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TAFE Newsletter

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TAFE 2018-2019 STATE PRESIDENT SCHOOL:

Brownwood High School

WELCOME YOUR NEW STATE PRESIDENT!



KAITLYN DAVIS

I will be posting a section in each newsletter. The section will be titled **FROM OUR PRESIDENT**. If you are looking for information on upcoming or current events related to TAFE, check out my section in each newsletter. Each of the other state officers will have their own sections with specific information in each.

My school: I am currently a junior at Brownwood High School in Brownwood, Texas.

Some of my activities: I am involved in Texas Association of Future Educators, Lion Crew, and National Honor Society in school. I also am involved in church activities and have a part time job outside of school.

TAFE: I have been involved in TAFE since my freshman year of high school. I am Brownwood High School Chapter President and Region 15 President.

More about me: My favorite subjects in school are science and English. In the future, I plan to go to college and major in early childhood education.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello TAFE members! I am truly honored to serve as your 2018-2019 TAFE state President! I am extremely excited for this upcoming year. The other officers and I are going to do our absolute best to make this an amazing year.

The theme for the 2019 state conference is "Find the Magic in Teaching."

The other officers and I are going to put our best foot forward when it comes to planning this year's state conference. We wish you the best of luck in all regional competitions you may be competing in and hope to see you at the state conference.

In the beginning of May, your State and Regional officers will be traveling to Spicewood, Texas to attend an officer training workshop. I am excited to meet all the region officers for this year!

Not long after we will be attending a Summer Leadership Program at Texas A&M. At this Summer Leadership Program, we will gain skills and knowledge that will not only help aid us in doing our absolute best as serving as your state officers but will help us in being excellent teachers in the future.

I am elated to be your President and if you have any questions feel free to contact me at any time.

My email is: kaitlyn.lea.davis@gmail.com. I look forward to working with the other officers and growing as a TAFE member. I hope to see you all! Good luck this year! I wish you all the best!

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TAFE 2018-2019 STATE VICE PRESIDENT SCHOOL

South Hills High School, Fort Worth

WELCOME YOUR NEW STATE VICE PRESIDENT!

MELISSA ARREOLA

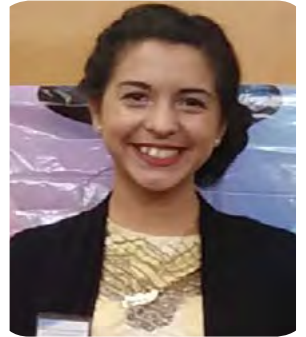
My school: I am a student at South Hills High School in Fort Worth, Texas.

Some of my activities: I am involved in many things including, TAFE, Junior ROTC, dance, community service projects, and Student, Principal, Advisory Team (SPAT) as well as my church.

TAFE: I am a member of TAFE and I have been very involved in my local chapter since my sophomore year in high school. I have attended regional and state conferences. Through TAFE, I have volunteered for many events such as our Children's Carnivals, Scorpions and Santa, and TAFE promotions. I was recognized at my campus through the counseling office for student leadership at my school.

A little about me: I am a 16-year-old daughter of two amazing parents and a sibling of six. I was born and partly raised in Fort Worth Texas and partly in San Luis Potosí, Mexico. I have attended school in both America and Mexico. When I was in elementary school, I would attend school during the school year in America and continued my education in Mexico in the summers. I consider myself as an outgoing, loving and easy to get along with person. I am willing to help wherever needed, and I enjoy volunteering my time to help others.

Greetings! Each quarter, I will have a section titled COLLEGE CONNECTIONS.



COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

Education is a key to your success. There are many opportunities for you to continue your education in Texas. Higher education means more opportunities for you to accomplish your goals and have more money for family and personal needs in your future. Texas is a large state and there are plenty of colleges to choose from to continue your education. Most colleges have a College or School of Education for those interested in becoming an educator, counselor, or even a principal.

