



TAFE Newsletter

Texas Association of Future Educators

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Maria Chosa, Marcus High School, Flower Mound



I want to give a big congratulations to everyone who attended the 2015 National Conference in Washington D.C.! Making it to nationals is very impressive and it's a great accomplishment. I hope to see many of you at nationals next year in Boston, Massachusetts! I also want to give a shout out to all of the wonderful advisers who helped guide their students all the way to nationals!

There are many opportunities to further your leadership skills with TAFE. For example, this summer is the Summer Leadership Workshop at Texas A&M University. Please sign up and attend. It will be exciting staying on campus! This is a great way to meet other TAFE members that have the same interests and goals that you do. As well as, build and develop the leadership skills you already have!

Feel free to contact me at chosa.tafe@gmail.com anytime for questions, concerns, or just to chat! I hope you all have a wonderful rest of your school year, because it's almost over.



COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

Sarah Reece, Vice President, Porter High School

FEA Nationals was great! It made me smile to see so many Texans walk home with a great D.C. experience and top places in the top ten! Cannot wait until next year! I encourage everyone to strive to go.

Below I am posting contacts for colleges so that you have easy access to getting in touch with the education departments of universities across this country.

College	Email	Contact
Midwestern State University	kelly.medellin@mwsu.edu	Kelly Medellin
The University of Texas at Austin	a_hart@austin.utexas.edu	Antoinette Hart
TCU	k.malin@tcu.edu	Karrabi Malin
UTSA	carlos.martinez2@utsa.edu	Carlos Martinez
University of Kentucky College of Education	Jenna.demastes@uky.edu	Jenna DeMastes
Barry University	rlacy@barry.edu	Rebecca Lacy

TRAFLES CONNECTIONS

Ashley Prax, Secretary, Copperas Cove High School



Congratulations to all of the competitors for representing Texas at nationals! We are proud of everyone that competed. I had an awesome time getting to make several new friends -- I look forward to meeting more of you throughout the next year!

A BIG thank you to all of the advisors! Without our advisors we would not have been able to attend nationals. If you attended nationals, please give your advisor a big thank-you for all he/she did to make nationals possible.

Congratulations to the 211 TAFE members who made the 2014-2015 FEA Honor Society! See the list in this Newsletter.

Also a very big thank you to our former State President, Ashley Marshall, creating an amazing breakout session and to our current State President, Maria Chosa, for putting it together for nationals. They did an outstanding job putting all of the pieces together for the rest of the officers! The breakout session would not have been successful without each of them!

If you know of someone who deserves special recognition because they have helped with TAFE in some way, please email me at apnicole97@gmail.com!



PICTURE THIS: VIRTUAL TAFE SCRAPBOOK

Kearra Ieans, Historian, Ozen High School, Beaumont

FEA Nationals was so amazing. Being in Washington DC meant more than being in our country's capital, it was an opportunity to meet our fellow future educators from different states. During this conference, I was able to finally meet the other state officers in person and bond as sisters. We worked and helped each other overcome a sort of scared moment and changed it into a fun and energetic day when we taught a breakout session.

Take a look at some of the pictures from the event:



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FROM THE DIRECTOR

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**TAFE has had many successes this year!
You are to be congratulated for all your hard work!**

FEA National student membership last year was 714. This year, our national student membership was 3,569. WOW! This is awesome!!! Thanks to all the advisors who registered their students with FEA and paid their dues.

The Advisors' Workshop had the largest attendance ever. We had 110+ attend the workshop that was held in San Marcos.

This year we had our conference for the first time at a university. Thank you advisors for driving the distance to bring your students to Lubbock! The students loved being on the Texas Tech University campus.

For the first time, we had 18 region conferences. Way to go regions!!!!

