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The Houston Area Teacher Center Presents the Houston Area Student Teaching Conference & Teacher Job Fair

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8:00-8:45
REGISTRATION
Conrad Hilton Ballroom, Hilton UH

8:45-10:00
GENERAL SESSION
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WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF PANELISTS
Teresa Edgar
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PANEL PRESENTATION
Karen Cossey
Teacher Recruiter
Spring Branch ISD
Kay Kerr
Human Resources Director
Channelview ISD
Andrea Kuhn
Human Resources Director
Cypress-Fairbanks ISD
Jeff McCanna
Officer of Human Capital
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Marty Moffett
Principal
Mae Smythe Elementary, Pasadena ISD

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW
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PRESENTATION OF DOOR PRIZES (sponsored by TSTA)
Texas State Teachers Association

10:15-11:15
Conference Session 1
Farish Hall

11:30-12:30
Conference Session 2
Farish Hall

12:30-1:30
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30-2:30 Priority Time for Fall Graduates
2:30-3:30 Open to All Attendees
JOB FAIR
Conrad Hilton Ballroom, Hilton UH
Expectations of a First Year Teacher
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Presented by: Jeff McCanna, Houston ISD; Andrea Kuhn, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD
Room: 101 (capacity 161)

Strategies for Getting Your First Secondary Teaching Job
An interactive workshop designed to help you land your first job. Strategies include proper etiquette and how to answer interview questions that put you on the top of every principal’s list. (For Fall Graduates Only)

Presented by: Robert Laird, Channelview ISD; Cindi Ollis, Channelview ISD; Lizette Castelline, Channelview ISD
Room: 211 (capacity: 50)

Teacher’s First Day/Week/Year
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Presented by: Kim Alvarez, Alvin ISD
Room: 213 (capacity: 50)

Excessively Stressed? Teacher Burnout and How You Can Avoid It
After being a student or clinical teacher, you have learned that teaching can be a stressful profession. Don’t let yourself get stressed to the point of burnout! Come learn what teacher burnout is, how to recognize it in yourself, and strategies for managing stress and avoiding burnout.

Presenter by: Elizabeth “Polly” Trevino, Houston Baptist University
Room: 215 (capacity 50)
**Special Education Teachers - Tips for Success**  
This workshop will provide effective strategies for the aspiring special education teacher. We will discuss how to interact appropriately with students in each of the 13 categories of disability and how to be an effective case manager. From the interview to the classroom, these are the topics that will make you a shining star.

Presented by: Gloria Roach, Channelview ISD; Kay Kerr, Channelview ISD  
**Room: 217 (capacity 50)**

**Tap Dancing on Legal Quicksand: How Not To Be A Target**  
This session will first address How Not to Become a Target—common sense teaching methods to lessen the chance of being accused by a student of child abuse or sexual abuse; second, it will address How to Permanently Remove Disruptive Students from Class, when the ‘regular’ discipline methods of the school district DO NOT WORK. Strategies will be given on how to use the State Law which gives teachers the authority to remove those students from your classrooms permanently.

Presented by: Susan Wilcox, Texas State Teachers Association; Dardon Ann Haxter, Texas State Teachers Association  
**Room: 218 (capacity: 50)**

**Maximizing Opportunities for All Students - Keeping the Fire Burning as a New Teacher**  
Reducing the failure rate, the dropout rate and maximizing opportunities for students to learn and self-fulfillment. And, the removing of barriers to maximize each students’ potential for intellectual academic development from the low achieving student to the high achieving student.

Presented by: Sergio Lira, Bellaire High School; Michelle Shoulders, Bellaire High School  
**Room: 219 (capacity 50)**

**The Path to Financial Security**  
During this presentation you will learn about creating an emergency savings fund and becoming a regular saver. You will learn about the true cost of credit card debt, your credit score and how to manage and eliminate debt. You will hear about how to invest for creating significant wealth during your career by utilizing concepts such as dollar cost averaging. And you will learn the elements of successfully planning your spending.

