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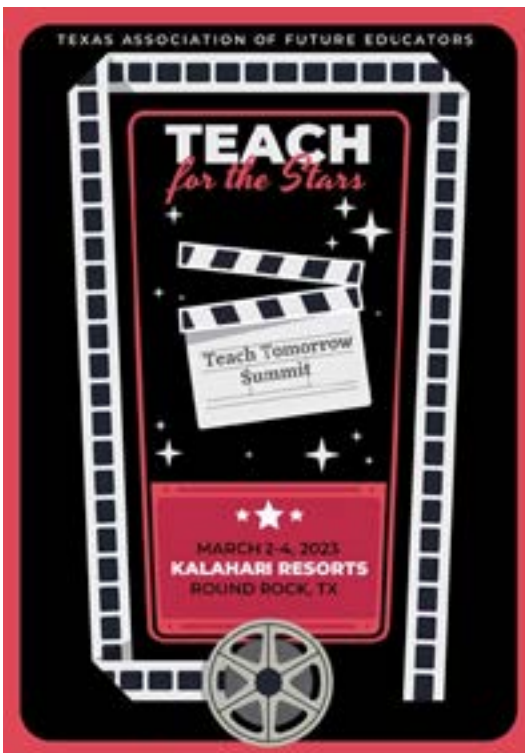
TAFE *Newsletter*

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From the President:

LIZETTE RODRIGUEZ, PARIS HS

Hello Shining Stars! Ready to light up the state conference with your bright talents? I am extremely excited to see y'all at the state conference at the Kalahari Resorts in Round Rock, Texas. I could not ask for a better year and team. We are working on our best to give a successful conference for you all. I hope y'all have a great time and get good results. Please make sure to keep trying even if you fail. Create as many friendships as you can - those friendships will last forever. Cherish every single moment. Give your biggest impression as Hollywood stars. I am so proud of every single one of you for the effort and support y'all give to this organization. Thank you for everything, and I wish you all a bright future!

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From the VP:

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

This year has been so much greater than I ever could have imagined! I have gotten the opportunity to make friends with people not only all across Texas, but all around the nation. Witnessing the shared passion for teaching makes me hopeful for the future of education. This year I have been challenged and grown in ways I never thought imaginable. I have the best officer team to work with and I value the lasting friendships that we have made this year. No matter the stress, y'all always manage to make everyone laugh and have the best time. I would like to thank Mrs. Carnahan and all the teacher leaders for supporting the officer team this year. Without your assistance and guidance we would not have been able to accomplish all that we have this year. I especially would like to thank Mrs. Oliver for her dedication to TAFE. It was her first full year as the state coordinator and already she has changed and directed TAFE for the better. I can only aspire to have the same commitment and drive as her one day. I would also like to thank the future educators who have encouraged the officer team and kept us going. I cannot wait to see everyone at the Teach Tomorrow Summit!



Kudos

MIKAYLA JACKSON, VERIBEST HS, SECRETARY

It's hard to see such a wonderful journey end, but I know a new one is just about to begin. I'm so thankful for all the wonderful friends that I made along the way. The officer training workshop and karaoke dance night events pushed me to come out of my shell and meet new people to have fun with and make memories. I'm also very thankful for my officer team. We have laughed, cried, and been stressed out so many times! However, the best times that we had was when we were talking and acting silly. I will always treasure my pictures of the officers and Ms. Oliver and her signature pose. Being able to present to teachers from across the state about encouraging students to run for TAFE officer positions was one of my favorite memories. I have gained confidence in myself through my year as your state secretary. When my high school journey began, I did not have a place to call home. Through my journey, I have found my home in TAFE. This has been one of the best years of my life so far. Thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity to be your state secretary. I will treasure your friendships always!



