



Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators

September 2023 Update

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Board Nominees Must Meet September 30 Deadline!

This is your last reminder that any candidates for PAC-TE's Board must contact Dr. George Drake by September 30 in order to be included on this year's ballot.

Important open seats include:

- President-elect
- Treasurer
- Representative of Private Institution
- Representative of Public Institution
- At- large Representative

PAC-TE needs you! Please email George Drake with your intent at george.drake@millersville.edu

Catch Early Bird Pricing for Fall Conference

Conference Registration is Going On NOW

Please visit our Fall Conference [page](#) to register for the PAC-TE's Teacher Education Assembly (TEA)--otherwise known as our fall conference. NEW information is on that page, including the draft program schedule (subject to change). The dates are October 25-27, and the conference site is the same as last year--The Best Western Premier The Central Hotel and Conference Center in Harrisburg, which has totally renovated all of its guest rooms!

Pricing for all 3 days (includes Wednesday banquet and Thursday buffet lunch):

- Members: Only \$175 if you act **before October 1**. Then, \$225 until October 24. Pay at the door is available, too, for \$275, and may not include a meal.
- Non-members: \$275 until October 24. Pay at the door \$300, and may not include a meal.
- Hint: If you renew your membership before you register, get the \$100 discount (before October 1, that is.)
- No single day fees
- Registrations received after the meal counts are submitted may not include a meal. Be sure to register ahead of time.

Program:

The Program Committee has planned an impressive package of worthwhile [sessions](#) for your benefit. The conference theme is *THIS is Us: Educators rooted in inquiry, action, and progress* --which celebrates the ways in which educators have journeyed through this time period of transformation; regardless of the size, scope, or perceived level of impact.

Highlights:

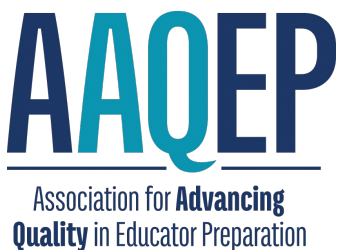
- Opportunities to meet with peers to consider and create in a special face to face place (with special refreshments)!
- KEYNOTE: We are still finalizing this choice.
- PDE will be with us for two general sessions. Be sure to come meet Deputy Secretary of Education Dr. Kate Shaw on Thursday as she and Dr. Carissa Pokorny-Golden share their vision and outlook for the coming year. Dr. Katina Moten, the brand new Chief for the

Division of Professional Education and Teacher Quality joins us on Wednesday, along with members of her staff, to provide updates..

- 40+ sessions presented by your peers! This year we will have a larger number of interactive sessions, plus a number of work-in-progress sessions in which faculty share ongoing projects and seek feedback from the audience. Come find out what they're up to!
- PAC-TE Annual Meeting. Attend to learn the actions of your PAC-TE Board of Directors and cast a vote on PAC-TE business items.
- Meet the candidates running for PAC-TE Board of Directors open positions. New this year--the election opens during the conference so you can vote before you leave.
- Food. Wednesday attendees are invited to our dinner banquet and awards presentations. And who can resist our traditional Dessert Buffet on Wednesday night! Thursday attendees enjoy a buffet luncheon after the PAC-TE Annual Meeting. Snack breaks and coffee are available throughout each day. Overnight hotel guests also receive complimentary breakfast each morning. *Note: Day of conference walk-in registrants cannot expect meals. Meal counts are given to the hotel a few days in advance, so be sure to register ahead of time.*

HOTEL ROOMS: A block of rooms (at a reduced rate) is being held for PAC-TE conference attendees. You must contact the hotel directly at (717) 561-2800 **before September 27**. After that date, any unreserved rooms will be released and the cost to reserve them after that date will revert to their customary price.

NOTE: Membership dues **do not** automatically register you for this conference. Conference registration is separate from membership and must be purchased. However, members do get a discount on the conference price.



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Help us Recruit NEW Graduate Student Leadership Team

PAC-TE is seeking applicants to serve on a newly established Graduate Student Leadership Team (GSLT) for a maximum of a 2-year period that they are enrolled as a graduate student.

This is a wonderful opportunity for graduate students enrolled in an Institution of Higher Education (IHE) to become involved in a position of leadership at the state level with fellow graduate students and professionals from across Pennsylvania who are engaged in educator preparation. Graduate Student Leadership Team members would have a range of opportunities to collaborate with current PAC-TE members and teacher education stakeholders across the state, attend and assist with annual fall and spring conferences, as well as develop their own professional network through connections made within PAC-TE.