[TeachingDegree.org](http://www.teachingdegree.org/texas/teaching-degrees/) <http://www.teachingdegree.org/texas/teaching-degrees/> has a list of several colleges and contacts in Texas for those interested in teaching. College is achievable but sometimes we need a little help paying for it. Start applying for scholarships immediately. Some of my favorite websites for scholarship opportunities are: www.finaid.org, www.cappex.com, www.meritaid.com, www.HSF.net, www.chegg.com, www.plexuss.com, and www.fastwebbb.com. My plan for the future is to join the military. Once I join, the military will pay for my college. My plan is to become a dance instructor and eventually a counselor someday. What is your plan?

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TAFE 2018-2019 STATE SECRETARY SCHOOL

Lexington High School

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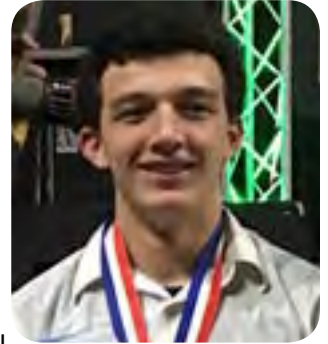
DYLAN ATKINS

Some of my activities: I am a Junior at Lexington High School and I am an active member of TAFE and FCA at my school. In addition to academics, I enjoy playing football, baseball, basketball, and tennis.

TAFE: I have been the TRAFLES leader for Teaching and Service for my chapter. I compete in Lesson Planning and Delivery STEM and Project Visualize - Service.

A little about me: I want to teach math. Math has always been my favorite subject, and I want to express my joy for learning math with my future students. I spend my time outside of school working and hanging out with friends.

It is a privilege to be working with all of you. I will have two sections in the newsletter. The first section is titled TRAFLES CONNECTIONS, and the second section is titled KUDOS. Check out these sections.



TRAFLES CONNECTIONS

TAFE chapters, please remember that I would love to see any of the TRAFLES your chapter participates in throughout this year! Feel free to share any TRAFLES memories or moments with me at: Atkins.Dylan@lisdeagles.org.



Service Project: Lexington High School did a service project giving back to the school by cleaning up a garden that wasn't in use at the time.



Leadership: Chapel Hill High School created a leadership project for teens to put down the phone and to promote safe driving.



Teaching: To promote their Ready Set Teach class, the Chapel Hill High School Ready Set Teach students, did a teaching project where underprivileged students decorated pumpkins and made them in a book.

KUDOS!



A BIG SHOUT OUT to Sam Houston State University College of Education, Dean Edmonson, Sherry Hirsch, Dr. Haas, Katie Lowe, Nicole Mattingly and numerous faculty, students and volunteers for hosting our 2018 Teach Tomorrow Summit. We had a wonderful time exploring campus and learning about the amazing things SHSU can offer future educators. Everything was wonderful, and your hospitality was truly heartwarming.

To Austin Ince for all his hard work and dedication before the conference in developing the online scoring system, his long hours during the conference making sure that it was working well, and his time spent over several days and weeks following the conference emailing scores to teacher leaders. **AUSTIN YOU ROCK!!!**

We also extend our thanks to the many judges, runners, timekeepers, and door monitors for volunteering their time to help make our competitive events the success that they were. These volunteers are essential to our success and work hard to ensure our competitive events run smoothly. Not to forget Mrs. Ashlee Boothe, for scheduling and coordinating the competitive events, and the Competitive Events Team, Mrs. Leah Zavala, Mrs. Debbie Reese, Ms. Graceanna Fletcher, and Mrs. Ann Grimes. We LOVE you!

A big thank you to all the presenters for those rockin' breakout sessions!

Lastly, shout out to the Teacher Leaders and Administrators who do the important work of encouraging students to explore education careers by participating in TAFE events. You rock!

If you know anyone who you feel should be recognized and given a proper TAFE thank you! Please let me know who and what they are being recognized for: Atkins.Dylan@lisdeagles.org

TAFE 2018-2019 STATE HISTORIAN SCHOOL
Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill
WELCOME YOUR NEW STATE HISTORIAN!

GRACE CARNES

My school: I'm currently a Junior at Chapel Hill High School in Chapel Hill, TX. Chapel Hill High School is a 4A district. I have been a student in the district for 11 years.

My activities: Some of the activities that I am involved in are powerlifting, track, and work. I enjoy being around kids and being a student teacher. Getting to help people learn new things is important to me because they are the next generation.

