

TAFE Newsletter

Texas Association of Future Educators

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TAFE 2015-2016 State President School Marcus High School, Flower Mound

Welcome Your New TAFE State President! Maria Chosa



My school:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I am a Sophomore at Marcus High SchoolI have completed most of the Education and Training classes at Marcus and plan to complete all of them before graduation.
Some of my activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">National Spanish Honor SocietyTexas Association of Future EducatorsFuture Educators Association
TAFE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I have been a TAFE member for two years, since my Freshman year.I have attended two Regional competitions/conferences, two State competitions/conferences, and I will be attending my second National competition/conference this year.
A little about me:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I am a highly active member in my TAFE chapter, and love participating in all of our events.I love reading. My favorite genre is teen fiction.I plan on being a High School English Second Language Teacher or an English Literature Professor.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Future Educators! I am thrilled to serve as your 2015-2016 TAFE State President!

In April the Future Educators Association will be holding the National Conference in Washington, D.C. How exciting! The FEA National Conference is an amazing way to gain leadership skills and experience what teaching is all about. You will also be able to interact with other future educators who share the same passion as you. At the National Conference there will be a variety of breakout sessions you will be able to attend. Breakout sessions are a great way to connect with other future educators, as well as learn helpful tips to become a successful adult.

I can't wait to hear from you guys about your TAFE experiences and what your chapters are up to! I am available via E-Mail: chosa.tafe@gmail.com. If you need to contact me for any reason, feel free! I hope you all have had a wonderful TAFE experience! Enjoy the rest of the school year, because it's almost over! I look forward to seeing many of you soon!





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TAFE 2015-2016 State Vice President School
Porter High School
Welcome Your New State Vice President!
Sarah Reece



- My school:
 - I am a junior at Porter High School
- Some activities of mine:
 - Porter Lady Spartans Varsity Soccer
 - F.E.A National Honor Society
- TAFE:
 - I have been a member of TAFE since my sophomore year.
 - I attended the region and state competitions both my sophomore and junior years, and competed in nationals my sophomore year as well.
 - I was vice-president of my local chapter sophomore year and the president junior year, and also recently elected president for my senior year.
- A little about me:
 - I am an absolute avid reader and writer. I either have book in my hand or I am imagining stories that I could write one day for the world to read.
 - My dream job is to become an elementary school teacher and teach to hearts and souls of thousands of children. I also want to be an author.
 - Friendships are the most important thing to me. Filling the room with people who make you laugh and who you can tell your secrets to without any judgment, those are the best kinds of people.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

In this section, I am going to be posting different colleges and their recruiters information, so that y'all can have easy access to college info and learn how to apply to a certain college. If any of you have colleges you want me to look up and post or have recruitment info, please let me know. You can contact me at, sreece6@live.com

University	City	Website	Contact	Email
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth	http://www.coe.tcu.edu/default.asp	Karabi Malin	k.malin@tcu.edu
Tarleton	Stephenville	http://www.tarleton.edu/	Becca Downes	downes@tarleton.edu
Stephen F Austin	Nacogdoches	http://www.sfasu.edu/	Toni Chandler	chandlertd@sfasu.edu
UTSA	San Antonio	http://www.utsa.edu/	Carlos Martinez	Carlos.Martinez2@utsa.edu
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- Special Education

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TAFE 2015-2016 State Secretary School Copperas Cove High School Welcome Your New State Secretary! Ashley Prax



My school:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am a junior at Copperas Cove High School.
Some activities of mine:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the Principals Leadership Advisory National Honor Society Spanish National Honor Society
TAFE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have been a member of TAFE since my freshman year. I was President of our chapter this past year, and I will continue being President next year as well. I have attended the Region and State Conferences each year.
A little about me:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have always wanted to be a teacher. I used to play "School" with my stuffed animal class. I love Disney World and everything Disney. My dream job is to become a Superintendent of Schools and/or teach around the world.

