



Distinguished Educator of the Year

The Distinguished Educator of the Year award recognizes and honors alumni educators who have made a significant contribution to the field of education. This year's Distinguished Educators are Bill Chapman, Ann Lê, Janice Taylor, Heidi Sebren and Christopher Eckford. This group of outstanding educators was celebrated at the Distinguished Educator of the Year Ceremony on Saturday, March 4, 2023.

[Meet the Honorees](#), [see event photos](#)

Pictured from left to right: Dean Stacey Edmonson, Bill Chapman, Ann Lê, Janice Taylor, Heidi Sebren, Christopher Eckford, And Provost Michael Stephenson

People of the COE

Congratulations to **Rodney Louis**, Ed. Leadership Doctoral Student and Claughton Middle School Principal, named Spring ISD secondary Principal of the Year! [Watch the video](#)

Submitted by Cynthia Martinez-Garcia



Dr. Jessica McQueston was elected to the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Special and Inclusive Education Research SIG officer team. Her 3-year appointment begins at the conclusion of the 2023 AERA conference next month.



Last week, **current students, alumni and COE faculty** actively participated and represented the HIED and HEDL programs at the TACHE 48th Annual Conference. **Dr. Silvestre** officially became TACHE's President Elect (2023-2024) and Chair of the 49th TACHE Conference! Other highlights from the conference include:

- ***Dr. Ricardo Montelongo** was the recipient of the 2023 TACHE Distinguished Faculty Award.
- *Higher Education Leadership (HEDL) doctoral student **Rebecca Saiz** and **Dr. Silvestre** were selected as fellows in the Career Leadership and Development Institute, a pre-conference professional development event.
- *HEDL doctoral students **Diana Barrero-Burgos, Elisa Hermann, Tracy Ann Richardson, Rebecca Saiz**, and Educational Leadership faculty **Dr. Ricardo Montelongo, and Dr. Gabriela Silvestre** presented a panel session titled Fighting the "lack of": Illuminating representation and lighting the path in higher education.
- *HEDL doctoral student **Tracy Ann Richardson and Dr. Silvestre** co-authored and co-presented the session *Necesita una jefa: Why don't we see more Latina faculty in higher education leadership?*
- *HIED master's student **John Garza** attended TACHE, his first HIED professional conference, through his sponsorship from the Division of Student Affairs.
- *HEDL doctoral students **Erica Castro, Ana Maria Lopez, Rebecca Saiz and Dr. Silvestre** served on the 2023 Conference Committee.
- *Alumni and current students also served as facilitators of sessions and panels for the conference.

Submitted by Dr. Gaby Silvestre

Dean's List Reception

Congrats to all the COE students who made the [Fall 2022 Dean's List!](#) Students who made the Dean's List had a 3.5 GPA (or better) in the fall semester. The Dean's List Reception on **March 22, 7:30 a.m. in TEC 279 or 2:30 p.m. at The Woodlands Center East Commons**.

If you are unable to attend either of the events, please stop by TEC 216 between March 23 - May 12 to claim your certificate and t-shirt. If you are unable to attend and The Woodlands Center is more convenient for pick up please email your request to COE@shsu.edu with your name and t-shirt size and we will leave your items at the TWC reception desk for pick up after March 22.

You may have a friend to pick up for you, we are not able to mail items.

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Dissertation Announcements

Montisha Hines-Goosby's Dissertation Proposal Defense, THE INFLUENCE OF CAMPUS CLIMATE ON IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, has been scheduled VIA Zoom for March 9, 2023, at 3:30 pm. You can access the meeting by using the Zoom ID: 853 0410 1008 or at <https://shsu.zoom.us/j/85304101008>. The dissertation committee consists of: Dr. Peggy Holzweiss, Dr. Paul Eaton & Dr. Christina Gushanas.

Mary Alpaugh's Dissertation Final Defense, A STUDY OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT COREQUISITE WRITING COURSE MODELS IN THE SOUTHWEST, has been scheduled VIA Zoom for March 10, 2023, at 10:30 am. You can access the meeting by using the Zoom ID: 857 2160 3082 or at <https://shsu.zoom.us/j/85721603082>. The dissertation committee consists of: Dr. Patrick Saxon, Dr. Forrest Lane & Dr. Gabriela Silvestre.

Upcoming COE Events

Inclusive Dialogue Book Series - Various dates, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Zoom, [contact Dr. Benita Brooks](#) for more information

Youth Mental Health First Aid - March 10, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, on campus, [contact Dr. Daphne Johnson](#) for more info

Dean's List Reception Main Campus - March 22, 7:30 am, TEC 279

Career and Internship Fair in partnership with the College of Education - March 22, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, LSC Orange Ballroom

Dean's List Reception The Woodlands Center - March 22, 2:30 pm, TWC East Commons Area

Scholarship and Recognition Banquet - April 14, details coming soon

Diversity Summit - April 19, 12:00-5:00 pm, LSC White Ballroom

Pre-Graduation Reception - May 12, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, TEC 279

Pinning Ceremony - details coming soon

Hooding Ceremony - May 12, details coming soon

Commencement - May 12, 2:30 pm

Art in Education - May 25, 4:00 pm, TEC 279

[See all events](#)



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[Share your news](#) with Shellee Goodwin in the COE Communications Hub by noon on Monday.

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