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From the President:

KAMERON KELLER, ALIEF TAYLOR HS

My name is Kameron Keller, a sophomore at Alief Taylor High School, and the 2023 TAFE State President. I am 16 years old and originally from Louisiana, but I have lived in Houston for most of my life. I am very involved with my school. Currently, I am a Thespian and the Vice President of my Theater Club. I am also the Area 4 President and the Appreciation Chairperson for my local TAFE club. I have participated in TAFE since my freshman year.

I have done fundraisers, community service events, and staff appreciation with the TAFE club at my school. When not participating in TAFE club events, I am an actor for Alief Taylor High School Theater Company. I have been in the lead roles in productions such as *The Mystery at Greenfingers*, *Driving Ms. Daisy*, and *Antigone*. I enjoy meeting new people, spending time with family and friends, music, designing clothes, competing, and being in collaborative atmospheres. I also love to help others in any capacity. I have enjoyed the experience of learning new skills while in TAFE and various other leadership roles, and I'm excited to take on this role as State President. I will be posting a section in each newsletter, titled FROM OUR PRESIDENT, on upcoming or current events related to TAFE, and the other state officers will have sections on other TAFE topics. Aloha to a great year of TAFE!

As the TAFE State President, my goal for 2023-2024 is to motivate. One of my greatest pleasures is to motivate those around me. Everything I have accomplished has been backed by those who supported and motivated me. When you are motivated, you feel better about yourself, and your goals don't feel far out of reach. I hope for the opportunity to motivate everyone involved in TAFE, the teacher leaders, the judges, the area coordinators, the student body, the keynote speakers, the state officer team, the area officers, and even the state director. As the writer of *The Alchemist*, Paulo Coelho, said "If it is still in your mind, it is worth taking the risk." This quote sums up how I feel about the start of the year, and you can expect to see more in the upcoming newsletters. Let us have a great year of TAFE!

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College Connections:

**ANASTASIA CAMDEN, KILLEEN CAREER CENTER
TAFE VICE-PRESIDENT**



Aloha TAFE members! I'm Anastasia Camden and I am a junior at the Killeen Career Center. In my spare hours, I like to devote time to helping at school events such as our district's Science Olympiad, doing tours for our middle schools or even speaking to the community about TAFE. Within this school year, I've had the opportunity to gain knowledge of the teaching profession by visiting and observing classes around our district.

This past TAFE year has been so amazing which makes me ecstatic to see what this new year has in store for us. Being elected the 2023-2024 State Vice President has been a great honor and I am so excited to see where this year takes not only me, but this organization. Douglas Pagels once said "Each new day is a blank page in the diary of your life. The secret of success is in turning that diary into the best story you possibly can." With this new TAFE season starting, let's get ready to write the best story possible and make this year one to remember! Each quarter, I will write a section titled COLLEGE CONNECTIONS.

In the College Connections section, I will post different colleges and their recruiter's information, so you can easily access college info and learn how to apply to certain colleges.

There are so many opportunities for you to continue your education in Texas. Texas is a large state with so many colleges to choose from. Most colleges have an education program for those interested in becoming an educator, counselors, coach, and even an administrator.

If you have colleges you want to be posted or have recruitment info for, don't hesitate to let me know! You can contact me at anastasia.camden1052@gmail.com



KUDOS

PEYTON CRABILL, LOCKHART HS, TAFE SECRETARY

Aloha everyone! My name is Peyton Crabill and I am from Lockhart, Texas. I am currently a Junior soon to be Senior at Lockhart High School. Along with TAFE I am in NHS, volleyball, powerlifting, shot put, and discus and then outside of school I am a part of girl scouts. My favorite colors are purple and light blue, and I am a big fan of anything with chocolate! I am a proud sister of a younger brother who is a freshman and a dog sister to a five year old pug named Anchor. My favorite hobbies are spending time with my friends and family and reading. I am so excited to represent each and everyone of you in the 2023 - 2024 school year and I look forward to saying aloha to all of you this coming year.

I am going to have two sections in the newsletter, the first being TAFE CONNECTIONS and the second being KUDOS. For TAFE CONNECTIONS I will be reaching out to certain Areas for every newsletter so we can showcase what activities and projects each Area does to participate in TRAFLES. In the KUDOS section I will be giving a big THANK YOU and shoutout to very important people and organizations that have helped us make this year the best it can be.

TAFE CONNECTIONS

SPOTLIGHT - AREA 3:

AREA 3: Lockhart High School (Recreation) - Hopping Into Spring

Lockhart High School decided to kick off the start of spring by planning and hosting a Hop Into Spring Social for TAFE members. TAFE enjoyed food, games, an Easter Egg hunt, while watching an Easter themed movie.



Lockhart High School (Fundraising) - McTeacher Night

To prepare for the upcoming Educators Rising Conference Lockhart High School held a fundraiser in order to get support from their community. TAFE members were able to share their passion for teaching by communicating with members of the community and asking for donations to offset competition costs and travel.



Killeen Career Center (Teaching) - Education Program

The Killeen Career Center Education Program visiting their daily field sites and working with their cluster of students during interventions.