TAFE: This is the second year Chapel Hill has been an active TAFE chapter. Our organization has been involved with service activities such as Bears for Blessing, Blankets for people in need, Germ Busters, Pre-K roundup, field day with special needs students, my pumpkin patch, and Teens in the Driver Seat. We have also done team building at the park, NASA, and fundraising. These activities have helped bring the students in our organization closer and we have learned to function as a team.

More about me: In addition to being the State Historian, I am also vice president of my school's TAFE Chapter. I will be graduating in May 2019, and I am looking forward to attending college where I will pursue a degree in elementary education. Becoming a kindergarten teacher has been my goal for three years. I want to make a difference and impact the lives of younger students. I enjoy working hard in all that I do. I have qualified and placed 10th and 7th in the regional powerlifting meet the past 2 years. I have also been hostess at Outback Steakhouse for a year. My family is my support system. My older brother, younger sister and my grandparents have encouraged me to work hard and do my best. That is why I strive to work hard in every opportunity I am given.



PICTURE THIS

I will be making a virtual TAFE scrapbook. Please send in pictures of your different TAFE events so that your chapter can be represented in the scrapbook. Thank you and we hope to see your pictures. Please send pictures to: 19carnesc@stu.chapelhillisd.org.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

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GOOD NEWS!!!

TAFE has the highest membership ever! The last two years, TAFE membership has broken the record by a handful set the previous year. So far this year, we have 270 chapters. TAFE grew this year by 23 chapters and the year is not over yet. Way to go TAFE!!! Keep building those regions!!!

END OF THE YEAR AWARDS AND RECOGNITION It is that time of the year for you to provide recognition to your students for their hard work. Don't forget to order your patches, pins and honor cords so that you have them in time for your awards ceremonies. Order in the TAFE Online Store.

2018-2019 STATE/REGION OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP is open for registration. If you go to <http://www.tafeonline.org/>, scroll over the Events tab and click on Officer Training Workshop. The Officer Training Workshop is designed to give our region and state officers an opportunity to develop leadership skills, participate in team building activities, and work together collaboratively to plan their region and state conferences.

2018 SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP registration is open. If you go to <http://www.tafeonline.org/>, scroll over the Events tab and click on Summer Leadership Workshop. The TAFE Summer Leadership Workshop is designed to give our students an opportunity to develop leadership skills, participate in team building activities, and work together collaboratively to plan their chapter activities.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE I am looking forward to attending the Educators Rising National Conference, June 21-24, 2018, in Disney Springs, Orlando, Florida. Be sure to practice and perfect your projects. State was tough, but at nationals, you are competing with the best students from all over the United States. I wish the best of luck to all the competitors.

DO YOU NEED MONEY FOR EDUCATORS RISING NATIONAL CONFERENCE? Please encourage your teacher leaders to post their fundraising needs on Donorschoose.org/students. Create a student-led project and include "Educators Rising" in the project title and description. This can apply for any expense related to Educators Rising including professional dress for internships, transportation costs, chapter activities, conference travel & registration. Usually 50% or more is covered. Many times, 100% is covered.

TEACHER LEADER WORKSHOP The TAFE Teacher Leader's Workshop will be July 30-31, 2018. It will be in conjunction with the FCSTAT Conference. We will be utilizing their two pre-conference days. If you plan to attend the FCSTAT Conference, there is no additional cost for the TAFE Advisor's Workshop. If you are just coming for the Advisor's Workshop, the cost is \$125.00. We will continue to offer breakout sessions during the entire FCSTAT Conference for the Education and Training, Child Development, and Child Guidance Courses. If you want more, you can register for the FCSTAT Conference and get more. If all you want is TAFE information, then you can just register for the TAFE Teacher's Workshop. Come get the updates and information you need to have successful chapters.

NEW EDUCATION & TRAINING CURRICULUM There will be new curriculum available for the Education and Training courses in August. TEA and TAFE have worked with a group of higher ed. representatives to find out what they would like to see included in our courses in order to offer the courses for dual credit. The group found that we already offer more than what the Higher Ed. Board requires for the entry level education courses. However, they did make a few recommendations. The new curriculum will include the Higher Ed. representative's recommendations.