The FEA National Conference in Washington D.C. was amazing. The guest speakers were dynamic and motivating, the Breakout Sessions were educational, and the General Sessions were energizing! It is good to see and learn from what others are doing around the country. Some of our students and advisors were even able to squeeze in some sightseeing. There was so much to see and do in so little time, but what a great opportunity for all who attended.

Texas, we did it again!!! We had the largest state delegation in attendance at nationals with 201 attendees and the largest number of awardees! Way to go TAFE!! See Texas Awards at FEA Nationals in this newsletter for full details.

Last year, Texas had 100 students achieve FEA Honor Society status. This year, we more than doubled that amount. We had 211 students accepted into the FEA Honor Society.

TAFE MEMBERS ROCK!

Our Officer Leadership Training Workshop was tremendous! Bryan Fiese from Motivated Proformance did the Leadership Training. Mr. Fiese instructed the officers on developing "The Leader in You". His presentation and activities included the following topics:

- Listening Skills
- Powerpresenting
- Dealing with Conflict
- Personality Types
- Leadership Adversity
- Getting your Dream Job
- Take Aim on Your Goal
- The Commitment Tree

The officers and their advisors were given time to get started on their Regional Conference Planning. Many of the regions have a great start on their conferences for next year. Way to go Regional Officers!

The 2015-2016 membership form is now available. If you would like to go ahead and join TAFE, you can. The state membership fee is not changing next year. It will remain at \$80. There are not going to be any individual dues next year.

TAFE OFFICER LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP



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SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Texas A&M University, June 29 – July 2, 2015



- Make sure all paperwork is completed and sent to Casey Ricketts by May 28th. Mr. Casey Ricketts, Assistant Director, Recruitment and Scholarships, College of Education and Human Development, Texas A&M University. E-Mail: cricketts@tamu.edu
Phone: 979-862-7167 | Toll Free: 1-866-279-6432 | Fax: 979-862-4352.
- All advisors must fill out the background check by June 15th.
- All advisors must complete the Sexual Abuse and Molestation training by June 15th (now required by the state for camps lasting 3 or more days).
- Everyone must bring their own sheets and towels. And everyone must bring a water bottle.

2015 TENTATIVE SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 29

3:00 - 4:00	Registration/Check In
4:00 - 5:15	First Group Session – Introductions, Rules, Expectations, Goals
5:30 - 6:00	Dinner
6:15 - 10:15	Group and Small Group Leadership Session & Activities
11:00	Lights Out

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

7:00	Wake Up
8:00-8:30	Breakfast
8:45-11:45	Group and Small Group Leadership Session & Activities
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:45-5:15	Group and Small Group Leadership Sessions & Activities
5:30 - 6:00	Dinner
6:15 - 10:15	Group and Small Group Leadership Session & Activities
11:00	Lights Out

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

7:00	Wake Up
8:00-8:30	Breakfast
8:45-11:45	Group and Small Group Leadership Session & Activities
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:45-5:15	Group and Small Group Leadership Sessions & Activities
5:30 - 6:00	Dinner
6:15 - 10:15	Group and Small Group Leadership Session & Activities
11:00	Lights Out

THURSDAY, JULY 2

7:00	Wake Up
8:00-8:45	Breakfast
8:45-10:00	Final Activities/Evaluation/Wrap Up/Group Photo
11:00-12:00	Clean up and check out

***Times and activities are subject to change.*

ADVISORS' WORKSHOP

This year the Advisors' workshop will be held in conjunction with the FCSTAT Conference. It will be on the two pre-conference days, **July 27 – 28, 2015**. If you are planning on attending the FCSTAT Conference, the cost of the Advisors' Workshop is included. If you are only attending the Advisors' Workshop, the cost is \$90.

FCSTAT (FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS)

FCSTAT will have their Annual State Conference on **July 27 - 31, 2015**. TAFE will provide sessions through the conference to support the Education & Training and the Child Guidance courses. Register on the FCSTAT website.



