



2021-2022

## **Annual Report of the Kentucky Technology Student Association**

The Kentucky Technology Student Association, KYTSA, saw a large growth in our first year back to “in person” events. KYTSA nearly doubled our previous high membership with membership breaking the 9000 threshold at 9044. Two new Regions were added, River City region for Louisville area schools and the Pigman Region in southeastern Kentucky. 19 High School chapters were sponsored by retired engineer, Stanley Pigman and his wife Karen. TSA is the premier Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for students involved in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) education classes.

### **Membership**

KYTSA membership increased in 2021/22 by 269%. With a total of 9044 students. These students were dispersed among 101 High School and 9 Middle School chapters. This was an increase of 55 High School & 1 Middle School chapters from the previous year.

## **Regional Events**

KYTSA is currently divided amongst five distinct regions:

- Eastern Kentucky, EKTSA
- Central Kentucky, CKTSA
- Southeastern, Pigman
- Louisville Area, River City
- Western Kentucky, WKTSA

Each Region traditionally hosts an annual regional conference. Host sites are held at regional post-secondary partners to provide an outlet for KYTSA students to display the knowledge and leadership gained throughout the school year. This allows students to gain experience and knowledge regarding the regional post-secondary programs that support STEM education and STEM education preparation studies.

## **State Events**

The annual KYTSA State Conference was held in April 2022 at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington, Kentucky. An all-time high attendance of 860 participated in the conference. Elections were held, and the 2022/23 state officer team was elected by the chapters attending and announced during awards session.

## **National Events**

More than 40 Kentucky students attended the annual TSA National Conference held June 26 - 30, 2022, at the Gaylord Texan Resort in Dallas, TX. During the annual awards session, Kentucky was recognized as achieving the greatest increase in High School chapter. JR Dakin of Glasgow High School was recognized as the Kentucky High School Advisor of the Year and Sherry Curtsinger, Eminence Middle School, was recognized as the Kentucky Middle School Advisor of the Year. KYTSA saw 12 top ten finalists receiving honors during the awards presentation. With Faith Ann Davis of Southern MS receiving a first-place trophy in Career Prep and the Junior Solar Sprint team from Fort Campbell MS receiving a second place trophy.

## **Philanthropic Activity**

The 2021-2022 KYTSA State Officer team elected to name the *International Book Project* as the state service project. KYTSA members were encouraged to Bring books to conference to be distributed by the *International Book Project* organization to third world countries. The Middle School & High School that donated the most books were awarded a 3D printer for their TSA Chapter. Several thousand books were collected with Grant County Middle School and Glasgow High School each being awarded a 3D printer.