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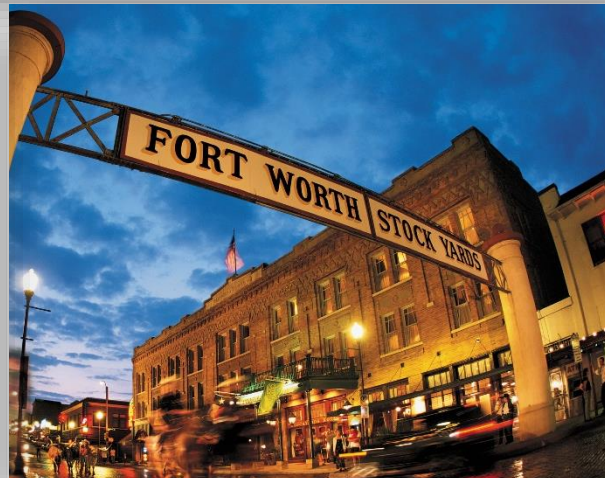
Variety of Session Tracks
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Presidents Dinner Keynote
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Fun Run, Golf Tournament,
Big Event and Piano Bar!!!

Opportunity to network
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News for Fall 18

Hello TACRAO Colleagues,

Fall is such a busy time for all of us and I hope yours is going well. The days are getting a little shorter, but my days appear to be much shorter and going by faster. Grin! It has been an enriching experience and an honor to serve our organization as president! I will cherish this time for the rest of my life.

I have been very lucky to have worked alongside such a dedicated group of TEC members. Our TEC meetings and discussions have been productive and we challenged ourselves to do more. My hat's off to you!!

The summer meetings were well attended. Thank you for attending and providing feedback through the surveys. Your feedback provides very good information for us to consider for next year. The presentations are available on the [summer meetings website](#). Thank you to the committee chairs and members for putting the summer meetings on for us.

The Ad hoc Committee reviewing the TACRAO Nominations and Elections process has submitted their recommendations. TEC has approved those recommendation and we will discuss them at the Town Hall meeting at the conference. A huge thank you to committee chair [Mary Kincannon](#), and

**Your Executive Committee is hard at work preparing for
TACRAO 2018: Blazing New Trails in Higher Education
November 4 – 7 in Fort Worth, Texas**

committee members [Jonathan Helm](#), [Melinda Carroll](#), [Rebecca Lothringer](#), [Lee Williams](#), and the Ex-Officio member of the committee, [Irene Robinson](#) for their excellent work.

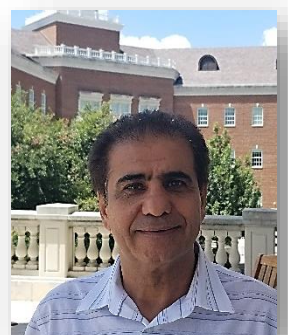
Your Executive Committee has been working with your Local Arrangements Committee to put together an amazing TACRAO 2018: "Blazing New Trails in Higher Education" conference for you. Our Vice Presidents have a rich and wonderful line up of presentations.

Your 2018 Local Arrangements Committee, led by Co-Chairs [Joy Frazier](#) and [Araceli Hill](#), has planned several great events; Battle of the Regions, Monday night Piano Bar, and the Big Event on Tuesday night. There is still time to register for the conference if you haven't done so already.

The Election Day is during the conference, so please remember to cast your vote during the early voting period before heading out to the conference.

See you all in a few short weeks!!

Joe Papari, TACRAO President





It's almost here! The 2018 TACRAO Annual Conference will be held at the Fort Worth Convention Center, November 4-7, 2018.

Visit the [conference website](#) for additional details.

