

Sergeant-at-Arms



# Natalie Branstetter



Hey PA-TSA! My name is Natalie Branstetter. I am thrilled to run for our next state Sergeant-at-Arms!

During my four years in TSA, I've served as a Region 8 Officer, chapter president for two terms, and reporter. It's been great working with the regional team to help plan and execute our conference. Shout out to fellow members of Regional Representatives and CAPC Committees! It's awesome to see how we can work together to make welcoming and enjoyable conferences.

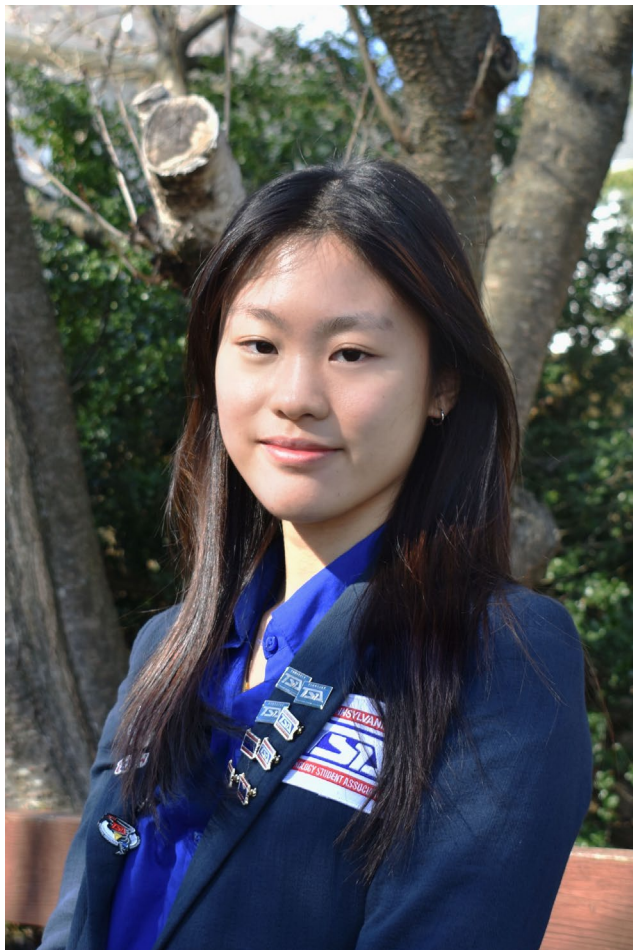
This year, I plan to explore greater partnerships with Pennsylvania businesses. Before we know it, many of us will be working for and even leading some of these businesses. I plan to seek business sponsors for TSA events. This promotes visibility of our association to a wider community and could lead to company-sponsored awards, visits, and internships.

In the coming year, we can better harness our competitive spirit to increase American Cancer Society fundraising. By publicizing our chapter's fundraising progress, we can create some healthy competition for this very important cause.

Finally, I will work to reinstate the FLEX leadership program that was suspended during the pandemic. I intend to explore a renewed and expanded version of this program to help grow STEM leadership coming out of Pennsylvania TSA.

I can't wait to meet you at Seven Springs! Please don't hesitate to reach out at the conference or through social media--I love meeting fellow TSA enthusiasts! You are the ones who make TSA great! Together, let's make PA-TSA Better with Branstetter!

## Milly Liang



Hi PA- TSA, my name is Milly Liang and I'm running to be your 2024-2025 Pennsylvania Sergeant at Arms. My time in TSA has provided me with a supportive and constructive community where I was able to grow and foster my passion for STEM alongside my fellow members and advisors. I am so grateful for the opportunities this organization has provided me such as allowing me to network with peers all around the country, exploring a variety of interests through events, and strengthening my character through vigorous competitions which heavily developed my sense of dedication and perseverance. TSA has done so much for me over the years and I see it only fit to give back. By serving as one of your state officers, I would be presented with the opportunity to contribute to an innovative organization, helping students, not only find their passion but also, be leaders in this technological world.

# Narayani Sakthinathan



My name is Narayani Sakthinathan and I'm a sophomore at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School. After being in TSA for 5 years, I've become very passionate about the association and the impact it can have on all its students. I've watched myself become a more confident speaker and a woman who can't wait to be going into STEM after high school. With all that TSA has given me, I only wish to give back to it in the same regard. I've served as regional reporter for 2 years and have taken up many different chapter positions, including as president in middle school. In order to further my role in this organization, I would like to serve as your state sergeant-at-arms. Participating in the inclusivity committee this year as a consistent member and CSAC the year before has allowed me to gain understanding of the nature of the officer position. I've always been seen as someone who is friendly and respectful to all, (as I am an anti-defamation league peer trainer at my school, working to fight hate). I would only like to make TSA a more welcoming place for individuals of different gender, ethnicity, culture, and ability. It is also crucial to spread our reach to more schools, in order to provide even more students with the ability to learn, compete, and grow as individuals. Thank you for your time and I hope to see you all at the state conference!

