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WOW!!! It has been a great four months in office as your President, and I can't wait to see what is yet to come. We had our first executive board session in Austin and it was fantastic. We took care of a lot of business during the weekend of our session and I know that you will be proud and surprised with some of the things we have planned for our conference. Our theme for this year is:

Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way.

iLead!

Honestly, I love this theme be-



Submission to the Bulletin

Hello TJCSGA Family! I will continue on my quest to get each region and every school to submit at least one article to the bulletin before state. This doesn't leave much time, so be prepared to be emailed continuously. The deadline for Volume 4 is September 26th and November 26th for Volume 5. Please get your submission in early. Submit via email to editor@tjcsga.org or go online to submit through the TJCSGA website.

cause it tells us as leaders to step up and do our jobs. It is my goal, as the President of this GREAT organization, that we all honor our theme and be the leaders we are called to be, whether it is on our local campuses, communities, city or state. We must carry the image of a leader at all times. Recently, I was taught a quote that is right on point when you think about it, and that is:

“We judge ourselves on our intentions
 Others judge us on our actions and behaviors.”

As leaders, we must show that

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Welcome!!!



REGION I NOTES :

Write notes for your bulletin entry for next months issue!

Our Region I Fall Convention will be held October 17th-18th, 2008 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. We are excited to bring Keynote Speaker, Professor Joe Martin. Professor Martin will give a keynote during our dinner meeting Friday night, and he will lead our leadership workshops Saturday morning. We will also have great icebreakers, food and entertainment! Registration information and fees will be available by the first week of the fall semester. For more information, please contact Heather Atchley at Amarillo College.

Report Shout Out!

Hello Region I,
I am so proud of each college for the effort that you all are putting in this summer. I have been receiving emails from everyone and I understand that there are not many of your Executive Board members available this summer. That is totally understandable. From the responses I have been getting here lately, I know

the fall is going to start off extra strong. A special thank you goes out to your Region I Fall Regional Host. Your support and information is greatly appreciated. Remember to submit you information early. The next deadline is September 24th for Volume 4.

Matthew Bell
Region I Reporter

Fall Conference
October 17, 2008—
October 18, 2008
Amarillo College

Spring Conference
Unknown

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What's Going on with You?

"Hello, out there!" This is Michael Perkins, VP of TSTC Waco's SGA and newly appointed TJCSGA Reporter for Region II. Now that I have introduced myself, I would like to get to know you all more as well as have the best Region page. I can not do that without your assistance. This means I need Region II to speak up and let me know you're out there! If you have not realized it yet, if you want to get the word out at a state

level, this bulletin is a good way to start. So, this is where I challenge you to help me not only have the best Region page but also allow your voice to come through and be heard. So please, when you have a moment, contact me. If you have any news about your school just send it in. Looking forward to your reply.

Michael Perkins
Region II Reporter

Fall Conference
Unknown

Spring Conference
Unknown



Region III News

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College

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What Happened?

Nothing was submitted by this Region! Someone, anyone, send me an email with something. A picture, an article, something your school is doing will work. I am not picky but we need to

fill this space with something from **YOU!** Let's get to it and **LEAD!!!**

C.J. Garrett
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Fall Conference
Unknown

Spring Conference
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Welcome!!!



This year, Wharton Community Junior College's Fort Bend Tech Center has lifted their aspirations to new heights. As the Student Government Association, we plan on making improvements between the students and faculty which will hopefully satisfy everyone's needs. We will be hosting a large number of fund-raisers to get the word out about who we are and what we do; as well as to raise money for conventions and to help the com-

munity by supporting Autism in Action and the breast cancer awareness benefit. We would like to get the word out not only to our school but to our entire community. It will be a great accomplishment when we do more for our community and set a positive example for others in our surrounding areas.

Victor Ma
WCJC-FBTC
Vice President

REGION IV NOTES :

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Region IV Fall Convention

The Fall Convention will be held November 14th and 15th in Waco. TSTC Waco is thrilled to be hosting the event and will be using their theme, "Live Brave with SGA...Scaling new heights everyday!" Hotel rooms have been blocked at the Hampton Inn North and The Fairfield Inn & Suites Waco North.

