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TAFE 2022-2023 STATE PRESIDENT SCHOOL:

Paris High School

WELCOME YOUR NEW STATE PRESIDENT!



LIZETTE RODRIGUEZ

Hello TAFE members, I am Lizette Rodriguez, and I am your State President for 2022-2023. I am a junior and I attend Paris High School in Paris, Texas. I am currently only in TAFE. But, I am also an employee of a hotel as a front desk clerk which allows me to meet and communicate with people. This is my second year in TAFE and next year is my third and last year. My first year was my freshman year. My sophomore year I was doing online school so I couldn't join. Thankfully, I could as a junior, and I'm glad to finish up as a senior. 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 shining stars! I am Lizette Rodriguez, and I am honored to serve you as your State President for 2022-2023. My teacher is Miss Emily Steele. Some things about me are that I love to paint, listen to music, explore new things, and meet new people. I am bilingual. I speak English and Spanish. I am very much looking forward to hearing more from you and I'm glad to see some of you again at the Educators Rising conference at Washington D.C.! I hope y'all have a wonderful time and a spectacular experience. Also take a chance to meet new people.

Next year's theme is 'Teach for the Stars', and the officer crew are excited to create a Hollywood Star Red Carpet Theme! Are you ready to see your name in lights? I'm ready to see you shine brighter than y'all already are! I wish y'all the best of luck!

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

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TAFE 2022-2023 STATE VICE PRESIDENT SCHOOL

Kingwood High School

WELCOME YOUR NEW STATE VICE PRESIDENT!



AVERY O'BRIEN

Hey everyone! I'm Avery O'Brien and I am from Houston, Texas. I am currently a junior at Kingwood High School. I enjoy volunteering for my community with the National Charity League and with the kids at my church through JUMP. This past year I have had the opportunity to grow and learn hands on in an elementary school under a mentor teacher. These opportunities along with TAFE have pushed me to grow and explore outside of my comfort zone. Being elected the 2022-2023 State Vice President has been a great honor for me and I am so excited to see where this year takes not only me, but this organization. Hopefully we are able to generate new friendships that help lead us to a bright future. Each quarter, I will have a section titled COLLEGE CONNECTIONS.



COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

In the college connections section, I am going to be posting different colleges and their recruiter's information, so that y'all can have easy access to college info and learn how to apply to certain colleges.

Education is a key to your success. There are many opportunities for you to continue your education in Texas. Higher education means more opportunities for you to accomplish your goals and have more money for family and personal needs in your future. Texas is a large state and there are plenty of colleges to choose from to continue your education. Most colleges have a college or School of Education for those interested in becoming an educator, counselor, or even a principal.

If any of you have colleges you want me to look up and post or have recruitment info for, please let me know. You can contact me at averyobrien2005@gmail.com

TAFE 2022-2023 STATE SECRETARY SCHOOL

Veribest High School

WELCOME YOUR NEW STATE SECRETARY!

MIKAYLA JACKSON

Hey everybody! I'm Mikayla Jackson. I live in the Veribest community and attend Veribest High School! I struggle with Dyslexia. Things may come harder for me, but I never let it stop me. I want to encourage everyone, no matter what you are struggling with, NEVER GIVE UP! Being in TAFE has been an adventure. Being able to compete, advance, and be an officer has been incredible. It was such an amazing opportunity! I am a varsity cheerleader and a member of FFA, UIL, Track and Cross-Country teams, and Student Council. My favorite color is light blue. I love my dogs- Ginger and Paige. I love painting and hamburgers! My life is truly the Veri-best! 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.



TRAFLES CONNECTIONS

TAFE chapters, please remember that I would love to see any of the TRAFLES your chapter participates in throughout this year! Feel free to share any TRAFLES memories or moments with me at: mkj919@icloud.com



Service Project: NYOS Charter School is making bags of uniforms in need at their feeder elementary school.



Educational Awareness: NYOS Charter School at their school's Black History Month Program



Leadership: Lockhart HS growing and sharing their leadership skills with the junior high officer team.



Recreation: Lockhart HS out at the Dell Diamond's Education with Express event!

KUDOS!

