



Hello Tennessee TSA! Thank you for electing me this year to your state officer team and giving me the invaluable opportunity to serve you as your State Secretary. I hope all of you had a great time at the 2011 State Conference, and I hope to see you again in 2012.

In my second year of service to our state delegation, I reflect on who exactly it was that helped me along to this point. Three names come to mind, and two of these end with "Dixon." My mother, Shelia Dixon, and my brother, Eric Dixon, both started me on this path long ago. My brother ignited my fire of passion for TSA when I was heading into sixth grade, and my mother helped to guide me and made sure that I was prepared for my first days at Karns Middle School. It was in the technology lab at this very school that I met the owner of the third name that comes to mind, the one which ends with "Davis."

My middle school TSA advisor, Ms. Davis, mentored me and assisted me in preparation for my first set of Regional, State, and National Conferences. For me, Ms. Davis represents what TSA is all about, and she taught me countless things throughout my middle school career. Another mentor of mine who was essential to my growth within TSA was Ms. Walker. With her having been my sixth grade history teacher, I had already developed a relationship with her when she decided to join the TSA crew during my middle school years. With the aid and guidance of these incredible people, I attained the tools that are most essential for success: passion, experience, and a good work ethic.

In 2010, I attended the Tennessee TSA State Conference and watched only five new officers step onto stage once the elections were complete. This gave me an overwhelming sense of longing and a great desire to fill that final spot. I applied shortly after conference for the Reporter position on your State Officer Team. Weeks later, I was ecstatic when I received news that I had been selected. I was going to be able to work with some great state officers to expand and improve our delegation!

Throughout my year of service as Reporter, I experienced more than a handful of incredible moments with a group of people who became some of my closest friends. We held workshops together, visited our representatives in the Tennessee General Assembly, and spent many hours hard at work developing new programs for our state organization. In this year, the most important lesson I learned was that communication truly is key. With this, as well as the other skills I have obtained throughout my TSA year, I am confident that I can work well with our team this year to serve you in an outstanding capacity!

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