The rates are \$85/single and \$95/double. As always, there will be the heated volleyball competition and Bingo. TSTC Waco would like to ask all of Region IV to bring a prize(s) for Bingo. As for the breakout sessions, TSTC is working with others to bring you very informative sessions

including one on parliamentary procedures. TSTC encourages everyone in Region IV to attend and to help make this event one to remember.





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Hello, Anybody Out There?

Okay, I am new to this region but would like to hear from somebody. Please submit your regional convention information. Who is hosting the event, when, and where. That sort of thing.

I would like to also include information from every college. Please get your submissions in early. The next deadline is September 26th.

Christopher Garrett
Region V Reporter

Do you know information about your Regionals? If so, please submit where, when, host school, and contact information to the [bulletin](#).



Region VI News

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voice to come through and be heard. So please, when you have a moment, contact me. If you have any news about your school just send it in. I am also looking for Regional Convention dates and information. Looking forward to your reply.

Michael Perkins
Region VI Reporter

Blast from the Past

This is an article that you will see time and time again. Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines history as a branch of knowledge that records and explains past events. Some people believe that history helps define who we are and guides us if we choose to learn from the past. I believe this is true for our organization as well.

Did you know TJCSGA wasn't always TJCSGA? Do you know how long this organization has been around or who the first President was?

Well, we don't have all the answers but someone, somewhere has an answer to these questions. Therefore, pick the brains of people you know who have been involved with



TJCSGA. Check your local libraries for information. Any article, picture, or small fact is greatly appreciated. We want to know our past. Please send all submission to Brandon Franke at BFranke@blinn.edu.

Charity Wilson, TJCSGA Editor

**“Life isn’t
about finding
yourself. Life is
about creating
yourself.”
— George
Bernard Shaw**

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we are leaders not only in our intentions but in our actions as well. This year, I plan to focus on the three items that were in my platform; Diversity, Textbooks, and Organizational Partnerships. We will be forming a textbook task-force to research the raising cost of textbooks and other information we need to know in order to come up with a solution to this growing issue. We are

also evaluating the contest rules for our new poetry contest. If anyone has any ideas please post them on the forum at <http://tjcsga.org/forums/>.

Our next executive board meeting will be November 7th-9th in Austin. I can safely say that I am sure you all will love the host hotel, Hyatt Regency Austin. You all must witness the flight of the BATS.

Yeah, I said “Bats,” a ton of them. It was truly

amazing.

Humbly in your Shadow,



Romeal-Dorasay Johnson
Navarro College-
Corsicana



Hey everyone, I am Kaci Allison, TJCSGA Vice President for 2008-2009. I am a sophomore at Amarillo College majoring in Elementary Education. I plan to transfer to West Texas A&M Fall of 2009. I work for the college in our Assistance Center answering phone calls, entering applications, along with many of other things. My family and friends are my life; I really don't know where I

would be without them.

Last year, I served Amarillo College as the programming chair and am looking forward to the opportunity to represent Amarillo College as Vice President on the State Board.

As programming chair last year for Amarillo College we brought a variety of different types of entertainment and I am excited to plan the entertainment for the convention this year!

Schedule of Events

- } August 4 — National Conference on Student Leadership — [Strategic Planning for Student Leaders](#)
- } August 5 — National Night Out
- } August 8 — National Conference on Student Leadership — [Defining Leadership Roles and Conducting Efficient Meetings](#)
- } August 12—Student Affairs Leader — [Student Financial Issues and Retention: New Data and Approaches](#)
- } August 13 — Student Affairs Leader — [The Clery Act: 5 Things Student Affairs Administrators Must Know](#)

AUGUST 2008

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Schedule of Events

- } September 10—Student Affairs Leader — [Powerful New Tools for Homesickness Prevention and Treatment](#)
- } September 11—TSTC Waco — Student Appreciation Day
- } September 19—Student Affairs Leader — [Teaching Troubled Students: Campus Policy and Threat Assessment](#)
- } September 26—Deadline for Volume 4 Bulletin

Please send your calendar events to sg.president@tstc.edu. Make sure to include event, date, time, and place. Things happening on your own campus is welcomed as well.