Killeen Career Center (Service) - MCH Family Outreach

The Killeen Career Center TAFE program hosted a drive for MCH Family Outreach around the holiday season. They collected hats, gloves, games, and many more kinds of items for families to use to stay warm and to enjoy the holiday.

TAFE CONNECTIONS

SPOTLIGHT - AREA 4 AND AREA 11:

AREA 4: Alief Taylor High School (Appreciation) - Fueling Up Our Bus Drivers

Alief Taylor TAFE braving the cold this past January to show their bus drivers some love. They reached out to a local restaurant, Kim's Tea House, to help sponsor and they graciously donated boba tea for every bus driver. Their members made posters and goodie bags filled with snacks to keep them "fueled up" and delivered them to each driver as they pulled up for their after school run.



AREA 11: Kaufman High School (Teaching) - Elementary School Teaching

Kaufman High School teaches a counting game to their local elementary school.

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: peytoncrabill@gmail.com

KUDOS!

We would like to thank the Kalahari Resort in Round Rock for the wonderful location to stay during the TAFE State Conference. The atmosphere, competition rooms, and indoor waterpark/arcade was amazing! We would also like to thank TEA for their contributions this year. In addition, a big shout out to all the volunteer judges, timekeepers, door monitors and runners, you all went above and beyond to help the competitive events run smoothly. Many thanks go to Austin Ince, Monica Oliver, and all of our Area Coordinators! They were a major part in the organization and success of our State Conference. We also want to thank our keynote speakers who gave their time and effort to educate our future educators and share life lessons that will not only benefit TAFE members inside the classroom but also in life as a whole. And lastly, a tremendous thank you to the Audio Visual at the Kalahari for ensuring that all electronic systems ran smoothly and effectively throughout our Conference!

If you know anyone who you feel should be recognized and given a proper TAFE thank you, please let me know name, school, and what they are being recognized for and please email me at: peytoncrabill@gmail.com





PICTURE THIS: Virtual TAFE Scrapbook

**JACQUELINE SERRANO – KAUFMAN HIGH SCHOOL
TAFE HISTORIAN**

Hello everyone! I'm Jacqueline Serrano, a sophomore at Kaufman High School. A little bit about me is that I was the 2022-2023 Area 11 President. I also aspire to be a High School Spanish teacher in the future. I absolutely would love to have my own classroom one day. At school I'm also in other clubs like Leo Club that focuses on community service to our community, and Spanish Club. The past Two years in TAFE have been the best thing ever. It has shown me how to be a leader and how to express myself in many ways. I enjoy making new friends in area, state, and plan on making friends at the National Conference. I'm happy to say that the rest of the officers and I are very excited to lead the 2024 State Conference and cannot wait to see what the team is capable of doing for the state.



On the TAFE newsletters I will have a section called "Picture This". I will include pictures that highlight TAFE events from around the state. Please send pictures to me at jserranotafe@gmail.com



Alief Taylor High School



Lockhart High School



Killeen Career Center



Kaufman High School





From the Director

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GOOD NEWS!!!

We had an amazing and successful year in TAFE. I cannot thank you enough for the time, effort, and patience you provide your students. The opportunities you are providing them are giving them skills to be successful in life. We had 2800+ students and teachers attend the 39th Annual Teach Tomorrow Summit. I'm excited to see the growth we see next year and to celebrate TAFE's 40th Birthday!

As we close out this school year, we are ending with the highest membership to date with 375 chapters! We are slowly and steadily rebuilding each area, way to go TAFE! We cannot continue to be successful without the support you provide your students and school communities as Teacher Leaders. THANK YOU!

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.

2023-2024 STATE/AREA/LOCAL OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP

Will take place May 11-13, 2023 at Highland Lakes Camp. We can't wait to begin planning for next year and to work on some additional resources for our students and teachers to have another successful year in TAFE.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

I am looking forward to attending the Educators Rising National Conference, June 29-July 2, 2023, in Orlando, Fl. I am excited to see the growth of our delegation at the national level. We have over 4600 members and we were given 41 delegates this year. 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.

Use this [ORDER FORM](#) to get orders placed by May 1st at 5:00 p/m {CST}. Orders can either be picked up at the Officer Training Workshop or they will be mailed beginning the week of May 15th.

TEACHER LEADER WORKSHOP

The TAFE Teacher Leader's Workshop will be July 17-18, 2023. 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 \$175.00. We will continue to offer breakout sessions during the entire FCSTAT Conference for the Education and Training, Child Development, and Child Guidance Courses. Get the updates and information you need to have successful chapters.

