



NETABSE Newsletter

NORTHEAST TEXAS ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS

January—March 2020

NETABSE Executive Board

At the National Alliance of Black School Educators 47th Annual Conference

By Dr. Sandra Austin

November 13-17, 2020, several NETABSE representatives and board members attended the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas. The meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel where a host of eminent educators from around the United States and Canada engaged in enlightening sessions based on the theme “Empowering Educational Excellence through Equity!” Also, in attendance were NETABSE members Mr. Toney Favors (Texas A & M University-Texarkana) and Mr. Lee Williams (Texarkana College) who concentrated on seminars applicable to higher education.



NETABSE Delegates left to right: Mrs. Karen Brown, Dr. Sandra Austin, Mrs. Jo Ann Rice, Mrs. Jennell Ingram, Ms. Brittney Brookes, and Dr. James Morris.

The following were the conference workshop focus topics: 1) School Board and Superintendent Leadership; 2) Teaching and Learning the Diverse Learner; 4) Scaling Systematic Equity; 3) Results Driven Turnaround Approaches; 5) Professional Learning Examined. The session “Is My School, Team, Department, Division, or District Better Because I Lead It,” delivered by school leadership expert Principal Baruti Kafele, inspired educational leaders to examine why and how they lead. His presentation urged them to give attention to *the correlation between their leadership philosophy and style and what students experience in the classroom.*

NABSE founders were recognized at the Founding Members Celebration which featured musical performances by the Junior Division of the

Dallas Metropolitan Musicians Association (DMMA), as well as by soprano soloist Alfrelynn Roberts. Establishing an indelible impression on attendees was CEO of Educational Epiphany Dr. Donyall D. Dickey’s presentation “Transforming Student Achievement through a District-wide Approach to Common Instructional Knowledge, Language, and Tools”. His powerful delivery revealed how information should be communicated to students in order for successful learning to occur. In sum, NABSE involvement is to become not only challenged but also encouraged to strive to refine education and further learners’ productivity.

In Other School District News



**2nd 4A Division 2
UIL State Football
Championship
State Championship
Celebration**

February 1, 2020
PGHS • 3:00—5:00 pm



Winter Break

February 17—21, 2020

Code Jam/CTE Showcase

March 3, 2020

PGHS • 5:00—7:00 pm



TASD Kindergarten Enrollment Carnival

February 27, 2020

5:30—7:00 p.m.

Arkansas High School



Freshman Foundation Workshop

February 3, 2020

PAC • 4:30—5:45 p.m.

STEM Academy Parent Meeting

February 4, 2020

PAC • 6:00 p.m.

Latino Family Literacy Night

February 14, 2020

Westlawn • 6:00—7:45 p.m.



Liberty-Eylau High School Career and Technical Education Department 1st Annual Career Fair

The Liberty-Eylau High School Career and Technical Education Department, hosted the first annual Career Fair on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 from 8:30 to 3:30 in the High School Media Center. The event was designed to focus on careers/jobs that can be obtained with less than a four-year Bachelor's Degree.

Organizers used the activity to introduce students to careers related to their high school coursework and to help them identify the key skills needed in order to become a successful professional.

Students were afforded opportunities to develop skills in communication, self-presentation, and networking, preparing them for job interviews and other professional interactions.

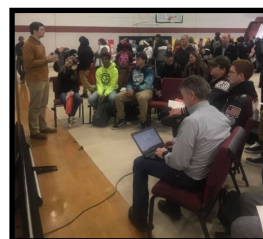
The school plans to make the fair an annual event that will help to develop relationships with area employers, which could lead to student internships, class visits, service-learning projects, and other work-based learning partnerships.

Area businesses were invited to set-up tables regarding multiple job opportunities in their respective industries. Event organizer and LEHS Counselor Doni Watson felt that the fair successfully gave students opportunities to interact with business leaders to help get an accurate perspective and introduction to the opportunities in our local area.

"We were able to provide our students with short presentations from local business leaders and owners about interview skills, appropriate dress, soft skills required in today's workplace." She said. "These professionals were gracious to directly respond to student questions regarding the joys and challenges of their profession and offer them individual advice on required training and Networking for their career choices."

Throughout the day industry leaders interacted with approximately 700 high school students, parents and teachers and had an opportunity to discuss firsthand the many career opportunities they offer. The following businesses participated in the event:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| • Express Employment Professionals | • Ledwell | • Arkansas Division Workforce Svcs |
| • Phillips & Sons Refrigeration | • LifeNet EMS | • Arcinie's Style Styling Salon |
| • Cornerstone Retirement Community | • Southern Refrigerated Transport | • Texarkana Texas Police Dept |
| • FCI | • Genesis PrimeCare | • Educational Opportunity Ctr (TC) |
| • PATH Program (TAMUT) | • UAHT Enrollment Specialist | • UAHT Health Sciences Dept |
| • Texarkana Aluminum | • Red River Credit Union | • City of Texarkana |
| • City of Texarkana-Fire/Police Dept | • Christus St. Michael | • Workforce Solutions NE Texas |
| • North Texas Job Corps | • Texarkana College - Recruitment | • Texarkana College - Community & Business Educ |
| • US Army | • USDA | |





35th Annual State Conference

Empowering Educational Excellence Through Equity

February 19 – 23, 2020

Hyatt Regency Riverwalk
123 Losoya St. • San Antonio, TX 78205



Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE) 35th Annual State Conference

WHO SHOULD ATTEND TABSE STATE CONFERENCE?

