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TAFE Newsletter

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

ALINA TORRES



Welcome back to school! I hope everybody had a great summer and is ready to hit the books. The 2016-2017 school year has so much in store, so I hope you're excited. This summer your officers and I got the chance to travel the state of Texas attending different conferences and trainings encouraging other schools and districts to start TAFE Chapters of their own. It was great getting to speak to so many individuals about our wonderful organization. Remember to make the best of this school year and go **Beyond your Call of Duty!** I can't wait to see what everybody is up to this year!

P.S. if you haven't already, be sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram to keep up with any updates and to share your pictures with us! You can find us at @tafestate.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

ABIGAE L DILLON – VICE PRESIDENT

Hey Y'all, I've created a list of colleges and their contacts in the education department. Four are here in Texas and the other two are out of state. I hope this helps you get ready to take the next step to becoming a teacher! Please email me if you have other college of education contacts that you would like me to share with our fellow TAFE members or if you would like to get information on a particular university. My email address is dillon.abigael@lisdeagles.org.



University Name	City	Website	Contact
University of North Texas	Denton, TX	UNT.edu	Dr. Bertina Combes coe-info@unt.edu (940) 565-2235
Texas A&M University	College Station, TX	Tamu.edu	Casey Ricketts crocketts@tamu.edu (979) 862-4345
Baylor University	Waco, TX	Baylor.edu	School of Education SOE@Baylor.edu (254) 710-3111
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth, TX	Tcu.edu	College of Education coe@tcu.edu (817) 257-7660
University of Oklahoma	Norman, OK	Ou.edu	Sherry Cox scox@ou.edu (405) 325-1081
Louisiana State University	Baton Rouge, LA	Lsu.edu	Student Services chseinfo@lsu.edu (225) 578-2331

They need you now!



Educators have the ability to positively impact others and truly change the future. Many students feel that their lives were touched by teachers and want to give back to the next generation. The College of Education at Sam Houston State University can help you achieve your career goals. Convenient class arrangements accommodate your individual needs - online, nights, weekends, and at various locations. Scholarships and financial aid are available.

You'll need them later!



BA
BS
EDD
MA
MED
MLS
PHD
Certification
(Teacher, Superintendent,
Principal, Counselor, and
Librarian - to name a few)



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KUDOS!

BROOKE COLLINS - SECRETARY



TAFE members and officers had an active and successful summer attending multiple activities and conferences. From Texas A&M University, Mr. Casey Ricketts, for planning and carrying out a phenomenal Summer Leadership Workshop! We would also like to thank the camp counselors who gave their time to help TAFE have a successful leadership workshop. The TAFE Advisors Workshop would not have been possible without our speakers! We would like to thank our

TAFE Teacher Leader speakers, Ms. Sharlene Storm, Ms. Anshawna Charles, Ms. Jill Owen, and Ms. Michelle Constant. Also extend that warm thank you to anyone else who contributed in making that conference successful. Thank you as well to all of the Teacher Leaders that took time out of their summer break to come and attend the TAFE Advisor Workshop. We truly appreciate what you do for your chapters' success!

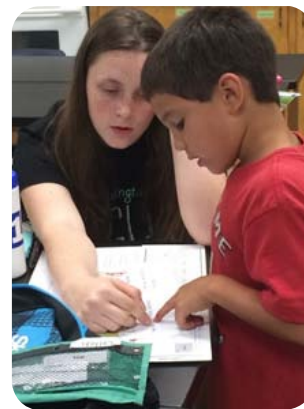


TRAFLES CONNECTIONS

Does your chapter want to be featured in this section? Send pictures and descriptions of your events/activities that include the TRAFLES. Your chapter could be featured in the next Newsletter. Send your events/activities along with a picture to brookecheyennec@gmail.com

SERVICE PROJECT: The 2016-2017 chapter officers and chapter members of Hanna High School highlight the service portion of the TAFE TRAFLES by going to the feeder middle school open house. By doing this, they provide the youth with useful information about our organization, and we used this opportunity to recruit new members.

SERVICE PROJECT: Vice president, Abigael Dillon and her chapter model service in their schools and community by tutoring the teacher's children who attend the local elementary school. This allows students to get help from knowledgeable high school students, the teachers to get extra time to work on lesson plans, and TAFE members to gain valuable experience working with young children.





SERVICE PROJECT: Marcus High School TAFE chapter made mums and presented them to the Special Needs students. A special ceremony was given in their honor at the volleyball game Tuesday, September 27th.