Presented by: John Lopez, University of Houston  
**Room: 222A (capacity 50)**
**Strategies for Getting Your First Elementary Teaching Job**
An interactive workshop designed to help you land your first job. Strategies include proper etiquette and how to answer and ask the “homing questions” that put you on the top of every principal’s list. *(For Fall Graduates Only)*

Presented by: Selina Chapa, Aldine ISD; Nathan Boughton, Aldine ISD; Raul Fonseca, Aldine ISD; Ruby Allen, Aldine ISD; Scott Corrick, Aldine ISD

**Room: 232** (capacity: 70)

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**Teaching English Language Learners in Texas: Teacher Certification Requirements, Texas Approved Instructional Models, and New Caney ISD Dual Language Model**
This session will help new graduates understand the state requirements for school districts in regards to ELL students, as well as requirements for teacher certification. After providing an overview of the mandated state requirements, participants will learn about the successful Dual language model being implemented at New Caney ISD.

Presented by: Eneida Elizondo, New Caney ISD, Celia Luna, New Caney ISD

**Room: 336** (capacity 50)
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How Teachers Can Be Successful Campus Leaders: Every Teacher Is a Teacher Leader
This session will provide insights into how every teacher can be a significant part of the campus culture and the success of all students. Strong and effective teacher leaders enrich campuses and provide the link between all stakeholders, purpose and practice. Let’s talk about how you can be a great teacher leader!

Presented by: Wayne Emerson, University of Houston  
Room: 131 (capacity 30)

Electronic Portfolio: Enhance Your Interview and Hiring Potential With an Electronic Portfolio
Enhance your interview and hiring potential with a show-case portfolio. This presentation will show you samples of an exemplary portfolio to give you ideas.

Presented by: Hsin-Hui Lin, University of Houston-Victoria; Lynn Freeman, University of Houston-Victoria  
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Standardized Testing: Tips and Tricks for Students & Teachers
Nobody likes standardized tests, but, unfortunately, we all have to take them at some point in our lives. This session will provide some general strategies that will not only help future teachers pass their certification exams, but will also provide techniques that can be implemented in the K-12 classroom.

Presented by: Eliz Markowitz, University of Houston
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Tips for Securing Your First Job
This break out session will provide information regarding the online application process with a school district. We will discuss follow up strategies once an application has been submitted. Ways to increase networking opportunities with administrators/school districts will be addressed. The session will conclude with tips for successful interviewing.

Presented by: Karen Cossey, Spring Branch ISD; Mike Gencarelli, Pasadena ISD
**Room: 232** (capacity 70)

Résumé Workshop
This hands-on résumé workshop outlines 10 steps to improving your teaching résumé. This workshop meets in a computer lab, so bring an electronic copy of your résumé to directly apply the recommendations outlined in this presentation. The presenter will read your résumé and provide you with personalized feedback.

Presented by: Colin Dalton, University of Houston-Downtown
**Room: 327** (capacity 20)

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Karen Cossey, Teacher Recruiter, Spring Branch Independent School District
Karen Cossey serves at a teacher recruiter for Spring Branch Independent School District where she oversees student teaching placements as well as recruiting and marketing efforts for highly qualified teaching personnel. She also serves as liaison between Human Resources and universities and is instrumental in organizing screening events and job fairs for the District. Her career in Spring Branch ISD has spanned 28 years. She served as an elementary teacher before assuming her current role in 2008.

Kay Kerr, Human Resources Director, Channelview Independent School District
Kay Kerr is an alum of UHCL with her Bachelors and Masters Degrees. She has served students as a teacher, librarian, and an administrator. Kay has been in Human Resources for the past 19 years staffing schools. She has also served as a former president of the Houston Area Teacher Center (HATC).

Andrea Kuhn, Assistant Director, Human Resources, Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District
Andrea Kuhn is currently one of three assistant directors for professional staffing for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. Her career in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD has spanned 37 years where she served as an elementary teacher and assistant principal before assuming her current role in 2007. She completed her Masters in Education Administration at the University of Houston.

Jeff McCanna, Officer of Human Capital, Houston Independent School District
Jeff McCanna is currently in his 26th year in education. He has served as teacher, assistant principal, principal, and director of human resources before assuming his current position as Officer of Human Capital for the Houston Independent School District. Jeff works with several national organizations focused on teacher equity for underserved students. He is presently working on his doctoral degree in Educational Administration and Human Resources.

Marty Moffett, Principal, Pasadena Independent School District
Marty Moffett serves as principal at Mae Smythe Elementary in Pasadena Independent School District. He brings nearly 40 years of experience serving students as a principal, assistant principal, teacher, basketball coach and football coach. He completed his M.S. at the University of Houston Clear Lake.
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