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To get the best pricing for our fall conference, the 54th annual Teacher Education Assembly, you must be an active member. Renew your annual membership now. [Click here](#)

A fresh semester kicks off, bringing brand-new adventures with PAC-TE!

- Do you have a smart, outgoing, friendly grad student who is willing to help at the fall conference? PAC-TE's Grad Student Leadership Team (GSLT) is seeking new members. Contact joel@pac-te.org for more info or to nominate a grad student for this educational opportunity to serve.
- Are you interested in helping the Spring Conference Committee plan our March 2026 event? Our next meeting is in September, and we are seeking new committee members and a Co-chair. Contact joel@pac-te.org for more information.
- Hoping to get an article published? The *Pennsylvania Teacher Educator* wants quality articles for its next publication. Contact the editorial team at journal@pac-te.org if you have questions. Or, if your article is ready for submission, attach it to an email and send it to journal@pac-te.org.

Who Deserves a PAC-TE Award?

The Board of Directors of PAC-TE is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the three separate Professional Achievement Awards, plus the Teacher Educator of the Year Award and the Executive Director's Scholarship. **Applications are due by September 23rd**. Criteria and application forms are available at our [website](#).

Executive Director's Scholarship – An annual scholarship honoring past Executive Directors, the scholarship is awarded to a deserving Undergraduate or Graduate Student pursuing teacher certification at a PA college or university who has a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The monetary amount of the scholarship is anticipated to be \$1,000.00.

Teacher Educator of the Year Award – This award is conferred upon an individual who has directly participated in and contributed to the preparation of candidates for teacher certification in PA. PAC-TE members may nominate someone or they may be self-nominated with an attached letter of endorsement from a PAC-TE member. Nominees must be currently employed in a teacher education capacity in Pennsylvania and must be current members of PAC-TE. Membership may be verified via an email to the Executive Director, Joel Geary, joel@pac-te.org. The winner of the award will be announced at our Teacher Education Assembly on October 22.

PAC-TE also offers three Professional Achievement Awards to recognize the outstanding work of its members. **Nominations are due by September 23, 2025.**

- The Outstanding Dissertation Award recognizes excellence in doctoral dissertation research that contributes to the field of educator preparation or professional teaching practice.
- The Distinguished Research Award recognizes empirical research, published in a professional journal or professional conference proceedings. You do not need to be a current member of PAC-TE to apply for this award.
- The Exemplary Service/Partnership Award recognizes the development of partnership programs that connect IHEs with basic education and community partners and recognizes activities that provide service to the field of education.



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Dates: October 22-24, 2025.

Location: Best Western Premier, The Central Hotel & Conference Center, 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA

Cost:

Members (through September 30) \$175

After 9/30 the cost goes up, so register early.

Non-members (through October 15): \$275

After 10/15 the price goes up, so register early.

Student Members: \$25

Student Non-members: \$50

Session presenters must register and pay conference fees.

Hotel reservations are made separately by
(1) calling the Hotel DIRECTLY at 717-561-2800, or
(2) by using the link
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.39125.html?groupId=I55PN9Q6

Guests are not able to secure the group block/group rate through Best Western International (BWI) or third-party travel sites. If guests make reservations through other methods, such as BWI and third party, the rooms cannot be transferred to our block, and the rate cannot be altered.

The group rate of \$112.95 will be honored until the release date of September 23 or until all contracted group rooms are booked, whichever comes first. After the release or booking of all rooms, additional rooms will be provided upon availability and “best available” rate will be quoted.

PROGRAM

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Keynote Speakers: Leon Smith, PA's 2025 Teacher of the Year, and Laura Tobias, 2025 Principal of the Year**
- **Team pricing with discounts**
- **Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. on October 22**
- **No pre-conference sessions on Wednesday; conference begins at noon on October 22**
- **Conference ends at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24**
- **100+ sessions for one price!**
- **Opportunities for individual and/or institutional sponsorships**

Call for Nominations

PAC-TE is soliciting nominations for three (3) seats on the Board of Directors and for the President-Elect. 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 an online election during three (3) weeks in October-November. The terms for all three seats are three (3) years and run from June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2029.

- One representative of a Private institution of higher education in Pennsylvania engaged in educator preparation.
- One representative of a Public institution of higher education in Pennsylvania engaged in educator preparation. This year, the representative must come from a state-related institution (i.e., Penn State, Temple, Pitt).
- One At-Large representative. Candidates may come from any PA institution of higher education engaged in educator preparation.

We will also hold an election for President-Elect. The president-elect serves for two (2) years, then assumes the presidency for two (2) years and finishes the six-year commitment with two (2) years as Past President. Each of these roles has duties that are (a) stipulated in the bylaws and (b) assigned by convention. Candidates are qualified to run for President-Elect if they have held institutional and/or individual membership for three consecutive years within the past ten (10) years, have been a member of the Board of Directors or a PAC-TE committee/work group. More information may be found in the association bylaws or by communicating with a member who has served in this role.

As you consider this opportunity, or when you speak to colleagues you want to nominate, keep the following points of information in mind or share as needed.

- PAC-TE Board members are required by the Association bylaws to be individual or institutional representative members of PAC-TE and members of ATE. If not currently a member of ATE, the nominee would need to join ATE if elected.
- The Board of Directors meets five times per year. Four meetings are held via Zoom in early September, November, January, and prior to the spring conference. A two-day in-person meeting is held each June.

To nominate yourself or another member for any of these positions, submit a digital photo and a statement of no more than 200 words, organized according to the following categories

1. Name, title
2. Present position and institution
3. Educational background
4. Professional experience
5. Professional memberships
6. Professional activities
7. Prior involvement in PAC-TE

WE NEED NAMES!

Send this information via email to Dr. John Ward (john.ward@live.kutztown.edu), PAC-TE Past President and Chair of the Nominations Committee, by September 23, 2025. Email Dr. Ward with any questions about the positions on the ballot.