

We are a network of classroom teachers, veteran educators, industry professionals and friends of scholastic journalism dedicated to providing resources, advocacy and mentorship. Serving Texas journalism teachers, TAJE's goal is to provide resources, advocacy and mentorship for our members.

WHAT TAJE DOES:

- Provides access to classroom resources and mentors. Visit taje.org and reach out to mentorship chair Bobby Hawthorne, mentors@taje.org.
- Supports New Voices of Texas, a youth-led advocacy movement consisting of student leaders organized to enact legislation to challenge the consequences of the 1988 Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier Supreme Court decision.
- Provides members with experiences and info for developing successful teaching of journalism and directing of publications by hosting its annual Fall Fiesta convention.
- Provides information at taje.org, on social media and in state and regional workshops on new developments, trends, practices and standards to raise the quality of school publications.
- Works with the Texas Education Agency and the State Board of Education to establish professional criteria for journalism education.
- Supports and works closely with other scholastic journalism organizations by sharing information and collecting membership dues for:
 - Journalism Education Association
 - Interscholastic League Press Conference
 - Association of Texas Photography Instructors
 - National Scholastic Press Association
 - Columbia Scholastic Press Association
 - Southern interscholastic Press Association

WHO TAJE HONORS:

- *Pathfinder Award* honors journalism educators with seven years (or fewer) experience.
- *Trailblazer Award* honors educators who set trends and shape Texas journalism.
- *Friend of Journalism Award* honors efforts to expand the scope and capability of Texas scholastic journalism.
- *Administrator of the Year Award* honors campus/district leadership who supports the journalism education experience.
- *Texas Treasure* honors persons who spent their careers in Texas journalism and helped, advised, guided and directed other journalism teachers in the state.
- *Texas Journalist of the Year* honors a graduating senior for their work on publications throughout their academic career. The winner and runners-up are recognized at the ILPC Spring Awards Ceremony.

HOW WE PAY IT FORWARD:

- \$1,500 Bill Taylor Memorial Scholarship for the Texas Journalist of the Year. The Texas JOY is entered in the Journalism Education Association's national competition.
- \$1,000 scholarships awarded to four graduating seniors
- Six \$150 summer workshop scholarships for students
- Three \$250 summer workshop scholarships for teachers
- Scholarships for students to attend Fall Fiesta

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Teach sessions at Fall Fiesta.
- Judge Fall Fiesta contests.
- Critique publications for Fall Fiesta.
- Judge Best in Texas contests.
- Mentor other advisers.
- Run for regional representative or executive board.
- Join special committees on an as-needed basis.
- Share experiences and lesson ideas on the TAJE website.

CALENDAR

- Oct. 8-10, 2022* Fall Fiesta
- Oct. 28, 2022* Best in Texas Yearbook due
- Dec. 3, 2022* CenTex Virtual Invitational UIL Meet
- Jan. 29, 2023* Best in Texas Online News, Print News and Broadcast due
- Feb. 15, 2023* Deadlines for Journalist of the Year and TAJE Scholarships

HOW WE HELP STUDENTS SHINE:

- Fall Fiesta Best of Show contest for publications
- Fall Fiesta photo, video, design, writing and broadcast contests
- Fall Fiesta on-site critique feedback and student-led sessions in The Bureau
- Best in Texas competition for student work in yearbook, print news, online news and broadcast with category winners named Best of the Best
- Central Texas Invitational Virtual Meet co-sponsored with UIL
- Provide leadership opportunities for journalism students as New Voices officers and Student Advisory Panel members

Save the Date:

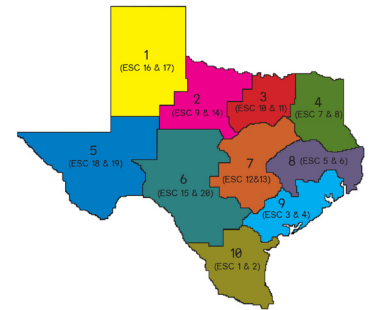
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TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF JOURNALISM EDUCATORS CONVENTION

Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk
October 8-10, 2022

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