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TEXAS IN THE TOP TEN WINNERS AT NATIONALS

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

1st Place Kaity S., Azle HS
 4th Place Zack E. & Haley D., Byron P. Steele HS, Cibolo
 5th Place Haley A. & Brooke F., Allen HS
 7th Place Chynna M., Mary Carroll HS, Corpus Christi

CREATIVE LECTURE

3rd Place Erin G., Poteet HS, Mesquite
 5th Place Chicago Joe S., South Texas BETA, Edinburg

ETHICAL DILEMMA

3rd Place B.O. Davis HS
 6th Place South Texas BETA, Edinburg
 7th Place Marcus HS, Flower Mound
 10th Place Shallowater HS

EXPLORING EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION CAREERS

5th Place Nicholas A., Prosper HS
 8th Place Maddie L., Prosper HS
 10th Place Elizabeth F., Aldine HS

EXPLORING EDUCATION INNOVATION CAREERS

1st Place Britton L., Prosper HS
 3rd Place Kassandra M.,
 United South HS, Laredo
 4th Place Yesenia T., South Texas BETA, Edinburg
 5th Place Stephanie S., Marcus HS, Flower Mound
 8th Place Jalen W., Abilene HS

EXPLORING STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES CAREERS

1st Place Skylyn L., South Texas BETA, Edinburg
 2nd Place Amy M., Marcus HS, Flower Mound
 5th Place Azaria M., Lubbock HS
 7th Place Elena V., NYOS Charter School, Austin
 9th Place Audrey V., The Woodlands HS

LEADERSHIP AWARD

7th Place Yovanna S., James Pace Early College HS
 9th Place Rebecca W., San Angelo Central HS
 10th Place Christina W., Marcus HS, Flower Mound

FEA MOMENT

2nd Place Laura G., Rivera Early College HS, Brownsville
 6th Place Karla V., Lake Dallas HS, Corinth
 9th Place Ashley P., Copperas Cove HS
 10th Place Alfredo E., Cooper HS, Abilene

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

6th Place Matthew K., Allen HS
 9th Place Jason D., Mary Carroll HS, Corpus Christi
 10th Place Aaron M., Akins HS, Austin

INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS

2nd Place Marcus HS, Flower Mound
 3rd Place BCTAL – Richland, North Richland Hills
 7th Place NYOS Charter School, Austin

JOB INTERVIEW

1st Place Bryce M., Lake Dallas HS, Corinth
 3rd Place Jamie B., Randall HS, Amarillo
 6th Place Rachael Z., Lexington HS

LESSON PLANNING & DELIVERY – CTE

1st Place Katelyn W.,
 Marcus HS, Flower Mound
 2nd Place Meghan B., Lehman HS, Kyle
 3rd Place Tracie M., Bay City HS
 5th Place Jesse J., BCTAL – Richland, North Richland Hills

LESSON PLANNING & DELIVERY – HUMANITIES

1st Place Abby H., Shallowater HS
 5th Place Bernice J.,
 KISD Career Center, Kileen

LESSON PLANNING & DELIVERY – STEM

3rd Place Jennifer R., Taylor CTC, Beaumont
 4th Place Meredith S., BCTAL – Richland, North Richland
 Hills
 5th Place Anglea P., Abernathy HS

PUBLIC SPEAKING

2nd Place Elizabeth M.,
 Westwood HS, Round Rock
 9th Place Abby H., Shallowater HS

RECRUITMENT & MARKETING PRESENTATION

1st Place United South HS, Laredo
 4th Place Poteet HS, Mesquite
 5th Place South Texas BETA, Edinburg
 6th Place Marcus HS, Flower Mound

RESEARCHING LEARNING CHALLENGES

2nd Place South Texas BETA, Edinburg
 7th Place Marcus HS, Flower Mound
 8th Place NYOS Charter School, Austin
 9th Place BCTAL – Richland, North Richland Hills

