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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 you all are having a great semester so far! I want to say good luck to all competitors competing at their area conference! Safe travels and wishing y'all the best luck. Make sure to shine brighter than you are. Also, an early Happy Holidays, stay safe and enjoy y'all's winter break. Can't wait to see y'all at the state conference.

Do you have great skills of leadership, communication, and speaking? You should consider running for state office. As an officer, it's a great way to meet people, learn new things, and explore some sites. If you are interested in running for state make sure to check out our website under the student tab. I am so excited to see who all is running. If you need to contact or communicate with me, please do so at [lrodriguez2304@parisisd.net](mailto:lrodriguez2304@parisisd.net)

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## From the VP:

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

Area conferences are underway. Before they began, I talked with some area officers about how they are preparing for their conference. Terralyn, area 4's 1st Vice President, gave the credit of the success of their planning, to the officer workshop. She said, "we were able to make tremendous progress in our planning. Within a couple of days, we had our posters, theme, some decor, and other general information planned". She is excited to "see all of the new TAFE chapters and members who are competing this year." Adriana, an area 1 officer exclaimed that her area conference planning "went great". She is excited to work with students in the collegiate TAFE chapter at Tamu in Laredo. Lizette from area 6, is excited to offer participants in the conference a college tour of UT Tyler. The state officer team is excited to see everyone at the area conferences. Make sure your projects are well rehearsed to minimize confusion during presentations and to improve your professionalism. Good luck to everyone competing!



Also, the state officer team is excited to announce our service project for the Teach Tomorrow Summit is with *Project Protect Our Children*. Project Protect Our Children is an organization devoted to spreading awareness of the dangers of Human Trafficking to communities across Texas. They have a K-12 Curriculum that is age appropriate, research based, survivor informed, and TEKS aligned that allows them to spread safe habits to students of all ages. We will be collecting various hygiene goods such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. for shelters for victims of human trafficking. These shelters provide victims a safe place to stay, counseling, and make sure their needs are met. Donated items will be collected at a table near registration at the Teach Tomorrow Summit. If you have any questions, email me at [averyobrien2005@gmail.com](mailto:averyobrien2005@gmail.com)

## KUDOS

### MIKAYLA JACKSON, VERIBEST HS, SECRETARY

Our Area coordinators and Area officers have been frantically working to make them the best yet. A huge shout out to the coordinators and officers for all of their dedication and hard work.

Kudos to Monica Oliver, Sara Barrera, Cathy Ownby, Ann Grimes, Brenda Vadner, and Austin Ince! Your hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for all you do in welcoming 11 areas and more than 5000 attendees to our area conferences throughout the state!



# WE APPRECIATE YOU

### WHY YOU SHOULD RUN FOR AREA OFFICER

Running for Area Officer allows you to make a bigger impact in the schools around your community. Being an Area Officer gives more opportunities to shape the activities that are done in the conferences. However, the absolute best thing is that you can make tons of friends during your term as an area officer.



The **Veribest TAFE chapter** expressed their appreciation for their two principals during Principal Appreciation month. Throughout October, members supplied small tokens of appreciation to the principals. During a pep rally, which highlighted TAFE, the Veribest officers presented High School Principal Glen Jones and Elementary Principal Amber Palmer with a small token of appreciation. The Veribest TAFE officers spoke to the entire student body about the importance of appreciating people who work very hard to make our school the *Very-Best* place to be!

**San Saba High School TAFE** celebrated World Teacher's Day by treating our teachers/staff to an Apple Bar. If you give a teacher an apple, great things happen!



## PICTURE THIS

### ADRIANA GONZALEZ – HISTORIAN

School is back in session and I hope you're as excited as I am for this year ahead! Our TAFE officers are working hard to get this year underway. This year is going to be packed full of fun memories with TAFE! 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 pictures from TAFE events, send them to me at [adrizhere1@gmail.com](mailto:adrizhere1@gmail.com)!



Area 8 officers at South Plains college for Area conference planning.



