

The Sand Springs Technology Student Association chapter sent four students to the Oklahoma Fall Leadership Conference in October. The students learned leadership skills to help guide their chapters throughout the year during the Oct. 24 conference in Norman. "TSA enhances personal development, leadership and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math and provides students and teachers opportunities to develop STEM skills," Dawn Frank, TSA state adviser and STEM specialist at the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, said in a statement. Students had the opportunity to meet and talk with state and regional TSA officers and also attended in-depth workshops and received information about events, fundraisers and awards. Breakout session topics included communication and public speaking, social media, competitive event tips, running for state and regional office, drones, TSA's leadership program, LEAP and Project Lead The Way. "We have a returning National Champion competing again this year," Kenneth Cole, CareerTech STEM instructor at Sand Springs, said in a statement. Oklahoma TSA is affiliated with CareerTech science, technology, engineering and math education programs. The co-curricular CareerTech student organization is an integral part of the Oklahoma CareerTech System. It is one of seven CTSOs affiliated with CareerTech career areas. The other six are Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, family and consumer sciences; FFA and agricultural education; Business Professionals of America and business and information technology education; HOSA and health careers education; DECA and marketing education; and SkillsUSA and trade and industrial education. For more information about TSA and other CareerTech student organizations, visit www.okcareertech.org/students/student-organizations. Rachel Snyder 918-581-8315 rachel.snyder@okcareertech.org