PICTURE THIS: TAFE IN PICTURES

ANDREA ROBLEDO - HISTORIAN

TAFE members have participated in many activities since last April. Please send pictures from your region conferences to me at andrearobledo88@yahoo.com. I hope you have a great year!!



MAY – OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP

TAFE region and state officers learned how to improve their leadership skills, communication skills and listening skills. We participated in teambuilding activities to learn how to work together to overcome the challenges we were given. It was a really fun experience! Mmmm those s'mores were good!

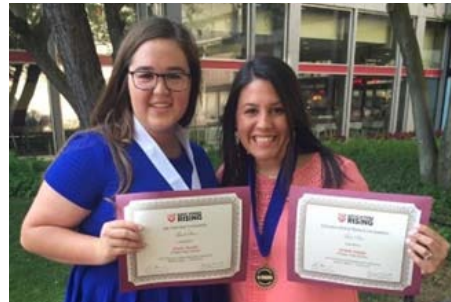


JUNE – EDUCATORS RISING NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Picture 1: 2015-2016 Educators Rising Officers with Aaron Romo, Southwest High School, San Antonio, member of the 2016-2017 National Student Cabinet.

Picture 2: Emily Hunter and Arielle Heiser showing off their medals and certificates. Congratulations ladies!

Picture 3: Abigail Dillon and pal.



JULY - SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP AT TEXAS A&M

During our time on the Texas A&M campus, chapter leaders from across the state rallied together to get the Aggie Experience not only that but received insight on how to better our leadership skills and become better educators. WE HAD A BLAST!!!



JULY – TAFE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



The TAFE Officers pictured here with Dr. Devin Padavil, principal of the new Lebanon Trail High School in Frisco, TASSP President and TAFE board member, after they completed the work of the board.

AUGUST – TAFE ADVISOR’S WORKSHOP – SHERATON HOTEL, DALLAS

Picture 1: New Advisor’s Orientation – about 30 attended the New Advisor’s Orientation. TAFE is growing!!!

Picture 2: Dr. Doug Hamman, Texas Tech University College of Education, talked to the teacher leaders about the TAFE Endorsed Educator’s Preparation Programs (EPP).

Picture 3: Regions sat together to get to know each other and they were given time to discuss their region conferences.



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Many Thanks to the Teacher Leaders and the State Officers who conducted Breakout sessions!



Competitive Events Round Table Sessions: Thanks to all the teacher leaders who volunteered to share their expertise in competitive events.



DOOR PRIZES – THANK YOU TO THE MANY SPONSORS OF DOOR PRIZES FOR OUR TEACHER LEADERS.



Kim Smith from Timbercreek HS won one of the 6 school supply cakes.



In addition to telling us about the \$500 scholarship that Michael and Donna Sattler are offering, they also brought a door prize to give away. Congratulations to Debbie Reese from Richardson HS!



Christina Cerami and Tammy Herring brought greetings and information from Arlington and the Sheraton Hotel. They also brought a gift basket with goodies from UTA and Arlington.



Congratulations Dierdra Franklin Sorrels teacher leader from Mac Arthur High School, Aldine!



The grand prizes were given away at the luncheon and last general session sponsored by the 5th Brigade of USAREC. Winners were left to right: Holly Kelley, Vanessa Richardson, Cathy Hoch.

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BAYLOR
UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



The Baylor SOE value:

100%

certification
pass rate in TX
(past two years)

6

semesters of
faculty-guided
fieldwork

Field
Experience
in up to **6**
different
grade levels

15-1

average
student-faculty
ratio in
Baylor SOE

The Baylor SOE experience:

- ◆ Christian community ◆
- ◆ Big 12 athletics ◆
- ◆ Scholarships 4 incoming students ◆
- ◆ Study-abroad experiences ◆
- ◆ Education Living-Learning Center ◆
- ◆ Undergraduate research ◆

Do YOU know a student interested in TEACHING?

Email us: Lindsey_Freed@baylor.edu

School of Education Links of Interest:

School of Education: baylor.edu/SOE
Facebook: [Facebook.com/BaylorSOE](https://www.facebook.com/BaylorSOE)





FROM THE DIRECTOR

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WOW! As you can see from the pictures above, this summer was amazing and packed full of opportunities to grow and develop as student leaders and teacher leaders. We have had a great start to a new year, and we are looking forward to all of the opportunities this year holds.