SERVICE PROJECT PRESENTATION

4th Place Bridgeport HS

TECHNOLOGY VIDEO

2nd Place Lanier HS, Austin
 3rd Place South Texas BETA, Edinburg
 4th Place GW Carver HS, Houston
 5th Place BCTAL – Richland, North Richland Hills
 6th Place NYOS Charter School, Austin

SUMMARY OF TAFE RESULTS AT NATIONALS

201 TAFE members attended the FEA National Conference
The largest number of any state in the Top 10 = 63

1st Place – 7 – More than any other state
 2nd Place – 7 – More than any other state
 3rd Place – 8 – More than any other state
 4th Place – 6 – More than any other state
 5th Place – 10 – More than any other state
 6th Place – 6 – More than any other state
 7th Place – 6 – More than any other state
 8th Place – 3 – Virginia had 5, Arizona and West Virginia each had 4
 9th Place – 5 – More than any other state
 10th Place – 5 – Tied with Ohio for more than the other states



FEA HONOR SOCIETY 2014-2015

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved FEA Honor Society status for the 2014-2015 academic year. Texas had 211 students achieve Honor Society status this year. That is 111 more than last year.

TEXAS

A Maceo Smith New Tech HS

- Bryan Urraca
- Carolina Peralta
- Dawn Coleman
- Desirea' Perkins
- Heidy Campos

Abilene High School

- Abby Varnell
- Briarston Ashford
- Brooklyn Cartwright
- Jasmyne Dupree
- Mykaela Husing
- Myra Carrion
- Tida Dam

Allen High School

- Allyson Bailey
- Brooke Fowler
- Haley Armentrout
- Jennifer Ogden
- Matthew Klein
- Rebecca Landman

BCTAL – Richland

- Abby Pursley
- Caitlyn Smart
- Elexis Stanley
- Jennifer Strawn
- Julia Howe
- Khanh Tran
- Mariah Taylor
- Meredith Stonecipher
- Michaela Mais
- Rachel Jefferies
- Shannon McHugh

BCTAL – Haltom/Birdville

- Angelica Aguirre
- Ashley Marshall
- Berkley Walker
- Cierra Hickson
- Hannah Beam
- Jaiden Lauterbach
- Jourdan Ramirez
- Lydia Lehr
- Rebekah Beaver
- Taylor Conklin

Blackwell Middle/High School

- Abby Gott
- Brandi Wright
- Krista Clower
- Shianne Solis
- Stormie Lewis
- Veeda Jeter

Bridgeport High School-Maroon

- Anna Arquette
- Deizy Ruvalcaba
- Graciela Martinez
- Maegen Rivera
- William Lane

Bridgeport High School-White

- Gaitlin Neeper
- Kendall Scott
- Kensley Turner
- Taylor Stone
- Yusmary Ortiz

Brownwood High School

- Cody Richardson
- Delaney Bennett
- Katherine Bautista
- Nathan Lacy

Cleburne High School

- Alyssa Reyna

Flower Mound High School

- Alexa Jordan
- Amanda Fleck
- Amber Dixon
- Ariel Eason
- Carolyn Halbach
- Elana Stolinsky
- Gerardo Hernandez
- Johanna Bevill
- Jonathan Tignor
- Kaeli Nelson
- Kinley Janik
- Lauren Maness
- Lillian Brannen
- Lindsey Boudreaux
- Melanie Webb
- Reagan Bryant
- Taylor Reynolds

Hargrave High School

- Allison Wicker
- Gracie Jones
- Hailey Andrukitis
- Hannah Weaver
- Kaytlin Tabb
- Matthew Mitchell