Area 9 officers at El Paso Starlight center for area conference planning meeting.



Area 4 officers at University of Houston-Clear Lake for Area planning meeting.



Area 7 officers at Angelo State University for Area planning meeting.



Area 1 officers at Texas A&M University in Laredo for Area Planning meeting.



Area 11 officers at SAGU for Area planning meeting.

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!**

Go over your presentations and rubrics before the conference. The more you practice, the less nerves you'll have on the day of competition. Best of luck to everyone competing!



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Wow has TAFE really grown this year! We are just 5 chapters away from breaking last year's record of 365 chapters! This means we have over 5,000+ students attending all 11 area conferences, which are underway. It is truly an exciting time to be a part of TAFE. With this much growth every area conference has grown anywhere from 70-200+ attendees. This growth has caused some of our normal processes and systems to develop some problems. I hear your frustrations, concerns, and struggles this has caused you, I am making notes on how to improve, so we can eliminate these in the future.

I am only able to make it to 8 of the 11 area conferences this year. I look forward to being a servant leader when I am attending your area conferences and get to see you and your students in action.

**Have you considered running for the Board of Directors?** We will have 1 middle and 1 high school teacher leader position up for election at the Teach Tomorrow Summit in March. You can find details about the application and past meeting minutes here: [TAFE Board of Directors](http://tafeonline.org) (tafeonline.org)

**Student leaders are what keep our organization growing and thriving.** We can't continue to grow without them! There are few areas still looking for area officers to round out their teams. TAFE state officer applications are due January 13th, 2023. You can find details here: [Running for State Officer](http://tafeonline.org)

**39th Annual Teach Tomorrow Summit** registration and hotel reservations will open on December 12th and close January 27, 2023. Hotel costs plus additional information is available here: [Teach Tomorrow Summit](http://tafeonline.org) (tafeonline.org)

### Prescored Materials Upload deadline is January 27, 2023. What events have prescoring components?

- Children's Literature Spanish
- Children's Literature Pre-K
- Children's Literature K-3
- Educators Rising Leadership Award
- Exploring Education Administration Careers
- Exploring Non-Core Subject Teaching Careers
- Exploring Support Service Careers
- Job Interview
- Lesson Planning & Delivery – ARTS
- Lesson Planning & Delivery – CTE
- Lesson Planning & Delivery – Humanities
- Lesson Planning & Delivery – STEM
- Outstanding Chapter
- Professional Development
- Researching Learning Challenges
- Teacher Leader of the Year

### Educators Rising Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

- 11/14/2022 Conference breakout session proposals open
- 1/2/2023 Scholarship applications open
- 1/2/2023 Student officer applications open
- 1/13/2023 Breakout session proposals close





# TAFE Calendar

<b>JAN. 13</b>	<b>POSTMARK DEADLINE TO MAIL APPLICATION TO RUN FOR STATE OFFICER</b>
<b>JAN. 13</b>	<b>APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUE</b>
<b>JAN. 27</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING ONLINE FOR TAFE TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT</b>
<b>JAN. 27</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR POSTING LESSON PLANS, POSITION PAPERS, AND VIDEO LINKS FOR COMPETITIVE EVENTS</b>
<b>JAN. 31- FEB. 6</b>	<b>REGISTERING FOR COMPETITIVE EVENTS TIMES</b>
<b>LATE JANUARY</b>	<b>CAPITOL LEADERSHIP - AUSTIN, TX</b>
<b>JAN. 31</b>	<b>TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEES DUE</b> 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
<b>MARCH 2 - 4</b>	<b>TAFE TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT</b> Kalahari Resort, Round Rock, TX
<b>MAY 11 - 13</b>	<b>LOCAL, AREA &amp; STATE OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP</b> Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center
<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>2023 - 2024 CHAPTER AFFILIATION OPENS</b>
<b>JUNE 29 - JULY 2</b>	<b>EDUCATORS RISING NATIONAL CONFERENCE</b> Renaissance SeaWorld in Orlando, FL



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