TABSE members, supporters, superintendents, principals, school board members, education human resource professionals, deans, professors, education department heads, administrative/educational support staff, teachers, parents, curriculum specialists, students, clergy, employers, job seekers and any individual or organization concerned about the education of our state's children.

The 2020 State Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk, 123 Losoya Street, San Antonio, TX 78205.

ABOUT TABSE STATE CONFERENCE

The Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE) is an affiliate of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) that is committed to promoting and facilitating the education of all students, especially those of African descent. In addition, TABSE seeks to establish a coalition of educators directly involved in the educational process of African-American students and create a forum for the exchange of ideas and strategies to improve opportunities for people of African descent.

More than 700 educators from across the state of Texas gather annually for the TABSE State Conference to attend professional development sessions and educational workshops.

Visit the following links for additional information:

- [Conference Packet](#)
- [Conference Schedule](#)
- [Conference Activities](#)
- [Reserve Hotel](#)

In Other Higher Education News



Black History Celebration Talent Showcase

*"Honoring the Past,
Vocalizing the Future"*

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

11:00 am—1:00 pm

Truman Arnold Student Center
Great Room



Spring 2020 Eagle Open House

Saturday, February, 29, 2020

9:00 am—2:00 pm

Register @

[https://admit.applyweb.com/
events/register/NPY852](https://admit.applyweb.com/events/register/NPY852)



PATH's Lead Big Winter Summit

Saturday February 1, 2020

Eagle Hall

9:00am - 2:30pm

Register @

[https://derekjmurphy.com/
leadbig/](https://derekjmurphy.com/leadbig/)

President's Message



On December 13, 2012, a group of dedicated educators chartered the Northeast Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (NETABSE) in Texarkana, USA. This organization, an affiliate of the National (NABSE) and the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE), was the dream of Mr. James Keeton and the late Mr. Dan Haskins, both outstanding proponents of education locally. For many years, they traveled to the national and the state conferences, envisioning the same engagement for education in Bowie and Miller Counties. The Alliances share the knowledge of the importance of eradicating problems that obstruct quality education for all children. To initiate a Northeast Texas affiliate of TABSE, representatives of the four Texarkana-area school districts, along with representatives from Texarkana College and Texas A & M University-Texarkana, met in the spring of 2012. With a focus on creating more awareness of the role of teachers and the need for quality education and support systems, NETABSE has fast-forwarded to having achieved its current strengths and service to youths. The NETABSE continues to grow, advancing its goals to improve quality of education. The organization has three primary goals: 1) To promote careers in Education to underserved student populations, to any Texarkana student interested in an Education career; 2) To develop and offer a scholarship in the name of Mr. Dan Haskins, as well as scholarships in honor of outstanding educators who have served in Texarkana ISD, Texarkana ASD, Liberty-Eylau ISD and Pleasant Grove ISD; 3) To increase awareness, support and membership in NETABSE from all area school districts, colleges and universities for the furtherance of service towards these goals. We at the NETABSE invite you all to partner with us to promote growth within our students and our community.

Sincerely,

Paul Norton

NETABSE Committees

- BUDGET AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE
- FUNDRAISING, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE
- CONFERENCE PLANNING AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE
- MEMBERSHIP AND NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION COMMITTEE
- SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
- SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Contact Us

Contact us if you require additional information about NETABSE or if you are interested in joining.

NETABSE

P.O. Box 5653
Texarkana, Texas 75505
Visit Us on the web at
www.netabse.net

Membership Dues

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

NOTEWORTHY DATES/EVENTS

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| Liberty-Eylau
Middle School Parent Night
January 28, 2020 @ 6:00 pm
District Leadership Team Meeting
February 4, 2020 @ 6:00 pm
High School Sadie Hawkins Dance
February 8, 2020 @ 7:00 pm
Winter Break
February 17-21, 2020 | TASD
Job Fair
March 7, 2020
Arkansas High School
10:00 am—12:00 pm | Texas A&M University-Texarkana
PATH and A Lady's PATH Black History Program
Thursday, February 27, 2020
Eagle Hall
11:00 am—2:00 pm |
| PGISD
Hawk Hustle
March 6, 2020
PGHS Indoor Facility
9:00 am—3:00 pm | Texas High
THS Hosts District UIL OAP
March 2-3, 2020
OAC
8:00 am—4:00 pm | NETABSE
NE Texas/SW Arkansas Middle School Conference
Texarkana College
February 7, 2020
9:00 am—12:00 pm |
| | Texarkana College
Black History Celebration Talent Showcase
February 25, 2020
Truman Arnold Great Room
11:00 am—1:00 pm | |