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

TRAFLES CONNECTIONS

TAFE Chapters please keep me informed of any TRAFLES your chapter participates in throughout your school. Don't forget Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9, 2015. How will your chapter show appreciation to your teachers? Feel free to send me any TRAFLES activity along with pictures to apnicole97@gmail.com



Appreciation: January is school board appreciation month, and Copperas Cove High School TAFE Officers presented our school board members with gumball machines.



Teaching: Marcus High School TAFE students teach Holiday Lesson making reindeer food.



Service: Marcus High School TAFE members annually make mums and garters for Special Needs students.



Education Awareness: Copperas Cove High School TAFE members showed incoming freshman around the high school and answered questions they might have had about high school experiences.



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www.baylor.edu/SOE

Baylor SOE News Blog:

<http://blogs.baylor.edu/SOE>

Baylor SOE on Facebook:

www.Facebook.com/BaylorSOE

Summer To-Do List for 2015-16 High School Seniors:

- Test and Retest** — Take or retake the SAT or ACT. Baylor will accept your best math and best critical reading scores from different tests, so a retake can improve your chances of admission and scholarships. Send your scores directly to Baylor. Baylor's ACT code is 4062. The SAT code is 6032.

- Sign Up** — Create a goBAYLOR account at www.baylor.edu/goBAYLOR. Follow the links to "join the mailing list" to begin receiving information.

- Explore** — Visit BU online. At the goBAYLOR website, you can take a virtual tour of campus, calculate your financial aid options (www.baylor.edu/estimator), learn about on-campus living (www.baylor.edu/CLL), and more.

- Visit Campus** — Plan a trip to Baylor's beautiful campus. Fall Premiere is Sept 27, but you can also sign up for an individual campus tour at www.baylor.edu/visit.

- Get Ready** — Students should apply to Baylor in September, so gather resources this summer. You can enhance your file by including a résumé, letters of recommendation and short answer responses. At minimum you will need SAT/ACT scores and an official high school transcript showing class rank and sent directly from the school.

TAFE 2015-2016 State Historian School
Ozen High School, Beaumont
Welcome Your New State Historian!
Kearra leans



My school:

- I am a sophomore at Clifton J. Ozen Magnet High School located in Beaumont, TX.

Some activities of mine:

- Student Council
- N.A.A.C.P.
- Xinos

TAFE:

- This is my first year in TAFE and I love it!
- I'm so excited to work with the new officers, and I can't wait to see what we plan for State next year.
- I attended both the region and state conferences this year, and I love TAFE.

A little about me:

- My goal is to be a Chemical Engineer but also have a degree in Chemistry with a Teacher Certification so I will be able to give back to my community through teaching.

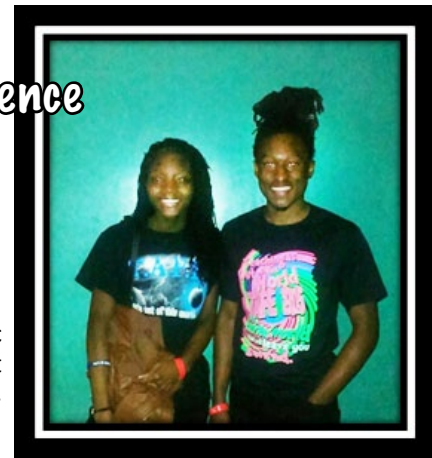
PICTURE THIS: VIRTUAL TAFE SCRAPBOOK

I will be making a virtual TAFE scrapbook. I would like all of you to be represented in the scrapbook and would greatly encourage sending in pictures not only from the state conference but also from whatever your chapter may have done since then. Also, if you attend the FEA National Conference, please take pictures so we can put them in the upcoming May newsletter. Thank you and we hope to see your pictures. Please send pictures to kieans.ki@gmail.com.



T.A.F.E students are ready to compete as they arrive in Lubbock, Texas.

Pix from the TAFE Annual Conference



The two very ecstatic dancers battled it out on stage.



Bring in the Votes!