- **Region conferences** are around the corner. You can look at the Regional Map under "About" tab on the www.tafeonline.org website to find information about your region conference.
- **Region competitive events registration** will be done on the TAFE website. Teacher Leaders can register their students by going to each event in which they have students and click on the register link. Fill out the information and click submit. We will not be uploading paperwork for the region conferences on the TAFE website. If your region requires you to send in paperwork for specific competitive events, you will need to follow the region guidelines for sending that in to them.
- **Competitive events registration links will be open on Monday October 1. If you do not have your TAFE chapter dues paid, the registration links will be locked and you will not be able to register until your chapter dues are paid.**
- **[ELF Test Study Guide](#)** has been posted to the TAFE website.
- **FIRST TIME LOGIN On the new website:** When you log-in the first time, you will click on "Join/Renew" then click on "Renew" type in your username which is your email address then click on "Forgot your password". The system will generate a password and send it to your email. You will then be able to login and if you want, you can change your password at that time. If you changed schools and your new school had a chapter last year, please contact Alice at 512-443-2100 ext. 229. If you changed schools and your new school has not had a chapter or you are a new chapter, you will need to click on "Join/Renew" and follow the prompts.
- **Hotel Reservation links for the 2017 TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit** have been posted! It will be held in Arlington at University of Texas at Arlington, the Arlington Convention Center and the Sheraton Hotel on February 17-19, 2017.

- **Two new TAFE events this year:**
 - 1.) TAFE Career Day and Night with the San Antonio Spurs - October 14th.** Deadline for orders is Thursday, September 22, 2016. [Click here](#) for more information.
 - 2.) Dallas Mavericks' Annual FCCLA/TAFE Leadership Day on Friday, March 3.** Deadline for orders/payment is Friday, February 3rd, 2017. Tickets are extremely limited, and have sold out very quickly in the past.

[ORDER FORM](#)

- **NEW TAFE SCHOLARSHIP:** At the Advisor's Workshop on August 2nd, Donna and Mike Sattler of Its Your Spice announced that they will be offering a \$500 TAFE scholarship. They also said there could be a possibility of more than one scholarship depending on participation. Come on TAFE Teacher Leaders get those fundraisers going!!!! Read his announcement below.



[Family and Consumers Sciences, TAFE, FCCLA Update](#)

Be sure to check out the scholarship tab periodically for new scholarship opportunities.

- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** If you have not joined TAFE on Facebook, please do. We currently have 115 members in the group out of 250+ teacher leaders and very few of those are students. Help us get the word out! If you know a TAFE teacher leader who is not currently a member of this group, please invite them to join our group. Also, get your students to join. They can also join the TAFE Twitter and Instagram. If you are not a member, click on the links below to request to join.

[Facebook](#) | [Twitter.com/tafestate](https://twitter.com/tafestate) | [Instagram.com/tafestate](https://www.instagram.com/tafestate)

- **TAKE CARE OF TEXAS VIDEO CONTEST:** The contest closes on Dec. 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Visit TakeCareOfTexas.org/video-contest
- **NEW TEACHER LEADERS & MENTORS:** If you are a new Teacher Leader and you would like some help getting started, please email the state office and we will connect you with someone in your area who can give you help and support.



Mark Your Calendars!

September 22, 2016	DEADLINE TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS for the TAFE Career Day and Night with the San Antonio Spurs Click here for more information.
October 14th, 2016	TAFE CAREER DAY AND NIGHT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO SPURS
November 1, 2016	DEADLINE TO PAY STATE CHAPTER AFFILIATION FEES to compete at Region and State conferences
December 14, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEADLINE FOR STATE TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT • COMPETITIVE EVENTS REGISTRATION DEADLINE • STATE OFFICER APPLICATION DEADLINE
January 10, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONFERENCE CHECKS must be postmarked by January 10th to receive the discount and receive a t-shirt • APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUE
January 11, 2017	DEADLINE TO UPLOAD ALL PAPERS AND VIDEOS FOR COMPETITIVE EVENTS
Early February, 2017	CAPITOL LEADERSHIP Austin, TX
February 3rd, 2017	DEADLINE FOR ORDERS/PAYMENT - for the Dallas Mavericks Student Leadership Day. ORDER FORM
February 17-19, 2017	2017 TAFE TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT University of Texas Arlington/Sheraton/Arlington Convention Center
March 3, 2017	DALLAS MAVERICKS' ANNUAL FCCLA/TAFE LEADERSHIP DAY
May 12-14, 2017	STATE AND REGION OFFICER TRAINING Highland Lakes Camp, Spicewood, TX
June 23-26, 2017	EDUCATOR'S RISING NATIONAL CONFERENCE Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, Arizona
July - TBD	SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS Texas A&M University
July 31 - August 1, 2017	2017 TAFE TEACHER LEADERS' WORKSHOP Sheraton Downtown Dallas
July 31 - August 4, 2017	FCSTAT CONFERENCE Sheraton Downtown Dallas



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