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Welcome the New TAFE Officers



TAFE 2016-2017 STATE PRESIDENT SCHOOL: HOMER HANNA HIGH SCHOOL, BROWNSVILLE

Welcome Your New State President! Alina Torres

My school:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I am a junior at Hanna Early College High School in Brownsville, Texas.
Some of my activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My education has always taken priority in my life and all my extra time is consumed by extra-curricular activities. If I'm not cheering on the sidelines of high school sports, you can find me leaving my heart on the stage in the auditorium, running around somewhere on campus, or somewhere tucked away singing my little heart out.
TAFE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An extremely active, dedicated TAFE member for 3 years and President for 2 years.• Educators Rising member for 3 years
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• Besides TAFE, I love singing, acting, and cheering.

I will be posting a section in each newsletter. The section will be titled **FROM OUR PRESIDENT**. If you are looking for information on upcoming or current events related to TAFE, check out my section in each newsletter. Each of the other state officers will have their own sections with specific information in each.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Hello Future Educators! I am honored to have the privilege of representing YOU as the 2016-2015 TAFE President.

Teachers go beyond the call of duty- what's your calling?

Next year's conference is truly going to be one for the books! Your officers and I will be working hard to ensure everybody has a truly memorable experience. We have so many great ideas that we absolutely cannot wait to place into action. In just a few short weeks, your 2016-2017 state and region officers will be attending an officer retreat in Spicewood, Texas. If you are a state or region officer be sure to attend. We will be trained in our new positions to ensure we work to our best potential!

Soon after, we will be attending a Summer Leadership

Workshop at Texas A&M. Through this workshop, we will be participating in general leadership training activities, strengthening our leadership and interpersonal skills. It will be really great to learn and interact with individuals who all share the same passion! Preparation for next year has begun and high standards have been set. I can't wait!

Please feel free to contact me about ANYTHING! My email is alinatorres99@gmail.com, and of course, you can also find me on social media. I hope we are able to grow stronger and closer, not only as an organization, but also through long-lasting friendships! Remember to make the best of every moment left of this school year, hope to see and hear from you soon!



TAFE 2016-2017 STATE VICE PRESIDENT SCHOOL LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome Your New State Vice President! Abigael Dillon

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| My school: | • I am a sophomore at Lexington High School |
| Some activities of mine: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the National Honor Society • Member of Student Council • Member of Interact • Class of 2018 President • UIL- Literary Criticism • UIL- One Act Play • Member of The Citizens Bee Team • Varsity Cheerleader |
| TAFE: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have been a member of TAFE since my freshman year. • I attended the region and state competitions both my freshman and sophomore year. • I was the president of my chapter this year and the Region 13 Secretary. |
| A little about me: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am very active in my school's activities • My dream job is to either be a middle school English teacher or a high school FCS teacher. • I love reading and learning something new. |

Greetings! Each quarter, I will have a section titled **COLLEGE CONNECTIONS**.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS:

In this section, I will be posting information about various universities and their college of education's contact person. If you have university contact information that you would like to share, a university that you would like to get contact information for, or any questions, please contact me at dillon.abigael@lisdeagles.org

If you know anyone who you feel should be recognized and given a proper TAFE thank you! Please let me know who and what they are being recognized for: brookecheyennec@gmail.com

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Texas State University	San Marcos, TX	Txstate.edu	<i>Cynthia De La Cruz</i> (512) 245-8504 cdelacruz@txstate.edu
Texas Woman's University	Denton, TX	Twu.edu	<i>Jane Pemberton</i> (940) 898-2271 jpemberton@twu.edu
Texas Tech University	Lubbock, TX	Ttu.edu	<i>Jennifer Offutt-Mauppin</i> (806) 834-1916 jennifer.offutt@ttu.edu
Sam Houston University	Huntsville, TX	shsu.edu	<i>Sandra Stewart</i> (936) 294-1103 sstewart@shsu.edu

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.

You'll need them later!



