

TJCSGA Junior College TEXAS STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

TJCSGA Racing Towards Success

On June 8th, the 2005-2006 TJCSGA Executive Board met to get things rolling for the upcoming year. After much discussion and some awesome ideas, the theme was chosen specifically for this year's state convention; "TJCSGA Racing Towards Success." The inspiration for this unique theme was energized by the awesome location of our convention.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines!" The 2005-2006 state convention will be held at the Doral Tesoro Hotel and Golf Club in Fort Worth on March 30 – April 2, 2006.



The hotel is conveniently located one block south of the Texas Motor Speedway, just off Interstate 35W at 3300 Championship Parkway. The website is: <http://www.doraltosoro.com>. This location is easily accessed from all around the state. "Go fast and turn left"...and you will be in the shadows of this "Great American Speedway" in record time.

Remember, during the convention, there will be lots of opportunities at competitions and events to showcase your institution's skills and strategies on how you are "Racing Towards Success". So, keep this theme in mind when your making your plans. Finally, success starts at the institution level and quickly motors forward as we all pull together as regions and as a state-wide, well-greased team. Let's all get into high gear for "Racing Towards Success" together!



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Meet the Executive Board

- President-Nathalia Giraldo (College of the Mainland)
- Vice-President- Brian Jones (Odessa College)
- Secretary- Will McAdoo (Midland College)
- Treasurer- Stacey Jones (McLennan Community College)
- Parliamentarian- Mary Conley (El Paso Community College)
- Bulletin- Lyndee Biles (Hill College)
- Host- Keva Garner (South Plains College)
- State Advisor- Kim Brown (North Central Texas College)
- State Advisor Elect- Patty Kuhl (West Texas College)



From Your Executive Board

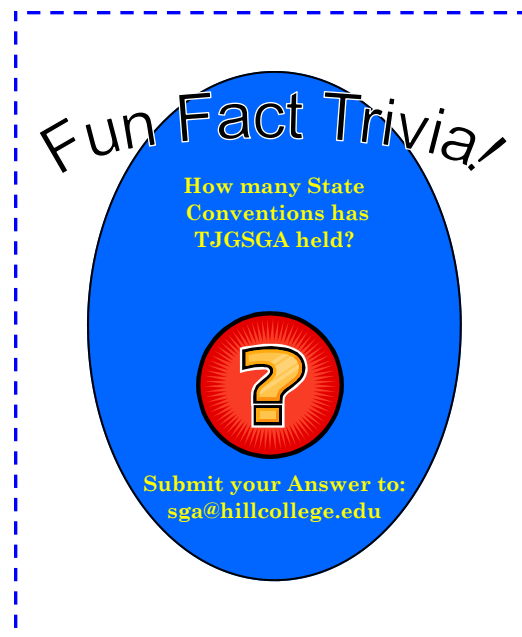
Hi everyone, it's time to start your engines!

The members of the State Executive Board, would like to take this opportunity to thank you for electing us to represent you on the state level, as we "Race Towards Success." We are excited about the upcoming year and the activities we are preparing.

We hope to serve you to the best of our abilities. If you ever have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact an Executive Board Member. We are working together for you.

Sincerely,
Your Executive Board 2005-2006

"We must come together, to share together, to work together, so that we can continue to succeed together."



Your State Advisor

Kim Brown is serving her term as the Advisor for TJCSGA. Kim Brown spent the 2004-2005 year in the capacity of Advisor-Elect for TJCSGA and prior to that was the 2003 - 2004 President of the Advisor Association for TJCSGA during . Kim Brown serves her home school of North Central Texas College as the Director of Student Life serving as the direct advisor for 10 student organizations (SGA, Presidential Ambassadors, Outdoor Adventure, American Red Cross Disaster Action Team, Gainesville Program Council, Fellowship, Roarin' Rowdy, Student Life Club, United Students, and Paintballaz). Kim took over as the SGA Advisor for NCTC prior to attending TJCSGA 2003 in Austin.

As the Director of Student Life, Kim Brown monitors all student organizations, intramural sports, student activities, and cultural programs on all three NCTC campuses (Bowie, Corinth, and Gainesville) as well as is

the CHO for the Residence Life on the Gainesville Campus.

Kim Brown's higher education started at Tarrant County Junior College and from there she went on to obtain her Bachelors in Emergency Administration and Masters in Higher Education from the University of North Texas. While doing her undergrad at UNT, Kim did experiment with a number of career options serving as a firefighter for North Tarrant County Fire Department for two and half years; working at a horse ranch; running a diversity office; serving as a legal assistant; and finally she found her place working for the Housing and Residence Life Department at the University of North Texas (and so she started her career in housing)!

During undergrad Kim was a member of state, regional, and national boards for Residence Hall Association (serves as SGA representative for the residence halls) and found

these experiences to make a profound impact on the course of her life. It was these experiences that motivated Kim to be an advisor, so future students can have similar and even better experiences!



