

NOVEMBER UPDATE

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VOTE Now for PAC-TE Board

This race is competitive!

Polls opened during our annual fall conference, but you still have a little time! Voting ends at midnight on November 30. How about taking care of it right now?

You can read the candidates' bios by clicking [here](#). **Note: have your username and password handy.** If you need a new password or have forgotten your user ID, you can click on the "Contact Us" button on PAC-TE's homepage.

These races are very competitive. **EVERY VOTE** matters.

PLEASE VOTE NOW by clicking the button below. Polls close on 11/30 at midnight.

**VOTE for Board Seats and
Officers**



TEA 2023 Highlights

Over three days in late October, 270 educator preparation professionals, pre-service teachers, leaders, and guests gathered for an



incredible conference.

Thank you to the conference committee Chair and Co-chair Monique Alexander and Dipali Puri for this year's conference.

Highlights include the array of new and interesting breakout sessions, our keynote speaker Donna-Marie Cole-Malott, fabulous food, and the chance to network. The PDE sessions clarified some things and challenged us to get involved with upcoming work groups.



PAC-TE presented its Friend of Education Award to Jamal Wakeem, long-time PDE liaison to many of our member institutions. President John Ward presented the award in front of Jamal's family, PDE associates, and 200 banquet guests.

Anyone interested in serving on the planning committee for 2024 please contact Dipali Puri at Puri@juniata.edu

Executive Directors' Scholarship Presented at Fall Conference

Will, a senior, is a cabinet member in the TEACH (Teacher Enthusiasts Authentically Collaborating Helping) Club of Cairn University. In athletics, he is working to help his team win a third CSAC Championship in four years. He has a 3.93 GPA and is viewed as a learner, listener, and inquirer by colleagues and peers alike. One of the faculty member



recommendations indicated that "Will is the type of student every professor wants to have in class. He is highly engaged in every lesson. He is a force multiplier. When he engages in conversation he is excellent at bringing his classmates in as well. " PAC-TE is proud to support Will in his pursuit of teacher certification.

PAC-TE Executive Director Joel Geary presented the Executive Directors' Scholarship to Will Nase, a Cairn University Secondary Social Studies teacher candidate.

Spring Conference Registration Open Now

"Making Creative, Clever, and Courageous Connections to Deepen the Pool"

March 20, 2024 9am - 2:30 pm

Keynote: Dr. Rebecca West Burns

PDE Session: Updates from PDE

With the shortage of qualified, certificated teachers, principals, and other school staff at a high, and enrollments in preparation programs at a low, we must explore program changes that increase the value of our graduates at a time when schools are willing to put almost anyone into a classroom to fill the gaps.

"Deepening the pool" of courageous educators has never been more pressing. How do we motivate people to dive into this



Rebecca West Burns' research agenda lies at the intersection of three scholarly areas under clinically-based teacher education: supervision, school-university partnerships, and teacher leadership. She has a passion for uniting schools and universities to empower teachers, improve PK-12 outcomes for students, and transform schools and Colleges of Education to advance equity in an increasingly diverse world. Collaboration is a central feature and ethic of her community-engaged scholarship. Dr. Burns is the Dean of the

critical profession? How do we build and strengthen partnerships?

Cost: \$75 Members/\$100 others

This is an online conference, so no travel costs are necessary.

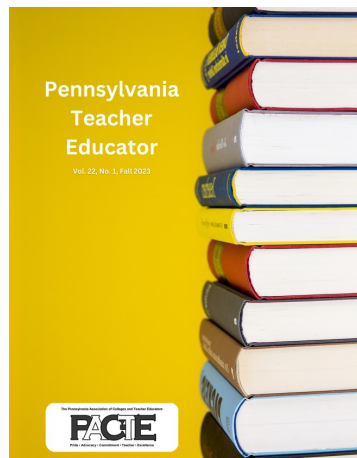
College of Education at Kutztown University and is a widely sought-after, published author and speaker.

Register for Spring Conference

Teacher Educator of the Year Award Given

At the PAC-TE Awards Banquet, the Teacher Educator of the Year Award was presented to Patricia Newman, Director of Teacher Education and Certification at Widener University. "Dr. Newman has gained recognition for her unwavering commitment to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment, resulting in noteworthy improvements in student retention and overall success rates. " Congratulations, Patricia.

Call for Manuscripts



The Fall 2023 edition is available on line at [this link](#).



We are seeking new article submissions for the next edition. Deadline is **February 20, 2024**. For information or to submit a manuscript go to this [link](#)

Recruiting All Community Colleges!

Many of our teacher education candidates begin their academic careers at one of the 15 Community Colleges across the Commonwealth of PA. PAC-TE wants to celebrate and embrace the teacher education faculty at those institutions by welcoming them as Institutional members of PAC-TE. Let's spread the word to our colleagues at the Community College nearest you!

Membership Site

Is there a cooperating or mentor teacher at your PK-12 partner schools deserving of recognition for their clinical preparation of future educators?

You are encouraged to nominate your favorite teacher to be the Commonwealth's 2025 Teacher of the Year by **Friday, Dec. 15**.

The Teacher of the Year Program celebrates excellence in teaching and honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the young people of Pennsylvania.

The 2025 Teacher of the Year will be announced at an awards ceremony in early December 2024 and will represent the commonwealth at various local, regional, and national functions culminating in the National Teacher of the Year ceremony at the White House.



Nominate your favorite teacher [here](#).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 30 -- PAC-TE Election closes at midnight.

TBD (Spring 2024) -- PAC-TE Day at PA State Capitol

March 20, 2024 -- PAC-TE Spring Conference (on Whova)

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.



If you have suggestions for the PAC-TE *Update*, please send them to joel@pac-te.org

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