'23 Nationals Wear

T-Shirt Only- \$15.00

Front/Back



Trucker Hat Only- \$6.00



Educators Rising News

CELEBRATE YOUR NEXT STEPS AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

We are excited to announce that we are bringing back the National Signing Day Event at the 2023 Educators Rising National Conference. Students from across the country will be celebrated for their commitment to education! **Any graduating senior attending the conference is eligible for the event. Students can sign up today [here](#).**

• PARTICIPATE IN EDUCATORS RISING NATIONAL SIGNING DAY LOCALLY ON MAY 2

Are you an upcoming graduate that has committed to pursuing a postsecondary degree in education? Participate in the 2023 Educators Rising National Signing Day on May 2, 2023! Teacher Leaders should customize the [template certificates](#) on their [Teacher Leader Resources Page](#) for each student and print them out. Then, students should gather and sign the certificate to celebrate their commitment to the education profession. Take pictures, share them on social media, tag @educatorsrising and use #FutureEducator, #EdRising23, and #ServeOurCommunity.

• EDUCATORS RISING NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Educators Rising Honor Society is a distinction that recognizes the academic accomplishments of our student members. This honor serves to elevate the image of teaching by highlighting high-achieving students who are dedicated to a career path in education.

Who qualifies?

- To qualify for the Educators Rising Honor Society students must:
- Be a high school junior or senior
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale, including grades from the first semester of the current academic year
- Be an Active-level, national dues-paying member of Educators Rising
- Pay a \$5 application fee

What do I receive?

Those students who are accepted into the Educators Rising Honor Society will receive a personalized certificate of recognition. Those individuals whose schools will allow them to walk with honor cords at graduation may purchase a bulk package for \$20 which includes the application fee/certificate of recognition and honor cords to wear at graduation. Honor cords may also be purchased separately at a cost of \$20 by Honor Society members and Teacher Leaders only. This honor is a résumé-building opportunity for students and a great way for them to receive the recognition they deserve for their academic achievements. Please note juniors may purchase cords as part of their initial induction into the Educator Rising Honor Society. However, they must re-submit and verify eligibility for their senior year in order to wear cords at graduation.

How do I apply?

To apply, simply select the option of recognition that you desire to purchase, login to your membership account and follow the prompts through to checkout. Please note, you will need a copy of your transcripts or report card from this academic year with cumulative GPA listed. The cost to apply is \$5*, or \$20 for the bulk package including honor cords. You must verify your address on your Educators Rising membership account prior to ordering. You will be responsible for any fees incurred with the reshipment of your order if your address is incorrect.

Deadline to apply: May 31, 2023, to be included in the Educators Rising National Conference, students must apply by April 30, 2023

PARTICIPATE IN OUR NATIONAL CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT

Photo courtesy of: A Gift for Teaching

In keeping with the spirit of our 2023 Educators Rising National Conference theme of Serving Our Community in Orlando, we are excited to announce our National Service Project. We will be working with Central Florida's primary provider of free supplies to teachers for their students, A Gift for Teaching, to **gather school supplies to donate!** As a result, our students, teacher leaders, and other attendees can donate supplies from their schools to help students in need.

There are several ways you can help. If your school is attending the conference, A Gift for Teaching is looking for the above donations. **Bring them with you** to the conference, **make a monetary donation** to the [Educators Rising Donation Fund](#), or help your fellow conference attendees **sort and count at the conference**.

No matter how you contribute, time, supplies, or money, you will be helping to serve your community and assisting students and teachers in need.

TOP 5 ESSENTIALS



DRY ERASE MARKERS



MARKERS 8- OR 10-COUNT



NOTEBOOKS (COMPOSITION OR SPIRAL)



COLORED PENCILS 12-COUNT



LOOSE LEAF PAPER

Mark Your Calendar!

2023-2024 TAFE CHAPTER AFFILIATION

Opens May 1, 2023: TAFE State Chapter dues \$80.00 • Educators Rising Student Dues \$10.00

- **EDUCATOR'S RISING NATIONAL CONFERENCE - June 29 - July 2, 2023**

Renaissance Sea World, Orlando Florida

- **TEACHER LEADER WORKSHOP - July 17 - 18, 2023**

Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel, Addison, TX - Registration \$175.00

Registration information online, [Teacher Leader's Workshop](#) (tafeonline.org)

- **FCSTAT ANNUAL CONFERENCE - July 17-21, 2023 (Monday - Friday)**

Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel, Addison, TX - Registration on the FCSTAT website [Click Here](#)

- **AREA CONFERENCES - November – December**

- **DEADLINE FOR STATE AND NATIONAL AFFILIATION TO COMPETE AT AREA CONFERENCES**

November 1, 2023 - Chapters must pay their \$80.00 state affiliation and \$10.00 individual dues for all TAFE Members prior to competing at Area Conferences.

DEADLINE TO PAY STATE AND NATIONAL AFFILIATION DUESDecember 1, 2023

APPLICATION FOR STATE OFFICER DUE..... Uploaded by January 10, 2024

DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING FOR TAFE TEACH TOMORROW SUMMITJanuary 26, 2024

DEADLINE TO UPLOAD PRESCORED MATERIALS LINKS FOR COMPETITIVE EVENTSJanuary 26, 2024

APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUE Uploaded by January 10, 2024

CAPITOL LEADERSHIP IN AUSTIN, TX Late January/Early February 2024

TAFE TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT February 28 - March 1, 2024 Kalahari Resort Round Rock, TX



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