Reporter



# Ava Carmichael



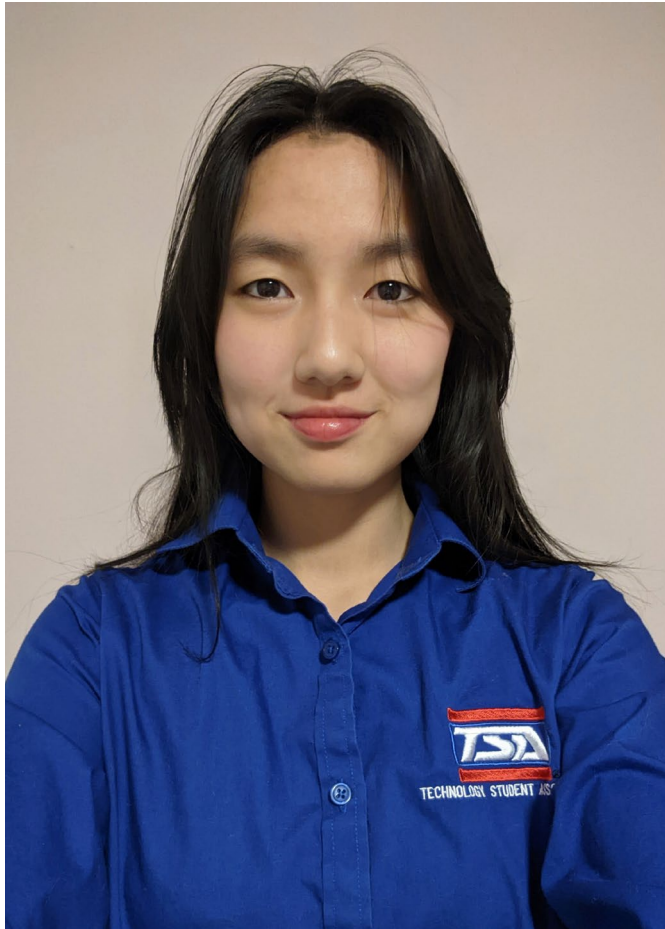
Hey Pennsylvania, my name is Ava Carmichael and I am running to be your 2024-2025 PATSA Reporter. I believe that it is within the responsibilities of each one of us to give back to the communities that make us who we are; that a community is only as strong as what it can do for others and what others are willing to do for it. For me that community is TSA. Over the course of my six years in TSA I have been granted amazing opportunities to network, gain career experience, build my STEM skills, and meet great people from across the state. I will hold these memories with me for a lifetime. Using the lessons PATSA has taught me through state responsibilities and chapter level officer ship regarding leadership, problem solving, and personal growth I will work diligently to expand our community and provide even more avenues for connection and cooperation between our existing members. I will ultimately provide to others what PATSA has provided me: a pathway to excellence.

# Shlok Gupta



I am Shlok Gupta, and I am running for the position of State Reporter for 2024-25. My role as Chapter Vice President last year was to guide our chapter and students to success at conferences. As the President of the chapter this year, I presided over multiple meetings and provided assistance to students. As I was engaged in TSA, I also collaborated in FIRST Robotics, where I reached out to four different countries: Belize, Niger, Rwanda, and Bolivia. In these countries, we formed teams and introduced FIRST to their communities. As I introduced FIRST to different countries, I will build a TSA community across the state. The first initiative is to expand farther than just our local middle and high schools. We shall stretch TSA through businesses and local organizations and manifest the club. With my assistance, we publish articles or features that express the impact of TSA. The club is expanding every year, and this approach will become a major boost. The initiative shall be accomplished with the help of cold emailing and visits to these companies. As my second initiative, we need to maintain the spirit of TSA. To establish fun through the year, I will add social media challenges. These social media challenges contain posting 3D design challenges, best tips and hacks for tech, tech trivia, etc. These challenges will promote the involvement of members and improve our creativity. Thank you, and I hope to become your PA-TSA State Reporter for 2024-25

# Eleanor Hao



Hello PA-TSA, my name is Eleanor and I'm running to be your 2024-2025 Reporter! The position of Reporter involves responsibilities related to communication and content creation. I have a strong background in digital design and article writing as I have been aiding the making of my school's fashion magazine, Rampage. I'm also a member of NAHS (National Art Honor Society) and have spent the year providing our community with various art and design-related projects. Additionally, I've had the opportunity to surround myself with students of similar interests in promotion and design in CAPC (Communications and Promotions Committee) where we've been working throughout the year to create projects such as the special interest session posters. My contributions as the current Harriton TSA chapter vice president to our Instagram have allowed me to gain experience in handling social media content while our group meetings helped me learn crucial communication components. Moreover, the fundraising and charity events we've held have created even further chances for me to construct posters and announcements to advertise our plans.

