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TAFE *Newsletter*

Texas Association of Future Educators

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From the President:

LIZETTE RODRIGUEZ, PARIS HS

Hello Shining Stars! I hope everyone enjoyed the summer as much as I did. It's been a joyful and busy summer for the 2022-2023 State Officer Team. We are so excited about what the future holds for this year. Officers Training Workshop was back in April, and it was truly a blast to make new friendships and learn how to improve our skills.

June was a month with memories, friendships, and excitement. We got to see a great amount of you all at the Educators Rising Conference in Washington D.C. Congrats to all the students that won and to the ones who made it to nationals.

You all were shining bright!

In July we had the Teacher Leader Workshop - Welcome to all the new teacher leaders! It was awesome seeing all the teachers who are going to continue to be TAFE leaders and seeing new leaders.

Summer is coming to an end, but memories will be for life. Have a great first day back to school and continue to smile bright!

If you need to contact or communicate with me, please do so at lrodriguez2304@parisisd.net

College Connections:

AVERY O'BRIEN, KINGWOOD HS, TAFE VICE-PRESIDENT

Applying to college can be a daunting task, but there are a few things you can do to better the experience. For starters, you can begin looking into colleges early. Going on tours shows your interest in the school. These tours can help you discover that the school you may never have thought of could be the perfect fit for you. College tours will help you get a feel of the campus size and student life.

Another way you can show your interest in a college is by applying early in early action programs. These get the pressure of application off your back earlier and demonstrate your interest in the college. If you have any questions about college or different colleges you would like me to investigate, email me at averyobrien2005@gmail.com



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KUDOS

MIKAYLA JACKSON, VERIBEST HS, SECRETARY

On behalf of TAFE, I would like to thank Highland Lakes Camp for hosting our largest officer training workshop in April. I enjoyed meeting new people and I hope you were able to create some lasting friendships as well. Thank you to all of the teachers and students who traveled to Spicewood to make this year's camp memorable.

A Texas-sized congratulations to all of our National competitors. Texas was well represented. Kudos to our Andrews chapter for winning Eddy and showing a true TAFE spirit of involvement.

Thank you to all our teachers who took time from their busy schedules to present at this year's Teacher Leader Workshop in San Antonio. Hopefully, you all gained a wealth of knowledge to take back to your local chapters!



TRAFLES CONNECTIONS



Hopefully, everyone has had an exciting summer. As we are gearing up to head back into the classrooms, please remember to send me all your TRAFLES activities to include in our newsletters. mkj919@icloud.com

Educational Awareness: Tiny Mic, Big Advice! Thank you, Lockhart High Schools seniors Naely Lopez and Anna Rivera, for offering your advice!

The State Officers have created a you tube channel called *Tiny Mic, Big Advice*. It is a series of videos explaining competitions through interviews. We encourage all members to check out our site.

[TAFE State](#)

Do you have TAFE words of wisdom you would like to share about contests or competitions? To be featured on our YouTube channel please send your videos to tafeofficers@gmail.com or contact us for more information.

Recreation: 2022-2023 officers enjoying a dance break at officer training in April.





PICTURE THIS: VIRTUAL TAFE SCRAPBOOK

ADRIANA GONZALEZ – HISTORIAN

This past summer, we've had so much fun and made so many memories! What better way to celebrate these memories than with pictures! In this section of our newsletter, we want to celebrate great times with you. If you have any special pictures from TAFE events, send them to me at adrizhere1@gmail.com



State and Area officers together at our officer training workshop!



First board of directors meeting for 2022-2023



Texas representing at the Educators Rising Conference in Washington, D.C.



Alief Taylor High School, winning Funniest Performance at the Educators Rising Lip Sync Battle.



Andrews High School, out sightseeing in Washington, DC with Eddy the Bear.



Teachers learning from each other at the teacher leader workshop in San Antonio at the Teacher Leaders Workshop.



TAFE state officers running a breakout session at the Teacher Leader workshop



Our TAFE state officers had an opportunity to meet some of the state FCCLA Officers at the FCSTAT (Family and Consumer Science Teachers Association of Texas) conference in July.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

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This summer has been jammed pack with events, all of which allowed us to rebuild and reconnect after not being able to. The state officer team and I have had time to discuss and plan a great start to the year and we are looking forward to the opportunities we are planning for you.

