

# Winter Newsletter



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## TxATE News

### 2015 ATE Annual Meeting

February 13 - 17, 2015  
Phoenix, Arizona

Advocating for the  
Silenced: The Educators'  
Vocation

#### ATE Delegates

Debbie Shulsky, Elaine Hendrix, Elizabeth Ward, and Cathy Stearns will serve as TxATE delegates at the upcoming ATE conference. Thank you for your service to our association!

### Affiliations

TxATE membership is affiliated with Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) <http://www.ate1.org> and Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE) <http://www.srate.org>.

Please explore the opportunities for professional development, presenting, or publishing with these partner organizations. Some excellent resources are available.

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## Message from the President

I am pleased and honored to serve my term as President of TxATE. It is especially gratifying to be working with an extraordinary Executive Committee that has enormous energy and passion for advocating and advancing the preparation of educators in Texas. As we begin this new year, I am confident that 2015 will bring bigger and better things for TxATE and its members.

The Executive Committee has been working hard to line up speakers and timely, informative programs for this coming

year. As we prepare for the upcoming conference in June, we are looking ahead with curiosity and expectation at the new federal and state regulations for educator preparation programs. While these regulations will present new challenges for all of us, as TxATE members, we will explore options and creative solutions together. As you will see in this newsletter, our membership has many opportunities to be active in addressing the challenges and opportunities in the field of educator preparation.

As you move forward in this new year with your own personal and professional resolutions, I encourage you to resolve yourself to make the commitment to TxATE-get involved in the activities and attend meetings and events. Only through your active participation can you continue to reap the benefits of your TxATE membership.

With Regards,

Dr. Denise Staudt, President  
Texas Association of Teacher Educators

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## CSOTTE Fall Conference

**CSOTTE 2015**  
October 25 - 27  
Frisco, Texas

**Hope to see  
you in Frisco!**

The Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education took place in Austin from October 19-21, 2014. The theme was A New Professionalism: Advocacy, Action, and Accountability. The conference leaders were responsible in “going green” with an e-program [www.csotteconference.com](http://www.csotteconference.com).

Keynote speakers were Barnett Berry presenting “Teacher Leader Preparation in Top Performing Nations,” and John Kuhn with “Fear and Learning in America—Bad Data, Good Teachers, and the Attack on Public Education.” Conference participants presented at

breakout sessions. Preservice teachers attended special sessions about differentiated instruction for gifted learners and personalities in the classroom. Additionally, preservice teachers had the opportunity to present in the Emerging Scholars Poster Session.

The 2015 conference will be in Frisco, north of Dallas, October 25 - 27. Due to favorable negotiations with the hotel, we anticipate the registration fee will be lower than last year. Make plans to attend now.

## The Distinguished Clinician Award

### Call for Nominations

Send nominations to  
Marlene Zipperlen,  
[mzipperlen@umhb.edu](mailto:mzipperlen@umhb.edu).  
See <http://txate.org/>  
for more information.

Nominations for the Distinguished Clinician Award are now open. This award is presented to a public school teacher who has demonstrated exemplary service in the field and in assisting in the supervision of student teachers and/or interns. As you think about your nominee, keep in mind how your narrative would best reflect your nominee’s ex-

emplary service in the field of education. Consider how the nominee interacts with student teachers and/or interns through teaching specific issues, developing a particular skill, facilitating growth by sharing resources and networks, challenging future teachers to move beyond his or her comfort zone, creating a safe learning environment,

and focusing on the total development of the student. This is your opportunity to nominate a public school teacher who has become an integral partner with your university in producing the next generation of highly qualified teachers.

Nominations will close on April 30, 2015.

**Deadline for Manuscripts  
June 15, 2015**

Bob Maninger served as our Managing Editor for the 2014 issue and was supported by Debra Shulsky, Amanda Rudolph, and Elda Martinez. Thank you to the editorial team for their important contribution to our association.

The 2014 issue includes 9 articles written by TxATE members. Topics of interest include technology, teacher

certification, college readiness, pedagogy, and more. The journal is a peer reviewed publication with an ISSN and provides an excellent opportunity for faculty and graduate students to publish original research.

Please consider submitting a manuscript for possible publication in the 2015 issue. The Call for Manuscripts and Publication Guidelines is available

online at <http://txate.org/publications.html>.

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## TxATE Summer Conference

**New location!**

**2015 TxATE Summer Conference**

Tuesday, June 2, 2015  
St. Edward's University  
Austin, Texas

### Call for Proposals

TxATE is looking for submissions that highlight best practices & research, educational models, and innovative approaches in any of the following topics:

- Best practices in Teacher Preparation
- Alternative Certification
- Field-Based Learning
- Educator Preparation Advocacy
- Accountability and Certification
- Innovative Programs In Teacher Preparation
- Trends and Issues: P-16 Initiatives, Partnerships, College Readiness

### Proposal Submission

Please submit your proposal electronically to Marlene Zipperlen, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, [mzipperlen@umhb.edu](mailto:mzipperlen@umhb.edu) by **April 17, 2015**. Notification of receipt of proposal will be sent via email. Please contact Marlene if receipt of proposal has not been received within two weeks of submission.

Visit the website for more information. <http://txate.org/>

The 2015 summer conference will occur on Tuesday, June 2. Please note the new location at St. Edwards University in Austin. Make plans to attend now.

## Membership

Membership includes college faculty and administrators, school and regional service staff developers, school-based teacher educators, classroom teachers, and school administrators.

TxATE membership is valid from June 1- May 31 of each year. Opportunities for renewal are available at the summer conference, the CSOTTE conference, and throughout the year by mail. The form is located online at <http://txate.org/membership.html>.

- Professional Membership \$30.00/annually
- Student Membership \$10.00/annually
- Retired Membership \$10.00/annually

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