TACSC Newsletter Spring 2021

WE GROW LEADERS
As springtime approaches and nature opens up, so does our world. Spring is a time of renewal and rebirth and never have we felt that more than this year. We are all coming out of hibernation and exploring life again. While much has changed in this past year some things have remained deeply rooted. One of those is our work at TACSC.

For almost four decades we have taught that leaders are adaptable. This past year we adapted bringing all of our programs online while still teaching the same core values that you learned. Developing moral leaders who positively change our world. Never has our work been more important or relevant.

In a year when students have been at home, the need for TACSC and connection has never been greater. Students are craving connection, a sense of belonging, a need for joy, fun and friendship. All of these are gifts that TACSC continues to give our students generation after generation.

We are thrilled to share that we will be in person at TACSC this summer. In addition, we will be offering a day camp for the first time, to meet families where they are in their own personal opening up. We cannot wait to be together again, learning invaluable leadership skills, learning about one another and ourselves as we grow as Catholic leaders.

As valued members of our TACSC family we would love for you to join us for mass this summer or share with us what is opening up in your world.

Wishing you a beautiful spring and sending TACSC magic to all.

Heidi Johnson, Executive Director
The TACSC magic returned in-person this spring with Student Leadership Days! Core Leadership Team members threw delivered four online and one in-person sessions in February and March, reaching nearly 900 middle school students.

Participants learned to tell a story in their public speaking voices, how to acknowledge and celebrate diversity and understand how differing perspectives help us achieve our goals. They learned that conflict is not limited to “fights” between two people and the importance of serving to lead.

This year’s program also included a mental health component as part of the traditional servant leadership work. In conjunction with the Happiness Project, delegates and staff took a moment to check their own resiliency in a time when students need it most.

With the challenging schedule associated with schools returning to in-person activities, two Student Leadership Day events - with the Diocese of Phoenix and Diocese of Stockton - have been rescheduled for the fall.
Our Associate Board hosted a College Webinar this spring for high school seniors to help them with college decisions.

It was a great evening filled with peers helping peers, as TACSC alumni shared with current high school students how they made their college decisions.

This was the first Wednesday Webinar that the Associate Board will be hosting. Continue to join us once a quarter, TACSC alumni will come together to connect, ask questions and share insights on a topic relevant to your life! That's lifelong mentorship at its best!

Visit our recently updated alumni section on TACSC website to for more information as it becomes available at tacsc.org/alumni

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**SUMMER IS NOT CANCELED!**

The best part about summer is making new friends, learning new skills and laughing every bit of the way. TACSC has been working to ensure that summer leadership programming is available for all families. We are offering different options to deliver the TACSC magic.

Keep reading to learn more about summer programming or visit tacsc.org/programs to register your students today!
Summer Conference is open to rising sixth, seventh and eighth graders. We're offering two dates, both at Loyola Marymount University, and in addition to our traditional overnight program, we're also offering a Days Only option for both camps. This format is ideal for those who live close enough to the campus to drop off (9:15 a.m.) and pick up (9:30 p.m.) each day.

Join us either Thursday, June 24 – Sunday, June 27 or Thursday, July 15 – Sunday, July 18, 2021. The cost for overnight Summer Conference is $799 and Days Only is $499.

PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Summer is in sight!

IN-PERSON SUMMER CONFERENCE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

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ONLINE SUMMER LEADERSHIP LIVE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

This summer program will be fully online, held daily from 3 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6 – Thursday, July 8. Like last year’s event, this option will include a box filled with TACSC magic shipped to each participant. The cost for the online program is $299 per student.

IN-PERSON HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SEMINAR

Open to rising freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in high school. Level up your leadership skills with an in-person, overnight program at Loyola Marymount University on Friday, July 23 – Sunday, July 25, 2021. The cost to attend the High School Summer Seminar is $379.

Scholarships are available for all summer programs. Email tacsc@tacsc.org for information.
"Last summer, when everything seemed so uncertain, there was one thing that we knew we could count on to provide a constant for our family, TACSC Summer Conference. TACSC's Virtual Summer Leadership Live exceeded our expectations! For those three days, our son Alejandro received a robust experience where he was able to engage with other young leaders, participate in group activities, and conclude his evenings in communal prayer. Most importantly, my wife and I were able to witness firsthand the TACSC magic that is made possible by an amazing staff that is committed to helping foster a generation of young Catholic leaders. We are forever grateful that in a time when everything around us seemed so ambiguous, TACSC was there to provide a sense of “normality” for our son and to model that true leadership is exhibited through adapting to change.

- Antonio, parent

The cost to send one student to Summer Conference is $1,200, and historically, more than 80 percent of our participants have been on scholarship. While we all face a long road to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, we hope that you’ll consider a gift—of any size—to help ensure that as many young people as possible are equipped with the skills to lead.

"I can't wait to go to TACSC Summer Conference again. I feel very blessed that I was able to attend TACSC Summer Conference last year. I learned about communicating, goal setting, and a leader's presence in an online world.

One of the goals that I set for myself because of TACSC was to participate in my school's student council. This year I'm my school's Religious Affair Commissioner. It's because of TACSC that I had the confidence to run for office.

My favorite part of my TACSC experience last summer was meeting new people, the TACSC leaders, and night prayers. Thank you to TACSC for helping me with my leadership skills and for believing in me that I can change the world.

- Alejandro, sixth grade student

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CONGRATS Graduates

Congratulations to the following members of the class of 2021!

CHRISTIAN ANABI
University: University of Southern California
Degree(s): B.S. in Business Administration
          M.S. in Digital Social Media

EMILY ANABI
University: Loyola Marymount University
Major: Business Entrepreneurship
Minor: Philosophy

ANTHONY BOULAHOU D
University: Loyola Marymount University
Degree(s): Master's in Urban Education with an emphasis in Administration Policy

REILLY KEANE
University: Fordham University
Major: Business Administration with concentrations in Entrepreneurship and Finance
Minor: History

BRIAN KENDRICK
University: Boston University
Major: Biomedical Engineering

ALEC ZBORNAK
University: Yale University
Major: Humanities with a certification in Chinese Language
Madison Luna Cohen was born to Matt Cohen and Jenny (Mercado) Cohen at 2:38 p.m. on January 11, 2021 in New Jersey. At birth she was six pounds, 13 ounces and 20 inches.

Omero Crea Stelzer was born to Nick Stelzer and Nella McOsker at 11:48 a.m. on April 6, 2021 in Los Angeles. At birth, he was seven pounds, 12 ounces and 21.25 inches.

THE TACSC FAMILY grows

We're delighted to welcome these new members of the TACSC family! These babies will be part of the Summer Conference class of 2030!

WE WANT TO HEAR from YOU!

Share your stories with us at tacsc@tacsc.org