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From the President | Darcy Blackstock, CEOP



“Believe in Yourself and Become Involved,” – words that are very near to my heart and that I choose to live by. When I began my career in education, it quickly became evident that life as I knew it would be very different moving forward. Leaving the corporate world and transitioning to an elementary campus classroom aide was forcing me

to believe in myself, and pushing me to perform the duties assigned at a very different pace and level of involvement. I soon realized that serving in this capacity would directly affect the students who I encountered, and this became my cause—“to seek every opportunity to improve myself as a paraprofessional.”

A few years down the road, an occasion presented itself to become involved in TESA, and eventually the National Association of Education Office Professionals (NAEOP) as part of my current position in the district. Involvement in both organizations continually bless me with having an infinite pool of resources and professional development presentations that increase my knowledge and skills. Networking with these members has not only directly benefitted my employer, but has provided me vast opportunities to become the paraprofessional I strive to be.

TESA encourages members to pursue the Certified Educational Office Professional distinction by attending 60 hours of

professional development through our program for Staff Training for Effective Management (STEM), that can culminate in graduating at the TESA Summer Work Conference. This is a great example to set for oneself, co-workers and the students around you, as you demonstrate perseverance to reach a goal. Involvement in an organization that provides a method to achieve a distinction within your field of employment, and the self-satisfaction of knowing you are becoming the best para-educator possible, is invaluable. However, you do not have to stop with these TESA merits, as NAEOP also offers the Certified Educational Office Employee distinction through its Professional Standards Program. Become involved by attending the 2019 TESA Summer Work Conference, June 17-20, 2019 in Bryan/College Station and begin your voyage. The Summer Work Conference Committee is diligently planning a conference that will keep you hooked on professional development!

As you will see in each publication, the TESA Connection Newsletter Committee presents information relevant to paraprofessionals and support staff across the state. Articles include inspiration that we believe in ourselves through a variety of events, as well as the many ways we can become involved in the organization.

More ways to become involved are provided by the Area Workshop Committee members, who are pleased to announce

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Dates to Remember

2019

February 15-March 1

2019 TESA Board Elections

February 25, 2019

Awards & Scholarships Applications Due

February 28, 2019

TESA Connection Deadline (Spring Issue)

March 11-15, 2019

TESA Office Closed – Spring Break

March 23, 2019

TESA Area Workshop – Garland, Texas

June 17-20, 2019

Summer Work Conference – Bryan, Texas

July 15-20, 2019

NAEOP Annual Conference – Boise, Idaho

Membership

We have a place for you!



BECOME a member of TESA and I BELIEVE that, as part of the TESA family, you will be BLESSED! For the membership form, go to the TESA website, www.tesatexas.org, and click on the "Join TESA" tab. Memberships paid now are valid until July 31, and it is never too late to join. More things to remember: If you pay online with a credit/debit card, there is an additional \$5 fee; when mailing your check and form, you must send it to the new address: TESA, PO Box 11825, Killeen, Texas 76547.



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Scholarships – for

members/children/grandchildren

- * Lorene Roby Rogers Memorial Scholarship
- * Dr. Michael Zolkoski Technology Scholarship
- * Founders Scholarship

Affiliate Awards – for TESA affiliates

- * Newsletter of the Year
- * Yearbook of the Year
- * Spirit Award

Administrator Award – for affiliate administrators

- * Administrator of the Year

Member Award – for Members of at least 3yrs

- * Nelda Van Dyke Employee of The Year Award

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and to download the applications.

Greetings from the Editor | Ofelia Barrón, CEOP – Donna ISD

Welcome TESA members to the Winter Issue of the TESA Connection. By the time you read this newsletter, the first semester will be over and we will have already returned to work from the Christmas Break! This issue would not have been possible without the support of all our members and affiliates – all who “Believe in TESA and Become Involved.”

