



Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators

## February 2024 Update

### Spring Conference Teacher Education Day at the Capitol Start Thinking about Fall Conference Now

#### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

To all who had some trouble accessing it, the problem has been corrected. We apologize for the inconvenience that some of you experienced.

### Spring Conference to Focus on Partnerships that Can Encourage More Interest in Education Careers

Conference is **WEDNESDAY, March 20**

**Register here for the pre-conference rate of \$75 (members and K-12 Partners); \$100 (non-members); or \$50 (students).**

Experience the energy of PAC-TE's annual spring conference! Prepare to be on the edge of your seat as we delve into the world of effective partnerships that have the potential to empower both teacher candidates and new educators to conquer the ever-changing and occasionally daunting realm of education. Brace yourself for an epic encounter with our remarkable keynote speaker, Dr. Rebecca Burns, as she ignites a fire within you to reach new heights in your teacher education journey. But that's not all! Prepare for PDE updates, relevant sessions on instructional coaching as the ultimate tool for

#### **NOTE:**

No Travel costs needed for this virtual event!  
**On March 6, registered attendees and speakers will get full access to the conference agenda and other helpful information, including instructions for downloading and using the app or its web version. Register early for the best price.**

teaming up educator preparation with cooperating teachers, and explorations of valuable partnerships with school counselors and social workers. Get ready to embark on this unforgettable conference adventure! **Act 48 credits available.**



### Speakers:

Dr. Rebecca Burns  
Dr. Carissa Pokorny-Golden  
Dr. Katina Moten  
Dr. Thomas Conway  
Dr. Greer Richardson  
Dr. Jennifer Kirk

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Clever, and  
Courageous  
Connections to  
Deepen the Pool*

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## Teacher Education Day Details and Registration



The day's tentative schedule:

8:30-9:00 a.m. - Arrival & Orientation  
9:00-11:00 a.m. - Meetings with Legislators  
11:00-12:00 noon - Press Conference in the Rotunda  
12:00-2:00 p.m. - Meetings with Legislators  
2:00-3:30 p.m. - Lunch and debrief  
(Temple Harrisburg Campus, across the street from the Capitol building)  
3:30 p.m. - Closing & Departure

The 2024 Teacher Education Day (TED) in Harrisburg has been expanded this year to include greater advocacy and the support of like-minded professional organizations. This year we are joined by the Pennsylvania Educator Diversity Consortium (PEDC) and the PA Council for Administrators of Special Education (PA CASE). Join us at this annual event, where we share information and perspectives on our work with your state legislators. Plan to attend on **Tuesday, April 9**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Attendees must register [here](#).

Let us know if you plan to bring any students with you.

Preparation sessions are planned, at which you can learn how to

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Forget to submit your scholarly article for consideration in the *PA Teacher Educator* journal? [Click here](#) .

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**Start Planning for the Fall Conference Now**  
**PAC-TE's Teacher Education Assembly (TEA) will take place**  
**October 23-25 in person at the Best Western Premier The Central**  
**Hotel & Conference Center in Harrisburg. The call for proposals is**  
**reproduced below:**

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## **Call for Proposals for Fall 2024 Conference**

**Due by March 31, 2024**

**Please consider being a speaker or part of a team of speakers/panelists**

**The Conference Theme is *Glow Up or be Canceled: Responding to Gen Z* 😊**

The TEA conference committee welcomes proposals that illustrate how educators can design and implement learning spaces and experiences that honor the needs and preferences of Generation Z, or Gen Z for short, a cohort of individuals born between 1997 and 2012, who are currently reshaping the world with their digital savvy, social activism, and diverse identities. Proposals can offer conference attendees a glimpse into how Gen Z students are leading positive changes in areas such as leadership, entrepreneurship, and advocacy, where they coexist.

Proposals may showcase how to use technology to enhance learning outcomes, how to balance collaboration and autonomy in the classroom, how to appeal to the sense of community and inclusivity of Generation Z, and how to address the challenges and opportunities posed by the changing world.

As you submit your proposal, please think about sharing your stories of transformation in any level of education from PreK-12 to higher education through these themes:

**1. Teacher Education and Professional Development:** This strand examines how teacher education and professional development can prepare and support teachers to meet the digital literacy, social justice, and personalized learning needs and expectations of Gen Z learners. It

explores the best practices, innovations, and challenges of designing and delivering effective and relevant programs in the 21st century.

**2. Teacher Leadership and Advocacy:** This strand explores how teachers can become leaders and advocates for themselves, their students, and their profession in the face of changing policies, standards, and expectations. It discusses the skills, strategies, and opportunities for teachers to influence and shape the educational landscape and to promote positive change and improvement in their schools and communities.

**3. Teacher Well-being and Resilience:** This strand investigates how teachers can balance their personal and professional aspirations in the digital age, while adapting to a diverse and collaborative teaching context. It evaluates the origins and effects of teacher stress, burnout, and attrition, and how teachers can boost their well-being and resilience through self-care, mindfulness, and social support. It also considers the demands and preferences of Gen Z learners, who seek flexibility, relevance, genuineness, and social justice.

[Click here](#) or go to <https://forms.gle/mxR4mEeKmT9eK48K9> to access the proposal submission portal.

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## Dates for Your Calendar

**March 20 PAC-TE Spring Conference (virtual)**

**April 9 Teacher Education Day at the Capitol**

**October 23 -25 PAC-TE Teacher Education Assembly, at Best Western Premier The Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg**

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AACTE and PAC-TE collaborate to strengthen their advocacy efforts, share experience and expertise, and expand their members' professional development opportunities. To this end, our Chapter's relationship with AACTE is a voluntary affiliation that allows us to advance our members' interests.



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