New Teacher Leaders and Mentors: If you are a new chapter leader and would like some help getting started, please email the state office and we will connect you with someone in your area who can give you help and support.

Area conferences are around the corner and have been posted under each area tab on the www.tafeonline.org website. If there is not a date or location listed, please know we are working fast to secure a date and location. I am working as fast as possible to update the website, if you catch items out of date, please email me so I can correct it!

2022-2023 membership renewal is now open and will close November 1st. Your state and national dues must be paid BEFORE your students are allowed to compete at Area Conferences in the Fall. This is not optional. There was some confusion for students and teacher leaders getting their national membership dues paid this past year. *Major change for this year*, all dues for Educators Rising students will be invoiced by our office to teacher leaders. Your students will still join/renew through the Educators Rising website and select the [“Bill Me” option](#). Every week, our office will be notified of pending payments, and the state office will submit payment to Educators Rising.

With a new year brings changes to our organization. The TAFE board of directors met in June where we approved the TAFE budget, discussed, and updated the [dress code](#), registration costs and competitive event changes. To view what changes were made and presented at the teacher leader workshop, please review this [slide deck](#) it does contain additional information regarding the Teach Tomorrow Summit so you can begin to plan and budget for it.

Educators Rising will post all new and updated information regarding the national organization by the middle of August. We continue to work together to provide the best opportunities for you and your students. If you have any questions specific for them, please contact info@educatorsrising.org for more information.

Teacher Resources are always being updated, reviewed, and created. Resources shared by other teacher leaders can be found here: [Resources from Teacher Leaders](#) (tafeonline.org). If you have items that you would like included, please email your items to monica@tassp.org and so they can be reviewed and posted.

39th Annual Teach Tomorrow Summit planning is underway, and we are excited to be at the Kalahari Resort in Round Rock March 2-4, 2023 as we “Teach for the Stars”. As details are finalized, they will be posted on the [Teach Tomorrow Summit](#) events page, so check back periodically for information.



2022 - 2023 Calendar

JULY 18-19	TAFE TEACHER LEADER WORKSHOP Marriott San Antonio Airport, San Antonio
JULY 18-22	FCSTAT CONFERENCE Marriott San Antonio Airport, San Antonio
SEP. 30 - OCT. 17	REGISTRATION FOR AREA CONFERENCES AND COMPETITIVE EVENTS
NOV. 1	DEADLINE TO PAY CHAPTER TAFE AFFILIATION FEES & EDUCATORS RISING DUES Chapters must pay \$80.00 state chapter affiliation fee and \$10.00 individual dues for all TAFE members prior to competing at Area Conferences.
NOV. & DEC.	AREA CONFERENCES Area 1 – Dec. 9 @ TAMIU Area 2 – Dec. 3 @ Bandera HS Area 3 – Dec. 10 @ Lockhart HS Area 4 – Nov. 12 @ UHCL Area 5 – Nov. 7 @ Sam Houston Area 6 – Dec. 2 @ UT Tyler Area 7 – Nov. 29 @ Angelo State University Area 8 – Nov. 12 @ South Plains College Area 9 – Nov. 9 @ Starlight Center Area 10 – Nov. 16 @ Tarleton State University Area 11 – TBD
JAN. 13	POSTMARK DEADLINE TO MAIL APPLICATION TO RUN FOR STATE OFFICER
JAN. 13	APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUE
JAN. 27	DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING ONLINE FOR TAFE TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT
JAN. 27	DEADLINE FOR POSTING LESSON PLANS, POSITION PAPERS, AND VIDEO LINKS FOR COMPETITIVE EVENTS
JAN. 31- FEB. 6	REGISTERING FOR COMPETITIVE EVENTS TIMES
LATE JANUARY	CAPITOL LEADERSHIP - AUSTIN, TX
JAN. 31	TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEES DUE Checks must be postmarked by January 31, 2023 to receive the \$80 per person discounted rate. Postmarked February 1, 2023 or after the rate is \$100 per person
MARCH 2 - 4	TAFE TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT Kalahari Resort, Round Rock, TX
MAY 11 - 13	LOCAL, AREA & STATE OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center
MAY 1	2023 - 2024 CHAPTER AFFILIATION OPENS
JUNE 29 - JULY 2	EDUCATORS RISING NATIONAL CONFERENCE Renaissance SeaWorld in Orlando, FL



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