The TESA Connection Committee hopes that everyone is enjoying the many articles that published thus far this academic year. We want this to be your newsletter, full of

useful information – so let us know if you would like to see a particular topic or information featured. We want to hear your ideas and our committee is ready and willing to listen to YOU – our membership!

As a team, TESA’s membership can continue to be BLESSED with many learning opportunities so that you can BECOME a better individual, both in your workplace and in TESA, and at the same time – allow you to BELIEVE in yourself.



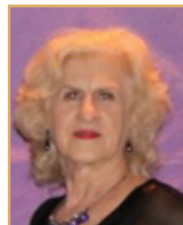
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check out the TESA website.*

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Empowering Professional Development Opportunities

- Conferences (State, Area, and National)
- Educational Institutes and Workshops
- Leadership and Technology Skills
- Webinars
- Online Member Resources

Recognition Opportunities

- Educational Office Professional of the Year
- Educational Administrator of the Year
- National Certification (Professional Standards Program)

Networking Opportunities

- Job Alike Connections
- Website (www.naeop.org)
- Blog
- NAEOP Social Media Sites (Facebook , LinkedIn, Pinterest, Twitter)

Other Membership Benefits

- Member and Student Scholarships
- Term Life Insurance
- Member Discounts

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The NAEOP – TESA Connection

Imagine the year 1934 when ninety-six secretaries answered the call by superintendents from 157 cities to represent their school systems for a proposed organizational meeting. This crucial meeting created the National Association of School Secretaries, later changed to the National Association of Educational Office Professionals, as known today. NAEOP began to develop and fulfill its mission to provide professional growth through leadership, education, achievement, recognition and networking opportunities for support staff personnel. NAEOP continues to flourish through the many programs and professional development opportunities offered to its membership.

In 1951, TESA organized and as one of the first orders of business affiliated with NAEOP and has continued this partnership for 68 years. Through this affiliation, TESA has been honored to have Marilyn James, TESA President 1990-1991, and Linda Sockwell, TESA President 2004-2005, go on to serve as President of the national association along with a myriad of members who served in a variety of positions. Recently, Sue Hand, TESA President 2011-2012, was elected as the NAEOP South Central Area Director for the 2019-2020 year. In addition, beginning with the 2019-2020 membership year Darcy Blackstock, current TESA President, was elected to serve as the NAEOP Educational Foundation President, another facet of the national organization.

TESA strongly believes in its relationship with the National Education Association of Office Professionals and encourages members to join the national association, serve on committees and elected positions, and to promote both the state and national associations with other support staff personnel. Membership in NAEOP is available at www.naeop.org or by selecting the NAEOP logo on the TESA homepage at www.tesatexas.org.

TESA Members Serving in NAEOP

It is truly an honor to recognize several outstanding TESA members actively participating with NAEOP (National Association of Educational Office Professionals) in a variety of capacities. A great representation of members who believe in volunteerism and serving for the greater good of both organizations. For the 2018-2019 membership year, these TESA Members are serving the national association as the following.

- Sue Hand, CEOP, CEOE, Lamar CISD, serves as the NAEOP South Central Area Director.
- Darcy Blackstock, CEOP, Channelview ISD, serves as the NAEOP Educational Foundation Vice President.
- Debbie Wade, CEOP, CEOE, Retired - San Jacinto College, serves on the NAREOP (National Association of Retired Educational Office Professionals) Board as South Central Area Director.
- L. Renee Alsander, Houston Community College, serves on the NAEOP Educational Foundation Marketing Committee.
- Juliana Holmes, CEOP, Garland ISD, serves on the Administrative Council Committee.
- Sharon Mena, CEOP, CEOE, Texas A&M University, serves on the Professional Development Committee.
- Diana Rodriguez, CEOP, Garland ISD, serves on the Awards Committee.
- Martin Saenz, CEOP, CEOE, South Texas ISD, serves on the Public Relations/ Publications Committee.
- Patti Walling, CEOP, CEOE, San Jacinto College, serves on the Public Relations/ Publications Committee.

the March 23rd workshop hosted by Garland Educational Support Staff Association (GESSA). Attending a TESA Area Workshop provides networking, additional training, CEOP re-certification or certification hours, and so much more. Watch for details soon.