We would like to thank you for opening up your campus and allowing us to use them for our TAFE Area Conferences. Thank you to following campuses:

- Texas A&M International University
- Bandera Middle School
- Lockhart High School
- University of Houston Clear Lake
- Sam Houston State University
- University of Texas at Tyler
- Angelo State University
- South Plains College
- Starlight Center
- Tarleton State University
- Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SAGU)





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ADRIANA GONZALEZ – HISTORIAN

Over this past year, I have made amazing memories. I have traveled to so many new places, try so many new things, and make amazing friends along the way! I am so thankful to TAFE and everyone I've worked with. I've gotten the opportunity to work with an incredible officer team, both the teacher leaders and officers made this year unforgettable. I will never forget the great times we've had. From the busy schedules to the goofy TikToks, I wouldn't trade this for the world! Being a state officer has helped me grow as a person in so many ways. From the officer training workshop till now, I feel like a completely different person. I am so grateful to my teacher leader Ms. Wysong for helping me along the way. Finally, I would like to thank Mrs. Oliver for helping make TAFE the amazing program it is! Thank you, everyone, I can't wait to see all you stars at the Teach Tomorrow Summit!





From the Director

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We have 373 TAFE Chapters - what an amazing year of growth!! It is all due to your great work and contributions to our organization. We could not do what we do without you guiding, mentoring, and fostering future educators at your local campuses. **Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!**

Special Shoutout to the 2022-2023 State Officer team! They have done a wonderful job and are working hard getting ready to make history with the largest Teach Tomorrow Summit we have ever had! They have been an absolute joy to work with this year!



TAFE Voice at TASSP Region Meetings - Archie McAfee, Executive Director of TASSP and TAFE, has requested to have TAFE representatives at the TASSP Region meetings, in hopes of recruiting more chapters, and to spread the mission of TAFE to principals across the state. This is a genuine opportunity for student voice, especially TAFE student voice, where we have not had one regularly before. Please send me an email if your school would like to represent TAFE by giving a 10-minute presentation. The following are the region meetings we need coverage at the following meetings, if you can make one, please email me and let me know!

- 2/15/23 Region 6 A&M Consolidated HS - College Station
- 2/21/23 Region 2 Driscoll Middle School - Corpus Christi
- 3/22/23 Region 14 Hawley High School Library - Hawley
- 4/5/23 Region 9 Region 9 ESC - Wichita Falls
- 4/10/23 Region 19 El Paso Area
- 4/12/23 Region 16 Region 16 ESC - Amarillo
- 4/19/23 Region 12 Midway High School - Hewitt
- 4/24/23 Region 7 Whitehouse High School - Whitehouse

39th Annual Teach Tomorrow Summit we are almost at our max capacity! We have over 2800 students and teacher registered to attend the conference this year. **Closing Ceremony Change:** No awards will be given out on stage, all awards will be distributed in packets at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. If your school is not staying, awards will be mailed, after postage has been paid. We will have photo stations set up, like in 2020, with award titles on it to allow for more photos. **Check out the latest:** [TTS FAQ's](#) [TTS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE](#)

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Scholarship Opportunities

Dr. Pat McLeod Award-Sponsored by Career and Technical Association of Texas for TAFE

Career & Technical Association of Texas (CTAT) is awarding a \$1,000 scholarship annually in support of students involved in TAFE competition and leadership activities. CTAT is a 501(c)6 not-for-profit member-based organization committed to providing professional development opportunities and resources to its members and the CTE community; to increasing public awareness and appreciation for career and technical programs; and communicating and working with legislators and policy leaders to increase funding and impact positive change in public policy. Complete the application and submit it with all the necessary documentation.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications should be completed in full and returned with the required documentation. The scholarship committee will evaluate all applications and determine the scholarship winner.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Be a resident of the state of Texas
- Be a 2023 graduate of a Texas high school
- Have a grade average of 85 or above in all course work
- Have been an active member of Texas Association of Future Educators
- Meet entrance requirements of Texas college or university which offers a degree in education
- Enroll in an accredited university or college in the Fall of 2023
- MAJOR IN ANY AREA OF EDUCATION
- Submit one completed application, one transcript and two letters of recommendation.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- All applications must be typed in 12 pt. font.
- High school and/or college transcript with class ranking must be provided
- A copy of SAT and/or ACT test scores must be provided
- Two letters of recommendation are required
- Each scholarship has an essay component and must be included.
- Mail the application form and all supporting documents identified on the application submitted by February 24 at 5:00 p.m. CST.
- Recipient will be required to attend the TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit and be present at the Opening General Session on Thursday, March 2, 2023, to accept the scholarship. In the event, the winner does not attend the conference; the scholarship committee will determine an alternate who will be awarded the said scholarship.

