2026 OKTSA FLC – HIGH SCHOOL BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

NOVEMBER 16TH | EMBASSY SUITES, NORMAN

Each workshop will be repeated each session unless otherwise stated.

Title: Build a Bronco!
Description: Bring the university's Broncho mascot to life! In this hands-on workshop, join engineering students to build your own Broncho with moving legs. Discover how mechanical and electrical engineering work together as you assemble your creation and get it moving!
Presenters: UCO School of Engineering
Who Should Attend: Engineering enthusiasts and problem solvers!
Room: Oklahoma Ballroom AB

Title: Oklahoma State University – STEM Challenge
Description: Join the OSU STEM Challenge for an exciting, hands-on experience where TSA members will use the engineering design process to tackle a real-world problem! In this dynamic workshop, you'll brainstorm, design, and prototype innovative solutions using creativity, teamwork, and STEM skills. Guided by OSU experts, you'll put your engineering know-how to the test and compete to see whose solution stands out.
Who Should Attend: STEM enthusiasts and problem solvers!
Room: Oklahoma Ballroom CD

Title: Leadership in Action
Description: Get ready to be inspired! Join keynote speaker Dustin Galyon for a high-energy, interactive workshop filled with stories and insights to help you grow as a leader, connect with others, and make a positive impact. Bring your energy and be ready to participate!
Presenter: Keynote Speaker, Dustin Galyon
Who Should Attend: Anyone ready to be inspired and take their leadership to the next level!
Room: Oklahoma EF

Title: Cracking the Code to Public Speaking
Description: Step up to the mic and learn how to make your voice impossible to ignore! In this workshop, members will unlock the C.O.D.E. to public speaking: Confidence, Organization, Delivery, and Engagement. From commanding the room and crafting unforgettable hooks to mastering your voice and thinking on your feet, participants will put their skills to the test through interactive challenges and real speaking practice.
Presenters: Akshaj Dalavayi, State President & Blake Jackson, Western Regional President
Who Should Attend: Members who want to build confidence & strengthen their public speaking skills!
Room: Oklahoma G

Title: Blueprints to Success
Description: Discover what's possible with Oklahoma TSA! Whether you're a new member or returning for another year, this workshop will explore ways to get involved, build your leadership skills, and earn recognition and awards. Find opportunities that match your interests and learn how to make the most of your TSA experience!
Presenters: Victor Lopez, State Vice President & Loralie Hanes, Western Region Vice President
Who Should Attend: Everyone!
Room: Oklahoma H

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Title: Going for Gold: Preparing for Competition
Description: Preparing for competitive events can feel overwhelming. This workshop will help members navigate event guidelines, understand rubrics and formatting requirements, and prepare for portfolios, presentations, and interviews. Gain practical tips to approach your events with confidence!
Presenters: Joshua Li, State Treasurer; Vincent Weng, Western Reg. Treasurer & Paige Caves, Eastern Reg. Treasurer
Who Should Attend: Anyone looking to gain a competitive edge in their TSA events!
Room: Oklahoma Ballroom I

Title: Cultivating Success: Growing & Strengthening Your Chapter
Description: Have you ever found yourself in a TSA chapter pickle? Building membership, organizing meetings, and preparing for conferences can feel daunting and messy at times, but what if there was a key to helping it all stay together? In this workshop, we'll offer advice on how to build, grow, and strengthen your chapter and lay the foundations for long-term success.
Presenters: Mulan Zhang, State SAA; Jase Hawthorne, Eastern Region SAA; & Alexis Gregg, Western Region SAA
Who Should Attend: Anyone ready to turn chapter pickles into chapter progress!
Room: Oklahoma Ballroom J

Title: NASA's Artemis Missions: Returning to the Moon
Description: Get ready for a lunar landing challenge! In this fast-paced, hands-on STEM workshop, participants will explore how to safely land astronauts on the Moon as part of the Artemis generation. Bring your creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills for a mission that's out of this world!
Presenter: Dr. Dorinda Risenhoover, Education Coordinator, STEM Outreach Program
Who Should Attend: Students interested in space exploration, engineering design, and hands-on STEM challenges!
Room: University A

