

# Texas Association for Alternative Education 27th ANNUAL CONFERENCE... A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thirty-eight workshops and THREE KEYNOTES were represented at this year's TAAE annual conference. DAEP's, AEC's, JJAEP's and a ton of workshops from topics on poverty issues, self paced instruction, games for teachers, connecting Nature to learning, Biology, resilience, blended learning and much...more! TAAE took care of association business this year and attendees all had fun along the way.



Supplies table area for "selfies" with friends

**(R) Keith Davis Keynote** held a very motivational and active audience participation program through out his packed room presentations. Keith and his friends spoke for 2 hours and then spoke another two hours with a completely different audience.



Every year TAAE holds a silent auction of donated items that are fun, unique, some made by students and some rare finds with funds generated going to the TAYLOR MARCEAU SCHOLARSHIP FUND.



**(L) James Irick from Copperus Cove ISD** wins a 2018 FREE Membership certificate presented to him by TAAE **President Emily Feagan** at this year's conference. Every year TAAE draws for a host of great prizes so lots of great prizes are drawn. This is TAAE's way of having fun and saying thank-you for supporting our conference.

**(R) Julia Engelking** (speaker) with Success Academy also won a FREE Membership certificate presented to her by TAAE **President Emily Feagan** at this year's conference.



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**\$50 Academy card winner!**



**\$65 bluetooth portable radio+ to Faye Haley**



**Ann Hughes \$270 CASH Winner!**



**TAAE lucky winner gets Bluetooth radio**



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2018 Incoming TAAE President **Peggy Little** from Marble Falls ISD bestows the *Past Presidents* plaque to **Emily Feagan** who has served TAAE faithfully through 2 years as Membership Chair, 2 years as Vice President, 2 years as President Elect, 2 years as President and will end her TAAE service with 2 more years as TAAE's Past President.

**MANY, MANY THANKS EMILY!  
CONGRATULATION!**



**Dr Adam Saez** our Friday morning keynote had a fantastic presentation and a very inspirational personal story.

**“The Power of a Teacher”**

**From a juvenile detention kid to two doctorates, training at Harvard and Oxford University his personal story will take you from profound lows and to soaring highs.**

His two life savers when he most needed help were his teachers and education. He transferred his hope and beliefs from his teachers into a new outlook on his life “going forward” and credits his teachers of that time with his life he enjoys today. Dr Saez message will compel you to engage your calling as teachers with passion, with purpose and a new vision of what a kid can become with your teacher guidance and time.

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Every year TAAE rotates officers on the TAAE Board to new positions or new candidates come from the field of TAAE's membership who have served two years on various TAAE committees to be eligible for the TAAE's Board of Directors.

This year **Jana McCollough** who had served as Treasurer for two years was elected to the position. Janna is from **Everman ISD** and shall serve as **President-Elect** of TAAE.

Also this year **John Schaefer** of **Mexia ISD** was nominated and will take the **Treasurer** position on TAAE's Board of Directors.



## THURSDAY KEYNOTE —ARIC BOSTICK

A former school teacher and coach who has now spoken to over a half million people and has been on television spreading the word about "Goal Setters Club Program" and Summer Success and Leadership Camps" came to TAAE. Today he is a full time motivational speaker. Everyone...should bring Eric into your school because he knows how to fire up teachers and students.

What a job **Aric (AKA) "Superman"** did for our TAAE annual conference in Austin this February. Teachers shouting, running around the room, everyone meeting and greeting new friends was pretty spectacular. Aric sold a ton of books after the show. Fun, Fun, Fun.



(L-R) Top row  
TAAE  
Board Members!

H.D. Webb,  
Emily Feagan,  
Peggy Little,  
Laurie Rath,  
Jamie Friday sitting on  
Jana McCollough



GREAT SILENT AUCTION ITEMS  
AND EVERYTHING WAS A SELL-OUT!  
MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO  
DONATED