Support your local district or campus affiliate. Be active and involve your affiliate by submitting nominees for the TESA Administrator of the Year and Nelda Van Dyke Employee of the Year awards to the Awards/Scholarships/Journalist Committee. The committee is also accepting applications for the various Scholarships available to members and member dependents. All award and scholarship applications have a February 25, 2019 deadline.

The Membership and Affiliates Committees encourage you to become a TESA member, renew your membership, and recruit

a few friends to join. Gain the wonderful experiences available and either start a local affiliate at your place of work or renew your affiliate membership.

As your President, and along with President-Elect Marie Enax, we BELIEVE in you... and we BELIEVE that TESA is where you need to become involved. On March 3, 1951, with 68 charter members, TESA organized because a group of visionaries had the philosophy to exist for the sole purpose of promoting professional growth. Through your involvement in TESA, not only will you become the best educational professional possible, but you will also help TESA to continue to be the magnificent organization it was created to be for educational support staff professionals of today and tomorrow.

TESA Area Workshops and Legislative Committee Winter Update

By: Lisa Acosta, CEOP



Area Workshop Opportunity –

March 23, 2019 – The Garland Educational Support Staff Association (GESSA) will be hosting the next TESA Area Workshop! Registration information, breakout session descriptions, directions and hotel information are available on the TESA website (www.tesatexas.org) under Events/Workshops. Contact Area Workshop Committee to learn more about hosting an Area Workshop.

On the Legislative Front –

Finance Commission Revenue Working Group Puts Forth Recommendations

The Texas Commission on Public School Finance Working Group on Revenues met on November 27, 2018, and discussed six revenue recommendations.

The committee members went through each recommendation before they voted to put forth five of the recommendations. However, they tabled recommendation No. 4, which would eliminate M&O taxes and limit state spending to 4 percent per biennium. This is the plan put forth by the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF).

The full commission met on November 30 and again December 5. Chairman Scott Brister expressed hope that the full commission would meet again during the third week of December to finalize and vote on the final report. He also noted that members could still bring forth additional recommendations on revenue sources to the full commission.

SBOE adopts new Long-Range Plan for Public Education

The State Board of Education (SBOE) adopted a new Long-Range Plan for Public Education that establishes goals

through the year 2030. The plan establishes an overall goal of access and equity so that all children receive what they need to learn, thrive, and grow. This reflects a desire to have equitable access to funding, advanced courses and modern technology. Developed after assessing the strengths, opportunities, and challenges across Texas, the plan also focuses on student engagement and empowerment; family engagement and empowerment; and educator preparation, recruitment and retention as key areas that are vital to educational progress.

“The Long-Range Plan for Public Education was created as a blueprint to build on the strong base that already exists in Texas and is conceived as a vision for education by 2030. The vision and recommendations come from Texans, specifically tailored for Texas,” said board member Barbara Cargill who chaired the Long-Range Plan Steering Committee.

The 18-member steering committee included State Board members, local school board members, administrators, teachers, parents, business representatives, students, professors, and representatives of the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. This group, along with SBOE members, hosted 10 in-person community meetings and two virtual meetings around the state during the 2017-2018 school year and gathered information from about 680 people. A survey, with 11,400 respondents, also helped shape the plan's goals.