Such valuable moments have allowed me to enhance my TSA experiences, leading me to feel prepared and excited for what is to come! These opportunities have allowed me to discover what I really enjoy doing and to be able to combine leadership, communication, design, and technology all into one is what truly interests me the most in this position. I'm thrilled to bring these skills I've gained and put them to use as your possible PA-TSA 2024-2025 Reporter!



# Sienna Sullivan



Hi PA-TSA, my name is Sienna Sullivan and I am incredibly excited to be running to be our next State Reporter! Over the past year I served as a Regional Officer for Region 8. Here, I was responsible for running the regional Instagram and social media. Along with this, I helped to plan several special interest sessions including bingo, a scavenger hunt, and jeopardy. This year I was also a member of the regional representatives committee as well as the Communications and Promotions Committee.

If elected, I plan to work with the Regional Representatives Committee to provide guidelines for each region to create their own Instagram accounts. This would improve state-wide publicity while also strengthening communication and relations between students and regions prior to regional conferences.

In addition, I plan to implement a themed state conference. This would include engaging activities and events at the conference in addition to graphics and social media themes. The theme would be voted on by the delegation prior to being officially announced for the year.

Finally, to promote our state committees and highlight the endless dedication of the members of our delegation I hope to create spotlights on Instagram. Monthly posts would feature the achievements of diligent committee members and their experiences with TSA.

Feel free to reach out in person or on social media with any questions. I cannot wait to see all of you at States but do not forget to Be a G, and Vote for C!

Treasurer



## Victoria Ortiz



Hi, my name is Victoria Ortiz and I am running for the Treasurer position.

I am extremely interested and believe I fit this role due to my time management skills, communication, organizational skills, and planning skills as well as my determination to build onto unique fundraising opportunities ranging from the American Cancer Society, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and more around Pennsylvania and guarantee that each chapter contains proper fundraising and can reach its full potential. With this in mind, I can plan accordingly without procrastination. Not only do I wish to fulfill my duties as future treasurer, knowing how to budget and handle money, but my passion for TSA has also taught me how to lead a group as well as have proper control and distribution of competitions, which allows me to excel in financial management. It is vital to shape the future of TSA with a proper financial strategy that is organized, planned, and communicated, which I will provide for this organization to be more successful. Engaging in various TSA competitions allowed me to uncover new technological experiences, be precise with each detail that is inputted into competitions, and learn to be a team leader and make my team succeed with our best solutions. These traits of precision, watchfulness, and counting on the best ideas, allow me to provide you with the most successful fundraising strategies as well as key components for PA TSA to reach its full potential.

Vote Victoria for Victory!

# Kavish Patel



It is with great anticipation that I put forth my candidacy as the treasurer for the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association (PA-TSA). If given the opportunity to serve as the treasurer of PA-TSA, I commit to creating a more inclusive and supportive environment. Drawing from personal experiences and witnessing the challenges faced by minorities, individuals with special needs, and mental health concerns, I plan to reduce imbalances and provide equal opportunities for all members. In this role, I determine to budget for initiatives that cater to the needs of individuals with diverse backgrounds, even if it may be for better meals. This support will also reach to people who may be ill and I will dedicate myself to work with the ACS to allow kids fighting health battles the same way to EXCEL. By ensuring that every member is not only included but also fully supported in their pursuit of excellence, I aim to give all members an equal financial opportunity to succeed, be it through extra fundraisers. It is my heartfelt belief that every member, regardless, deserves the chance to thrive. As a member of PA-TSA for 3 years now, this experience has grown me as an individual and I hope to allow that experience to expand to all people, no matter their situation, the same opportunity to EXCEL. I pledge, as your 2024-2025 State Treasurer, that this experience of PATSA will be the most rewarding as I grow PATSA to everyone. Thank you PA-TSA, and remember, #EXCELWithPatel.