Additional benefits of acceptance:

- free PAC-TE student membership for each year serving on the GSLT (maximum of 2 years)
- free registration to both the Fall Teacher Education Assembly and Spring Conference for each year serving on the GSLT (maximum of 2 years)

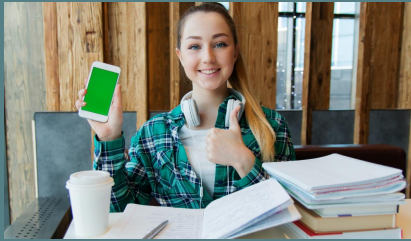
Responsibilities of those accepted:

- attend and assist with the fall Teacher Education Assembly (annual conference in late October)
 - Assistance during the conference may include, but is not limited to:
 - Serving as a presider for sessions
 - Assisting with technology/conference website/app
 - Co-facilitating a collaborative session with a PAC-TE committee or board member
 - Submit a 1-page Reflection at the conclusion
 - Additional opportunity to get involved with the planning committee throughout the year
- attend and assist with the one-day Spring Conference (mid-April)
 - Assistance during the conference may include, but is not limited to:
 - Serving as a presider for sessions
 - Co-facilitating a collaborative session with a PAC-TE committee or board member
 - Assisting with technology/conference website/app
 - Submit a 1-page Reflection at the conclusion
 - Additional opportunity to get involved with the planning committee throughout the year
- Participation in networking or collaborative opportunities presented to the GSLT throughout the year

Possible Renewal on GSLT for a 2nd year: Graduate Student Leadership Team members will have the option of continuing their membership for a second year, after a review by the Ad Hoc Graduate Student Leadership Committee on their level of engagement during the first year receiving the award.

If interested in apply for the Graduate Student Leadership Team, complete the

Please email Dr. Stephanie Gardner (sgardner@commonwealthu.edu) with any questions about this opportunity.



Nominate a Deserving Student for the Executive Directors' Scholarship

The PAC-TE Executive Director's Scholarship is an annually awarded scholarship honoring all past PAC-TE Executive Directors. The scholarship is to be awarded to a deserving undergraduate or graduate student pursuing teacher certification at a college or university in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who has a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The monetary amount of the scholarship is \$1000.00

Link to online nomination:
[Click here](#)

DEADLINE: September 30.

Presentation will be made at the Banquet on October 25.

Membership Help

The Executive Director receives numerous queries about membership. Read on for some reminders and tips.

1. Only members can register for conference online, using their distinct username (often your work email, but not always), and a password.
2. Our website includes a password retrieval tool.
3. Please do not create a new account when you can't log in. See tip #2.
4. Monthly newsletters like this one are now archived on our website, so if you are hunting for information, try going to **Newsletters**.
5. Members are invited to attend the annual Membership Meeting, held at the Fall Conference on Thursday.
6. Institutional membership renewal can be done online or over the phone. Please call our Executive Director if you need assistance. Please do not create a new institutional account.
7. Membership and conference registration are two separate things. One does not equal the other.
8. Just about every event, form, or resource PAC-TE has is further detailed on our **website**. Click on the various icons and tabs to explore. Use the Contact Us icon (upper right corner of home page) to send an inquiry.
9. PAC-TE can post job openings for you. Send a Word or PDF version with all the details (and a closing date for applications) to our Executive Director at joel@pac-te.org.
10. We are on Social Media. Check our Linked In, Facebook, and

Instagram feeds. Share your news and questions there.

11. The photos on our Home Page are links to other pages. Click the photo to be taken to its corresponding page.



Do You Want to Influence PAC-TE's Programs and Policies?

PAC-TE offers members to serve on **Committees**. Our committees are always looking for members to assist with the decision-making and other responsibilities, so that our work represents the experiences and perspectives of our membership.

Some of the committees we utilize are:

Audit Committee

Awards Committee

Government Relations Committee

Nominations and Elections Committee

Journal Committee

Professional Educator Certification

Sponsorship Committee

Spring Conference Planning Committee

TEA (Fall Conference) Planning Committee

Serving on a PAC-TE Committee is an important way to contribute to the association's mission AND ensure that our association represents your views. Won't you consider joining a committee? Click [here](#) for more information.

Call for Manuscripts for PAC-TE Journal

PAC-TE publishes a peer-reviewed journal--the *Pennsylvania Teacher Educator*. Our journal is intended to provide members with a venue to capture current research that makes use of quantitative, qualitative, and/or mixed-methods approaches, as well as rigorous theoretical works that capture current research, advances, and changes in the emerging

directions of teacher education. Publication decisions are made following a blind review process. For more information, [click here](#).

Dates for your Calendar

Now until 11:59 p.m. on September 27th: PAC-TE room block available 1st come, 1st served for accommodations at the Best Western Premiere for the Fall Conference

Now until September 30: Early bird registration for the Fall Conference. After that date, the price rises.

October 25-27: Fall Conference (Teacher Education Assembly)

October 25 - November 30: Election for PAC-TE Board of Directors

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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