



2025 TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit Press Release

The _____ chapter of Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) attended the TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit at Moody Gardens, in Galveston, TX, February 17-19, 2025. TAFE is a statewide co-curricular Career and Technical Student Organization created to allow young men and women an opportunity to explore the teaching profession. Attendees to this three-day conference included members of TAFE, which consisted of approximately 3,400+ students, interested in becoming educators. The conference gave these students the opportunity to meet others from around the state with the same interests, gain an understanding of what it takes to be a successful college student, and learn the skills necessary for becoming a successful educator.

This year's conference theme was "Roundin' up Future Educators". Students heard from Brandon White. Brandon White is an author, speaker, and youth mover, Brandon helps teens take ownership of who they are, what they want, and what holds them back. Born unable to speak, Brandon shared his journey from outcast to school president as well as his 6-year battle with depression and being an "unmotivated motivational speaker." Brandon's message of "Love the Tough and Own It" helps students overcome the tough, achieve the tough, and become tougher because of it.

TAFE's mission is to encourage students to learn about careers in education and assist them in exploring the teaching profession while promoting character, service, and leadership skills necessary for becoming effective educators. The meeting featured a series of breakout sessions and general sessions in which members had opportunities to develop these skills. 150 students were recognized and celebrated as they declared Education as their major at over 50 different universities.

While at the conference, many of the members participated in competitive events. This was a record-breaking year with 2,410 contest and competition entries. Competitive events are designed to offer future educators exciting, authentic opportunities to measure their creativity, skills, and initiative against rigorous standards and against their peers from across the state. There are 37 competitive events and 24 of those events advance to nationals. The students who placed in the top 10 in each of the national events have the opportunity to compete at the Educators Rising National Conference, June 26-29, in Orlando, Florida.

On Wednesday morning, the new officer team for the 2025-2026 school year was elected to continue the mission of TAFE and to inspire “The Hope for Tomorrow.”

“TAFE is not only an organization, it is a family that unites and empowers all students to grow, connect, and lead with purpose within their community. It is my hope all attendees found a place to connect with like minded individuals who are passionate about becoming educators,”
Monica Oliver, TAFE State Director.