



TREA Newsletter | December 2024

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🎄 Tis the Season...

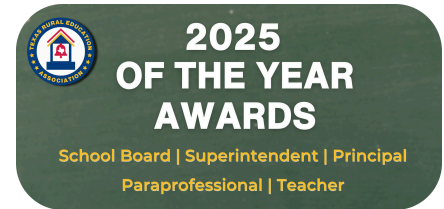
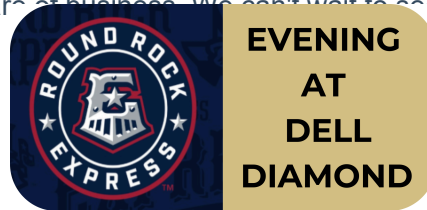
As the holiday season approaches, we want to take a moment to wish all our TREA members, sponsors, and friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! This is a time to cherish the warmth of family and friends, reflect on the achievements of the past year, and enjoy a much-deserved break. We hope you find time to rest, rejuvenate, and embrace the joy of the season. As we look ahead, we are excited for all that the new year will bring and can't wait to continue working together to achieve great things. Here's to a wonderful holiday season and an even brighter year ahead!

Registration is LIVE ⌚

We're excited to announce that registration for our annual conference is now open! Alongside conference registration, the hotel reservation link, student scholarship application, art contest form, Of The Year Awards

nominations, golf tournament registration, call for presentations form, and Round Rock Express Event sign up are now available.

Did you know your school board can receive their board training at TREA's Annual Conference and your staff can receive up to 10 hours of CE's? So many of you wear multiple hats in your district and community, that's why we go to great lengths to make our conference a family friendly event. Bring your spouse, kids, etc. for the non education activities. Don't miss out – start planning your conference experience now! This is always a fun filled and productive event where families are welcome to come enjoy the largest indoor waterpark in North America while you also take care of business. We can't wait to see you in June!



Other Events | Save the Dates

- **Rural Schools Spring Conference | February 25-26** TREA supports and works with ESC 13 for this event. [ATTENDEE/SPONSOR INFO](#) or questions: monica.paz@esc13.txed.net
- **Members Celebration Dinner | January 26 @5pm** Invitation Only Event for TREA Members & Diamond Sponsors. Didn't get the invitation email, check with Kasey (khyde@txrea.com) on the status of your membership.
- **Legislative Day at the Capitol | February 20** A dinner will be held the night before the event and a hotel block will be available.
- **9th Annual Silent Auction | June 23** The Silent Auction takes place during TREA's annual conference. Donations for the auction come from attendees, members, sponsors, etc. All proceeds go to the TREA Student Scholarship Fund. [MORE INFO](#)

NREA Elections | VOTE for TEXAS



TREA Past President | Jeff Byrd

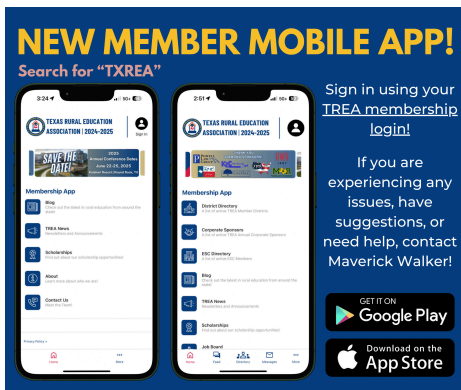
Two of our own Texans have been nominated for the NREA Board.

Mr. Jeff Byrd, TREA Immediate Past President and Superintendent of Dalhart ISD is nominated for Rural School Administrator. **Mr. Shawn Mason, Texas Tech University** is nominated for Member at Large.

Each current TREA member district and ESC is allowed *one vote. Everyone should have received the NREA email with the voting link. If you did not receive it please let us know. Voting will close December 31. Let's continue our great representation at the national level by voting.