Immediate Past President

My time on the TEC has just zoomed by so quickly. It is hard to imagine that it has been three years and that this is the last article I will write as an officer of TACRAO. I want to thank the membership for bestowing upon me the honor to represent you as your Treasurer, President-Elect, President and now Immediate Past President. I have had the time of my life serving on the Executive Committee and I will take with me so many wonderful memories. I want to thank [Chuck Kettlewell](#), [Darla English](#), [Joe Papari](#), [Sofia Montes](#), [Paige Bussell](#), [Leticia Bazan](#), [Andi Liner](#), [Dara Newton](#), [Jeremy Dorman](#), [Michelle Walker](#), [Brenda Schuman](#), [Maggie Hinojosa](#), [Griselda Castilla](#), [Joy Frazier](#), [Araceli Hill](#), [Lori Zerr](#) and [Scott Branum](#) for the love and support these past three years – you all have blessed my life beyond measure! I am truly honored to call you my colleagues, my comrades and my friends.

In the next few weeks, our Newcomers Committee will be preparing a wonderful event to welcome our First-Time attendees to the TACRAO Conference in Fort Worth. New members will be paired with a seasoned member to help in making their first time attending a great experience. Please keep an eye out on the listserv for more detailed information. We need dedicated members to answer the call, so please consider being a mentor to a new member.

See you in November!

Irene Robinson, Immediate Past President





Greetings TACRAO Members,

I hope your fall semester is off to a great start! The entire TACRAO Executive Committee looks forward to seeing you in a few months at our annual conference in Ft. Worth. This year's conference promises to be one of the best yet and there will be many outstanding sessions offered by our membership.

TACRAO membership invoices for 2018-2019 were distributed to your primary institutional contact member in August. If you have not already done so, please remember to submit your 2018-2019 membership dues soon! If your institution has not submitted payment by September 30, 2018, you will lose access to the college day/night program, so do not delay in submitting payment. Payment may be made via tacrao.org by the primary TACRAO member or a check can be mailed to the address on the invoice.

Also a reminder that several institutions have not yet submitted payment for the 2017-2018 TCCNS support fees. These invoices can also be paid by the primary TACRAO member at tacrao.org. TCCNS support fees for 2018-2019 will be disseminated in November 2018.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need additional information. I look forward to seeing you all in Ft. Worth in November.

Best,
Brenda Schuman, Secretary

Treasurer

Hello TACRAO!

I trust that the Fall 2018 semester is off to a great start for everyone. The LAC 2018 is hard at work finalizing details for our upcoming conference in Fort Worth. Make sure you have made plans to attend this conference! I will be working on the annual financial reports to submit to the Audit Committee for their inspection. Also, updates to the Treasurer's procedure manual will be made as needed for your next Treasurer.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Treasurer for the past two years. I still remember the day I received the call from the Nominations Committee asking me to serve. I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know others from across the State of Texas through TACRAO. I had the opportunity to have wonderful leadership from Past President **Irene Robinson** and President **Joe Papari**. TACRAO made great strides during their tenure.

TACRAO is financially strong due to the TEC and their diligence in ensuring that we remain cost conscious to bring you another balanced annual financial report. Please do not hesitate to contact me concerning the finances of the organization or any questions that you may want to ask.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Fort Worth!

