



2026 TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit Press Release

The _____ chapter of the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) attended the TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas, on February 26–28, 2026. TAFE is a statewide co-curricular Career and Technical Student Organization that provides young people the opportunity to explore the teaching profession. This three-day conference brought together more than 3,700 students from across Texas who are interested in pursuing careers in education. The event allowed attendees to connect with peers who share similar goals, gain insight into becoming successful college students, and develop the foundational skills needed to become effective future educators.

This year's conference theme, **"Blooming in the Garden of Education,"** emphasized planting seeds of growth and cultivating leadership. Students heard from keynote speaker Aric Bostick, a nationally recognized trainer known for energizing school leaders, educators, students, and communities. Passionate about elevating the teaching profession, Aric delivered an inspiring message centered on the question, "Why be a teacher?" His answer—because teachers have the power to change lives—resonated deeply with attendees. His presentation was engaging, motivational, and rekindled a passion for teaching among future educators.

TAFE's mission is to encourage students to explore careers in education while fostering character, service, and leadership skills essential for success in the profession. Throughout the conference, members participated in a variety of breakout and general sessions designed to strengthen these skills. During the event, 175 students were honored as they declared Education as their major at more than 50 universities.

Many members also took part in competitive events. This year marked a record-breaking 2,520 contest entries. These competitions provide authentic opportunities for aspiring educators to showcase their creativity, skills, and initiative while meeting rigorous standards and competing with peers from across the state. Of the 37 competitive events offered, 24 qualify for

advancement to nationals. Students who placed in the top 10 of these national-qualifying events earned the opportunity to compete at the Educators Rising National Conference, taking place June 20–23 in Portland, Oregon.

On Saturday morning, the new officer team for the 2026–2027 school year was elected. These student leaders will continue advancing TAFE’s mission and inspiring **“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 communities. It is my hope that all attendees found a place to connect with like-minded individuals who are passionate about becoming educators,” said Monica Oliver, TAFE State Director.