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FROM OUR PRESIDENT SCHOOL

Marcus High School, Flower Mound

Not all treasure is silver and gold! The TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit is a true Texas treasure. Heave ho, pack your bags and set sail for TAFE's 2016 biggest booty (that's 'treasure' in pirate talk).

Your State President school, Marcus High School invites all the Texas TAFE chapters to come to Houston and have a Blimey good time! Our chapter's TAFE officers shared their favorite parts about the conference after attending the TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit last year and what they are looking forward to in Houston this year.



Stephanie Scott, MHS President

"After face timing with Dave Burgess at Region 11 conference in October, I am really looking forward to seeing him in person and having him sign the book I won as a door prize!"

Sam Nickerson, MHS VP

"I love traveling with people that have similar interests and becoming closer as a chapter!"

Maggie Mahoney, MHS VP

"My favorite part at state is being a part of the elections for state office. It's fun to watch the skits and speeches. I loved participating when we ran for office."

Laura Minyon, MHS Secretary

"I enjoyed the workshops on Sunday and Monday after we competed. They were relaxing and fun. I really like the workshops presented by TAFE members. Like Steph, I can't wait to meet Dave Burgess and get my book signed too."

Bailey Budemer, MHS Treasurer

"The Teach Tomorrow Summit is really cool, because of the bonds and friendships you make with people from all over the state. I am looking forward to seeing TAFE members I met at camp in June. Also, all the excitement and anticipation to see if you qualified for nationals."

Shiver me timbers, state is a week away! We will see you there! Travel safe, Mateys!

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COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

Sarah Reece, Vice President, Porter High School

Hey everyone! It is that time of year again for our newsletter! I've looked up some colleges and their contacts that ya'll might be interested in! Some are in state and some are out of state. Have fun researching them! Please contact me if you have other university contacts that you would like to share with fellow TAFE members or if you would like to get information on a particular university. My email address is sreece6@live.com.

KUDOS

Ashley Prax, Secretary, Copperas Cove High School

We would like to thank all of the TAFE Region Officers & Advisors for planning some fantastic region conferences around the state! I know my region conference was amazing thanks to our region president Mrs. Tina Tamplen.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Sandra Godwin, the state competitive events coordinator for everything she has done for the regionals and state conference! We hope everyone has a Happy New Year!



TRAFLES CONNECTIONS

We would like to congratulate everyone that competed at regionals and advanced to state! We can't wait to see everyone at the University of Houston!



SERVICE/EDUCATION AWARENESS: Members of Lexington High school held a book drive October 5-16. The winning class won an ice cream party. The chapter collected 650 books that were sent to Africa.



SERVICE/ FUNDRAISER: Members of Randall High school chapter in conjunction with the Art club held a Breakfast with Santa. It was held at our school on a Saturday morning. It's close to home, the kids don't have to fight the crowds at the mall and it's cheaper, too. It is a service for our high school cluster elementary schools, and it is also a fundraiser for our chapter and ART club. ART supplies the Christmas crafts and we supply the breakfast items. We love it, and the community loves it, too.



SERVICE: Members of the Copperas Cove TAFE braved the cold weather and spent Saturday, November 28, ringing the bells for Salvation Army at their local Wal-Mart.

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 here! Send your events/ activities along with a picture to apnicole@icloud.com.



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PICTURE THIS: VIRTUAL TAFE SCRAPBOOK

Kearra Ieans, Historian, Ozen High School, Beaumont

This year there were 20 region conferences. This is the first year ever that we have had 20 region conferences! TAFE is growing all over the state. I have included pictures that some of the regions sent in to highlight what is going on in their regions. Thank you and we hope to see your pictures. Please send pictures to k.ieans.tafe@gmail.com.

Check out the pictures below to see some of the things TAFE members have done since the Fall.



Region 9 students are getting ready for their conference.



Region 16 students having fun at their conference.



Shallowwater students at the Region 17 Conference.



