

2022-2023

Annual Report of the Kentucky Technology Student Association

The Kentucky Technology Student Association, KYTSA, continued to see a growth spurt ending the year at membership of 11,510. The Pigman Regions continued growth will create a new region by splitting into an East and West Region. 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 2022/23 by <u>22%</u>. With a total of 11,510 students. These students were dispersed among 140 High School and 13 Middle School chapters. This was an increase of 30 High School & 5 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 College & Universities 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 Colleges & Universities programs that support STEM education and STEM education preparation studies.

State Events

The annual KYTSA State Conference was held in April 2023 at the Downtown Louisville Marriott in Louisville, Kentucky. An all-time high attendance of 1,400 participated in the conference. An Election was held, and the 2023/24 state officer team was elected by the chapters attending and announced during awards session. Following the elections at National Conference KYTSA President Arial Fader was elected as the TSA National Reporter and was replaced as KYTSA President by Elected Vice President Roger Phelps. The KYTSA selected Jennifer Nguyen as the new KYTSA Vice President.

National Events

More than 240 Kentucky students attended the annual TSA National Conference held June 28 – July 2, 2023, at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, KY. During the annual awards session, Aaron Hunt of Bardstown High School was recognized as the Kentucky High School Advisor of the Year and Andrew Baldwin, Belfry Middle School, was recognized as the Kentucky Middle School Advisor of the Year. Staci Davis of Southern Middle School (Fayette County) was recognized as the outstanding TSA Alumni of the year. KYTSA had a record number of finalists with 22 top ten finalists receiving honors during the awards presentation. Ellen Fei & Anthony Zhang of Paul Laurence Dunbar Placed 1st Software Development, Rosali Huff, Sofia Raab & Braden Stamper of Fredrick Douglas High School Placed 1st in Technology Bowl. Brad Mahung of Glasgow High School place 1st in CAD Engineering, Grace Sun of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School place 3rd in Childrens Stories. Further, Ariel Fader of Ryle High School was Elected as the TSA National Reporter.