“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”
--- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Hello,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer, full of opportunities and relaxation. The school semester is in full swing, which means the new DTA year is underway. I hope all of you are excited for what DTA has to offer this year. The National DTA Council is eager to work with so many passionate members, and learn from the chapters throughout the nation.

I can’t wait see what you guys achieve this year. Please contact me or the other National Council officers if you have any question, or need assistance in any way. It is my sincere wish that all of you get active within your local DTA chapter, and look for ways to serve others. Good luck in all your endeavors!
National Officer Spotlight

National Southern Region Vice President

Reagan Cooper

- Sam Houston State University
- Junior
- Sam Houston State DTA Treasurer
- Major: Animal Science
- Minor: Secondary Education
- Career Goal: Be a college professor
National Officer Spotlight

- Member of the Judicial Board of her social sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma.
- Secretary of Sam Houston State Collegiate FFA.
- Serves on two committees for her local show.
- DTA Goal: Wants more members to be actively involved, and wants to keep contact with members through the new DTA Facebook page.
FROM ACROSS THE NATION....

- Sam Houston State University
  - Started collecting change for SAAFE House adopt a Family for Christmas.
  - Nominated the DTA Homecoming King and Queen representatives.

- Arkansas State University
  - Will soon be volunteering at the local animal shelter and petting zoo, and will participate in a Highway cleanup.
  - Preparing details for their sausage sale.
FROM ACROSS THE NATION....

- Fort Hays State University
  - Held officer elections, and held their Fall DTA Initiation.
  - Started forming ideas for their Homecoming banner.

- College of the Ozarks
  - Held officer elections.
  - Picked up collegiate section of the Adopt-A-Highway Project.
TAKE NOTE!

- DTA Merchandise Available
  - Fleece Pullovers
  - Graduation Honor Cords
  - Graduation Honor Stole
  - Graduation Medallion
  - Lapel Pin
  - T-shirts
- Check [http://bigcat.edu/agriculture/natdta/merchandise/index.html](http://bigcat.edu/agriculture/natdta/merchandise/index.html) for more info!
TAKE NOTE!

- The National DTA website has been moved to http://organizations.missouristate.edu/natdta/ though you can still access the website via its previous location.

- Check out the DTA Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/nationaldeltataualpha?ref=hl.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **October 15th, 2015**
  - Payment and list of new membership is due
  - Annual chapter dues
  - Report of returning members and officers are due

- **March 31st - April 2nd, 2016**
  - National DTA Convention
  - Fort Hays State University