



TACSC
A CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION

TACSC Newsletter Fall 2021



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LEADERS



LETTER FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Welcome to the start of the 2021 academic school year. I am proud of and excited to report on numerous achievements that TACSC accomplished this past summer and share some insights into upcoming activities for the year ahead. The most exciting of which is that **TACSC was able to successfully hold three in-person conferences serving over 325 students and staff.** As you will see later in this newsletter, the proof is in the data!

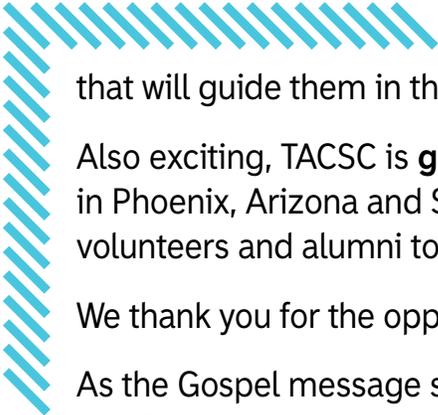
However, what these data do not show is what happened behind the scenes by our talented staff to make these new transitions and pivots possible. As one student anonymously commented through a post conference survey, "**TACSC provides preparation for life's big changes and teaches adaptability.**"

This sentiment reminds us that we must always be steadfast in our mission to think outside of the box when confronted with new challenges as we have seen the past 18 months.

In the usual TACSC tradition, learnings and fun were had by all. However, this year's pivot saw the establishment of a new middle school day conference program held at Loyola Marymount University, as well as two overnight middle school and high school programs held for the very first time at Mount Saint Mary's University, where those present were treated to views including downtown Los Angeles, the Pacific Palisades and Catalina.

Best of all, there were no COVID-19 cases in any of the camps due to the diligence of the students and staff which is to be highly commended.

Fulfilling our mission to serve, I am proud to share that **66 percent of our students received full scholarships** due to an unprecedented response to our grant and fundraising campaigns. Thanks to generous outreach from foundations to families, such as yours, these donations helped students from **90 different zip codes** learn practical and ethical leadership strategies



that will guide them in their upcoming year as leaders in their own schools and neighborhoods.

Also exciting, TACSC is **growing its programming staff team** to better serve our partner schools in Phoenix, Arizona and San Diego, California. We're so thrilled to welcome long-time TACSC volunteers and alumni to our team!

We thank you for the opportunity to bring ethical leaders into the world.

As the Gospel message says in the parable of the sower in Mark 4:1-10, 13-20 says "And there are those who have received the seed in rich soil: they hear the word and accept it and yield a harvest, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

May we always be willing to hear your comments and suggestions to help TACSC get better every year. Please email any thoughts to miastepper@gmail.com.



Yours in Christ,

Mia S. Tepper, MBA,
President, Board of Directors

A background image of a conference with people raising their hands. The image is overlaid with a red tint. In the foreground, a young man wearing a white face mask has his right hand raised. Behind him, several other people, some also wearing masks, have their hands raised in the air. The setting appears to be a large room or auditorium.

SUMMER

CONFERENCE

As Mia mentioned, we were truly grateful for the opportunity to serve more than 325 staff and delegates representing 64 different schools through this year's summer programming—all in person, without any COVID-19 outbreaks.

"I feel like a changed person. I don't know who I would be without TACSC."

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Leaders are adaptable



LETTER FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

In planning and delivering our summer programs this year, it became clear that one of the long-standing lessons that TACSC teaches is also one that we use in our everyday lives. **"Leaders are adaptable."**

The pandemic has caused change in all of our lives—like it or not, good or bad. And to know that we have the staff, students, parents and the support to be able to stay healthy and continue to provide the TACSC magic is something we should all be proud of.

Instead of looking to "slow down" this past summer, we saw the importance of student interaction that was difficult to provide during the shutdown. Thanks to vaccinations and testing, we were able to meet and work within strict protocols to accomplish our goals.



We all remember the lessons of "the road less traveled".... well, we took it... **and are stronger for it!**

We are so proud of the staff and students that it took to make Summer 2021 FAN-TACSC-TIC! Thank you for all you!

Gene Detre,
Program Director





PLANS UNDERWAY FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAYS

We are excited to be planning our Student Leadership Day lineup for 2021 - 2022! We are now speaking with our host school partners and setting up dates in Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego and Arizona. We hope to be able to present in-person as we have been doing for almost 40 years. However, we have learned that changes happen quickly in the world of a pandemic. We will be prepared to make the TACSC magic happen one way or another! Keep an eye out for updated information and locations!



JOIN THE CORE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Help make our 2021 - 2022 Student Leadership Days a success!

The Core Leadership Team is a regional program consisting of talented and passionate high school leaders to help develop their leadership skills while teaching and mentoring middle school students through Student Leadership Days.

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ALUMNI

WEDNESDAY

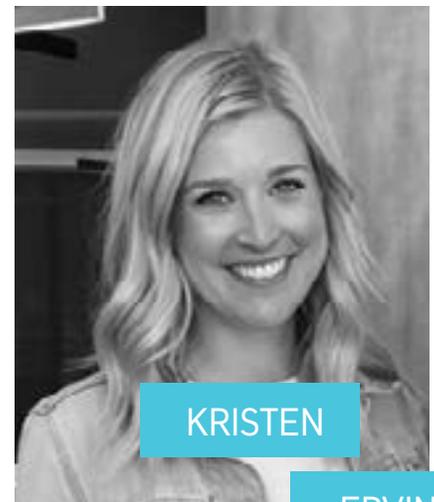
WEBINAR

Tune in at 7:00 p.m. on October 6 for an Alumni Wednesday Webinar where the TACSC Associate Board will be hosting a workshop on resume building and navigating LinkedIn.

Kristen Ervin, the Recruiting Operations Manager for Pinterest, will be our guest speaker and is a great resource with her vast experience in Recruiting. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to connect with other TACSC alumni, ask questions and share insights on a topic relevant to your life! That's lifelong mentorship at its best!

Kristen has been with Pinterest for more than seven years and is currently a Recruiting Operations Manager. When she joined the company as part of the University Recruiting team to manage the Engineering Internship program. She expanded the program, creating the inaugural Sales Internship program at Pinterest in 2019.

Since then, she's recruited for Global Sales & Marketing teams, Administrative Assistants, Community Operations and even HR roles. Her current team supports the Recruiting Team operations globally, ensuring they have the correct tools and support to grow the company.



KRISTEN

ERVIN

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TAKE ME out to the BALL GAME



A few TACSC staff came together at the end of the summer for some fun after the hard work of leading three summer programs. Hot dogs and peanuts were enjoyed at a very sunny Angels vs. Dodgers baseball game.



THE TACSC

TEAM LOOKS

TO EXPAND

TACSC is looking to expand its programming team in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas.

If you are interested in helping us grow leaders and connect with schools and students, please reach out to Gene Detre at gene.detre@tacsc.org for more information.

THE TACSC FAMILY *grows*



We're delighted to welcome a new member of the TACSC family! Zenkichi Jackson Sato was born on July 21, 2021 to Kai Sato and Jaclyn Jimenez. This little one represents the Summer Conference class of 2030!



40TH

ANNIVERSARY

KICK-OFF

1982 - 2022

Next year, TACSC will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary! We want to hear from you on how you would like to celebrate. Please click to complete the short survey below to share how you want to celebrate four decades of growing future Catholic leaders!

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