



Hello Tennessee TSA! My name is Sydney Buckner and I am forever grateful for the opportunity to serve you this year as your State Treasurer. I am confident the 2011-2012 year will be the best year our organization has seen so far. As the year progresses, I pray I can personally get to know you and together we can work our hardest to make our organization the best we can be!

I have lived in Oak Ridge, Tennessee all 15 years of my life and currently attend Oak Ridge High School. I have a wonderfully supportive family, and both my younger siblings are members of TSA at their school. Without my family and my faith I wouldn't be where I am now!

Though TSA will always be my priority, I participate in many other activities. I am a runner for my school's cross country team, and also am a member of Sound Company, a performing show choir. Along with these activities I enjoy reading, watching science fiction movies, and playing outside with my friends. In addition, I love listening, writing, and playing music. As many of my friends will tell you, it's rare for me not to be singing, humming, or whistling a tune, and I love playing my guitar at any hour of the day, and sometimes night.

TSA has been a major part of my life since I first joined in 5th grade not really knowing what to expect. Originally I joined to make model boats and cars; I wasn't much of a public speaker, in fact, the only way to understand what I was saying was to ask me to slow down. However, because of the encouragement of my family and middle school advisors, I became more confident and took part in as many events as I was allowed. My favorite events are Biotechnology, Chapter Team, and On Demand Video. Hopefully I will be able to participate in VEX Robotics this upcoming year! The reason I have made such a commitment to our organization, is because I understand what a difference it can make in a person's life. Not just by giving a girl the confidence to speak in front of a crowd, but also by teaching her skills that can be applied to everyday life. When you're a member of TSA, you learn to be innovative, and how to think outside the box. Most importantly you learn how to learn; you learn how to problem solve and how to adapt to new environments and new ways of living. I don't believe that TSA is teaching students to live in a technical world, but that it's giving them the skills to create a better one. And that is why I am so passionate about TSA.

I am certain this year will be a success, because everyone on the State Officer Team has outstanding leadership capabilities and are the hardest workers I have ever met. I thank you so much for the privilege to serve with them, and I promise I will do everything to my ability to make TN TSA the finest organization we can be.

Finally, I challenge you all to do your very best work in all that you do: not only in your events, but also in life outside of TSA. Make a difference, speak up for what you believe in, and never give anything less than your best. I am excited to get to know you all better, and encourage you to keep up with the website to keep up with everything involving Tennessee TSA.

Sincerely,

Sydney Buckner, State Treasurer
Tennessee TSA