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TAFE Newsletter

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**SAY ALOHA TO
TEACHING!**



From the President:

KAMERON KELLER, ALIEF TAYLOR HS

I want to wish all of you a safe and Happy Holidays. I hope you take this time to relax, recharge, and spend time with your family. Remember to make memories because they last forever.

Aloha my TAFE members! I hope so far school has been good for you all, and if at the moment it's not I hope it gets better. I first want to say good luck to all competitors at the Area Conferences, whether returning or competing for the first time, you all got this! I would also like to wish you all safe travels going to and from Area Conferences. Also Happy early Holidays to you all. I hope you take this time to recharge, relax, and make memories with friends and family. I'm super excited to see you all at the Teach Tomorrow Summit. We have great plans for this year's conference and you don't want to miss it, so be sure to give your 110% at your Area Conference.

Also as the time approaches we will be taking applications for our new state officers. If you have great leadership skills, are very hardworking, a good communicator, and the ability to publicly speak, you should consider running for a state officer position. This would be an opportunity to sharpen your skill set, while being surrounded by people with the same passion as you. If you are interested check out our website for more details and information.

As we close out the last portion of the year I would like to leave you with this quote which says "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." This means that some things are better off when you just let it go and grow from it.

If you need to contact me, please feel free to do so: Kameronkeller2006@gmail.com or [Ali3fKam3ron](#) on twitter or instagram!

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KUDOS

PEYTON CRABILL, LOCKHART HS, TAFE SECRETARY

I want to wish everyone happy holidays! I hope you all enjoy this time with your families and create memories that will last a lifetime. Can't wait to see everyone at the Teach Tomorrow Summit!

We want to give a big shout out and THANK YOU to our Area coordinators who are traveling and helping area officers host their conferences during the next couple months! Another great big THANK YOU and shout out to our State Director Monica Oliver and Austin Ince your hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for all that you do for our areas and for our conferences to ensure that they are successful and run smoothly.

As we approach competition time of the year I would like to give some advice to our competitive members. The biggest thing that I can tell members is to just take a deep breath and trust yourself. Many of us, myself included, get caught up in the stress of competition but just make sure that you take that time to remind yourself that you got this and give whatever competition you're competing in one hundred and ten percent. Enjoy these stressful, and joyous moments with your chapters and in your competitions because before you know it it'll be over.

TAFE CONNECTIONS

I hope everyone is having a great Fall! Please remember to send me all your TRAFLES activities so I can include you in our TAFE CONNECTIONS. Email me at peytoncrabill@gmail.com with your pictures and a description of the activity.

Alief Taylor High School (Education Awareness) - Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Alief Taylor High School made a bulletin board to take a stand against Domestic Violence and to spread the message of love to those that have been affected by Domestic Violence.



Cypress Creek High School (Fundraising)

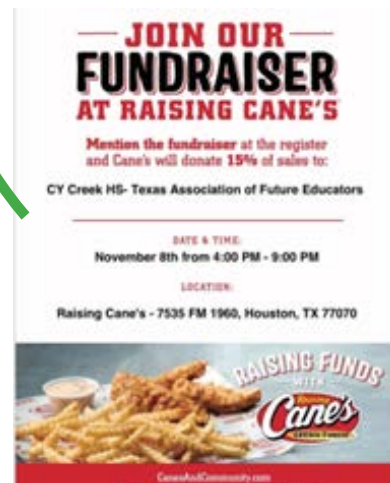
Cypress Creek High School held a fundraiser at their local Canes in order to raise funds to help their chapter and provide them with funds that they can use throughout the year.



Lockhart High School (Recreation)

Lockhart High School held a lock-in at their High School where members could relax, watch movies, play games, and decorate pumpkins for Halloween. The lock-in allowed members to get to know one another better and build a better bond throughout the Lockhart chapter.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at peytoncrabill@gmail.com. Good luck to our competitive members at their conferences!





College Connections:

**ANASTASIA CAMDEN, KILLEEN CAREER CENTER
TAFE VICE-PRESIDENT**

The holiday season is the perfect time to spread love, joy, and happiness to everyone around us. Whether you're spending time with family, exchanging gifts, or enjoying delicious holiday treats, I hope your holidays are filled with laughter and wonderful memories. Don't forget to take a moment to appreciate the little things and cherish the time spent with loved ones.

Happy Holidays, from Anastasia!

If you have colleges you want posted or have recruitment info for, don't hesitate to let me know! You can contact me at anastasia.camden1052@gmail.com

DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

TOP 10 REASONS DBU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IS SET APART

Current students listed the following reasons as to how DBU's College of Education is set apart from other universities.