*multi person NREA memberships get 7 votes

Download the Membership App for Conference Access



The TREA **Conference App** is integrated in the Member App! The app is live on all platforms and can be found by searching "TXREA". Your login is associated with your TREA membership login! Use this tool to stay on top of conference information, easily lookup contacts, , and be the first to know about any events coming up. Please download the app, login to see all the features, and turn on notifications to get important messages from us. If you have any issues, suggestions, or need help, reach out to Maverick Walker (mwalker@txrea.com).



New TREA Sponsors



GOLD SPONSOR | Lighting Projects Made Simple™
Musco has specialized in sports lighting and technology for nearly 50 years. Musco's TLC for LED® system, Show-Light® entertainment technology and Mini-Pitch System™ modular sports solution make responsible lighting affordable with unmatched quality, performance, and reliability, and every system is backed by a long-term parts and

labor warranty.

Visit musco.com/mckinney/ to learn how Musco helped create an unforgettable atmosphere in McKinney Independent School District's 12,000-seat football stadium or click [here](#) to find your Musco representative.

TREA Public Relations Program for ISDs

For the past 32 years, TREA has been committed to providing support for rural public schools in Texas! We continue to expand that support through new benefits & services. The TREA [public relations program](#) for 2024-2025 can offer a variety of services to create a customized package. The cost is \$2800 per year for TREA Member Districts, \$4,000 per year for non-member districts. This opportunity is limited to seven school districts. Contact [Maverick Walker](#) for more information.



TREA Buyers Guide Now Available

We are thrilled to release the 2024-2025 TREA Buyers Guide! This guide features businesses that proudly support Texas rural schools as TREA annual sponsors. Each company sponsors at distinct levels of giving, as outlined in the sponsorship tiers. We encourage you to explore the guide and support these organizations that have demonstrated their commitment to the success of Texas rural schools. Access the guide [here](#) and connect with companies that make a difference in our rural communities!

TREA Partners



Texas Space Grant Consortium

Space Teams Labs is a 100% [NASA-funded program](#).



- collaborate, communicate, problem-solve and work as a team

Space Teams Labs will provide middle- and high-school-aged students (grades 6-12)* a virtual portal to learn, collaborate, and engage in space mission design and simulation. Space mission virtual reality (VR) demos, such as spacewalking on the International Space Station, exploring the surface of any planet or moon, or experiencing artificial gravity on a rotating space station, will inspire and engage students to pursue STEM. In this collaborative space system virtual reality STEM educational experience, students will...

- conduct a human space exploration mission
- build their own spacecraft
- travel across the vast expanses of space
- create their own base
- explore a new planet
- find resources to sustain mission habitability

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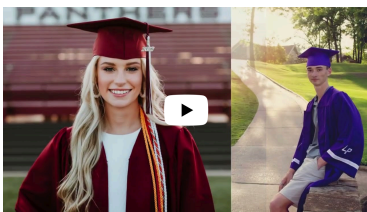
Don't forget to use TREA's [Job Board](#) for any and all of your district/ESC postings. It's part of your membership benefits! TREA Members reach out to [Kasey Hyde](#) for the code. Contact [Bonnie Walker](#) for questions about the Job Board.

Stay Connected with Us on Social Media

We're expanding our social media presence, and we want YOU to be a part of it! Follow us on Facebook, X, and LinkedIn to stay up-to-date on the latest news, events, and insights that matter most to rural education. Your interaction is key to building a stronger, more connected community, so don't forget to like, comment, and share! Join the conversation, share your thoughts, and be the first to know about exciting updates from TREA. Let's make an impact together – follow us today!



TREA | Leading the Way for Rural Schools



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With over 30 years of unwavering leadership, advocacy, and sustainability for rural schools, TREA maintains a steadfast commitment to supporting staff, students, and administrators in rural districts. Our members are part of a dynamic community that fosters collaboration and innovation. We are a network of like-minded individuals committed to enhancing rural education, sharing best practices, and overcoming challenges together. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to be part of a group that is making a lasting impact in the lives of students and the future of rural education. Join TREA today and experience the power of unity and progress!

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