# McKenna Smith



Hello PA-TSA! My name is McKenna Smith, and I am running to be your 2024-2025 Pennsylvania State Treasurer. In the past six years, TSA has done so much for my personal and academic development. I have learned the importance of helping others through my chapter's fundraising efforts. As the past treasurer and current president of my chapter, I have led fundraisers such as a clothing drive, bake sale, and designer bag bingo to raise money for the American Cancer Society. We have raised over \$6,700 just this year! The opportunities TSA has given me to help people in need has inspired me to run for state treasurer. In this position, I hope to further encourage, inspire, and help other chapters in PA-TSA to hold even more successful fundraisers. In addition to learning about the importance of fundraising, I have developed important life skills such as time management, teamwork, and leadership. While participating in committees and competing in events, I have learned how to balance my work effectively, making sure I meet deadlines in a timely manner. Working in teams such as subcommittees and group events have taught me how I can work with others to come up with new ideas or complete a task. As a vice-chair, subcommittee chair, and chapter officer, I have learned to lead my groups effectively with both kindness and respect. As treasurer, I plan to continue to serve the organization that has given me so much over the years.

# Sachita Upadhya



Hi everyone! My name is Sachita Upadhya, and I am running to be your next PA TSA State Treasurer for the 2024-25 term.

This year, I served as the regional vice president and treasurer of my school's chapter, as well as treasurer of two other clubs. I've efficiently managed expenses, organized fundraising events, and run committees. I also joined many state committees, and through NSP (National Service Project), I have understood more about the responsibilities of the state treasurer role.

Organizing fundraisers can be difficult, but it doesn't have to be. As your treasurer, I would like to provide informative tips and strategies that can help you plan a fundraiser that meets your goals. This can be done through the use of seminars or short videos to reach a wider audience. If you need additional support or guidance, I am always available to work with you individually and find the best approach for your specific needs. Together, we can make your fundraising efforts a success.

Additionally, I would like to continue to increase the support we give to the American Cancer Society. The idea of incorporating more fun activities, such as pieing the state officers, was a success, so we could expand to other activities, such as a dunk tank. This will not only increase the engagement of the participants but also raise more funds for the society.

Thank you for your time and I hope to see you at the state conference!

Secretary



# Harper House



Hey PA-TSA! My name is Harper House and I am thrilled to be running for your 2024-2025 Secretary. I have been a part of TSA for 6 years, during which I served as Regional President, Regional Officer, Chapter Sergeant-at-Arms, Chapter Reporter, and CSAC Vice Chair. I am also currently a Lead Representative in the Regional Representative Committee and Graphic Design Subcommittee Chair in the NSP Committee. This year I have been truly inspired by the impact I was able to make through being Region 8 President, and would love to continue that at a state level. My main goals as State Secretary would be to create scholarship applications for the cost of attending States, improve our Alumni Association, and hold an onsite ACS carnival fundraiser.

The cost of attending our State Conference can easily become expensive through transportation, registration, et cetera. I would like to create a scholarship application available to any member struggling with these individual costs. The funds for them would be provided through our sponsors.

To help strengthen our Alumni relations, I would like to involve the Alumni more in the State Conference. This could be through judging, pre-conference planning, and onsite organization.

Finally, I believe we could make monumental benefits towards the ACS through a carnival-like event at States. There would be a small entry fee, then fun games and competitions like DIY stations, relays, or trivia.

I'm so excited to meet all of you at the State Conference. Remember, be a homie and vote House!



# Kaidan Rickert



Hey PA-TSA. My name is Kaidan Rickert and I am running to be your next Secretary. I have been a member of TSA for 6 years, and have held several positions in my local chapters in both middle and high school including: Secretary, Reporter, President and Past President. In my current position of Past President, I have had the opportunity to mentor our current president and other officers. I visit our middle school chapter weekly to answer questions and help guide them using the knowledge base I have collected competing.

My leadership roles continue outside of TSA with experiences in the International Baccalaureate program, Science Olympiad, Engineering, and in sports: including cross country, indoor, and outdoor track. In the IB program, I helped to organize Pickles for People, which was a pickleball tournament and all the funds raised were donated to provide meals for families in need. In a partnership, I took on a leadership role on my school sports team in my second year participating, leading me to being selected as a captain. Recently, I was the lead engineer for our school's entry in the Farm in the Classroom competition.

Serving my chapter has given me a desire to fill a role as a leader at the next level. Additionally, serving as a member of the Regional Reps committee for the past 2 years has inspired me to run to be a 2024-2025 PA-TSA state officer. Please, remember to vote for Kaidan Rickert to be your next State Secretary

Vice President



# Boyi Chen



Hey PA-TSA! My name is Boyi Chen, your current State Treasurer, and I am running to be your next State Vice President! As our membership continues to bounce back in these post-Covid years, we must take steps toward bettering the future of Pennsylvania TSA.