[2022-2023 Dr. Pat McLeod Award Application](#)

(Click the link above to download the PDF and complete the form then upload with your online submission via the link below)

Deadline: Submit to tafeonline.org website link below by February 24, 2023, 5:00 PM [CST]

[Submit Completed Application Form](#)



Scholarship Opportunities

Academic Excellence Awards

The TASSP Academic Excellence Recognition Program was established to honor and recognize high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in areas of academic achievement, test scores and writing skills. The program will recognize twenty graduating Texas seniors with an unrestricted scholarship of \$500. In addition, these twenty winners will be introduced at the general session of the TASSP Summer Workshop held in Austin in June and also honored there with a luncheon featuring the students, parents and their principals. Thirty finalists will be recognized locally with plaques donated by Jostens.

Who is Eligible? Each Texas high school whose principal is a member of TASSP may nominate ONE graduating senior for this recognition.

What is the Selection Process? The TASSP Academic Excellence Committee will review and score the applications according to this weighted value:

- 65% of total score on their G.P.A. and SAT or ACT score.
- 35% of total score on the essays portion of the application
- Scoring of the essays is done without knowledge of authorship.
- The top twenty will be selected as the All-State Academic Team and will be given a \$500 unrestricted scholarship. The next thirty will be selected as Finalists and will be sent a plaque.

[2022-2023 TASSP Academic Excellence Award Application »](#)

(Complete this form and upload with your online submission below)

Deadline: Submit to TASSP.org website link below by March 3, 2023, 11:59 PM [CST]

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Teens Serving Texas Awards

The Texas Association of Secondary School Principals and its members recognize that students' achievements often go beyond academic accomplishments. The TASSP Teens Serving Texas Recognition Program was established to honor and recognize high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in areas of community service, leadership, and personal accomplishment through unique endeavors, obstacles overcome, or special talents. The program will recognize five graduating Texas seniors with an unrestricted scholarship of \$500. In addition, these five winners will be introduced at the general session of the TASSP Summer Workshop held in Austin in June and also honored there with a luncheon featuring the students, parents, and their principals. Twenty-five finalists will be recognized locally with plaques provided by TASSP.

Who is Eligible? Each Texas high school whose principal is a member of TASSP may nominate ONE graduating senior for this recognition. Each student nominated should meet the following qualifications:

- Has a minimum cumulative grade point average equivalent to 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the previous three years (freshman, sophomore, and junior years).
- Is required to be pursuing the Distinguished Graduation Plan.
- Submits the application packet according to the guidelines and by the specified deadline of March 3, 2023.

[2022-23 TASSP Teens Serving Texas Application »](#)

(Complete this form and upload with your online submission below)

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TAFE Calendar

2/14/23	Purchasing Tom Foolerys Tickets and Water Park Tickets Deadline
2/17/23	Signing Event Sign-Up Deadline
2/24/23	Dr. Pat McLeod Scholarship Deadline
3/1/23	TASSP Academic Excellence and Teens Serving Texas Scholarship Deadline
3/1/23	Officer Training Workshop Registration Opens
3/2/23	Teach Tomorrow Summit

Educators Rising Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

2/1/23	Early bird registration for EdRising Conference opens
2/1/23	National competition applications opens
2/1/23	Call for judges opens
2/15/23	Spring Membership deadline
2/6-2/10/23	Educators Rising week
2/13/23	Honor Society Opens
2/27/23	Student officer applications close

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