

T.A.F.E. 2009-2010 State President School

De Soto High School



Greetings Sponsors and Students of TAFE:

Welcome to another wonderful school year with the Texas Association of Future Educators. On behalf of the TAFE State Officers and Board Members, I would like to say that we are very thrilled about the events for this upcoming year. During our July board meeting, all members of the board collaborated on many new ideas and changes to current policies and procedures. We're very excited and expect all chapters to "jump into" the school year with our 2009-2010 theme, "TAFE: Make a Splash into Teaching". TAFE has used a variety of themes to make past conferences successful and this year is no different. All TAFE Chapters across the state have begun working hard to ensure that their chapters are fully participating in TAFE projects and activities. Running a chapter is not an easy task, so hats off to all sponsors and students who work diligently to make TAFE a successful state-wide organization.

The President's Social kicks off the Annual State Conference, and this year's theme will be "Sports Spirit Social" because it will coincide with the Superbowl. All State Officers are encouraging schools to wear any school/team jerseys and/or spirit shirts. Also, board games will be played at the President's Social.

This year's State Conference will be the best yet! Plans are underway to create a beach-themed/luau dance, so bring your dancing shoes, a dance contest will be hosted. We will have neon bracelets, limbo sticks and hula hoops for sale for a small amount. To volunteer for duties or to bring needed supplies to the Annual Conference, contact a State Officer school.

Thanks, and be sure your TAFE chapter "makes a splash" at your school!
 Michael Carroll
 2009-2010 TAFE State President
 DeSoto High School

During the 2009 State Conference, student members in attendance voted on this year's TAFE theme. The theme serves as the topic from which speeches are developed at both the regional and state TAFE speech contests. This year's theme is:
TAFE: Make a Splash into Teaching

Region Conference Information

All TAFE chapters are encouraged to participate in their fall regional conferences. Contact your Region President School for registration information. Candidates for the Speech Contest and Count on Character "storybook" contest must qualify at regional's in order to compete at the Annual State Conference. If your region does not have a conference scheduled, you are encouraged to attend a conference at a neighboring region. Sponsors in areas without a region president are encouraged to call the state office if they would like to help organize their region. T.A.F.E. State Office: 512/443-2100 ext. 230 or aarguello@tassp.org. Visit the website for more Region information: www.TAFEonline.org.

Region/School	Conf. Date/Location	Sponsor	Phone	E-Mail
1 & 2 Carroll HS	TBA	Rosaura Rodriguez	361-878-5140	rorodrig@echalk.ccisd.us
3 Edna HS	9/25/09 U of H Victoria	Cindy Davis	361-782-5255	cdavis@ednaisd.org
4 & 5 Aldine HS	11/19/09 MD Campbell Ctr	Angela Hollier	281-448-5231	ahollier@aldine.k12.tx.us
6 Bryan HS	NA	Jacqueline Hofferth	979-571-5360	Jacqueline.hofferth@gmail.com
7 & 8 Gladewater HS	NA	Ann Grimes	903-759-2486	grimesa@gladewaterisd.com
10 Pearce HS	11/6/09 Richland College	Jennifer DeLano	469-593-5053	Jennifer.DeLano@richardson.k12.tx.us
10 Richardson HS	11/6/09 Richland College	Debbie Wiechmann	469-593-3083	Debbie.Wiechmann@richardson.k12.tx.us
11 Seguin HS	10/21/09 U of North Texas	Donita Garza	682-867-6889	dgarza1@aisd.net
12 Kerens HS	TBA	Margie Wheeler	903-396-2931	wheelerM@kerens.k12.tx.us
13 Pflugerville HS	11/3/09 St. Edwards Univ	Claire Maresch	512-594-0500	claire.maresch@pflugervilleisd.net
15 & 18 Central HS	12/2/09 Central HS	Sandra Godwin	325-659-3434	sgodwin@saisd.org
16 Randall HS	TBA	Dahlia Lopez	806-220-5749	dlopez@canyonisd.net
17 Lubbock Cooper HS	11/17/09 ESC 17	Sylvia Perez	806-863-7105	sperez@lcsd.net
19 Socorro HS	11/14/09 Socorro HS	Melissa Ann Haggerty	915-937-2193	mlubbe@sisd.net
20 Southwest HS	TBA	Deborah Mueller	210-622-3401	dmueller@swisd.net

Events to Remember:

26th Annual State Conference	February 7-9, 2010	Embassy Suites San Marcos
State Officers/Region Presidents Retreat	May 14-16, 2010	Lake Travis
Summer Leadership Workshop	July 16-18, 2010	McKinney Roughs

Mark Your Calendar!