We would like to thank the Hilton Anatole Dallas for the wonderful place to stay during the TAFE State Conference. The atmosphere, meeting rooms, and amenities were superb! We would also like to thank The U.S. Army. Thank you to the state officer schools for the donation of awesome prizes. A big thank you to all our exhibitors who gave up their time to attend the conference. In addition, a big shout out to all the volunteer judges, timekeepers, door monitors and runners. You went above and beyond to help the competitive events run smoothly. Many thanks go to the Competitive Events Team, Austin Ince, Cathy Ownby, Brenda Vadner, and Ann Grimes for assisting with competitive events. Your help was invaluable! We also want to thank our presenters who gave their time and effort to educate our future teachers.



Lastly, we thank our wonderful teacher leaders, student volunteers, Alice Moody, and Monica Oliver for the countless hours you devoted and your active role in making the conference a huge success! If you know anyone who you feel should be recognized and given a proper TAFE thank you, please let me know name, school, and what they are being recognized for: mkj919@icloud.com

TAFE 2022-2023 STATE HISTORIAN SCHOOL Foy H. Moody High School, Corpus Christi

WELCOME YOUR NEW STATE HISTORIAN!

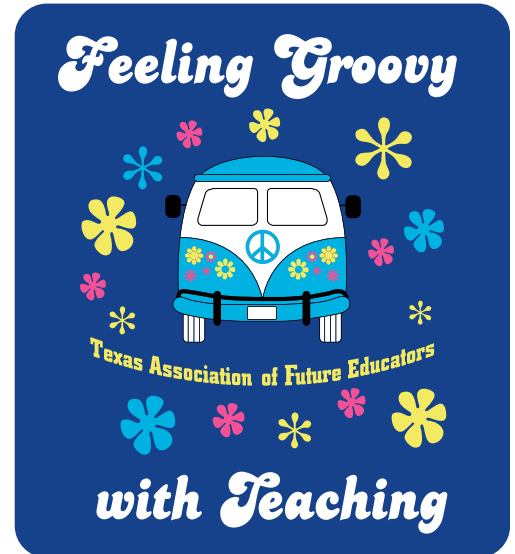
ADRIANA GONZALEZ

Hello! My Name is Adriana Gonzalez, and I am your state historian for the 2022- 2023 school year! I am from Corpus Christi, Texas. I am currently a sophomore at Foy H. Moody High school where I am in the Citgo Innovation Academy. Alongside TAFE, I stay busy with girl scouts, the drama club, and Upward Bound Math and Science program. I love acting, reading, and learning! This last year I was able to serve as an officer for area 1 and am so excited to have this opportunity as a 2022-23 State Historian! TAFE has led me to so many new experiences, friends, and memories and I can't wait to make so many more! 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: adrizhere1@gmail.com



PICTURE THIS

Over this next year, you are going to make amazing memories! What better way to celebrate these memories than with pictures! In this section of our newsletter, we want to celebrate these great times with you. Send those special pictures from TAFE events to me at adrizhere1@gmail.com



Kingwood HS enjoying a pitstop at Buc-ee's on the way to the 38th Teach Tomorrow Summit.



Moody HS stops after check-in to pose for a photo.



Veribest HS TAFE Chapter enjoying the opening session.



Paris HS wowing students with their breakout session at the 38th Teach Tomorrow Summit.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

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GOOD NEWS!!!

As we close out this school year, we are ending with highest membership to date with 365 chapters! That is 38 more chapters than we had prior to COVID. We are slowly and steadily rebuilding each area, way to go TAFE! We cannot continue to be successful without the support you provide your students and school communities as Teacher Leaders. THANK YOU!

HOUSKEEPING TASKS

I am in the process of updating the website, if you find something out of date, a page that gives you an error message, or would like for a resource to be added to the website please email monica@tassp.org. Every Teacher Leader also needs to go update their profile information. Please be sure all listed emails, phone numbers, and addresses are school related.

END OF THE YEAR AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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.

2022-2023 STATE/AREA OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP

We have the largest number in attendance with 154 students and teacher leaders joining us April 27-30 at Highland Lakes Camp. We are looking forward to helping our student leaders grow in their leadership skills and begin planning our area conferences for the fall of 2022.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

I am looking forward to attending the Educators Rising National Conference, June 24-27, 2022, in Washington DC. I am excited at the continuing changes Educators Rising is making to the conference and they are now creating a voting delegation for each state and recognizing state officers. State was tough, but at nationals, you are competing with the best students from all over the United States. I wish the best of luck to all the competitors.

