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MEMORANDUM: LEAP Leadership Program

To All TSA Chapter Advisors,

This new section to the FL TSA State Conference Guide is being provided as a handy reference for Chapter Advisors trying to implement the requirements for the brand new LEAP program newly instituted by National TSA. With a multi-year roll-out plan, next year, Middle School chapters will be required to participate to the mandatory LEAP resume portion of competitive events at the State Conference. LEAP Interviews will be conducted for High School Competitive Events at the National Conference this year; the only change for next year is that they will encompass Middle School Competitive Events, as well. Other changes on the horizon regard TSA recognition programs. During the 2016-2017 and the 2017-2018 school years, states can continue to offer existing national TSA recognition programs (Bronze/Silver/Gold Achievement, TSA Honor Society, or Chapter Excellence), and also offer the LEAP Legacy Chapter program. The TSA Gold/Silver/Bronze Achievement and the TSA Chapter Excellence programs will end with the 2018 national TSA conference. The TSA Technology Honor Society will be revised and will still be available for individual participation.

TSA members are encouraged to use the free Student Leadership Challenge (SLC) sample resources, in addition to other TSA LEAP resources listed in the following pages, as they complete the new TSA competitive event LEAP leadership resume requirement for all TSA **HIGH SCHOOL** competitions. These free resources are applicable to all LEAP activities. Complete Student Leadership Challenge publications are available for purchase, but are NOT required for participation in any aspect of LEAP.

Please note – just because this year’s COMPETITION requirement only applies to HIGH SCHOOL students, does not mean that there are no opportunities for middle school chapters. **Both middle and high school chapters can also compete for the 2016-17 Legacy Chapter Recognition Program**, which is a national recognition program based on a portfolio of works, with the chance to earn award money and trophies at the National TSA Conference. There will also be Professional On-Site Training and the chance to participate in the Student Leadership Challenge Experience at the Nationals. Click the following link to view a video of the Student Leadership Challenge Experience presented at the 2016 National TSA Conference in Nashville, Tennessee: [STUDENT LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE EXPERIENCE VIDEO](#)

Please keep in mind that we are one of the first State Conferences on the schedule for the year, and all eyes will be upon us to see how we roll out National TSA’s new requirements for LEAP interviews and resumes. In addition, the National TSA Conference is being held in Orlando this year, and they will be requiring 100% implementation of the LEAP requirements at not only our State Conference, but at the National Conference as well. As with all new programs, there is a wealth of information, and precious little time. As your state conference manager, I will do my best to provide you with the resources and the understanding to comply with the new guidelines, so our students remain in compliance with National TSA’s new program, and are competitive with other TSA State chapters at Nationals. Your patience and understanding is appreciated. My goal, as ever, is to make each succeeding year a better experience for our students than the one that preceded it; here’s to making the 2017 State Conference with its new LEAP requirements the best one yet!

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