

Winter Newsletter



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TxATE News

2016 ATE Annual Meeting

February 13 - 16, 2016
Chicago, Illinois

Accountability: Making it Meaningful

ATE Texas Delegates

Ginny Fender, Debby Shulsky, Janet Tareilo, and Elizabeth Ward will represent our state in the national delegation of ATE. Thank you for your service to TXATE & ATE!

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. They provide excellent resources in our field.



At the CSOTEE conference TxATE acknowledged the hard work and devoted service of two of our longstanding members!

Be sure to congratulate,

Dr. Sam Sullivan

Recipient of the Ted Booker Memorial Award

Dr. Elda Martinez

Recipient of the Ben E. Coody Distinguished Service Award

Message from the President

I am grateful to be a part of an organization that is a strong advocate for teacher education. What a tremendous opportunity to serve with individuals who are committed to seeing the day-to-day operations are managed, to provide opportunities for professional growth and research, and to continue to focus on relationship building among those who influence funding and state policies.

The TxATE Executive Board are to be commended for their continual efforts to keep those in the organization informed, and representing the organization at conferences and other education meetings both statewide and nationally. As an organization, the member-

ship has two initial meetings during a calendar year; CSOTTE in October and the TxATE summer conference. The 2016 TxATE conference is scheduled in Austin, Texas on June 7, 2016, at St. Edward's University. You will find additional information in this publication regarding the Summer Conference.

At the CSOTTE Conference TxATE recognized two individuals who have made a significant contribution to teacher education, The Ted Booker Memorial Award and the Ben E. Coody Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Sam Sullivan and Dr. Elda Martinez respectively. Again, we congratulate Dr. Sullivan and Dr. Martinez.

I encourage each of you to think of those individuals in the P-12 environment that have demonstrated exemplary service in the field, and in assisting the supervision of student teachers or interns. The Summer Conference is a perfect time to honor an individual of this caliber through your nomination. The award presented at the Summer Conference is the Distinguished Clinician Award.

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CSOTTE Fall Conference

Presidents Message cont.

As we move closer to the summer conference, I encourage you to take an active role in TxATE. The speakers at the conference focus on teacher education and the focus of the research presentations are in teacher education. One day of enrichment continues our quest as teacher educators to help create great teachers for the students of Texas. Allow your membership to work for you through your active participation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marlene Zipperlen

President Texas Association of Teacher Educators

Despite torrential Texas sized rainstorms, the Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education took place in Frisco, October 25-27, 2015. The theme was Taking Charge of our Future: The Time is Now!

Dr. A. Lin Goodwin from Teachers College, Columbia University inspired participants through her presentation, "The Imperative Case for Quality Teacher Preparation: Lessons from Singapore". Grant Simpson III from Keller Independent School District encouraged innovation of practice through his presentation, "Immersion in Project-Based Learning: Real Life Applications". Sessions over the course of the conference explored teacher education through the lens of critical research of practice, advocacy and policy, certification challenges,

and other imperative issues impacting the field.

The Emerging Scholars sessions offered teacher candidates and graduate students presentations with titles that included, "Teacher Roles and Responsibilities: Practice, Policy and the Profession"; "I Like Me!: Identity and Teaching"; and "Now That I am a Real Teacher".

As is expected, the 2015 CSOTTE conference provided a rich and meaningful platform by which teacher educators from across the state can learn, share, and advocate for our field.

The Distinguished Clinician Award

We all know the impact of a great mentor in the development of teacher candidates. Help TxATE acknowledge the priceless contributions in-service teachers make to our candidates through a nomination for the TxATE Distinguished Clinician Award.

This award is presented to a public school teacher who has demonstrated exemplary service in the field, assisting in the supervision of student teachers and/or interns.

Nomination narratives should address how the nominee interacts with the student teacher/intern in areas that address specific issues of practice, the development of particular skill sets and the overall facilitation of growth.

This is a wonderful chance to acknowledge the critical role public school teachers play in the cultivation of the next generation of highly quali-

fied teachers.

Nominations should be sent to Christie Bledsoe cbledsoe@umhb.edu by April 30, 2016.

Call for Nominations

Send nominations to
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cbledsoe@umhb.edu

See <http://txate.org/>
for more information.

The Texas Forum of Teacher Education

Debby Shulsky served as our Managing Editor for the 2015 issue and was supported by editorial team members, Jana Willis, Bob Maninger and copy editor, Elda Martinez. Thank you to the editorial team for your dedication to producing a publication that illuminates the scholarly contributions of Texas educators!

The 2015 issue includes articles that cause reflection and

action on topics such as TExES preparation, teacher absenteeism, exemplary teacher preparation programs, GT for ELL, Special Education, elementary math, and ethics. As a peer reviewed journal *The Forum* provides a great platform for teacher educators, including graduate students, to share their original research.

Please consider submitting a manuscript for possible publi-

cation in the 2016 issue. The call for Manuscripts and Publication Guidelines is available online at <http://txate.org/publications.html>.

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**Deadline for Manuscripts
June 15, 2016**



TxATE Summer Conference

St. Edward's University

2016 TxATE Summer Conference

Tuesday, June 7, 2016
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

Please submit your proposal electronically to Christie Bledsoe, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, cbledsoe@umhb.edu by **April 17, 2016**. Notification of receipt of proposal will be sent via email. Please contact Christie if receipt of proposal has not been received within two weeks of submission.

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

The 2016 summer conference will commence on Tuesday, June 7. Please note the new location at St. Edward's University in Austin.

Proposal Submission

THE PLUS ONE CHALLENGE

We challenge each of our members to invite a new TxATE conference goer to Austin, June 7, 2016!!!!

Membership

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

Contact Ginny Fender at gfender@uttyler.edu with any questions.