Title: TSA Advisor Connection: Updates, Events & Chapter Success
Description: Advisors, this room is just for you! Join fellow TSA advisors for three different sessions designed to keep you informed and support your chapter's success. Attend one or all three for practical information and ideas you can put to work.
Session 1: TSA Updates (Tami Redus, TSA State Advisor)
Session 2: Exploring the New High School Events (Tara Dye, STEM Division Manager)
Session 3: TSA Advisor: May the Odds Be Ever In Your Favor (Brandi Skoropowski)
Who Should Attend: TSA advisors only. Each session covers a different topic!
Room: University B

Title: Budget, Build, Defend! A Transportation Engineering Challenge
Description: Step into the roles of transportation engineer and city planner as your team designs a roadway network for a growing community. Using a color-coded town grid, you will decide where to place businesses and community resources, build connecting roadways, and manage a limited budget. Along the way, your team will make important decisions, calculate project costs, and balance accessibility, economic growth, and community needs. Get ready to think creatively, solve problems, and present your plan to community stakeholders!
Presenter: OK Department of Transportation
Who Should Attend: Anyone ready to put their creativity & problem-solving skills in the driver's seat!
Room: University C

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Title: Teamwork Makes the Dream Work
Description: Great teams start with strong connections! In this interactive workshop, discover how to communicate clearly, encourage your teammates, and turn different perspectives into shared success. Learn how to keep your team moving forward with a positive attitude and bring out the best in one another!
Presenter: HayLee Blanton, State Reporter; Bailey Shobe, Eastern Reg. Reporter; & Luke Mainka, Western Reg. Reporter
Who Should Attend: Anyone ready to be a great teammate and bring out the best in their team!
Room: Boomer A

Title: Running for Office 101
Description: Ready to take the next step in your TSA leadership journey? Explore what it takes to run for office, build a campaign, and deliver a speech that makes an impression. Discover how to connect with voters and share your vision with confidence!
Presenter: Rozlyn Goddard, State Secretary; Helen Ni, Western Reg. Secretary; & Caydie Crawford, Eastern Reg. Secretary
Who Should Attend: Aspiring TSA officers & anyone curious about putting their name on the ballot!
Room: Boomer B

Title: Get that Bag: How to Fundraise
Description: Big plans start with bright fundraising ideas! From exploring Washington, D.C., to riding roller coasters at Universal, discover ways to turn your chapter's goals into reality. Gather ideas, learn tips for organizing fundraisers, and get ready to put the FUN in fundraising!
Presenter: Ashley Knight, State Reporter & Sophia Dibler, Eastern Region Vice President
Who Should Attend: Anyone ready to help their chapter raise funds and make big plans happen!
Room: Sooner A

Title: Into the Officer-Verse
Description: Step into the Officer-Verse and discover your leadership superpowers! Explore chapter officer roles, practice professional introductions, and take on fun activities to strengthen your skills. Get ready to find your place on the team and help lead your chapter to success!
Presenter: Pavi Ragahavendiran, State Regional Representative & Jackson Fuller, Eastern Region President
Who Should Attend: Chapter officers ready to unlock their leadership superpowers!
Room: Sooner B

Title: Street Smart: Hands-On Traffic Safety
Description: Get moving and put your traffic safety knowledge to the test! In this high-energy, hands-on workshop, you'll explore real-world traffic safety equipment, take part in interactive activities, and see safety demonstrations in action. Discover how everyday choices can make a difference and leave with practical tips to keep yourself and others safe on the road!
Who Should Attend: EVERYONE!
Room: East Parking Lot

11:45 am - 1:00 pm Lunch on your own

1:15-2:15 p.m. - General Session
After lunch, all members and advisors will return for an inspiring keynote speaker, followed by the awards presentation and conference closing.