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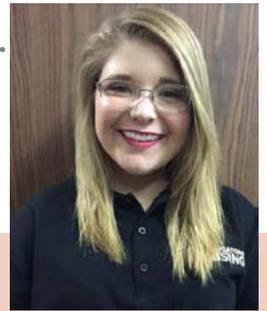
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TAFE 2016-2017 STATE SECRETARY SCHOOL AZLE HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome Your New State Secretary! Brooke Collins



My school:

TAFE:

A little about me:

- I am a junior at Azle high school.
- I have been an active TAFE member since freshman year.
- I have held an office each year and am currently chapter president.
- I have attended each region and state conference since my freshman year and plan to attend the 2016 Educators Rising conference.
- I whole-heartedly enjoy everything about teaching.
- I love nothing more than being around people who can make me laugh and be able to create memories with me.
- Friendships and relationships mean the world to me so I am always looking to make new ones.
- I am always looking for something to get involved in, so I stay very busy.

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



TAFE 2016-2017 STATE HISTORIAN SCHOOL EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL, BEAUMONT

Welcome Your New State Historian! Andrea Robledo

My school:

Some activities of mine:

TAFE:

A little about me:

- I am a junior at Eisenhower High School located in Houston, TX.
- Member of Eisenhower's choir,
- Member of Eisenhower's dance team.
- This is my second year in TAFE and it has been a great experience.
- I'm Vice President of our chapter.
- My dream job is to be an architect and with a teaching degree I can inspire young minds to bring their creativity to the world.
- I like using my artistic abilities and using them in TAFE.

I will have a section in each of the TAFE Newsletters titled **PICTURE THIS**. I will include pictures that highlight TAFE events from around the state. Please send your pictures to me at kians.ki@gmail.com

Find Your Future as a Teacher with a Degree from Texas Woman's University



Practical, hands-on experience always has been a hallmark of teacher preparation at TWU. With a **passing rate of 97 percent** on state certification exams and high marks from the schools that employ our graduates, TWU is well known for **producing extraordinary educators** who make a difference.

TWU's courses are available in face-to-face, online and blended formats. TWU was the **first university** in Texas with a **TeachLive™ lab**, which allows teacher candidates to practice their skills on “virtual” students to better prepare for the classroom.

Enroll at TWU and you can become a **well-prepared, professional educator** poised to **assume a leadership role** in your school and community.

TWU PROGRAM AREAS INCLUDE:

- General Education Teacher – elementary, middle and high school
- 28 content area certifications are available including math, science, family and consumer sciences, music and art
- Bilingual and English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Special Education



TRAFLES CONNECTIONS:



Teaching: Hanna High School does observations 3 days a week at Perez Elementary. The senior class made this sign to thank the mentor teachers for working with them in their practice



Recreation: Azle High School gathers around Christmas time for a pajama party to reward and celebrate all the good things done in the chapter around that time. At this party they, exchanged gifts, ordered pizza, watched movies, drank hot cocoa, and shared tons of laughs.



Appreciation: In January Lexington High School showed appreciation to their school board. They gave each board member a World's Finest chocolate bar with a super hero cape to go along with the theme of school board appreciation state theme, which is super hero themed.



Service: Eisenhower High School TAFE hosted their own Breast Cancer awareness walk in their community. This gave Eisenhower's TAFE chapter the opportunity to get out and provide support and service in their community.

Teaching and Service:

The Socorro High School TAFE chapter was honored with an invitation to attend and present during two breakout sessions at the New Mexico Educators Rising first annual state conference and competition, February 28 - March 1 at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM.

Six juniors were selected and presented a breakout session called "Teach like a PIRATE". During this session they presented on the importance of having a "hook" in the lesson. They had about 60 students in their session and taught them some creative ways to bring excitement and engagement into their future classrooms. Their advisor, Melissa Haggerty, presented a session to New Mexico advisors. This session gave teachers examples of ways to incorporate the Educators Rising competitions into their class curriculum.



TAFE chapters, please remember that I would love to see any of the TRAFLES your chapter participates in throughout this year! Don't forget Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6, 2016. How will your chapter express your appreciation this year? Feel free to share any TRAFLES memories or moments with me at brookecheyennec@gmail.com

Teaching and Service: Bingman Celebrates Dr. Seuss with Taylor Students

On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, it was Read Across America Day. Students from the Child Guidance Program at Taylor Career Center spent the day with the classes, bringing activities and books to share with the students.

"The experience gained at the Bingman Head Start Read Across America Day was unforgettable! Seeing what the children do all day in a classroom setting and how the teachers help them was amazing," said Mariela Marquez, a junior at Taylor. "Spending the entire day with them was very tiring, but it's worth the energy exerted."



