

## News Release

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## Texas Alliance of Black School Educators Hold 35th Annual State Conference

(San Antonio, TX) More than 600 educators from across Texas descended on San Antonio to discuss educational opportunities for African-American students and how to better support African-American educators. The 35th annual Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE) conference, "Empowering Educational Excellence through Equity," brought together African-American superintendents, principals, teachers, and other district leaders for three days of professional development and celebration.

Outgoing president Dr. Kimberly McLeod said, "It has been an honor to serve this organization and work closely with some of the best educators in our state. During my time as president, one of my key areas of focus was strengthening our ties and exposure with Texas legislators. I am proud to say that our elected officials have a better understanding of the impact the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators has on our school systems across the state and our organization's role in supporting all students, especially students of African descent and growing educational leaders."

During the three day conference, workshops for aspiring superintendents, athletic directors, and principals were held to give attendees first-hand knowledge and tools on how to advance their careers. Kandance Maria White from the Ft. Worth Area Alliance of Black School Educators was named TABSE Teacher of the Year, and the organization installed Dr. David Harris from Galena Park ISD as the new TABSE president.

A Founders' Day luncheon featuring Columbia University professor Dr. Yolanda Sealey-Ruiz helped kick off the conference, and education thought leader Baruti Kafele spoke to principals and principal supervisors about 21st-century leadership.

More than 79 school districts were represented, and Chartwells, TCG Holding LLP, and Mind Research Institute served as conference sponsors. TABSE will host its next annual conference on February 17-21, 2021, at Horseshoe Bay Resort, near Austin, TX.

For a photo recap of the 35th annual state conference and more information on TABSE, visit www.TABSE.net.