

NETABSE NEWSLETTER

NORTHEAST TEXAS ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS

April – June 2018

2nd Annual NETABSE Middle School Conference February 9, 2018 at Texarkana College



Keynote Speaker
Dr. Kimberly McLeod

Conference Mission

The NETABSE Middle School Conference, “Helping Youth to Become Leaders/Educators”, will strive to promote the ideals of the education profession and encourage our youths to attain higher levels of academic, social, and principled character. The conference will endeavor to highlight all the careers available in a school district.

Conference Highlights

The NETABSE Middle School Conference focuses on creating, among area Eight Grade students, an interest in teaching. Keynote speakers were Coach Thurlon Sam Weaver, Head Men’s Basketball Coach at Arkansas High (TASD) and Dr. Kimberly McLeod, TABSE President, Asst. Superintendent of Education and Enrichment at the Harris County Department of Education. It seeks to emphasize the significance of choosing a career in Education through presenting well-known keynote speakers within the profession. In addition, outstanding community leaders from Texarkana’s local higher education institutions speak to conference attendees about their educational career aspirations and goals. Recognitions are also awarded to Eighth Grade teachers of the year who have had a positive impact on students. Conference courses for which students preregister are designed to create an awareness of what comprises becoming an educator. Such courses illustrate what to expect after attending high school, self-presentation during a search for employment, financial literacy, social responsibility, and more. The courses are taught by former and current educators, representatives from financial institutions, and local community members of varied professions, but with ties to Texarkana’s institutions of learning.

Purpose

NETABSE is committed to providing exceptional educational opportunities for all students, with an emphasis on closing the achievement gap of African-American students. We are also committed to creating a forum for the exchange of ideas and strategies to improve academic achievement.

“A teacher's purpose is not to create students in his own image, but to develop students who can create their own image.”

- Author Unknown



THANKS TO NETABSE SPONSORS

Texarkana College
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Nicole Brisco

Pleasant Grove's Nicole Brisco Named 2018 National Secondary Art Educator

The National Art Education Association has named Nicole Brisco, of Pleasant Grove ISD in Texarkana, TX, to receive the 2018 National Secondary Art Educator. This prestigious award, determined through a peer review of nominations, recognizes the exemplary contributions, service, and achievements of one outstanding NAEA member annually at the National level within their division. The award is being presented at the NAEA National Convention in Seattle, WA, March 22-24, 2018.

NAEA President Kim Huyler Defibaugh states, "This award is being given to recognize excellence in professional accomplishment and service by a dedicated art educator. Nicole Brisco exemplifies the highly qualified art educators active in education today: leaders, teachers, students, scholars, and advocates who give their best to their students and the profession."

NAEA is the professional association for art educators. Members include elementary, secondary, middle level and high school art teachers; university and college professors; education directors who oversee education in our nation's fine art museums, administrators and supervisors who oversee art education in school districts, state departments of education, arts councils; and teaching artists throughout the United States and many foreign countries.

For more information about the association and its awards program visit the NAEA website at www.arteducators.org.



In Other School Districts News



Senior Awards Assembly

May 10, 2018
6:30 PM

High School Media Center

Baccalaureate

May 20, 2018
6:00 PM

Macedonia Baptist Church



Texas High School Senior Awards Ceremony

May 17, 2018
6:00 - 9:00 PM

Sullivan Performing Arts
Center

OPTIONS Graduation

May 31, 2018

Sullivan Performing Arts
Center



In Other Higher Education News



The PATH Program at Texas A&M University-Texarkana is a mentorship program for African-American males and is designed to encourage and support students through guidance and engagement to enhance academic and personal success. For more information, contact Doneyne Smith, PATH Program Manager for A&M-Texarkana at (903) 334-6753 or via email at Doneyne.Smith@tamut.edu or <http://www.tamut.edu/Academics/Student-Support/PATH/index.html>.