National Conference on Student Leadership



About NCSL & More

Since 1978, The National Conference on Student

Leadership has equipped collegiate student leaders and their advisors with comprehensive tools to achieve their leadership potential and positively impact their campuses and communities through practical, focused train-

ing and opportunities to collaborate with other student leaders.

The best leaders know ...

Ask any leader you admire, and they'll tell you they owe their success to three things:

1. Purpose: They know where they're going. They've defined their vision and set goals.
2. Passion: They believe in their cause, and pursue it with energy and resolve.
3. Power: They have the tools. They focus their passion by applying knowledge and

skills to turn their vision into reality.

Hone your leadership skills at NCSL!

The theme of our National Conference on Student Leadership this fall is Leading the Way ... With Power, Passion, and Purpose. It's your chance to join together with hundreds of other student leaders to discover the keys to effective leadership – powerful tools you can use throughout your college career and beyond.

For more information go to ncslcollege.com.

“The tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach.”

— Benjamin Mays

Your 2008-2009 Advisor, Heather Atchley

Hi! I'm Heather Atchley, 2008-2009 State Advisor. I am currently the Student Activities Director at Amarillo College. I have



worked at AC for six years, and I started my own college career here way back in 1996. As a student, I was very involved in SGA and TJCSGA, and now I am

proud to be a part of this organization as an advisor.

I received my BA in Psychology from the University of North Texas in 2000, and I am thrilled to say that I finally earned my MA in Organizational Management in December 2007! I have been married to a great guy for ten years, and we have a beautiful two-year old daughter named Sydney.

Serving as State Advisor-Elect was a terrific experience, and I am so excited to work with you all this year!



Above: Heather striking a pose!
Far Left: Sitting on the deck at Hyatt Regency Austin (our hotel).
Below: Heather kissing her “Gun!”



Texas Legend



Is your advisor a Legend? For many of us, our advisors are our surrogate Moms and Dads at college, maybe even a big sister or big brother. They give us advice, help us with class work (and relation-

ships) and sometimes even feed us when that financial aid check just won't come through. Often times, the role of an advisor is filled when a college hires a new person and once they have accepted the job, it is thrown in the "Hey, you will be the SGA advisor as well!"

Not many people would enjoy the chance to take 15-20 college students on a trip to a convention filled with 500 more college students. Even fewer would do that every year, and allow their students to run for a statewide office! That is why the Executive Board has created a new award to honor those advisors who go and give beyond the basic requirements of their college to support their students in making their local SGA

and TJCSGA the best it can be.

This award will be given by the Executive Board and does not have an application form. It is strictly awarded when the Executive Board believes an advisor to warrant such an award for their hard work and dedication to the organization. The only requirement is that an advisor must have been with the organization for five years before they become eligible to be considered for the Legend Award.

So, is your advisor a Legend? If you believe so, post why your advisor is deserving of the award on the forums at www.tjcsga.org/forums/!

Letter to the Editor

I often hear people refer to something as an opportunity of a lifetime, but until recently I never fully understood the meaning of that phrase. Working with Mr. Aric Bostick (Motivational speaker at TJCSGA 2007-2008 Con-

vention) at his success camp this past July was truly my opportunity of a lifetime. Recently, I was afforded the chance to be a success coach at Camp of C.H.A.M.P.S. and I feel as if my life has been changed

“my life has more meaning”

forever. My life altering experience has not only had an impact on me and the people around me, but the campers I spent a week with and the

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“We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same.”

— Anne Frank

Are you up for the Challenge? I DARE YOU!