More information on the newly adopted Long-Range Plan can be found at:

https://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/News_and_Multimedia/News_Releases/SBOE_News/SBOE_adopts_new_Long-Range_Plan_for_Public_Education/

Believe in Yourself and Become Involved

By: Melissa Heller

Executive Director, Professional Learning

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The ability to believe in yourself is an important personal skill and quality. Without a strong belief in one's own abilities and capabilities, fear and insecurity can stop you from trying new things. Believing in yourself and your purpose also influences your involvement in activities and organizations that support a healthy and happy life. I believe it is important to become involved in opportunities to serve and support as it builds communities and networks both personally and professionally. The term PLC, or professional learning community, is defined as a group of educators that meets regularly, shares expertise, and works collaboratively to improve teaching skills and academic performance of students. I believe the concept of PLC applies

to TESA members believing in themselves and becoming involved. TESA is a wonderful example of a professional learning community that meets regularly, either at the local, regional or state level to share expertise and work collaboratively to improve and influence the educational environments they serve. After recently serving as the Administrator representative for the Richardson Educational Support Staff Association (RESSA), I experienced firsthand how the impact of having a strong belief system and becoming involved can have. District affiliates provide opportunities for professional growth and leadership, service projects and scholarships. These same opportunities are extended at the regional and state level through area workshops, awards and the annual state conference. I encourage all TESA members to increase their "PLC" involvement and become more involved at the local level. Engage with other members and board officers by participating in hosted events and fundraisers, attend meetings and functions and get others involved by inviting a colleague to the next activity or event. If you believe in yourself, have dedication and pride, and never quit, I believe you will be a winner in life. Let's all believe in the power of PLC through our commitment to TESA and become more involved to support the important role you serve in student success.



Texas Educational Support Staff Association, Inc.

STEM Calendar 2019

Date	Session	Time	Host	Contact	Email
2/23/2019	CIT Training - Day 1 North	8:30a - 3:30p	Lewisville ISD	Eva Zamora	ezamora@lcisd.org
2/26/2019	Leadership Training	4:30p - 7:30p	Mesquite ISD	Yvonne Smeltzer	nsmeltzer@mesquiteisd.org
3/9/2019	Business & Social Etiquette	8:30a - 3:30p	Lamar CISD	Barbara Johnson	bajohnson@lcisd.org
3/23/2019	CIT Training - Day 2 North	8:00a - 11:00a	Garland ISD	Eva Zamora	ezamora@lcisd.org
3/23/2019	Professional Growth	12:30p - 3:30p	Garland ISD Workshop	Juliana Holmes	Jholmes@garlandisd.net
3/26/2019	Professional Image	4:30p - 7:30p	Mesquite ISD	Yvonne Smeltzer	nsmeltzer@mesquiteisd.org
4/6/2019	Managing Change	8:30a - 3:30p	Garland ISD	Juliana Holmes	Jholmes@garlandisd.net
4/27/2019	Business & Social Etiquette	8:00a - 3:00p	Mesquite ISD	Yvonne Smeltzer	nsmeltzer@mesquiteisd.org

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Texas Educational Support Staff Association, Inc.

PROFIT AND LOSS

August 2018 - January 2019

	TOTAL
Income	
40125 SWC-Registrations	-525.00
41925 SWC-Other Income	3,000.00
42030 STEM-Billings	4,730.29
42630 STEM-CEOP Application	80.00
46010 Membership Dues	17,560.50
46210 Affiliation Dues	1,499.50
46300 Newsletter Subscriptions	90.00
47110 Contributions-LRR Scholarship	100.00
47710 Contributions-Founders Scholarship	257.00
48110 Area Workshop-Registrations	270.00
48310 Sales-TESA Novelties	25.00
48710 Interest Income	25.46
49000 Donations	150.00
49999 Credit Card Surcharge	680.00
Total Income	\$27,942.75
GROSS PROFIT	\$27,942.75
Expenses	
50925 SWC-Committee Expenses	402.08
51325 SWC-Meal Functions	500.00
54925 SWC-MISC	1,890.00
60230 STEM-Consultant Honorarium	2,865.29
60430 STEM-Committee Expenses	123.85
60830 STEM-Workbook/Publications	750.00
61230 STEM-SWC-Consultant Expenses	300.00
81110 Salaries & Wages	3,026.77
81310 Payroll Tax Expenses	2,157.14
81910 Insurance	842.00
84510 Founders Scholarship Expenses	600.00
84610 Magazine/Newsletter Expenses	610.23
84910 Content/Bond Insurance	100.00
85511 NAEOP Affiliate Dues	97.80
85810 Central Office Expenses	432.99
86110 Rent-Office	3,000.00
86410 Rent-Equipment	535.85
86710 Bank/Credit Card Fees	846.85
87310 Audit & Accounting	2,194.40
87910 Website Maintenance	3,649.00
88110 Telephone/Internet	781.47
88410 Postage	135.14
88710 Property/Sales Tax	118.01
89910 MISC/Awards/Legislative	230.00
Total Expenses	\$26,188.87
	TOTAL
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$1,753.88
NET INCOME	\$1,753.88

