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Technology Students Earn Top National Honors

Over 120 Manatee County students competed to win top honors at the 2010 National Technology Student Association (TSA) Conference held recently in Baltimore, Maryland. TSA is a national student organization promoting growth, leadership, and opportunities in technology, innovation, design, and engineering. This year's conference theme was "TSA: Tomorrow's Leaders," and our TSA students did not disappoint! Through tears, tense moments, high fives, hugs, and plenty of nail biting, this year's competitors brought their A-game and went head-to-head against 4,000 competitors. Manatee students brought home 23 firsts, 11 seconds, and 4 third-place trophies! Two Manatee County advisors received Florida's Advisor of the Year award: Nolan Middle School's Justin Devine and Margi Nanney of Southeast High.

Southeast High School TSA members, guided by advisors Bob Burwell and Margi Nanney, earned a total of 23 top-ten wins—the most high school top-ten wins in the nation. Wow! The students won first place in *F1 in Schools; Fashion Design; Future Technology Teacher; Radio Controlled Transportation; and Scientific Visualization*; second place in *Technology Dare*, and third place in *Architectural Modeling and Technical Sketching and Application*. Outstanding!

Bradén River High School TSA members, with advisors Gil Burlew, John Frank, and Richard Platt, produced a total of 13 top-ten wins. Students won first place for *Chapter Team Written; Structural Engineering; Technology Dare; and Transportation Modeling*; second place for *Dragster Design*, and third place in *F1 in Schools* to round out their top-three wins. Fabulous!

Lakewood Ranch High School TSA members, guided by advisors Greg McGrew and Steve Harvey, generated a total of six top-ten wins. Students returned home with first and third places in *Dragster Design* and second place in *Structural Engineering*. Amazing!

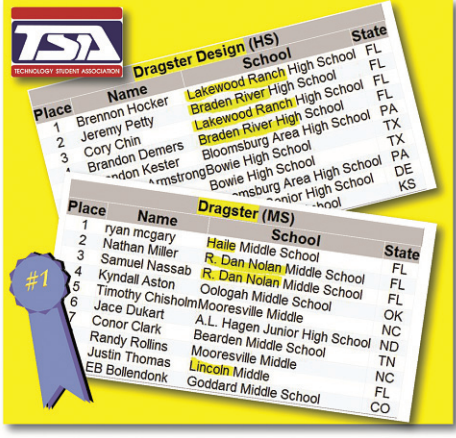
Competitors at the middle school level were just as intense. Nolan Middle School, under the leadership of advisor Justin Devine, was ranked nationally as the number one middle school TSA chapter! The dedicated and talented students earned a total of 22 top-ten wins which included first place wins in *Agriculture and Biotechnology Issues; Electronic Gaming; Flight; Go Green Manufacturing; Prepared Speech; and Technical Drawing*. Students won second place in *Dragster; Engineering Structure; Global Manufacturing; and TSA Cup: Marine Design* and third place for *Dragster*. Awesome!

Haile Middle School ranked third in the nation with a total of 13 top-ten wins. Under the direction of advisors Justin Erickson and Pamela Platt, Haile students won first place in *Dragster; Inventions and Innovations; Lights, Camera, Action; TSA Cup: Marine Design; and Website Design*. Students earned second place in *Prepared Speech*, and third place in *Global Manufacturing*. Kudos!

Harlee Middle School, with advisors Ryan Bremner and Quintin Jones, earned seven top-ten wins. Students won second place in *Global Manufacturing, Graphic Design, and Robot Tobor* and third place in *Communication Challenge*. Well done!

Lincoln Middle School, with advisor Bill Kebler, won five top-ten awards with a first place in *Transportation Challenge* and second places in *Global Manufacturing and Transportation Challenge*. Buffalo Creek Middle School had two top-ten wins and Bradén River Middle School had one top-ten win.

Congratulations to all of the students and advisors, as well as to the proud parents of these hard-working competitors. Your accomplishments have helped put Manatee County technology education on the national map. Well done!



Place	Name	School	State
1	Brennon Hocker	Lakewood Ranch High School	FL
2	Jeremy Petty	Bradén River High School	FL
3	Cory Chin	Bradén River High School	TX
4	Brandon Demers	Bloomburg Area High School	PA
5	Justin Kester	Bowie High School	PA
6	Armstrong	Bowie Area High School	DE
7	KS

Place	Name	School	State
1	ryan mcgary	Haile Middle School	FL
2	Nathan Miller	R. Dan Nolan Middle School	FL
3	Samuel Nassab	R. Dan Nolan Middle School	FL
4	Kyndall Aston	Oologah Middle School	FL
5	Timothy Chisholm	Mooresville Middle School	OK
6	Jace DuKart	A.L. Hagen Junior High School	NC
7	Conor Clark	Bearden Middle School	ND
8	Randy Rollins	Mooresville Middle School	TN
9	Justin Thomas	Lincoln Middle School	NC
10	EB Bollendonk	Goddard Middle School	FL
11	CO

The TSA Dragster event winners' rankings for middle and high school students—just a sample of how Manatee County clearly shines!



Haile Middle School competitors.



Bradén River High School competitors.



Congratulations to the Florida TSA Advisors of the Year: Justin Devine, Nolan Middle School, and Margi Nanney, Southeast High School.

PARENT CORNER

- Discussion starter: Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are school clubs that your child can join to learn leadership skills and compete with other students. TSA, FFA, FBLA, FBA, DECA, FCCLA, SkillsUSA, FPSA, and CECF are all active organizations in Manatee County schools. Where does your child fit in? Encourage your child to get involved.
- Is your teenager building a career-ready resume? Joining CTOS and volunteering in the community will help your child stand out on job and college applications.
- "Our career and technical student organizations are led by quality advisors and dedicated students. We're proud of all of our CTOS in Manatee County." Doug Wagner, Director; Adult, Career and Technical Education, Manatee County Schools.

FCAT reading comprehension QUESTION

★ What was the theme of the 2010 National TSA Conference?

Answer: TSA: Tomorrow's Leaders

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