TEACHER LEADER WORKSHOP

The TAFE Teacher Leader's Workshop will be July 18-19, 2022. It will be 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 \$175.00. We will continue to offer breakout sessions during the entire FCSTAT Conference for the Education and Training, Child Development, and Child Guidance Courses. Get the updates and information you need to have successful chapters.

EDUCATORS RISING NEWS

Beginning 2022-2023, Educators Rising students will have voting power. Each state will receive a voting delegates based on student membership. Our student cabinet with Educators Rising is 2,116, which will give us 22 voting delegates at next year's Educators Rising Conference. This is exciting as next year students will be voting on the new by-laws, national officers and more.



EDUCATORS RISING NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Educators Rising Honor Society is a distinction that recognizes the academic accomplishments of our student members. This honor serves to elevate the image of teaching by highlighting high-achieving students who are dedicated to a career path in education.

Who qualifies?

- To qualify for the Educators Rising Honor Society students must:
- Be a high school junior or senior
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale, including grades from the first semester of the current academic year
- Be an Active-level, national dues-paying member of Educators Rising
- Pay a \$5 application fee

What do I receive?

Those students who are accepted into the Educators Rising Honor Society will receive a personalized certificate of recognition. Those individuals whose schools will allow them to walk with honor cords at graduation may purchase a bulk package for \$20 which includes the application fee/certificate of recognition and honor cords to wear at graduation. Honor cords may also be purchased separately at a cost of \$20 by Honor Society members and Teacher Leaders only. This honor is a résumé-building opportunity for students and a great way for them to receive the recognition they deserve for their academic achievements. Please note juniors may purchase cords as part of their initial induction into the Educator Rising Honor Society. However, they must re-submit and verify eligibility for their senior year in order to wear cords at graduation.

How do I apply?

To apply, simply select the option of recognition that you desire to purchase, login to your membership account and follow the prompts through to checkout. Please note, you will need a copy of your transcripts or report card from this academic year with cumulative GPA listed. The cost to apply is \$5*, or \$20 for the bulk package including honor cords. You must verify your address on your Educators Rising membership account prior to ordering. You will be responsible for any fees incurred with the reshipment of your order if your address is incorrect.

Deadline to apply: May 31, 2022

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2022 Educators Rising National Conference is scheduled to take place June 24-27, 2022, in Washington, D.C. This year's theme is **Shaping the Future**. All are invited to participate in this unique opportunity for students and their teacher leaders to compete, connect, and learn together. Each year, Educators Rising hosts a national conference to convene our network of rising educators and teacher leaders. It is a unique opportunity for students and their teacher leaders to:

- Connect and learn from each other through more than 40 breakout sessions;
- Network with other members from across the country;
- Compete for national titles in competitive events designed to allow students to develop and showcase their teaching skills; and
- Be inspired by keynote presentations from national education leaders.

The conference will be held at the Washington Hilton. [Click to view the tentative conference schedule.](#)



Mark Your Calendars!

2022-2023 TAFE CHAPTER AFFILIATION

Opens May 1, 2022 TAFE State Chapter dues \$80.00

EDUCATOR'S RISING NATIONAL CONFERENCE

June 24-27, 2022 Washington Hilton, Washington D.C.

TEACHER LEADER WORKSHOP

July 18-19, 2022 Marriot San Antonio Airport, San Antonio

Registration \$175.00

Registration information online, www.tafeonline.org

FCSTAT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

July 18-22, 2022 (Monday - Friday) Marriot San Antonio Airport, San Antonio

Registration on the FCSTAT website [Click here](#)

AREA CONFERENCES

November – December

- **DEADLINE TO PAY STATE AND NATIONAL AFFILIATION FEES TO COMPETE AT AREA CONFERENCES**
November 1, 2022-Chapters must pay their \$80.00 state affiliation and \$10.00 individual dues for all TAFE Members prior to competing at Area Conferences.
- **POSTMARK DEADLINE TO MAIL APPLICATION FOR STATE OFFICE**
January 17, 2023
- **DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING FOR TAFE TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT**
January 27, 2023
- **DEADLINE TO UPLOAD PRESCORED MATERIALS LINKS FOR COMPETITIVE EVENTS**
January 27, 2023
- **APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUE**
Uploaded by January 17, 2023
- **CAPITOL LEADERSHIP IN AUSTIN, TX**
Early February 2023
- **TAFE TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT**
March 2-4, 2023 Kalahari Resort Round Rock, TX

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