Rio Grande Valley Education Support Staff Association (VESA)

By: Lisa E. Gonzalez, CEOP

VESA is on the move... with members carrying out monthly meetings, focusing on team building activities, and promoting self-development, not only in the workplace, but throughout our daily lives. Plans include that we will continue to invite speakers for our meetings who will present topics that are beneficial to us in our daily lives and work environment.

Under the direction of President Patty Garcia, VESA members diligently worked to hold our December 14 meeting at South Texas ISD, which also served as our Christmas Social. After a brief meeting, members enjoyed a nice traditional Christmas dinner of tamales, rice, beans and of course, buñuelos. Following the meeting and meal, several fun activities for all included a Christmas-song scramble game; a "match the Actor" with the Christmas movie they appeared in; and drawing a Christmas scene on a plate while the plate was on our head. Lots of laughs were shared and everyone had a great time. A highlight of the meeting was the recognition of the 15 VESA members who achieved their Attendance Incentive, and each received a \$10 restaurant gift card. Eligible members had to attend four meetings during the 2017-2018 school year and attend the September through November meetings this school year. Those receiving gift cards played "Suing Santa," a left-right game, which determined who ended up with which of the various gift cards.

As part of our community service project, members brought supplies for our local Aurora House. The Aurora House is a

licensed Special Care Facility that provides compassionate end-of-life care. This special house, with a clean and comfortable home-like atmosphere and private rooms, offers love and compassion through trained community volunteers and a staff of nursing assistants. Patients stay free-of-charge, and Aurora House does not receive money from Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, or other governmental resources. Instead, it relies on the generosity of its residents and their families, the community, and charitable organizations for support. The Aurora House has been the place where many relatives and friends of VESA members have lived the last days of their lives. On December 19, several VESA members went to the Aurora House to deliver the donations along with a \$200 check.

VESA members are also preparing the "second-semester kick-off" with our annual raffle fundraiser, to be held at our March 7 meeting. This raffle will consist of various gift cards and other items. Julie Briseño and Tracy Garcia, Co-Chairman, Rio Grande City (CISD), gathered the donated gift cards and items and will have tickets ready to distribute at our January 10 meeting. Also in planning stage is our 52nd Annual Bosses Banquet, to take place on April 26, 2019. Co-chairing this event are Ofelia Barrón and Lisa E. Gonzalez, both from Donna ISD.



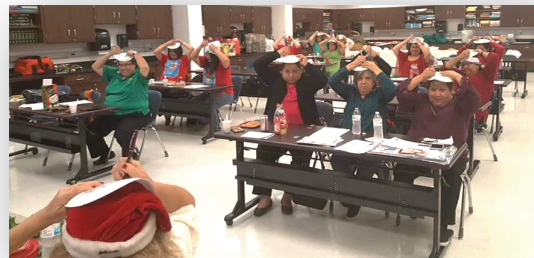
December 14, 2018: VESA members present at the December Meeting/Social.



December 14, 2018: VESA members who qualified for Attendance Incentive Gift Cards



December 19, 2018: VESA Members who delivered donations to the Aurora House in Weslaco, TX.