Left to Right: 1) Tenequa Martin-EOC Specialist 2) Chad Moore-EOC Coordinator 3) Millie Serrano-EOC Specialist and 4) Lee Williams III-EOC Director

TEXARKANA COLLEGE'S EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY CENTER HELPS FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS COMPLETE ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Taking the first step to complete college admissions paperwork is one of the biggest barriers for economically disadvantaged and first generation students. Often, just learning how to jump through complicated enrollment hoops can be frustrating — especially if you are alone in the process. That's where the Education Opportunity Center (EOC) located at Texarkana College (TC) can help. The EOC is a federally-funded TRIO program providing assistance to underserved adults entering college for the first time. Trained advisors help students complete college enrollment and financial aid applications and choose college courses that will lead to rewarding careers. Although the program is housed at TC, advisors assist students with applications to the college or university of their choice.

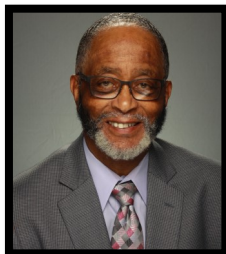
Lee Williams, Director of TC's EOC says the center is like a one-stop shop with all the resources and support you need to get started in college.

"The goal of the program is to help first time in college students start off on the right track as they begin their pursuit of a college degree or certificate," said Williams. "Whether a student is looking to earn a workforce certificate or academic credit towards an associate or bachelor's degree, we can help."

Resources also include guidance on earning a high school equivalency diploma (GED) and information for veterans seeking college credit. For more information about TC's EOC program, please go online to www.texarkanacollege.edu/educational-opportunity-center/ or call 903-823-3012.



President Message



Greetings to All! The Northeast Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (NETABSE) is a vibrant organization that works to bring about positive growth for all students of Northeast Texas, with a focus on helping those that are educationally underserved. To a great extent, African-American students nation-wide categorically experience unnecessary and frequently unavoidable challenges to learning. Thus, the NETABSE's emphasis is on narrowing educational gaps and continuously raising the bar towards excellence for all learners. When students, impacted by the NETABSE, become academically and socially successful, we are truly able to claim

our success as educational leaders, having provided them some of the very tools they need in order to attain the highest levels of accomplishment. Moreover, quality educators with a passion for teaching, the best available curricula, accessible and modern equipment, mentors, as well as an environment conducive to learning are some of the tools that provide students a clear pathway to school success and a promising future. The NETABSE is comprised of members of the following four Northeast Texas Independent School Districts: Liberty-Eylau ISD, Texarkana Arkansas School District, Texarkana ISD, and Pleasant Grove ISD. Texarkana College and Texas A&M University-Texarkana are also members as well as sponsors. If you would like to become engaged in advancing scholarship among all students, please join our team! Particularly, needing a boost of encouragement are those students that are most academically vulnerable. As an organization devoted to overall student development, the NETABSE believes there is a role for every dedicated participant. The NETABSE welcomes mentors and supporters from various groups such as fraternities, sororities, religious entities, and other organizations. Your contribution to service will help to build a stronger community and cultivate connectivity between the NETABSE and other affiliates. To help foster educational goals and growth of the NETABSE, as with any organization, financial support is crucial. In the process of making a difference in the lives of others, our affiliate is grateful for partners who are willing to provide support towards aiding college-bound students that are in need of financial assistance. For further information on how you may help or become a member, please feel free to visit our website from where you may also contact any NETABSE officer or associate.

Best regards,

James G. Kerton

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Membership Dues

- 📖 Student—\$10
- 📖 Retired—\$10
- 📖 Individual—\$20
- 📖 Corporate—\$200

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- 📖 Lee Williams

NOTEWORTHY DATES/EVENTS

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| 📖 Liberty-Eylau Graduation
May 24, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
First Baptist Church Moores Ln | 📖 Texas High Graduation
May 26, 2018 @ 2:00 pm
First Baptist Church Moores Ln | 📖 University of Arkansas at Hope-Texarkana
May 8, 2018 |
| 📖 Pleasant Grove Graduation
May 25, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
First Baptist Church Moores Ln | 📖 Texarkana College Graduation
May 10, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
First Baptist Church Moores Ln | |
| 📖 Texarkana Arkansas Graduation
May 17, 2018 @ 6:30 pm
First Baptist Church Moores Ln | 📖 Texas A&M University-Texarkana Graduation
May 12, 2018 @ 10:00 am
First Baptist Church Moores Ln | |