TAFE Statewide Annual Conference
February 7 - 9, 2010
(Sunday - Tuesday)

Embassy Suites Hotel, San Marcos, TX
 Registration and Hotel forms are enclosed

2009-2010 Officer Schools

PRESIDENT: DeSoto High School
 Student: Michael Carroll
 Sponsor: Tabitha Carey



HISTORIAN: Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning
 Student: Karina Garcia
 Sponsor: Carlotta Browning



VICE-PRESIDENT: Southwest High School, San Antonio
 Student: Sasha DeLeon
 Sponsor: Deborah Mueller



SECRETARY: Connally High School, Pflugerville
 Student: Maria Oviedo
 Sponsor: Carrie Swisher



TAFE Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

- The TAFE Annual Conference will change to a Sunday, Monday, Tuesday format.
- Starting this year, candidates for state office will be allowed to campaign starting on the first day of the TAFE Annual Conference.
- Candidates will no longer run for a specific state office such as President or Historian but will be assigned these positions based on the will of the voting delegates exemplified by vote totals.
- The Student of the Year application was modified to help clarify the resume and essay portions of the application.
- The Project Visualize scoring system was changed to make it more quantifiable for judges.
- The following themes were developed as choices for the 2011 Annual State Conference:
 - Wild about Education
 - TAFE: Your Ticket to the Future
 - TAFE: Coloring your World
- TAFE chapters are asked to select their favorite theme and bring a cardboard trifold (same dimensions as Project Visualize) highlighting their interpretation of the theme.
- Starting this year, each TAFE region is encouraged to submit annual conference themes to the TAFE state office. Themes submitted will be discussed at the State/Region Officers Retreat and three will be selected for a formal vote by delegates at the TAFE Annual Conference.

Get your Chapter in the State Scrapbook!

A Note from the TAFE State Historian: Karina Garcia



My name is Karina Garcia from the Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning. I am the State Historian for 2009-2010. I am asking every chapter that wants their pictures included in the slideshow at the State Conference to please send those pictures to my e-mail address, which is: river_m209@hotmail.com. Please put the school's name and categorize them by where they might fall under the various TRAFLES categories. If they are Regional Conference photos, please note which region. Thanks!

The deadline for all pictures to be submitted is January 8th, 2010.

TAFE Bites

Send newsworthy TAFE Bites to Alejandro Argüello: aarguello@tassp.org

Mentoring Youth Completes the Circle

2001-2002 TAFE State President Chris Kahlmorgan was recently selected to be the Youth Minister at his local church. Congrats Chris!

TAFE Members in the Classroom

At the TAFE Sponsors' Workshop we found two former members now in the classroom and in charge of their own TAFE chapter. Congratulations to:

- **Angelica Casanova** student member at Eisenhower High School now TAFE Sponsor for Eisenhower 9th grade!
- **Blanca Garcia** student member at Central High School in San Angelo now TAFE Sponsor for Georgetown High School!

Retiring TAFE Sponsors

As a charter member TAFE sponsor, **Q.S. Robertson**, has been a part of TAFE from the beginning; after serving more than 25 years as a TAFE sponsor, Ms. Robertson is passing the torch of leadership to a new sponsor at the School of Education & Social Services in Dallas. TAFE sponsor **Sally Williams** is retiring from teaching after this year. We thank her for her 10 years of service as the TAFE Sponsor at Aldine MacArthur High School in Houston.

We thank you both for your service to TAFE and wish you the best!

TAFE Sponsors' Workshop a Success!

A record 77 participants braved the torrential rains to increase their knowledge about participating in the TAFE program. For those of you who were not able to make it this year, we have posted PowerPoint slides from many of the presentations on the TAFE website: www.TAFEonline.org. Don't miss it next year!

TAFE Seeks Volunteer for Future Educator National Conference

The Future Education Association is hosting its National Conference for Future Educators in San Antonio on February 12-14, 2010 and they have asked for our help in identifying TAFE chapters that would be interested in volunteering. TAFE has sent a delegation to the National Conference for Future Educators since 2004, and we hope to send a huge delegation this year to welcome future educators from across the country to Texas. Contact Alejandro Argüello for details aarguello@tassp.org.



Things to Note:

- In order to receive a TAFE Sponsors' Handbook, membership cards for your students and other membership materials your TAFE dues must be paid. Dues are only **\$65 per school!** What a bargain!
- The Embassy Suites in San Marcos is now taking hotel reservations for the TAFE Annual State Conference. We expect to sell out the hotel so make your reservations today! Call them 512-392-6450 or 1-800-EMBASSY.
- The TAFE newsletter is changing. TAFEnews will now be produced five times a year. Two of which will be printed and mailed in the traditional format, and three will be produced online in an electronic format. We are making these changes to help better communicate with our members and also to reduce our impact on the environment.
- TAFE is now sending Tweets (short e-mail or text messages) using Twitter. Visit www.TAFEonline.org to sign up and start receiving the latest TAFE announcements.
- On October 4-5, TAFE State Officers and Sponsors will be meeting with the leaders of the Texas Future Teachers of America to discuss merging organizations. We will report the fruits of this wonderful collaboration in the next edition of TAFEnews.
- Visit the TAFE website to download and print the TAFE promotional poster and student brochure and recruit some new members!