



Center for Educator Success

Board Presentation

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Who We Are

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About Us:

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We do this by:

- **Building partnerships with school districts**
- **Certifying educators**
- **Celebrating students**
- **Providing professional learning and support**

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The CES Team Believes:

Students deserve the very best educators, and educators deserve the very best professional learning opportunities.

The CES Team Strives to:

Help districts solve their most complex problems and stand in the gap so they can make a positive impact in the lives of children across Harris County.

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Services Provided

- **Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Program**
- **40th Annual RT Garcia Early Childhood Winter Conference**
- **Teacher Certification Program- District Partnership Model and Hybrid Pathway Launched**
- **Leadership Development and Certification- Lead Strong Academy**
- **Supplemental Professional Learning for Teachers and Leaders- Launched a new series for Early Childhood teachers as an extension of ECWC**
- **Online Instructor Training**



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Key Highlights: Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Program

- **14,742** works submitted (18% increase from 12,495 last year)
- **2,485** Regional Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention awards
- **53** National Gold Medalist Invited to Ceremony in NYC at Carnegie Hall
- **72** National Silver Medalists, 5 National Honorable Mention
- Numerous local awards and scholarships, including HCDE Awards
- Partnerships with Texas Art Supply and Glassell School of Art
- Student Advisory Council



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40th Annual R.T. Garcia Early Childhood Winter Conference

- Focused on STEAM
- Keynote Speaker: Gerry Brooks
- \$21,450 in sponsorships
- 1,127 educators registered (Up 647)
- 36 school districts across Texas
- Overall conference satisfaction: 93%

"Amazing experience the whole day. Thanks to the master's in education that are making a difference and inspiring me to be better every day. "

"It was the BEST Saturday I have had in a long time!"

"I will use the center activities I learned. I can use them in my classroom right away to increase oral language comprehension."

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Teacher Certification Program

District Partnerships- Channelview ISD, Cy-Fair ISD, Dayton ISD, Goose Creek CISD, Spring ISD

Houston Endowment- Completed Year 2 of a 3-year grant totaling \$350,000

Increased our number of finishers by 30% and our total enrollment by 12%

100% of our interns who started this school year will be fully certified this summer.

Maintained over a 90% passing rate for all content area certification exams
100% passing rate for Special Education certification exams (new exam)
100% passing rate for PPR Exam taken during internship year

Applying this week for the Teacher Quality Partnership 2-million-dollar federal grant





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Teacher Certification Program

Teacher Name	District	School Name	Grade Level	Accolade
TreMil Trotter	Spring	Hoyland Elementary	2nd Grade	Rookie Teacher of the Year
Eryn Davis	Spring	Hoyland Elementary	Kindergarten	Rookie Teacher of the Year
Marks Labostrie	Spring	Ponderosa Elementary	ACE- SPED	Rookie Teacher of the Year
Constance Thomas - Martin	Spring	Burchett Elementary	5th	TIA Designation - Recognized to Exemplary
			DOI Teacher of the Year Nominee	
Bryce Cruz	Spring	Dekaney High School	9th-12th Special Education	National Elementary Teacher Alliance Teacher of the Year Award
Sharon Stephens	Cy-Fair	Cypress Springs High School	Athletics Secretary	Paraeducator of the Year





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Leadership Development Program

9 Principals from Aldine, Alief, Cleveland, and Sheldon

Words with Wadley Podcast

Monthly Newsletter Publication

A-F Accountability Focus

Launched a county-wide district leadership advisory council



National Alliance of Black School Educators

Dr. Cleo Wadley and Ms. Talia Presley presented at the national level in Chicago on the power of strong campus instructional leadership.



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Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education

Six members of the Center for Educator Success (CES) team combined for three presentations at the Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education (CSOTTE) annual conference, held in Denton.



CES was recently selected to present at another national level conference in Jacksonville, Florida by the Quality Matters program.

From Data to Belonging: Using Learner Analytics to Drive Persistence and Student Success



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Questions?