

Texas Regional Collaboratives for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching



HONORING THE TEACHERS

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PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

Dr. Jim Roberts

Project Director, UNT Regional Collaborative

WELCOME

Dr. Gretchen Bataille

President, University of North Texas

TEXAS REGIONAL COLLABORATIVES STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

Dr. Kamil A. Jbeily

Executive Director, Texas Regional Collaboratives
The University of Texas at Austin

GREETINGS AND REMARKS

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

Dr. Howard C. Johnson

Provost

AT&T FOUNDATION

Holly Reed

Senior Vice President, External Relations, AT&T Texas

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honorable Florence Shapiro

Texas Senator, District 8

Chair, Senate Committee on Education

VOICE OF THE TEACHERS

Dr. Sandra Ninemire, Carrollton ISD

Brian Long, Keller ISD

Charlotte Haun, Ft. Worth ISD

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Presentation of Certificates of Achievement as evidence of dedication
to life-long learning and commitment to the teaching profession.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



The Honorable Florence Shapiro

*Texas Senator, District 8
Chair, Senate Committee on Education*

“It is absolutely my honor to be here, to be able to encourage you to continue along the road that you have already taken. To each and everyone of you I say: “Charge on, keep doing what you are doing, keep working towards that goal, raise the standard, and bring ten or twelve people just like you into the field of science, into the field of mathematics.

It is so important for the future, not only of your own students, not only of your own school district, not only for the State of Texas, but for the United States.”

Senator Florence Shapiro

SPEAKERS



Dr. James Roberts
Project Director
University of North Texas
Regional Collaborative

The teachers in America are not honored to the same high level as in other nations. This is probably due to the way in which our teacher programs developed because of the pioneer days when the community teacher was generally a young, unmarried woman who was teaching until she found a husband. The teachers in our program are reminded by me that “teaching is also an honorable profession” and much to be desired for men and women who will rise to the highest “calling” in their lives, providing an education for the youth of the nation. The youth of the nation is our greatest resource and those who work with them are doing a great service to the nation.

Dr. James Roberts



Kamil A. Jbeily
Executive Director
Texas Regional Collaboratives

“The teachers are the key for the future of this nation. If we are to stay the greatest country on earth, it is absolutely critical that we value, honor, support, appreciate, and make sure that our teachers in the classroom have the support that they need to help all of our students achieve to the highest standard in science, mathematics, technology and engineering education.

Our future depends on it.”

Dr. Kamil A. Jbeily

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Dr. Howard C. Johnson
Provost
University of North Texas

“The most critical element in the structure of effective educational program is the teacher. A well prepared teacher can use even inadequate structured programs to build an educational program to significant merit.

As we are here to celebrate, not just average, but excellence in terms of learning and teaching in science, I am honored and delighted to be a part of such occasion.”

Dr. Howard C. Johnson



Holly Reed
Senior Vice President, External Relations
AT&T Texas

“When I first heard about the Collaboratives many years ago, and I thought: science, mathematics, technology, engineering; how could AT&T not be part of this?

We have to be part of this because you are training our workforce. What you are doing today is preparing our future workers. Thank you so much. We are proud to be your partners, we are proud to work among you and with you, and we plan to be your partners for a long time.”

Holly Reed

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Athena Bivens
The Colony



Sandra Ninemire
Carrollton



Kathy Hootman
Sanger



Dawn Chegwidden
Flower Mound

"We have had many opportunities to participate in hands-on science experiments in the labs at UNT, and we have also received a fantastic collection of books to aid in our instruction as teachers.

I have received wonderful bins of science equipment that I have shared with my teachers at school, and also some of the lesson ideas that I have gotten from the Collaborative.



Trisha Lana
Denton



Evalena Dorsey
The Colony

Two summers ago, I arrived with some fuzzy thoughts about teaching science and doing science activities. Now, I have more clarity of thought and practice in all of my teaching.

My students are focused, collecting data in every subject area, looking for patterns and drawing conclusions."

Sandra Ninemire



Deirdre Dykes
Ft. Worth



J'Nice Weiss
Bedford



Bethany Goerdel
Justin

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Brian Long
Keller

“The Collaborative has been instrumental in modeling me as a teacher.

Being in the Collaborative provides an environment for me to grow and develop as a learner. It exposes me to several talented professors, renowned in their fields.

Being in the Collaborative permits me to continue my graduate course work, it encourages me to journey places and attend science teaching conferences throughout the country. It teaches me how to write grants, it gives me equipment desperately needed in the classroom to conduct experiments that students really need to see.

Being in the Collaborative also introduces me to local and state leaders important to the education of our children.”

Brian Long



Marty Mills
Denton



Larry Schenck
Denton



Melinda Yoakum
Newark



Celia Palmer
Dallas

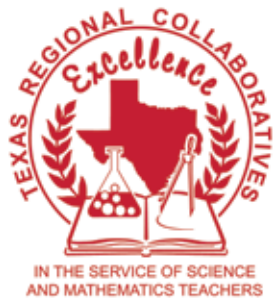


Charlotte Haun
Edgecliff Village

“The Collaborative has opened my world. During these past three years, I am having more fun than I can remember.

The Collaborative has provided me with a lot of hands-on experiments and resources. I now look at the world differently, more from a scientific view.”

Charlotte Haun



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