Learning new things is ALWAYS fun. Students are "Getting it Now" in one of many breakout sessions.

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.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

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We are excited to be attending the FEA National Conference in a few weeks. FEA is making many changes over the next few months. They will be telling us about many of these changes at the conference. One of the things they are changing is their name. In August they will become **Educator's Rising**, and they will be rolling out a whole new look and a whole new program.

They will be offering badges students can earn, curriculum connections for advisors, and much, much more! Great opportunities are on the horizon!!!

Another change they will be making for next year is that they are moving their conference to June. Moving forward, this is awesome for TAFE because we will be able to have our state conference later in the Spring semester. However, the 2016 TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit has already contracted this year for the weekend of January 30 - February 1. Region Conferences will have to be completed by the end of November, 2015.

If you are planning on attending the FEA National Conference, we would like everyone to sit together as a Texas delegation at the General Sessions. Look for the tables or areas marked with the Texas flags.

The TAFE Advisor's Workshop has been moved to July 27-28, 2015. We will have it 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 \$90.00. There are several reasons for moving it to the summer. 1) Many advisors have commented that they would like to have the information before school starts so that they can incorporate TAFE into their lesson plans. With our region and state conferences earlier this year, it will help tremendously to have the information earlier. 2) There were several comments that the Advisor's Workshop this past year was too short. We will continue to offer breakout sessions during the entire FCSTAT Conference for the Education and Training, Child Development, and Child Guidance Courses. This way 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 Advisor's Workshop. We are trying to get you the information you need to have successful chapters.

Representatives from The University of Houston will be at the Advisor's Workshop to give us information to help us be successful at the state conference in Houston. Dan Brown, Executive Director of FEA (soon to be Educator's Rising), is planning on coming and giving an update on all the changes that will take place on August 1st. If you would like to do a presentation either during the Advisor's Workshop or during the FCSTAT Conference, please let me know. I am looking for people who are doing exciting things in their classrooms and in their chapters and would love to share it with others.

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](#).

2015-2016 State/Region Officer Training Workshop is open for registration. If you go to <http://www.tafeonline.org/> and scroll to the bottom of the page, you will find the State/Region Officer Training link in the orange box titled "Calendar".

2015 Summer Leadership Workshop registration is coming soon.



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KUDOS

A big TAFE Thank you to the Texas Tech College of Education, Dean Ridley, and Janie Ramirez for hosting our **2015 Teach Tomorrow Summit**. We had a fantastic time experiencing the 2015 STATE Conference for the first time on a college campus. Thank you Texas Tech for the wonderful scholarship opportunities as well. We also want to thank our fantastic judges, facilitators, runners, timekeepers, and door monitors. Without y'all our competitions would not be possible. The breakout sessions were "Out of this World", thanks to our wonderful presenters!! Thank you, Ms. Kim Watson and Ms. Mary Lynn Mosier, for providing professional clothes to those in need.

If you know someone who should be recognized and given a proper "Big" TAFE Thank You! Please let me know who and what we are recognizing them for: apnicole97@gmail.com.



Mark Your Calendar!

FEA National Conference

April 23-25, 2015 | Arlington, Virginia

Hyatt Crystal City across the Potomac River from our Nation's Capitol

TAFE State/Region Officer Training

May 15-17, 2015 (Friday - Sunday) | Highland Lakes Camp, Spicewood, TX

Register online @ www.tafeonline.org

2015-2016 TAFE Chapter Affiliation

Opens June 1, 2015

TAFE State Chapter dues \$80

FEA dues NONE THIS YEAR

TAFE Summer Leadership Workshops

June 29-July 2, 2015 (Monday - Thursday) | Texas A&M University

Registration \$150 (Registration coming soon)

Advisors' Workshop

July 27-28, 2015 | Sheraton Hotel, Dallas

Registration \$90 (Registration coming soon)

FCSTAT Annual Conference

July 27-31, 2015 (Monday - Friday) | Sheraton Hotel, Dallas

Registration coming soon



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