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## **Nearly 4,000 Students and Educators Attend the 31st Annual National Technology Student Association Conference**

Technology Student Association (TSA) members nationwide, as well as two schools from Germany, attended the 31st Annual National TSA Conference in Denver, Colorado, June 28 - July 2, 2009 at the Sheraton Denver Hotel, the Crowne Plaza Denver Hotel and the Colorado Convention Center. Student members competed in more than 60 competitive events based on principles and concepts learned through projects during the school year in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects. This conference recognized the technological future of its youth and the nation with the theme "Shape The Future."

High school and middle school technology students, guided by their chapter advisors, prepared all year to compete with their peers in technology events such as Agriculture and Biotechnology, CAD, Construction Challenge, Cyberspace Pursuit, Dragster Design, Engineering Design, Flight Endurance, Medical Technology, Promotional Graphics, Robotics and Transportation Modeling. Many attendees also participated in the DuPont Leadership Academy, designed to develop and enhance leadership skills through customized sessions for middle and high school students and teachers, graduating seniors and chapter and state TSA officers. Other activities included special interest sessions presented by educators and the annual TSA business meeting whereby national student officers were elected.

The first General Session, held on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, featured a keynote speech by former National TSA President, James Coleman. TSA partners with The American Cancer Society (ACS) for its National Service Project, and conference attendees participated in the TSA/ACS Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back commemorative event. Chapters and states were also recognized for their ACS fundraising efforts throughout the year.

New this year, robotics demonstration competitions were presented by the PITSCO TETRIX Robotics Challenge and the VEX Robotics Design System. These robotics education systems offer students an exciting platform for learning about areas rich with career opportunities spanning science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). In addition, conference attendees were able to view the latest in technology innovation at the one-day education fair held on Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Exhibitors showcasing their latest products and services included Career and Technical Training, LLC, DeVry University, JETS, Inc., Saywire, SolidWorks, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Goodheart-Willcox Publisher.

For more information, visit the Technology Student Association homepage at [www.tsaweb.org](http://www.tsaweb.org) or contact Lynda Haitz, [lhaitz@tsaweb.org](mailto:lhaitz@tsaweb.org).

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The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a 150,000-member organization. Nearly 2,500 TSA technology teachers conduct TSA chapter programs in 47 states. TSA's goal is to promote technological literacy and leadership. Students learn problem-solving, decision-making, and critical thinking skills as they relate to communications, power, energy, transportation, engineering, manufacturing, construction and biotechnology. TSA is a non-profit education association with its national office at 1914 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191. Call 703 860-9000. Reach TSA on the web @ [www.tsaweb.org](http://www.tsaweb.org).