December 14, 2018: VESA members playing games during the Social

TESSA

November & December Happenings

Terri Marfisi, TESSA President



In November 2018, the Tomball Educational Support Staff Association (TESSA) took on a first-of-its-kind type of fundraiser. Our organization developed a partnership with the local Texas Roadhouse Restaurant and sold gift cards.

These were not just any ordinary gift cards, but cards that also displayed the TESSA logo. By selling more than \$2,000.00 worth of gift cards, \$233.50 went toward our Senior Scholarship fund. TESSA Member Kasey Fields was top seller and was awarded a \$50.00 gift card for herself. Yay Kasey!

T.E.A.M. & TESSA

In December 2018, TESSA partnered with the Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries (T.E.A.M.) to acquire donations throughout our district for low-income families in our area. We collected toys and gifts district-wide, having eight drop off sites available to those with giving hearts. TESSA members had the honor and privilege of delivering the gifts and toys to T.E.A.M. for holiday distribution. Thanks to TESSA Vice President, Alan Webb, for coordinating this wonderful service project.



University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) Educational Support Association (ESA)

Contributions by – ESA President Margaret Garcia; Melissa Guy, Events;
and Wanda Honeycutt, Training Coordinator (STEM)



Greetings from UHCL ESA... to the TESA community!

November 2018 – “Mission Accomplished!” Thanks for many of our “mailing list” friends and newly interested UHCL staffers, we were able to host the STEM Class, “Interpersonal Communication,” on November 15. Many thanks to all who attended!

December at UHCL not only means semester is ending, but also that UHCL-ESA holds its annual **Holiday Cookie Exchange**. On December 11, 2018, ESA members met to share the “holiday spirit” with good company, tasty treats and lots of fun. Many brought their favorite cookie recipes to share, and a Christmas ornament for the drawing.

New Year’s Resolutions are upon us, and we encourage our members (and others) to join and participate in your local affiliate – it’s a resolution you can count on, and one you can keep! TESA supports its members, and members are needed to support TESA. Also, within TESA and your local affiliate, **Professional Development is encouraged and available for the taking!** We challenge you – if you have pushed self-improvement and development far down on your resolutions list (after losing the weight gained, restarting the exercise habits, etc.), **now’s the time to make it a priority**. Take advantage of what your campus and TESA have to offer. Daily we work in the midst of education, so “reach out and grab it” – sign up for classes available on your campus and in your area. Watch for notices of all the TESA Area Workshops and the 2019 Summer Work Conference.

“What’s Up Now” at UHCL-ESA –

STEM classes hosted by UHCL-ESA ARE OPEN TO ALL. We are now receiving registrations for our first class day for this semester. **For a registration form for any STEM class at UHCL-ESA**, you may contact Doris Buchan at Buchan@uhcl.edu. We would love to add you to our email list for class announcements. Also, classes are being updated on the TESA website STEM calendar ... check it out and let us hear from you!

Support Your Affiliate and TESA as your Affiliate supports YOU!
TESA Members “Believe, Bless and Become!”

WACO or Bust

By: Barbara Jennings
TESA President - 2006-2007

October found the TESA Past Presidents enjoying a wonderful retreat in Waco, TX. Patti Walling and Sue Hand really put together a fun weekend. Attendees were Patti Walling, Sue Hand, Diane Lemons, Debbie Wade, Lisa Gonzalez, Marilyn James, Peggy Hudson and Barbara Jennings.

Friday night, after going out to eat at Jake's Texas Tea House, we gathered for a craft lesson from Peggy. We made pumpkins out of toilet paper (and other fall-looking items). Yes, I said toilet paper. It was fun seeing the different materials and styles.

After a good night's sleep, we traveled to the Magnolia Table for a delicious breakfast. We shopped at the Magnolia Market at the Silos and explored the beautiful grounds. Being the thrifty shoppers that we are, we decided to go the original Magnolia Market which, is now the discount (ha) store. After picking up a few good sales, we ventured over to Spice Village. First up was lunch at the Spice Village Café, then upstairs to Spice Village. Now this is where the damage begins. Our own Debbie Wade found all the bargains and loaded up.

