



Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators

July 2023 Update

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New Contact for PAC-TE

To contact PAC-TE by email, please note the new email address:
joel@pac-te.org



A Partial List of the 2023 Fall Conference Sessions:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Explosion: What Every Educator Needs to Know
- Building a Student STEM Community: Findings Across 3 Years of Intentional Support Structures (Higher Education)
- The Impact of Secondary Student Attendance and Frustration on an SLO Project
- Building an Urban Teacher Track: How do we prepare graduates for sustained and satisfying employment in urban schools?

Fall Conference is Just Around the Corner

PAC-TE's biggest and most talked about event is just a few months away. The 52nd annual Teacher Education Assembly (TEA) is set for face to face meetings at **NEWLY RENOVATED Best Western Premier the Central Hotel and Convention Center**,

- How do graduate students/K-12 teachers perceive Open Education Resources (OER) and their impact on course quality?
- Addressing the Teacher Shortages in Rural Communities
- Transitioning The Perceptions of Preservice Teachers: From Inquiry to 3-Dimensional Learning
- Exploring the role of the Model Code of Ethics for Educators in teacher education
- PASSHE Deans of Education Fall Meeting
- Resources for Educators Working with Immigrant and Refugee Populations
- Demystifying Diversity: How teacher educators and their students lovingly embed and imbue their coursework with PA's CR-SE Competencies
- THIS is Us: Preparing and Assisting teachers of English Language Learners (ELs) and Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education (SLIFE)
- Using Children's Literature to Inspire Service-Learning Projects in the Early Childhood Classroom
- Artificial Intelligence: Master It Before It Masters You
- Building Preservice Literacy Teacher Self-Efficacy Through a Mobile Reading Center
- The Educators Learning Community: THIS is Teacher Prep
- Tools of the Trade: Leveraging the CAEP accreditation process to recruit, retain and produce high quality candidates
- Developing a Vision, Curriculum, and New Experiences to Empower Pre-service Teachers
- Waiting in the Wings: Preparing Pre-Service Educators for Effective Family Engagement through Conference Simulation Activities
- Supercharge Your Workflows: Using Technology to Streamline Processes in Teacher Education (and Promote Student Professionalism)
- Teacher Talk - building space for student teachers to enhance their practice through the construct of supportive, professional learning

located in Harrisburg.

2023 Theme:

THIS is US: Educators rooted in inquiry, action, and progress

The dates are October 25 – 27. As usual, we will hold an Awards Banquet on Wednesday, followed by our amazing dessert buffet. This is included in your registration cost. The Buffet lunch on Thursday is also included.

Hotel rooms are your responsibility, and there is a discounted price for a limited amount of time. If you call the hotel, mention PAC-TE to get the special rate.

Early-bird registration is open now! PAC-TE members can save \$75 on each registration purchased before September 30.

Non-members save, too. But the best deal for non-members is to join PAC-TE and get the member price.

- communities
- This is Us on Structured Literacy: How One Small Education Department Redesigned their Literacy Courses to Integrate the PDE SLC
- Curriculum Reform in Teacher Preparation: A Team Approach?
- Programmatic Self-Studies in Teacher Education: Working within the Community
- Integrating Culturally Responsive Secondary Mathematics Curriculum into the Methods Course
- Focus on Transition: How a University and Public School Collaborated to Facilitate Employment Skills
- Charting a course for Institutional Mission and moving forward with Regulatory Guidance
- Embedded Special Education Field Experiences: An Ongoing Mission
- Developing Candidates into Teachers: An Institute's Journey to Inspire Critically Reflective and Professionally Minded Educators
- Transforming Special Education Teacher Preparation: From Partnership to Performance
- Experiential STEM Learning in the "Middle" of Nature: Outcomes of a Community-Outreach Environmental Field Partnership

We hope you can join your colleagues for fresh and engaging content celebrating the journeys taken, contributions made, and victories earned during this time of radical transformation.

Click [here to register](#) or go to the PAC-TE webpage, Events Tab, and then Fall Registration.

Click [here](#) to give us feedback about the session titles shown.

See you at
the TEA!

BE SURE TO RENEW YOUR PAC-TE MEMBERSHIP

PAC-TE membership expires annually on June 30. To renew Institutional memberships, go to [Institutional Membership](#). Payment can be by credit card, or you can download and print a form to send along with a check.