Jeremy Dorman, Treasurer



West Texas

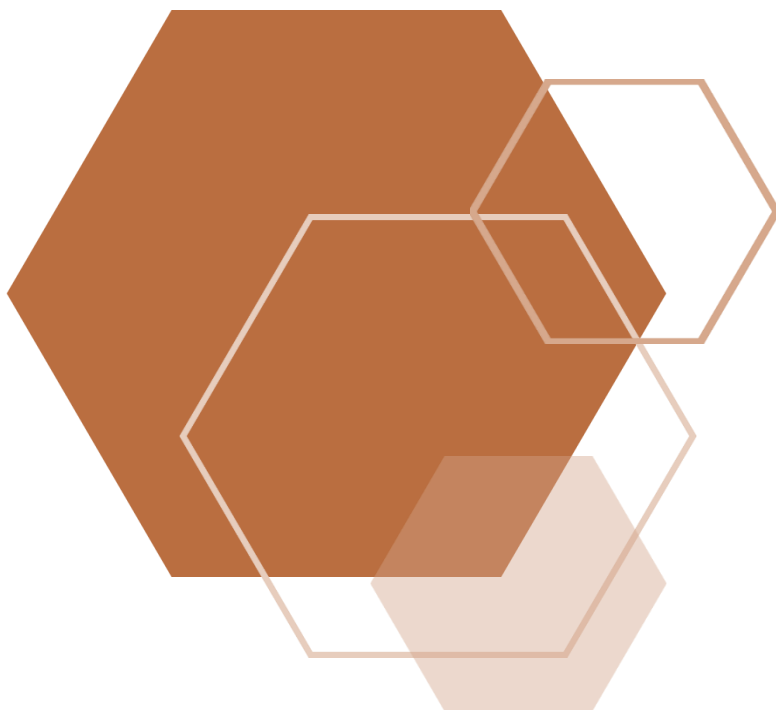
By Diane Brice

Angelo State University

Looking for a new school? Angelo State University has a position open just for you. Assistant Director of Admissions – Recruitment: This staff member will supervise 6 admissions counselors and associated recruitment activities. Go to <https://employment.angelo.edu/postings/2671> for more details.

Amarillo College welcomed more than 500 "THRIVE Scholars" this fall semester. The Thrive Amarillo Scholarship Program is made possible through a unique partnership between Amarillo College, Amarillo Area Foundation, Amarillo Economic Development Corporation, and Amarillo Independent School District (AISD). THRIVE is available to students from all four AISD high schools who graduate with a GPA of 80% or higher. THRIVE Amarillo provides eligible students a last-dollar scholarship, meaning the scholarship will cover the cost of tuition, books and mandatory fees not covered by the Pell grant and other tuition assistance programs. Students may use the scholarship at Amarillo College for up to 60-hours of course credit. The goal of this program is to increase the educated workforce in the Amarillo community and give more students access to living wage jobs.

Stop now and register for the November conference if you have not already done so. Lots of sessions are being planned just for you.





East Texas

By Lynda Langham

Kilgore College

Kilgore College celebrated the career of Assistant Registrar, **Pam Davis** (a.k.a Miss Kitty) at her Aug. 30 retirement party. When asked what the next stage had in store, Miss Kitty said she intended to "take the next stage out of town." Pam plans to travel and devote more time to her antiquing hobby. Pam will be missed at Kilgore College.

Our admissions-international specialist, **Estonia Graves**, assumed the role of assistant registrar in mid-July and trained with Pam Davis over the summer. Estonia holds a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Texas at Tyler and brings eight years of higher education experience to the position. She is excited to attend her first TACRAO conference this fall. Effective Sept. 1, **Chris Gore** was named the director of enrollment management and registrar.

Stephen F. Austin State University

Two historic milestones are being celebrated this month at Stephen F. Austin State University. In addition to the 95th anniversary since its founding in 1923, the university has marked its first enrollment of more than 13,000 students.

SFA also celebrated the grand opening of the Ed and Gwen Cole STEM Building July 24, 2018. It was a great day for the university as we brought this wonderful new facility online. The building houses the Department of Physics, Engineering and Astronomy; the Department of Computer Science; a new SFA planetarium with a 52-foot dome; and makerspaces — areas that allow students to collaborate and create prototypes or other manufactured works.

The facility also features a machine shop, research laboratories, multipurpose labs, computer labs, collaborative classrooms and a terrace equipped with telescopes.





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TACRAO offers many ways to get involved. By being part of this organization, higher education professionals have a chance to learn best practices, increase their network, stay abreast of legislative issues, and trouble shoot policies and processes. But perhaps the greatest benefit to TACRAO is the friendships made across the state. If you haven't been involved, or it's been a while, I invite you view the various opportunities listed to the left. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Thank you for reading.

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