, a place I call home. More building a website to help younger TSA members. I love TSA. Throughout my experiences of helping younger students problem solve, I have learned a lot of leadership experiences from leading groups of people, as well as my organizational skills. I feel like I am a good fit for this office.

Olivia Smith



Hey PA-TSA, my name is Olivia Smith, and I'm running to be your State Secretary! As this year's State Sergeant at Arms, I chaired both the Regional Representatives and Conference Sessions and Activities Committee. Through Region Reps, I assisted with planning all seven regional conferences' initiatives and interest sessions. In CSAC, we organized this year's SISs for the state conference, with both classic and new ones that I think you'll all love! This year, I learned how PA-TSA operates behind the scenes, and, if elected, my goal would be to continue PA-TSA's growth while strengthening how we currently operate.

My first initiative is to make a College Fair special interest session at the state conference! Speakers from local colleges would come for the day and set up booths for members to learn more. Next, I want to have a focused judge outreach for competitive events to ease the burden on our volunteer judges at States. My goal is to find more connections that are willing to help that also have experience with the event they are judging. My third initiative is to find more PA sponsorships for states by reaching out to potential organizations or colleges interested in sponsoring us and giving 1st place winners special event-related opportunities. For example, the children's stories team could connect with a publisher or an author to learn about actually creating their book!

If I'm elected, I promise to improve opportunities for members and to strengthen PA-TSA. Remember, it's not trivia, vote for Olivia!

Maximilian Wendekier



Hey PA-TSA! My name is Max Wendekier and I am elated to be running to be your 2026-2027 Secretary!

My past five years in TSA have been monumental, promoting personal growth within me in an environment where I'm certain every member can flourish. As your 2025-2026 Outreach Vice Chair, I have developed a passion for building community connections and assisted in developing the new Alumni Ambassador Program (which you should totally check out if you haven't yet!). As Region 8 Vice President, I've led chapter outreach – emailing nearly 36 administrations to recruit new chapters – and Alumni Outreach – developing the Region 8 Alumni Association.

As your next Secretary, I plan to increase statewide membership through the Student Ambassador Program where students will take initiative to recruit new chapters, granting more young Pennsylvanians with STEM opportunities and aligning with National TSA's "Forward to Fifty" campaign. Secondly, I intend to develop a secure partnership with the PA Chamber of Commerce, providing PA-TSA with a strong network of business partnerships across the state – opening the door for internships/mentorships and scholarship opportunities. Last but not least, I will promote alumni engagement, hosting an alumni reunion event where alumni can network and experience the PA-TSA nostalgia. And, there will be a TEDx-style event at the state conference where alumni have the opportunity to provide students with valuable insights.

I can't wait to meet everyone at the state conference! Remember...It's Facts to Vote Max!

Vice President



Abhinav Deepak



The office of PATSA's Vice President is an honor I would like to achieve. This is my second year of participating in TSA, and going to states has always been an extremely enjoyable experience for me, and I want to make sure that others also feel that happiness at states. Participating on the student office board is something I want to do because PATSA means a lot to me- a lot of my middle school life has benefitted from TSA- and it's something I enjoy doing. And I want to make sure others also feel that same happiness about TSA. I am inexperienced about how an Office Board works, and how one benefits PATSA as a whole- so I want to learn. I want to be Vice-President because I want to help the Pennsylvania TSA, and I want to learn how I can help. I want to assist the president any way I can, and learn how to be a good president, for when I run for an officer position in High School. Being Vice President of PATSA's Officer Board will help me achieve that goal. Utilizing my role on the PATSA Officer Board- I want to become a national officer, and I want to overall improve TSA as much as I can. It means a lot to me, and I want to do all I can to help TSA better. I want to prove my worth to TSA. That is why I am running for PATSA Vice President. Thank You.

Boushra Youssef



Hey PA-TSA! I am Boushra Youssef, and I would be honored to serve as your next State Vice President. This past year, as your State Reporter, I created 100+ graphics for PA-TSA, led CAPC initiatives, and worked to strengthen collaboration with other Pennsylvania CTSOs. Throughout my term, I prioritized our members, and I will continue putting members first as your State Vice President.

If elected, I plan to create a Best Practices website that serves as an easy-to-navigate collection of student resources. This guide will highlight event and committee ideas shaped around student interests. It will also offer sample leadership timelines, statewide chapter-management strategies, a clear contact directory, and trusted external resources.

Through the Regional Representatives Committee, I plan to deepen chapter-focused conversations by documenting officer structures, election methods, fundraising approaches, delegate selection practices, meeting formats, and other distinctive chapter traditions that strengthen collaboration across the state. This information will help build the Best Practices website and allow Chapter Representatives to connect with State Officers for role-specific guidance.

To encourage engagement, I also plan to introduce Regional Excellence Awards to recognize and strengthen participation across regions. This award would consist of recognition of regions that go above and beyond in dedication to PA-TSA. Provided in the form of a banner, plaque, or trophy, this would be awarded to a different region every year.

In everything I do, my focus will remain on our members. Let's put the PA-TSA delegation first. Let's do TSA the YOU-ssef Way!

President



Pranav Behal



Hey PA-TSA! I'm Pranav Behal, your current State Vice President, and I'm running to be your next State President. This past year, I've had the honor of meeting members from across the state and serving you all. As Vice President, I ran the Regional Representatives committee, where I organized regional conference activities and began a restructuring process that increased initiative efficiency and improved communication between PA-TSA and chapters. I plan on expanding these changes across PA-TSA to assist chapters in a more personalized manner.

Aside from my committee work, I've focused on solving real problems for you all. By asking for member feedback and feature requests, the PA-TSA States app and Semifinalist Notifier were created to enhance your States experience! Next year, I will improve these tools and continue developing new ones that solve members' problems.

Outside of TSA, I've raised over \$190,000 in prizes from STEAM companies, and I will bring my partnership experience to PA-TSA via meaningful collaborations. I plan to partner with various businesses to offer mentorship calls and career opportunities for state event winners, and will launch virtual sessions where industry guests teach real-world skills like resume creation, LinkedIn branding, and application writing.

I will also continue meeting with PA CTSOs and other TSA SOTs to build upon this year's work and find new perspectives to improve PA-TSA and your experience as members.

I'd love to meet you all at States and learn about what I can do for you! Remember, don't stall, vote Behal!

Akshath Giridhar



I am running for President to serve as a voice for every chapter, especially those that often go unheard. I want to ensure that members from smaller chapters and those without the same level of resources or growth opportunities are fully represented and supported. Every chapter deserves equal recognition, opportunity, and the ability to succeed, regardless of size or circumstance.

Over the past years as an active member of TSA, I have developed a strong understanding of both the strengths of this organization and the areas where improvement is needed. Through my experiences, I have seen how leadership can shape the success and direction of a chapter and the organization as a whole. My leadership is not built on credentials or prestige, but on heart and the willingness to pursue a goal, a goal defined by the people I serve.

If elected, I will work for the members of TSA by actively listening to concerns and turning ideas into meaningful change. I will amplify voices across the state and advocate for solutions to issues that have persisted through years of changing leadership without resolution. I am committed to serving as a leader of the people. No matter how this election will turn out, my promise is simple. A commitment to inspire a new generation of leaders within our organization and to create an impact that resonates across chapters for years to come, empowering every member to step up and lead, no matter who they are and where they come from.