



TEXAS AREA MODEL ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Dear *PASF Chapter/Sponsor*,

The Pan American Student Forum (PASF) of Texas would like to inform you of wonderful opportunity for high school students. The Texas Area Model Organization of American States (TAMOAS) is a debate program that allows students to build multi-cultural political awareness, gaining insight into solving global issues. TAMOAS simulates the proceedings of the Organization of American States (OAS), and students participate in formal sessions at PASF convention to present resolutions pertaining to topics such as democracy, poverty, corruption, human rights, integral development, and other issues relating to the current political timeframe. Students also sharpen critical thinking skills, developing the means to build strong arguments and improve public speaking skills.

TAMOAS offers the opportunity for exceptional delegates to advance to the national level, the Model Organization of American States (MOAS), which is held in Washington, D.C. every year. Ten non-senior students who participate in TAMOAS are selected by judges to travel to Washington, D.C. for MOAS. PASF covers travel and lodging expenses for the trip. This offers students a great learning experience and enhances their resumes. Also, all students involved with TAMOAS who compete at PASF convention are eligible for awards, such as Best Delegate, Best Senior Delegate, Best Delegation, Best Runner-Up Delegation, and Best Representative of the Spirit of Pan Americanism.

This year, PASF is taking steps to expand TAMOAS, and would like more students to become involved. The deadline for registration has been extended up to convention provided that there are still member nations available to represent. Chapters can sign up for as many delegations as they wish. Chapters may also choose from any of the OAS member nations that are currently active. Go to [www.pasf.com](http://www.pasf.com) for all the appropriate debate procedures, instructions, and information regarding registration. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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