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Region III-President Navarro College Ellis County Campus... *Takes It To The Next Level*

The Navarro College, Ellis Campus SGA Executive Board is preparing to take it to the next level for the 05-06 academic year. After a successful first year of student government, the officers are ready to take on new challenges and expand student involvement at the Ellis Campus. "Last year was the first year for SGA and our group accomplished a tremendous amount" stated Jack Havens, SGA president.

SGA officers and members coordinated events such as a voter registration campaign to encourage students to vote, offered co-ed flag football games, coordinated a Red Cross blood drive and sponsored the Salvation Army angel tree at Christmas. But the biggest project of the year by far was the "Take a 'Brake' and Read" program. With the help of Navarro College students, community supporters and company donations, the SGA officers and members successfully collected over 600 first through fifth grade books and on Friday, March 11, 2005 all 640 students of Wedgeworth Elementary School in

Waxahachie, Texas were the first students to reap the benefits of books collected during this semester-long mission of the heart. "This event was a huge success – much more than we could ever have imagined. All of the hard work was totally worth it when we saw the smiles on the children's faces" stated Ashley Toal, SGA delegate.

The new school year brings new faces, new goals and new challenges. A number of new events are being planned to benefit both the students and staff of the Navarro College Ellis Campus. "We are looking forward to the new year and have set high goals for our campus as well as Region III. We are ready to take it to the next level" stated Andrea Palmer, SGA Vice President .

For more information on the Navarro College Ellis Campus SGA, please contact Nicole Mansell, SGA Advisor at 9 7 2 . 9 3 7 . 7 6 1 2 o r nicole.mansell@navarrocollege.edu.



Pictured left to right are: Nicole Mansell, Advisor; Shelondra Moore, Cabinet Member; Tommy Wheaton, Cabinet Member; Shane Ballard, Secretary; Andrea Palmer, Vice President; Jack Havens, President; Kim Goodwin, Co-Advisor.

Around The Regions

Region I

Fall Meeting: October 14-15

Location: Amarillo College

President School: Western Texas College

Region II

Fall Meeting: November 11-13

Location: TBA

President School: Collin County Community College

Region III

Fall Meeting: November 15

Location: Tyler Junior College

President School: Navarro College
- Ellis County Campus

Region IV

Fall Meeting: October 14-15

Location: McLennan Community College

President School: McLennan Community College

Region V

Fall Meeting: TBA

Location: TBA

President School: Kingwood College

Region VI

Fall Meeting: TBA

Location: TBA

President School: TBA

Your State President

Nathalia Giraldo was born and raised in Cali, Colombia. She moved to Dickinson, Texas, where she and her family now reside. Nathalia is a proud graduate of Dickinson High School and is now a dedicated student at College of the Mainland in Texas City, Texas.

As a student at College of the Mainland, she is deeply involved in her academics and extracurricular activities. Nathalia began her involvement in Student Government as a Senator and worked her way up to become the President of the organization. In addition to her extensive involvement in the Student Government Association, she is also an essential member of several organizations on campus. These include: Phi Theta Kappa – International Honors Society, The Society of Mexican American Engineers and

Scientists (MAES), and the International Club.

Currently, Nathalia is completing her Associate of Arts degree before transferring to a four year institution where she will obtain a degree in International Relations. In addition to her academics and club activities, Nathalia is also very active in the community. She volunteers her afternoons tutoring and mentoring high school students, hoping to keep them from dropping out of high school and encouraging them to continue their education. She also works as a UNICEF (United Nations Children's Emergency Fund) Youth Goodwill Ambassador. Due to Nathalia's interest in International Relations and her particular interest in relations between her native country, Colombia, and the United States, she also volun-

teers her time with the General Consulate of Colombia in Houston.

Nathalia is looking forwards to an extremely productive year for TJCSGA. She welcomes comments, questions and suggestions from the state delegation, and is looking forward to hearing from you.

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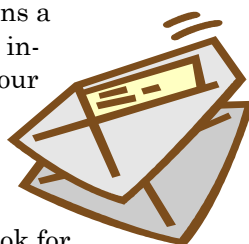


How to Submit an Article

Want to see your school in the bulletin?!

We need your help! We would like to include information from every region across the state. In order to make these bulletins a success that also benefits TJCSGA statewide, we need **your** information to publish. Here are two simple ways to submit your article:

1. Submit your articles and pictures via e-mail at: sga@hillcollege.edu
2. A link has been established on the TJCSGA website. Look for this link at: www.tjcsga.org



We would love to have pictures and/or stories of activities at your school or in your region. Feel free to e-mail any of your ideas or comments. Once again thank you for your participation. Let's make this a "pit crew effort" that will benefit every two-year institution around the state!

Special Thanks to:

Joe Shaughnessy
Mary Ann Dietiker
Nicole Mansell



- ⇒ A Brief recap from your Executive Board
- ⇒ Meeting your Executive Board continued: Secretary, Treasurer
- ⇒ Around the regions featuring **YOUR school** (We're looking for your articles.)
- ⇒ Announcements about this years State Convention including...
- Registration fees and dates
- Activities/ Events/ Competitions
- Speakers
- Awards
- and much more...

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