

Winter Newsletter



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TxATE UPDATES

TxATE Website – We are excited about our new website! Visit us online at www.txate.org where you have access to important information such as our mission and objectives, membership, award recipients, summer conference information, and our publications.

TxATE Email— We have an organization email too. Be on the lookout for emails from Texas ATE (TexasATE@gmail.com). You can also send any questions or suggestions via email.

Journal – Our journal, *The Texas Forum of Teacher Education*, is now online. Jerrie Jackson served as our Managing Editor for the 2011 issue and was supported by the Editorial Team, Sharon Woodall, Amanda Rudolph and Randy Ford. Thank you to the editing team for their important contribution to our association. The call for manuscripts for the 2012 issue of our journal is on our webpage.

ATE Delegates - Elda Martinez and Denise Staudt will serve as TxATE delegates at the upcoming ATE conference in San Antonio. Thank you both for your service to our association!



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Message from the President

What a year! 2011 proved to be an exciting year for TxATE. We increased membership, established our website, and revamped our journal. All of these efforts will contribute to greater visibility of our organization.

Our website will provide a venue for our members to remain informed of events and professional development opportunities.

The launch of the website provided the opportunity for a transition

from a print journal to an online journal. *The Texas Forum of Teacher Education*, will now be able to reach a wider audience.

I appreciate our members' involvement and contributions and look forward to continued collaboration in 2012!

CSOTTE 2011 Fall Texas Teacher Education Conference

The Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education took place in Corpus Christi from October 23 to 25, 2011. TxATE members gathered during the general meeting where important news was discussed.

Professional Development

During the TxATE general meeting at CSOTTE, R. J. Davis, Director of the TAMUCC Counseling and Training Clinic, conducted a professional development session on bullying.



Dr. Bob Houston receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from Amanda Rudolph TxATE vice-president

TxATE Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. W. Robert Houston

Dr. Bob Houston was presented with the TxATE Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2011 CSOTTE conference.

At the University of Houston, Dr. Houston has served as Professor of Education (1970-present), Associate Dean of Education (1973-1991), Executive Director of the Texas Center for University School Partnerships and the Institute for

Urban Education (1990-present). During 1985-1086, he served as the President of the National Association of Teacher Educators.

Dr. Houston has received numerous honors. He was the first recipient of ATE's Distinguished Teacher Educator of the year award in 1997, and received the 2000 Edward C. Pomeroy Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teacher Education presented by

the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Dr. Houston's research and development have focused on teacher education, higher education, and school reform. He was one of the pioneers in Competency Based Teacher Education – a major national model that was adopted by nearly 400 universities in the United States by 1980 and still is the basis for state standards for teacher education.



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Brian Miller received the Ben E. Coody Distinguished Service Award at the 2011 CSOTTE conference. This award honors individuals who have given the same level of professional contributions to teacher education in Texas that Dr. Coody had given.

Dr. Coody served as the last President of the Texas Association for Student Teaching before the association became the Texas Association of Teacher Educators in 1971. Shortly after completing his term as president, Dr. Coody met an untimely death in an automobile accident.

He was respected for his high code of ethics, his professional zeal, and his sincerity of purpose.



Upcoming Events

2012 ATE Annual Meeting
February 11-15
San Antonio

2012 TxATE Summer Conference
June 9
Austin

The call for presentation proposals is available on our website. The deadline for submission is April 16, 2012.

Hope to see you there!

The Texas Association of Teacher Educators (TxATE) is the state unit affiliated with the national organization, Association of Teacher Educators (ATE), an organization devoted to the improvement of teacher education. The members of TxATE have a long, established tradition of active participation in teacher preparation at local, state, and national levels. TxATE provides the link among the three levels. As a state unit of the national organization, TxATE has won ATE's Distinguished Unit Award 3 times. Strong state units are the building blocks of a strong, dynamic national organization that can serve the children of our nation by preparing qualified, effective teachers for the EC-12 classroom.

TxATE Membership Drive

We have sent an invitation to ATE members in the state of Texas who are not yet TxATE members to join our organization.

We ask that you help us extend this invitation to your colleagues. Interested individuals should email Alma Rodríguez at alma.rodriguez@utb.edu or Ginny Fender at gfender@uttyler.edu to obtain a membership form. Membership information is also available on our website.