Lake Dallas High School

- Bryce Macdougall
- Claire Smith
- Delaney Greer
- Erin Hopkins

Lamar High School

- Kali Filbrun
- Sarah Bdeir

Lexington High School

- Amanda Zgabay
- Bailey Exner
- Rachel Zgabay
- Shelby Iselt

Lockhart High School

- Adriana Alonzo
- Caitlin Breaux
- Marissa Acosta

Lyndon B Johnson High School

- Alyssa Fuentes
- Deborah Santoyo
- Dixie Garcia
- Esmeralda Bocanegra Casarez
- Kimberly Escamilla
- Leslie Llado
- Samantha Carrizales

Marcus High School

- Amy Meek
- Christina Wallmann
- Emily Manning
- Jessica Thompson
- Katelyn Wilcox
- Lexi Wozniak
- Macy Bain
- Maggie Mahoney
- Maria Chosa
- McKenna Frodsham
- Megan Boyd

- Oksana Braun
- Rebecca Miles
- Sam Nickerson
- Sarah Shade
- Shelby Scott

Mission High School

- Jasmine Vega

Porter High School

- Daniella Matuk
- Marisol Rodriguez
- Samantha Hughes
- Sarah Reece
- Shannon Ralph

Randall High School

- Abby Cunningham
- Jamie Birkenfeld
- Shelly Allen

Ronald Reagan High School

- Alexy Villalpando
- Austin Paterson
- Jenna Pearson
- Kameron Woodward
- Kendall Cogburn
- Maralyt Villalpando
- Rida Malik
- Tatiana Covalan

Roy Miller High School

- Daniela Castro
- Madison Ellis

San Angelo Central High School

- Anais Mendoza
- Angelica Arocha
- Carilly Bluthardt
- Hannah Flores
- Julio Chavarria
- Kathleen Rodriguez
- Katie Dunlap
- Kendra Saaranen
- Maria Martinez
- Rebecca Way
- Sarah Delgado
- Stacey Freeman
- Tyana Nixon
- Valerie Gomez

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FEA HONOR SOCIETY 2014-2015

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Shallowater High School

- Abby Hendrick
- Bailey Cook
- Gunner Forrester
- Kelsee Smith
- Kinsey Homer
- Lexi Robinson
- Macy McLellan
- Mia Gonzales
- Natalie Colindres

South Texas BETA-Blue

- Ashley McDonald
- Celina Cisneros
- Edgar Centeno Portilla
- Jacqueline Giang
- Karen Barajas Partida
- Luis Gutierrez
- Rogelio Cantu
- Sarahi Lozano

- Stingray Schuller
- Tania Garcia Sigala
- Tiffany Johnson
- Yesenia Trevino

South Texas BETA-Silver

- Amanda Corbitt
- Amaris Sanchez
- Antonio Ochoa
- Brittany Luna
- Carmen Boffill
- Chicago Joe Schuller
- Gurpreet Singh
- Isaiah Gonzalez
- Jazmine Martinez
- Jordan Vasquez
- Juan Andres Castillo
- Leslie Garcia
- Lizbeth Guzman
- Odessa Gutierrez
- Sarafey Zuniga

Taylor Career and Technology Center

- Jennifer Rodriguez

Veribest High School

- Alan Ramirez
- Alex Valenzuela
- Angela Molina
- Colin Flavel
- Devitt Smetana
- Haley Oliver
- Hallie Warren
- Heather Oliver
- Jessenia Valenzuela
- Kailey Hunt
- Kinsey Carpenter
- Makayla Miller
- Mariah Aguilar
- Megan Moreno
- Sloane Bratcher
- Stormie Braswell
- Timothy Buck

Wylie East High School

- Kambree Jones
- Kathryn Klakamp

Member-At-Large

- Jessica Brown



Mark Your Calendar!

TAFE Summer Leadership Workshop

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

More information online

2015 TAFE Advisors' Workshop

July 27-28, 2015 | Sheraton Hotel, Dallas

FCSTAT Annual Conference

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

2015-2016 TAFE Chapter Affiliation

Early affiliation starts June 1, 2015

Membership year runs from Sept. 1, 2015 - August 31, 2015

State dues \$80 per Chapter

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