Region 19 Conference breakout session.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



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We are working on an exciting 2016 Teach Tomorrow Summit. Below are some of the highlights.

SATURDAY:

- Competitive Events
- Exhibits -- *On the Flip Side* will be doing flip books that can be purchased for \$5.00. This is similar to photo booths, only you choose your props, create a short 7 second video and it is printed in a flip book. Click [here](#) to check it out. FUN, FUN, FUN!!! This will be Saturday only in the exhibit area.
- Lunch provided
- Optional Tours - Click [here](#) for more information - **If we do not sell enough tickets to cover costs, we will have to cancel tours.** *Holocaust Museum – Cost \$5.00 | Health Museum – Cost \$15.00*
Children’s Museum – Cost \$20.00 Chaperones are free. | Museum of Natural Science – Cost \$8.50 per person for self-guided tours and \$9.50 per person for Docent guided tours

SUNDAY:

- First General Session – Awards and Keynote Address - Keynote: Teach Like a PIRATE
Join New York Times Best-Selling author Dave Burgess for a high-energy, entertaining, and inspirational program that will transform the way you look at your role as an educator. Learn how to dramatically increase student engagement, design wildly creative lessons, and build a course that is a life-changing experience for your students. Using a unique combination of magic and humor, he will reignite your passion for the education profession and show you exactly how to make school an amazing place that has students wanting to knock down the walls to get in. *Teach Like a PIRATE* has sparked a full-scale revolution in the educational world and has inspired teachers from all over the globe to achieve new levels of excellence in their schools and classrooms. This program is your chance to experience the one-of-a-kind presentational style of unbelievable intensity and outrageous energy that has transfixed audiences at packed venues across the nation.
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- 4 Sets of Breakout sessions
 - Lunch provided
 - Second General Session – Awards and Officer Elections
 - Sunday night Special Events
 - A Capella Group: Rhapsody is a mixed a cappella group at UH and the Moores School of Music, comprised of 19 UH students from a variety of different backgrounds and majors. Rhapsody performs unique a cappella covers of artists such as NSYNC, Beyonce, Coldplay, Panic! At the Disco, and more! The group was founded in Fall 2013 by Jose Castejon and Andrew Gilstrap, and has been active in the UH choral area and campus community since. The group is currently directed by Jose Castejon.
 - We are excited to have our own private showing of the movie *He Named Me Malala*. *HE NAMED ME MALALA* is an intimate portrait of Malala Yousafzai, who was wounded when Taliban gunmen opened fire on her and her friends’ school bus in Pakistan’s Swat Valley. The then 15-year-old teenager, who had been targeted for speaking out on behalf of girls’ education in her region of Swat Valley, was shot in the head, sparking international media outrage. An educational activist in Pakistan, Yousafzai has since emerged as a leading campaigner for the rights of children worldwide and in December 2014, became the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. *He Named Me Malala* is from the Director of *Waiting for Superman* and Academy Award winner *An Innocent Truth*.
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- Synopsis, Production notes and Poster, [CLICK HERE](#) - Movie Trailer, [CLICK HERE](#)

MONDAY:

- University of Houston Pep Rally
- Final General Session – Awards, Officer Installation, and Keynote Address

Volunteer for State – Click If you would like to volunteer you or your students to be judges, time keepers, door monitors or runners for our competitive events.

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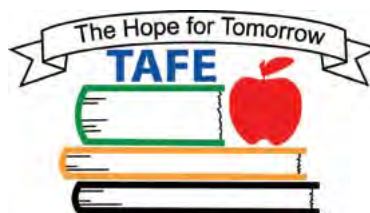
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| June 24-27, 2016 | 27th Annual Educator's Rising National Conference University of Boston, Boston, Massachusetts |
| July 11-14, 2016 | SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP Texas A&M University |
| August 1-2, 2016 | 2016 TAFE ADVISORS' WORKSHOP Sheraton Downtown Dallas |
| August 1-5, 2016 | FCSTAT CONFERENCE Sheraton Downtown Dallas |



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