Melinda Fortenberry is the Child Guidance Program Instructor at the Taylor Career Center. She explained that they choose to schedule full-day clinical labs on days where the campus is collaboratively centering on a theme day. The experience provides students the opportunity to plan and prepare lessons and activities to present to the children. "The Child Guidance students were able to select a Dr. Seuss book and had the freedom to put their creativity to work," said Fortenberry. The students planned activities ranging from finger-painting the Lorax's face, rhyming dice games, 'One Fish, Two Fish' Jello snack activities, and, of course, colors with 'Green Eggs and Ham'. "Planning and preparing these activities and assisting a Pre-K classroom throughout it's entire school day gives this group of future teachers a little insight into the world of an early childhood education professional," Fortenberry continued. "And, from what I can see in watching them in the classes, Beaumont ISD has some fantastic teachers headed to its classrooms in the near future."

It was a win-win for Bingman and Taylor students. "I enjoyed working with the children and seeing the teachers interact with them. Their little faces light up when they discover something new or achieve success," said Taylor Williams, another junior at Taylor. "I loved the way that Bingman Head Start incorporated the Dr. Seuss's 'Wacky Wednesday' book into a theme around the whole school. As we walked through the halls, we felt like we were part of the story!"

Griselda Martinez & JaShira LeVier assist with finger-painting the Lorax's face.



Unique Beverly helps students in writing descriptions of their drawings



Armani Sanderson plays a math game with Bingman students.





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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM



The Educator Preparation Program at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor is a recognized leader in the field of education and in the preparation of high-quality educators. Our program has a 95% passing rate on the state certification exams, and we were the only state program commended by the Texas Education Agency for our outstanding field experiences in 2014. Pre-service teachers in our program can expect small classes, hands-on public school field experiences, personal attention from faculty, and opportunities to build connections with a community of learners. All professors in the teacher education program have previous public school experience as teachers, principals, and superintendents.

Programs offered lead to certification for elementary school (EC-6 Generalist), middle level (4-8 Generalist), high school (in math, science, history, and English) and in special areas such as art, P.E., music, or Spanish. In addition, it is possible to supplement several of these degree paths with a special certificates or endorsements, such as working with English as a Second Language (ESL). Students interested in Special Education are served through a degree path (Interdisciplinary) that encompasses the EC-6 curriculum as well as ESL and Special Education.

EDUCATION FOR LIFE... EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

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Chair of the Educator Preparation Program
or visit undergrad.umhb.edu/education/edu



KUDOS

We extend an enormous **TAFE thank you** to the University of Houston College of Education, Dean McPherson, Dr. Andrea Burrige, Paula Leveston and Brandi Cleaver for hosting our 2016 Teach Tomorrow Summit. Also, thank you to the many UH volunteers for helping make our conference a huge success! We had a phenomenal time experiencing the 2016 State conference on the University of Houston campus!

Thank you judges, facilitators, runners, time keepers and door monitors for volunteering your time to help make our competitive events successful. Thank you Sandra Godwin for doing such an amazing job organizing and putting together all of the competitive events. A SPECIAL THANK YOU goes to Mrs. Donna Taylor, Mrs. Wendy Frisbey, Ms. Angela Hollier, Mrs. Susan Stevens, and Mrs. Leah Garza for all your help with competitive events. Also, a very sincere thank you to the presenters for conducting some awesome breakout sessions!!

PICTURE THIS

VIRTUAL TAFE SCRAPBOOK

I will be making a virtual TAFE scrapbook. Please send in pictures of your different TAFE events so that your chapter can be represented in the scrapbook. Thank you and we hope to see your pictures. Please send pictures to andrearobledo88@yahoo.com



Hanna High School TAFE students take a trip to Texas A&M in College Station to learn more about the campus and education program.



TAFE members spent the day touring Houston and went to the Houston aquarium.



Keynote Speakers Danny Ciamarra and Nick Jackson at the 2016 Teach Tomorrow Summit.



Eisenhower TAFE Members posing with keynote speakers at Teach tomorrow summit 2016.



Lexington TAFE members posing for a picture at the conclusion of the state conference.

TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit 2016





FROM THE DIRECTOR

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I am looking forward to attending the **Educators Rising National Conference June 24-27, 2016**, on the campus of Boston University. This is Educators Rising's first time ever to be on a college campus. I wish all the competitors the best.

The TAFE Advisor's Workshop will be August 1-2, 2016. We will once again 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 \$100.00. 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 Texas at Arlington will be at the Advisor's Workshop to give us information to help us be successful at the state conference in Arlington. 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.

50% OF FUNDRAISING COVERED (AND POSSIBLY MUCH MORE)

Please encourage your teacher leaders to post their fundraising needs on Donorschoose.org/students. Create a student-led project and include "Educators Rising" in the project title and description. This can apply for any expense related to Educators Rising including professional dress for internships, transportation costs, chapter activities, conference travel & registration.

NATIONAL STUDENT CABINET - KNOW ANY STAR STUDENTS?

Please consider nominating a star student to serve on the 2016-2017 Educators Rising Student Cabinet. More information will be sent next month— the national cabinet will consist of 2 elected officers and 2 appointed cabinet members. Prospective cabinet members should be articulate about teaching and learning and their own story, committed to improving education, available to travel several times throughout the year, and able to serve as both an internal adviser and external ambassador for the teaching profession.

EDUCATORS RISING NATIONAL STANDARDS

Please check out and spread the word about the opportunity to provide comments on the draft of Educators Rising Standards. Here's the link, which will be live until 11:59 pm ET on April 24: <https://www.educatorsrising.org/pages/educators-rising-standards>

These standards will be very significant in shaping Educators Rising content and programming going forward. Please consider weighing in and encouraging folks in your networks to participate as well. All comments will be reviewed by the entire standards committee— which includes Educators Rising West Virginia State Director Roberta Goff!

Educators Rising is for high school students considering a career in education and is nationally sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa. In partnership with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, with funding from the National Education Association, draft standards defining what high school students exploring teaching should know and be able to do are now open for public comment. The goal is to identify the critical skills and dispositions students should be developing in the earliest part of the career continuum — while still in high school — to take their first steps on a coherent journey to becoming great teachers.

Comments on these standards are open until April 24. You can comment on each of the seven standards, or just any of them you have time to look at.

View or download the draft standards and take the survey to give comments at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/edrisingstandards>.

LOOKING FOR RESOURCES ON LESSON PLANNING? WE CAN HELP!

Looking for resources to help your students learn how to prepare a great lesson? Check out "[Define, Align, Design, Refine.](#)" where Sandy Merz, a National Board Certified STEM teacher and blogger, walks students through the anatomy of planning for a strong lesson.



Mark Your Calendars!

TAFE State/Region Officer Training

May 13-15, 2016 (Friday - Sunday) Highland Lakes Camp, Spicewood, TX
Register online @ www.tafeonline.org

2016 - 2017 TAFE Chapter Affiliation

Opens June 1, 2016 • TAFE State Chapter dues \$80.00 • No Educators Rising dues this year

Educator's Rising National Conference

June 24-27, 2016 • Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

TAFE Summer Leadership Workshops

July 11-14, 2016 (Monday - Thursday) Texas A&M University
Registration \$150.00 • Registration coming soon

Advisors' Workshop

August 1-2, 2016 • Sheraton Hotel, Dallas
Registration \$100.00 • Registration coming soon

FCSTAT Annual Conference

August 1-5, 2016 (Monday - Friday) • Sheraton Hotel, Dallas • Registration coming soon

Region Conferences

October – December

Deadline To Pay State Chapter Affiliation Fees

November 1, 2016 • *Chapters Must Pay Their \$80.00 State Affiliation Fee Prior To Competing At Region*

Deadline To Apply To Run For State Office

December 1, 2016

Deadline For Registering For TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit

December 14, 2016

Deadline For Registering For Competitive Events

December 14, 2016

Applications For Board of Directors Due

January 10, 2017

Capitol Leadership in Austin, Tx

Early February

TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit

February 17-19, 2017 • University Of Texas At Arlington, Sheraton Hotel, And Arlington Convention Center

Officer Training Workshop

May 12-14, 2017 • Highland Lakes Camp, Spicewood, Tx

2017 - 2018 Chapter Affiliation Opens

June 1, 2016

State affiliate of Educators Rising