With warm, full tummies and empty wallets, we headed back to the hotel for a power nap. It was a quiet time to share with our roommates. We were able to catch up on what had been going on in each other's lives. Peggy and I roomed together and it was a true blessing.

Of course we gathered in the lobby to go eat dinner again – this time at George's Restaurant. We were not sure we could get up and walk after the great meal. We made it through though!

After returning to the hotel, we visited and shared how much fun we had had and how appreciative we were that Patti and Sue had put together a fun-filled weekend. We shared ideas for next year's retreat and Patti will pass them on to Debbie McFadden who will be planning another fun retreat. Patti had a neat game of Left, Center, Right (LCR) for us to play. It only cost \$3 to play and Marilyn James won the first game and received \$21. Peggy Hudson won the second game and won \$15. We had such a good time. We were really ALL winners!

Sunday came fast and after a nice breakfast at the hotel everyone said their goodbyes. Once more, Thank you, Patti and Sue, for a super weekend.



**"TESA, Hooked on Professional Growth"****Conference Schedule Overview****O'FISHALLY GONE FISHIN' !****Monday, June 17, 2019****STEM Sessions - Brazos Center**

2018-2019 TESA Board Meeting - HGI

CATCH OF THE DAY !

Vendor Set Up - Brazos Center - Assembly 1

STEM Sessions - Brazos Center

Registration

Exhibit Hall - Brazos Center - Assembly 1

Extended Sessions - Brazos Center

2019-2020 Exec Board & Comm Orientation - HGI

2019-2020 Executive Board - HGI

CARNIVAL GAMES AT THE LAKE - Hilton Garden Inn**HOOK, LINE, AND SINKER !****Wednesday, June 19, 2019**

Registration

Exhibit Hall - Brazos Center - Assembly 1

1st Timers Session - Assembly 2

Breakout Sessions - Brazos Center

Flag Ceremony Line Up

General Session/ Flag Ceremony/ Keynote/ Business

Meeting/ Awards Presentations: Scholarships/

Administrator of the Year Award/ Nelda Van Dyke

Educational Office Professional of the Year Award - BC

"Believe in Your Fish Story" President's Luncheon - BC

TESA Past President's Meeting - HGI Hotel Ballroom

STEM Sessions - Brazos Center**Extended Sessions - Brazos Center****Breakout Sessions - Brazos Center****CEOP Practice - Brazos Center****REEL GOOD TIMES !****Thursday, June 20, 2019**

Exhibit Hall - Brazos Center - Assembly 1

Breakout Sessions - Brazos Center**Awards Celebration - Brazos Center**

CEOP Graduation Celebration/ Newsletter Award/

Yearbook Award

2020 SWC Invitation and Skit

Theme Basket Drawings

TRESA Luncheon - offsite

STEM Sessions - Brazos Center**Extended Sessions - Brazos Center****Breakout Sessions - Brazos Center****"REEL GOOD TIMES" Banquet and Installation - HGI**

Installation of 2019-2020 TESA Board

Incoming President's Reception for Marie Enax

Dance

Spirit Award

Vendor Door Prizes

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

6:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

7:00 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

8:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.

9:35 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

3:00 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.

9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Immediately following the 2020 SWC Invitation

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

2:30 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.

6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.



Let's Go Fishin'

and get "Hooked" on Professional Growth
at the 2019 TESA Summer Work Conference
June 17-20, 2019



New fishing hole: Bryan/College Station, TX
New fish camp: Hilton Garden Inn Bryan, TX
STEM classes offered Monday thru Thursday

Epic Breakout Sessions

Extended Sessions for STEM credit

All Inclusive rate of \$225

Hotel rate of \$107 per night

\$5.00 Breakfast Buffet

Great Food and Great Fun!

Excellent Vendors

"Believe in Your Fish Story" at the President's Luncheon

Reel Good Times Banquet and Installation



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