If you have an Individual Membership instead, e.g. Retired, Student, or you are an individual who is not covered by an institutional membership, please renew your Individual Membership at the [Individual Membership page](#).

PDE Updates

Carissa Pokorny-Golden, Director of PDE's Bureau of School Leadership & Teacher Quality, has set up two virtual meetings on

Microsoft Teams to provide an update. The first, August 3, is intended for PAC-TE Members, while the second, August 8, is geared for Deans and Chairs of Educator Prep Programs. The presentations will be similar. The link for August 3 is [here](#).

Note: Meeting ID: 262 977 880 455

Passcode: nnJvLE

To assist PDE with tailoring their presentation to specific needs, be sure to complete the survey at this [link](#). Responses will not be identified by name or institution.

We urge you to check with your program leaders to make sure that someone from your institution can attend one of the sessions.

Time to Nominate for Professional Achievement Awards

PAC-TE offers three Professional Achievement Awards to its members:

- Outstanding Dissertation Award
- Distinguished Research Award
- Exemplary

Service/Partnership Award
Surely you know someone, even yourself, who deserves some recognition for their excellent work in one or more of these areas! To be considered, application materials must be received by September 30, 2023.

Or, complete the online application.

Award recipients will be honored at the Fall TEA Awards Dinner.

Recipients will receive a one-year complimentary PAC-TE membership and the opportunity to present at the Fall TEA.

Please submit application materials according to the general instructions and the specific instructions for each award, found at www.pac-te.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3368

Please Nominate a Teacher Educator of the Year

Please suggest a worthy individual for the Teacher Educator of the Year Award. Go to the [nominations page](#) for more information. Nominations and required references are due September 30.

Call for PAC-TE Board Nominations -- Your chance

to influence PAC-TE decisions and strategies

The Executive Director of PAC-TE is soliciting nominations for three seats on the Board of Directors. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in a position of leadership at the state level with colleagues from across Pennsylvania who are engaged in educator preparation. PAC-TE members may make nominations of others (with their consent), or they may self-nominate.

The following seats on the Board of Directors will be filled by election in the Fall of 2023. The terms for all three seats are three years and run from June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2027.

- One seat for a representative of a **Private** institution of higher education in Pennsylvania engaged in educator preparation.
- One seat for a representative of a **Public** institution of higher education in Pennsylvania engaged in educator preparation. Our association bylaws stipulate that at least one of three public seats must be held by a representative from a PASSHE institution, and one must be held by a representative from a state-related institution. Since there is currently one Director from each type of public institution, the **nominees may be from either PASSHE or a state-related institution** (Pitt, Penn State, Temple, or Lincoln).
- One seat for an **At-Large** representative. Candidates may come from any institution of higher education in Pennsylvania engaged in educator preparation.

Please email George Drake, PAC-TE Past President and Chair of the Nominations Committee, at george.drake@millersville.edu with any questions about the positions on the ballot. Nominations must be received by September 30, 2023.

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The next coalition call will be Thursday, July 13th at 8 AM.

Come to get caught up on state budget progress, learn how we're working to get our priorities across the finish line, and take action to help. A calendar invite has gone out to everyone who has joined previous coalition calls.

Please contact Anna Havrilla at anna@dennycivicsolutions.com if you did not receive a calendar invite for Thursday, July 13th at 8 AM.

Zoom meeting info:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81405513662?pwd=UzdjZ0kxTmJhROFRRzFZRWliWktkdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 0551 3662



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Dates to Keep in Mind

Now – September 30 – nominations for Professional Achievement Awards
Now – September 30 – nominations for board positions
Now – September 30 – Teacher Educator of the Year Nominations
Now – September 30 – Early Bird Registration for TEA
October 25– 27, 2023 PAC-TE Teacher Education Assembly (in person), at
Best Western Premier the Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg

Visit your PAC-TE website at www.pac-te.org

PAC-TE is a state unit of AACTE and ATE



AACTE and PAC-TE collaborate to strengthen their advocacy efforts, share experience and expertise, and expand their members' professional development opportunities. To this end, our Chapter's relationship with AACTE is a voluntary affiliation that allows us to advance our members' interests.

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