- Small class sizes
- Christ-centered instruction
- Curriculum lab resources
- Faculty and staff encourage growth and what is genuinely best for each individual
- Professor's open-door policy and willingness to help outside of class
- Through the Impact program, DBU supports you for three years post-graduation
- Close community among students and staff
- Field Based experience
- Positive learning environment
- Abundant hours spent in the classroom prior to student teaching



TAFE Member to DBU Student

"The competitive nature and great community of being in TAFE in high school helped prepare me for education at DBU. Both made me feel welcome, and I can tell that those around me want to help me succeed. One of my favorite parts about the DBU College of Education is the small class sizes. I have met so many great people that have the same passions and interests as me, which makes me feel at home. I have many of my professor's personal cell phone numbers, and know that I could reach out at any time. I have loved my time at DBU so much that I am pursuing my Masters degree here and have enjoyed every second of it!"

- Summer Hunter



Student Education Association

Student Education Association, SEA, is an on-campus student organization that hosts monthly meetings with guest speakers, panels, and experts from the field. The mission of SEA is to inspire the hearts of future educators to serve in the field with excellence, integrity, honesty, and grace for the Lord. SEA develops a community of Christian teachers who will use his/her voice in professional teaching organizations and impact the profession of teaching.



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From the Director

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Wow the year is ½ way over! If you're like me, you struggle to know where the time has gone. Our office and area officer teams work tirelessly to welcome 5,500+ students to our 11 area conferences this year. I was able to attend 7 of 11 conferences and it is amazing to see the growth in person. Each area had strong student leaders and teachers in place and improved their processes and because of this, area conferences ran very smoothly. The area officers and their teachers deserve a big round of applause for a successful season.

Happy Birthday, TAFE! It is an honor to be State Director when TAFE turns 40 this year! Our organization has gone through several changes and improvements since we were founded in 1984. We are still the youngest and fastest growing CTSO in Texas. To see our growth from year to year still amazes myself and the TASSP/TAFE office. This is all due to the work and passion you put into your chapters. Our state officer team has worked hard to make this year's conference extra special. We are excited to see you all February 28th – March 1st at the Kalahari Resort in Round Rock.

[Teach Tomorrow Summit \(tafeonline.org\)](http://tafeonline.org) << Click the link for ALL the information

Have you considered running for the Board of Directors? We will have 1 high school teacher leader and 1 collegiate teacher leader position up for election at the Teach Tomorrow Summit. You can find details about the application and past meeting minutes here: [TAFE Board of Directors \(tafeonline.org\)](http://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 10th, 2024. You can find details here: [Running for State Officer \(memberclicks.net\)](http://memberclicks.net)

40th Annual Teach Tomorrow Summit early bird registration will open on December 11th and close January 26th, 2024. Hotel costs plus additional information is available here [Teach Tomorrow Summit \(tafeonline.org\)](http://tafeonline.org)

Prescored Materials Upload deadline is January 26, 2024. What events have prescoring components?

- Children's Literature K-3
- Children's Literature K-3 Spanish
- Children's Literature Pre-K
- Children's Literature Pre-K Spanish
- 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 -- Spanish
- Lesson Planning & Delivery – STEM
- TAFE Outstanding Chapter
- Professional Development
- Researching Learning Challenges
- Teacher Leader of the Year

Educators Rising Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

- **11/13/2023** Conference breakout session proposals opened
- **1/2/2024** Scholarship applications open
- **1/2/2024** Student officer applications open
- **1/6/2024** Breakout session proposals close
- **Educators Rising's January Monthly Service Project:**
Host a hygiene drive to donate to a local homeless shelter/advocacy center



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2023-2024 MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 11	TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT REGISTRATION OPENS
January 10	APPLICATION TO RUN FOR STATE OFFICER POSTED BY 5:00 PM CST
January 10	APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY 5:00 PM CST
January 26	DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING ONLINE FOR TAFE TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT
January 26	DEADLINE UPLOADING LESSON PLANS, POSITION PAPERS, AND VIDEO LINKS FOR COMPETITIVE EVENTS BY 5:00 PM CST
January 29	REGISTERING FOR COMPETITIVE EVENTS TIMES OPENS
February 1	EDUCATORS RISING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS
February 2	REGISTERING FOR COMPETITIVE EVENT TIMES CLOSES @ 5:00 PM CST
Late January	CAPITOL LEADERSHIP - Austin, TX
January 31	TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEES DUE Checks must be postmarked by January 31, 2024 to receive the \$80 per person discounted rate. Postmarked February 1, 2024 or after the rate is \$100 per person
Feb 28 - Mar 1	TAFE <u>TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT</u> Kalahari Resort, Round Rock, TX
April 1	EDUCATORS RISING COMPETITION APPLICATION AND EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSES
May 1	2024-2025 CHAPTER AFFILIATION OPENS
May 9-11	LOCAL, AREA & STATE OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center
June 28 - July 1	EDUCATORS RISING NATIONAL CONFERENCE Marriott Marquis, Washington D.C.
July 15-16	TAFE TEACHER LEADER WORKSHOP Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX



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