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EDUCATORS RISING NEWS

NATIONAL STUDENT CABINET – KNOW ANY STAR STUDENTS? Do you know outstanding rising educators (especially male students) in the Class of 2018 or 2019 who are passionate about teaching and want to share their voices on a national level? Great news — Educators Rising is now seeking **National Student Cabinet Members** for the 2018–2019 school year! To nominate a rising educator to be considered as an Educators Rising National Student Cabinet Member, [fill out the short nomination form](#). **The deadline for submitting nominations is 5 p.m. ET on Monday, April 30**, so act soon if you want your star students to have a chance to be national leaders. Please contact us at info@educatorsrising.org if you have any questions.

EDUCATORS RISING MICRO-CREDENTIAL ASSESSORS NEEDED Educators Rising, PDK International’s pre-collegiate division, is seeking experienced K-12 educators and clinical faculty in teacher preparation programs to serve as micro-credential assessors. The five “Beginning to Teach” micro-credentials were modeled after the edTPA and National Board Certification performance assessments and were developed to showcase the skills and knowledge of aspiring educators and early career teachers. Developed through a partnership with Digital Promise and Bloomboard, the micro-credentials are part of a larger virtual badging ecosystem. The five topics covered are Anti-bias Instruction, Classroom Culture, Collaboration, Formative Assessment, and Learner Engagement.

To apply to be micro-credential assessors, applicants must have taught in a K-12 setting; experience with supervising or mentoring pre-service teachers is preferred. We are also seeking those with calibrated expertise in scoring educational performance assessments and/or in providing effective feedback. All selected applicants will be required to participate in a five-hour training and calibration process. The rate of pay for all assessors is \$60 per hour, with the expectation of scoring at least two submissions per hour.

Visit our website to [learn more about Educators Rising](#) and the [“Beginning to Teach” micro-credentials](#). If you are ready to apply to be a micro-credential assessor, please send an email explaining your interest and your qualifications to HR@pdkintl.org. Be sure to attach your resume and use the subject line “Micro-credential Assessor.”

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2018 Educators Rising National Conference will take place June 21–24, 2018, in Orlando. Everyone is invited to participate in this action-packed event filled with networking, learning, competing, and celebrating. It’s an opportunity for students and their teacher leaders to:

- Connect and learn from each other through breakout workshops;
- Compete for national titles in 21 competitive events designed to allow students to develop and showcase their teaching skills; and
- Be inspired by keynote presentations from national education leaders.

The conference will be held at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, and [conference registration is now open](#). Click to discover more information, including registration and housing costs, or view the [tentative conference schedule](#) now.

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Mark Your Calendars!

TAFE State/Region Officer Training

May 4-6, 2018 (Friday - Sunday) | Highland Lakes Camp, Spicewood, TX
Register online @ www.tafeonline.org

2018-2019 TAFE Chapter Affiliation

Opens June 1, 2018 | TAFE State Chapter dues \$80.00

TAFE Summer Leadership Workshop

June 10-13, 2018 (Sunday - Wednesday) | Texas A&M University
Registration \$150.00
Registration information online

Educator's Rising National Conference

June 21-24, 2018 | Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista

Teacher Leader Workshop

June 30-31, 2018 | Sheraton Hotel, Dallas
Registration \$125.00
Registration information online

FCSTAT Annual Conference

June 30-August 3, 2018 (Monday - Friday) | Sheraton Hotel, Dallas
Registration on the FCSTAT website [Click here](#)

Region Conferences

October – December

DEADLINE TO PAY CHAPTER AFFILIATION FEES TO COMPETE AT REGION

November 1, 2018 - Chapters must pay their \$80.00 state affiliation fee prior to competing at Region

POSTMARK DEADLINE TO MAIL APPLICATION FOR STATE OFFICE

December 3, 2018

DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING FOR TAFE TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT

January 16, 2019

POSTMARK DEADLINE TO MAIL LESSON PLANS & POSITION PAPERS & EMAIL VIDEO LINKS FOR COMPETITIVE EVENTS

January 16, 2019

APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUE

Emailed or postmarked by January 18, 2019

CAPITOL LEADERSHIP IN AUSTIN, TX

Early February 2019

TAFE TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT

February 28-March 2, 2019 | Delta Hotel and Watters Creek Convention Center, Allen, TX

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