Hey, my fellow SGAers! Well, summer is almost over. I know, I know, it is way too soon. Remember, we are the leaders in our schools and communities, so we never take an extended break anyway. If we did, WHO WOULD LEAD?? If you happen to have a

myspace or facebook account then you may already know that we have created a Challenge for all in this organization. This challenge is just the beginning of what we call, the First Ever Region of the Month Series. What is this you ask? Well, each month we will be creating tasks for

you to do as a Region. Whichever region performs the best will be crowned as the Region of the Month. Before I announce the winning Region, I would first like to get you starting on the new task for the month. I dare you to get a myspace

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greatest group of success coaches I worked very closely with for that week. We, as coaches, had goals of sharing our leadership experiences with our teams, getting our team to work together as a team and to help prepare the campers to go back to their schools and lead more effectively within their groups.

With all that being said, the thing that most pro-

foundly touched me over that week is the fact that not only did one camper

“Live All My Dreams!”

come up to me at the end of the week and tell me how much I

changed their life but when multiple campers say you made such a difference. It makes me feel like my life has more meaning. Also, I have made lifelong friends with the coaches and staff of Camp of C.H.A.M.P.S.

I must say that this experi-

ence was all due to me joining the Student Government Association. I met Aric at TJCSGA State Conference in Houston, and now I have gained a lifelong friend who keeps me motivated to “Live all my Dream!”



Aric Bostick and Broderick Wilson at Camp of C.H.A.M.P.S.

Broderick Wilson
TSTC-Waco

For more information about Aric’s Camp of C.H.A.M.P.S. go to www.campofchampsusa.com

“We have become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams.”

— Jimmy Carter

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and a facebook account for each Region. Don’t everyone start at once, then there will be multiple accounts for each region. Now to make this fair and to keep this simple, I will assign the start of each account to the Region President School. In order for this to work there needs to be some major teamwork and communication going on. This is why the first task was created in a way to get the communication flowing.

The challenge does not end there. The facebook and myspace accounts with the most spirit, comments, posts, and friends will be crowned Region of the Month. Extra Credit will be given for posting your region spirit in the forums at TJCSGA.org/forums/. Don’t forget to add all your friends, and definitely don’t forget to add TJCSGA to your friends list to get credit. I am aware that Region I, IV and V already have a facebook, so for those regions

the points will be given as of August 1, 2008. Okay, the moment that you all have been waiting for...the winner is Region IV with a total of 31 hits. Congratulations!!! Can you keep it up?? Let’s see. For you other Regions, the time has come to step up to the plate. Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way. iLead!

Angela Hernandez
WCJC-FBTC
TJCSGA Secretary

Save the Dates

Upcoming events include the Twelfth Annual UHCL Student Leadership Conference on November 7 and 8, 2008. For more information about this exciting conference, please visit www.uhcl.edu/studentleadershipinstitute and click on “Leadership Conference”.

Adopt-a-Beach is a community service event that is September 27, 2008. For more information about Adopt-a-Beach please go to www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach/.

Dress Code for Convention

The Dress Code for TJCSGA 2008-2009 Convention has been discussed and will be ready for review by December 1st. The Executive Board has decided to add the dress code to the Uniformity Handbook. However, you will be receiving snip-its from the dress code in the bulletins. The first snip-it is, NO DENIM. ABSOLUTELY NO DENIM WILL BE ALLOWED. If you decide to wear denim, you will not be allowed in to the General Assemblies.

Also, one other note. We will be on the State Floor which has a dress code that is stricter than ours. We will include that in a future bulletin. If you have any questions about the dress code please email Edwin Mariano, TJCSGA Parliamentarian.

Community
College Day
Countdown

198 Days

State
Conference
Countdown

240 Days

Pictures from the E-Board Meeting



Top Left: Hyatt Regency
Top Right: Treasurer Emma Gomez,
Advisor-Elect Arvis Jones, Navarro
Delegate Shane Scott, Blinn Bryan
Advisor Brandon Franke
Bottom Right: Hotel Lobby from 9th
Floor
Bottom Middle: Navarro College
Corsicana Advisor Phil Sims
Bottom Left: Parliamentarian Edwin
Mariano, Treasurer Emma Gomez,
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