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Take Care of this ONE To-Do Today

PAC-TE members, please vote today in our annual election for Board of Directors seats. Two of the seats are competitive, and your vote could make the difference. You have until November 12 to submit your ballot. Vote [here](#). Thanks to all who stepped up to run.

Fall Conference is a Success!

With a whopping **89 conference sessions, 4 meetings, 144 different speakers** and presiders, and **282 total attendees**, this year's TEA delivered on its mission. All but 7 member institutions were represented, in addition to attendees from 14 non-IHE entities. PAC-TE thanks all who attended! For those who signed in to the event app Whova (pronounced "who" + "vah", mixing the English "who" with the Spanish word for "goes"), you will have continuous access for 60 days. Presentation slides or other documents that couldn't be uploaded to Whova will be made available to you on our website, pac-te.org in the coming days.

If you want to be part of the planning committee for next year's event, please email your interest to Conference Chair Samantha Weiss, at samanthabweiss@gmail.com, and cc PAC-TE's Executive Director, Joel Geary, at joel@pac-te.org.

If you were not able to attend, consider asking a colleague about the highlights and any takeaways that you might be able to use in your work.

One huge success was the presentation of PAC-TE's prestigious Professional Achievement Awards. This was the first year in recent memory that we had winners in every category. We also presented \$1500 scholarships to two (2) undergraduate certification students.

Here is a list of PAC-TE award recipients:

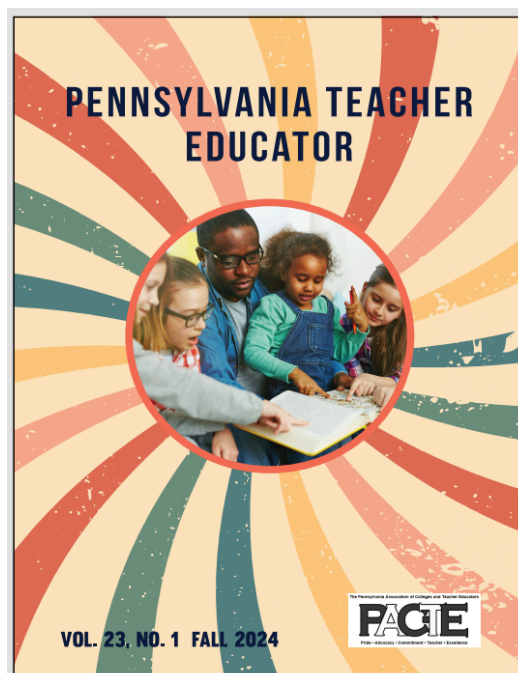
2024 RECIPIENTS OF PAC-TE AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- + **Teacher Educator of the Year:** Oliver Dreon, Millersville University
 - **Outstanding Dissertation:** Richard Levy, St. Joseph's University
 - **Exemplary Service/Partnership:** University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg (Melissa Marks & Jessica McCormick and the Superintendent Speaks workshops)
- Distinguished Research: Ana Bogota, Kutztown University
- Executive Directors' Scholarship:**
Erika Christeleit, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
Julia Fallows, Millersville University
- PAC-TE Friend of Education Award: Laura Boyce, Pennsylvania Executive Director for TEACH +PLUS

We look forward to another full slate of awardees next fall! Make a note to yourself to nominate someone.



PAC-TE's Journal is now accessible [online](#) and can also be purchased as a hard copy. Manuscript submissions for Fall 2025 are due by February 20, 2025. For further details, please email Jason Hilton at jason.hilton@sru.edu.



IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW:

- March 26: PAC-TE Spring Conference (virtual) Register [Here](#) and save \$.
- Spring Advocacy Day at the State Capitol – date to be determined. Stay tuned.

NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FOR CULTURALLY RELEVANT AND SUSTAINING EDUCATION (CRSE) COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE!

As of 2022, the Pennsylvania Department of Education requires educator preparation programs to integrate nine CRSE Competencies into their courses. **What does this look like in practice?**

Join a community of teacher educators to support your work integrating the CRSE Competencies! Highlights include:

- A **structured, supported process for course revision** to ensure deep alignment with the CRSE Competencies
- **Learning more about the Competencies** and what they look like across all content areas
- **Sharing of resources** for each Competency, to both deepen your own understanding and integrate directly into your courses
- **Problem-solving support and camaraderie** as you navigate any challenges that occur in your implementation of the Competencies
- **Stipends available** for participation



COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE MEET MONTHLY FOR 90 MINUTES BETWEEN OCTOBER 2024 AND MAY 2025. DATES AND TIMES WILL BE PRE-SET FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF MEMBERS. **TO LEARN MORE AND SHARE YOUR INTEREST, PLEASE COMPLETE [THIS FORM](#).** QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO LUCA POXON AT LUCA.POXON@TEMPLE.EDU.