We as a delegation are driven by the spirit of competition. However, it is becoming progressively harder for new members to find their footing within an increasingly competitive environment. As your next State Vice President, I will find ways to help members ease the transition between getting started, the Regional competition, States, and beyond. For example, we can bridge the communication gap between judges and members by returning rubrics and feedback forms from both Regional and State conferences. Furthermore, I plan to revitalize the website's event gallery to a place where members can share advice and the little nuances they have learned throughout years of competition.

Most of all, it is integral that we highlight the various leadership opportunities this organization offers. Whether it be joining a committee, attending an informative special interest session, or running for state office, I believe that—with the help of the Regional Representatives Committee—I can increase their accessibility and engagement for members old and new.

Now, as the State Conference closes in, I am excited to see what impact we can leave together on PA-TSA. Let's start looking ahead to the future with a blast from the past: Don't vote for the man, vote for the Boyi!

# Haley Mosorjak



Hey PA-TSA! I am Haley Mosorjak and I am excited to say that I am running to be your next State Vice- President. This year I have served as your state reporter. I have created 20+ Instagram posts, and script ideas for the Instagram reels and YouTube videos. In addition to visiting 3 regional conferences and co-chairing for the Communications and Promotions committee. If you as a delegation elect me as your next vice-president I would like to add new activities to the Friday night fun, such as mini competitions. Create two tool kits for us to use. One for regional officers and lead representatives of the Regional Representatives committee, so these student leaders can make their part and future leader's part of helping plan regionals come to an ease. Which would also include bi- monthly regional update videos. A judges tool kit that would give judges an idea on what they are looking for in a project, how to fill out a rubric, and feedback forms. In addition to all of this I would like to start a regional officer team, so the regions are able to have more fun activities at their regional conferences, and to create future leader's of our world right from our delegation. Over my 5 years of TSA I have competed in over 15 events, served as a regional officer, and have run my chapter's social media. Be sure to check out my campaign Instagram @haley4tsa.VP starting Wednesday night! Remember to Back Mosorjak!

President



# Nandana Menon



The clear red numbers, upright in their stance, stare back at me, flaunting an unyielding display of silent rebellion against the relentless march of time. Each passing second feels like an eternity as I wait for the numbers to advance, but they remain resolute, frozen even, as if mocking my impatience. There it goes, in the flicker of a switch, the clock reads 1:58 pm, signaling my classmates and I to rush out into the hallway, eager to attend our weekly TSA meeting. Serving as the vice president of our 150+ member chapter, I greet familiar underclassmen as they enter the studio, garnering attention and distributing materials in order to foster a productive meeting. An active member of TSA throughout my entire high school career, this club has sparked a tremendous amount of change for me. Whether this stems from attending my first national conference in Dallas, TX in 2022 to winning three state titles and finishing 3rd nationally at KY in 2023, embarking upon the challenge of becoming the next President of PA TSA is no small feat; however, I am propelled to become a leader in this position and learning to guide our state in this ever evolving technological world. In my hands, leadership becomes a transformative journey that propels both the individual and the team towards collective success, which is exactly what I hope to accomplish as the next state president of Pennsylvania TSA.

# William Reisner



Hey PA-TSA! It's Will Reisner, and I'm proud to announce that I'm running to be our next State President. Over the past two years, I've had an absolute blast serving as State Parliamentarian and State Secretary, and I can't wait for the opportunity to lead our delegation next year. As your Secretary, I branched out with my Targeted Outreach Initiative, allowing PA-TSA to expand its influence by connecting with other CTSOs and unaffiliated schools. With the help of the Outreach Committee, I forged new relationships with the state officers of organizations like SkillsUSA and FFA while also building a new pathway for recruiting new chapters.

As your State President, I will expand on what I've done already and bring new ideas to our organization. First of all, I'll ensure that the Targeted Outreach program continues on in PA-TSA. It's so important to maintain our relationships with CTSOs and PA schools. Additionally, I want to assist individual chapters in meeting their own needs through a virtual meeting program. With this initiative, chapters would have the ability to request a virtual meeting with members of the State Officer Team who could help address the chapter's specific needs.

PA-TSA, I'm so excited for the chance to continue serving all of you as our next State President. I've had so much fun as a State Officer these past couple years, and I know this one will be even better. Remember, We WILL Excel Together.