

Conference Kick Off

Students attending the TEAMS information session at 7:00PM on Wednesday, June 21st, will be invited to leave at approximately 7:30PM to attend the National TSA Conference Kick Off. This event marks the beginning of the conference and allows students the chance to meet each other, make friends and participate in the annual “pin exchange.”

The pin exchange is a TSA tradition. Students attend with pins that represent their TSA chapter, their school, or state and trade them with one another. These pins are typically provided by the TSA advisor (teacher) or TSA state advisor to the students; individual chapters may choose to design and purchase pins (from sites such as [Lapel Pins Plus](#)). Trading pins is a way to start conversations with students from other schools and states. The pins are typically worn during the conference, often attached to their name tag.

TEAMS competitors (students) will be provided with 1” TEAMS logo pins when they arrive at the TEAMS information session which they will take with them to trade at the Conference Kick Off. You may also bring school or state pins to trade and/or TEAMS coaches may purchase customized pins (from sites such as [Lapel Pins Plus](#)) for their students to trade, however this is not required. Pins are typically 1 inch.



SAMPLE PINS



The Conference Kick Off also provides opportunities for:

- Taking pictures with teammates and new friends in a provided photo booth and alongside conference poster boards (including a TEAMS conference poster)
- Learning from other participants about TSA and its many programs
- Meeting the national TSA officer candidates

The Conference Kick Off ends at 8:45PM. TEAMS coaches must designate a meeting spot for their students to meet up with them following the Kick Off. Shuttle busses will be available for transportation to the Rosen Centre Hotel at that time.