



Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators

June 2023 Update

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Time to Nominate a Peer for Professional Achievement Awards

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

- Outstanding Dissertation Award
- Distinguished Research Award
- Exemplary Service/Partnership Award

Award recipients are honored at the TEA Awards Dinner at our fall conference. Recipients also receive a one-year complimentary PAC-TE membership and the opportunity to present their work at the TEA.

Surely you know someone, even yourself, who deserves some recognition for their excellent work. To be considered, application materials must be received by September 30, 2023. Complete the online application.

Please submit application materials according to both the general instructions and the specific instructions for each award, found [here](#).

A FREE Opportunity--But Hurry, or You'll Miss It

**Pennsylvania Educator
Diversity Consortium 4th**

**INTERRUPTING
THE**

STATUS QUO

CO-CREATING BOLD
ACTIONS TO DIVERSIFY
THE EDUCATOR WORKFORCE

JUNE 20-22, 2023 8:30AM-2:30PM
Daily

Annual Virtual Summit

The purpose of PEDC's 2023 Summit is to collectively develop actionable strategies that increase the number of racially, ethnically, linguistically, and culturally relevant educators, education leaders, and education systems in Pennsylvania. It is PEDC's hope to make a difference by applying the 6E's: Energize, Enable, Envision, Engage, Execute, and Expand throughout the summit.

Click this **Link** to register for FREE.

Venue: Virtual

Starts: Tue Jun 20, 08:30am

Ends: Tue Jun 20, 02:30pm

BE SURE TO RENEW YOUR PAC-TE MEMBERSHIP

PAC-TE membership renewals occur yearly at this time. If your membership is through your college/university, ask your department leader to renew its Institutional Membership with PAC-TE at <https://www.pac-te.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3284>.

If you have an Individual Membership, e.g. Retired, Student, or you are an individual who is not covered by an institutional membership, you can renew your Individual Membership at the Individual Membership [page](#). Dues remain the same for next year as they have for the past several years and entitle you to substantial discounts for our two yearly conferences.

PDE Information from Carissa Pokorny-Golden

The Director of the Bureau that oversees certification and teacher preparation issued announcements on May 24 and on June 14. If you did not receive a copy through your college/university email, the key points included the following:

- Individuals employed as social workers in schools, in accordance with [CSPG #201](#), who have not yet obtained a School Social Worker Certification from the Pennsylvania Department of Education now have until August 1, 2026 to earn their certification by meeting the license and experience provisions outlined in the Special Considerations section of [CSPG #87 School Social Worker, Educational Specialist Certificate PK-12](#). *By the way, if you are unfamiliar with the acronym CSPG, those are the policies that enumerate the PK-12 school positions that are*

governed by certification--essentially they are the school leaders' rulebook as to "who" is permitted to teach "what". PDE wants to provide PAC-TE members an exclusive webinar just for us, so that they can explain several new updates to the set of CSPG's. If you have never heard of these, or if you are curious, or if you need an opportunity to ask questions about these policies, mark your calendars for August 3. Additional details will be sent to you in the coming days.

- The Act 91 Report of April 2023 on Classroom Monitors can be downloaded at <https://www.education.pa.gov/Documents/K-12/PDE%20Act%2091%20of%202021%20Report%20April%202023%20Final.docx>.
- Certification Services has brought on four new evaluators to process Instructional I and II certifications, as well as 3 new clerks to answer emails, phone calls, and documents sent by mail.
- Thanks to a question put to PDE by a PAC-TE member, PDE is now ready to approve Act 48 hours to mentors of school counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, and school social workers. Certain requirements exist.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to **RA-EDPREPPROGRAMS@pa.gov**.

PAC-TE Board Transitions

As we thank outgoing Board members Beverly Bryde (Cabrini) and Jonathan Chitiyo (University of Pittsburgh--Bradford) for their service to the PAC-TE Board of Directors, let's also welcome three new faces to the Board.



Veronica Ent, one of three new PAC-TE Board members, is a Professor of Education at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA. Her main research areas are the advances of instructional technology and visual media for instruction, blended learning and teaching, innovative instructional methodologies, and the history of American schooling. Veronica Ent has proposed models for teacher preparation in the training of online technologies,



Dana Reisboard, one of three new PAC-TE Board members, is an advocate for equitable, inclusive, and exemplary professional educator preparation. She is an Associate Professor of Literacy Education at Widener University, and a founding member of their Community Engaged Teacher Education Program. Her research interests focus on praxis, an iterative and reflective approach to acting, and an

strategies for synchronous online learning, rethinking historical technological applications, and approaches for visual learning. She serves as the chairperson of the Education Department and teaches courses in instructional technology, curriculum design, online instruction, and visual thinking and learning. Additionally, she coaches and advises the Saint Vincent College intercollegiate equestrian program where she instructs students in horsemanship of all abilities. Veronica Ent was an elementary teacher for two years and then moved to a position as a high school librarian at Greensburg Salem School District for eight years where she taught high school research skills, optimized the automated high school collection, designed, and developed an instructional media curriculum, parent trainings, and led students in large puppetry performances highlighting children's literature in Westmoreland County. Veronica currently serves as the president of the Country School Association of America. Welcome Veronica to the PAC-TE Board of Directors!

ongoing process of moving between practice and theory. Her publications focus on (1) core reading programs, (2) children's literature, (3) the use of critical literacy, and (4) best practices in teacher education. In her free time, Dana enjoys spending time outdoors with family and friends and can often be found hiking with her everything dog HazelNut. Welcome Dana to the PAC-TE Board of Directors!



Danielle Bowers, one of three new PAC-TE Board members, is the Field and Clinical Coordinator for Penn State Harrisburg. She has spent time as an elementary classroom teacher over various grade levels within several school districts. Danielle's professional interests include curriculum development, early literacy education, and the impact of field experiences on teacher candidates. Outside of teacher education, she enjoys spending time with her husband, their two children, and a playful goldendoodle. Welcome Danielle to the PAC-TE Board of Directors!



Look! The hotel has updated all the guest rooms. They are beautiful and fresh.

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 TEA is set for face to face meetings at The Best Western Premier the Central Hotel and Convention Center, located in Harrisburg.

We hope you will have the chance to participate in the annual PAC-TE Business Meeting--discover the business of your association, vote on the budget, and get better acquainted with the officers and Board members. Participants also find the PDE updates, the shared research and innovative practices, and the peer networking refreshing. Best of all, it is YOUR event, designed to provide you with appropriate and timely resources. Put this on your calendar now.



The dates are October 25 – 27.

Final decisions about accepted proposals will be announced in the very near future.

Early bird registration is open! Get a huge discount if you register prior to September 30. Members can pay \$175 as opposed to the standard \$225 fee. Non-members can pay \$275 as opposed to the standard \$300 fee.

We hope you can join your colleagues for fresh and engaging content. Act 48 hours available. Banquet menu has changed to include new entrees; lunch buffet is included on Thursday.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Who Would You Put on PAC-TE's Board of Directors? NOMINATE THEM

The Executive Director of PAC-TE is soliciting nominations for four seats on the Board of Directors and for President-Elect of the Association.

- One seat for a representative of a Private institution of higher education
- One seat for a representative of a Public institution of higher education; candidates for the open seat can represent any public institution
- One seat for an At-Large representative. Candidates may



To nominate yourself or another PAC-TE member for any of these positions, submit a digital photo and the following information in a statement of **no more than 200 words**, organized in the following categories:

1. Name, title
2. Present position and institution
3. Educational background
4. Professional experience

come from any institution of higher education in Pennsylvania engaged in educator preparation

- President-Elect. The president-elect serves for two years, then assumes the presidency of the association for two years, and finishes the six-year commitment with two years as past president
- Treasurer -- a voting member of the Board of Directors, paid \$3,000 per year though a contract with PAC-TE

5. Professional memberships
6. Professional activities
7. Prior involvement in PAC-TE

Send this information via email to Dr. George Drake (george.drake@millersville.edu), PAC-TE Past President and Chair of the Nominations Committee **by September 15, 2023.**

Please email Dr. Drake with any questions about the positions on the ballot.

EPLC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2023-2024

Applications are available now for the 2023-2024 PA Education Policy Fellowship Program.

The Education Policy Fellowship Program is sponsored in Pennsylvania by The Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC).

The 2023-2024 Fellowship Program begins in September and includes:

- Two sessions to "set the stage" in mid-September
- Sixteen sessions with two sessions per month October to May
- A Team Policy Project with Fellows developing Public Policy Proposals for May presentation
- In-person two-day Regional Leadership Forum (with Michigan, New York and Ohio) at Gettysburg Battlefield and the Army War College in Carlisle
- In-person Day-in-Washington DC in April with briefings and lawmaker visits
- In-person Day-on-Hill in Harrisburg in May with briefings and lawmaker visits

2023-2024 Fellows also have the opportunity to earn Act 45 credits through EPLC's partnership with Shippensburg University.

The Fellowship Program will continue to be Pennsylvania's premier education policy leadership program for education, community, policy and advocacy leaders --- with more than 700 graduates since 1999.

Applications are being accepted now!

The **2023-2024 Application** can be submitted by mail to EPLC or scanned and e-mailed with the necessary signatures of applicant and sponsor.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Fellowship Program and its requirements, please contact EPLC Executive Director Amy Morton at 717-253-2815 or morton@eplc.org

Dates to Keep in Mind

July 1 – September 30 – nominations for board positions

July 1 – September 30 – Teacher Educator of the Year Nominations

Now – September 30 – Early bird pricing for TEA Registration

October 25– 27, 2023 PAC-TE Teacher Education Assembly (in person), at Best Western Premier the Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)

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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