

College of Education and Human Development
Academy for Teacher Excellence

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Dear Alumni,

The College of Education and Human Development's Academy for Teacher Excellence (ATE) at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) would like to take this opportunity to invite you to become part of our community of practice. As a practitioner you will take advantage of the continuous educational growth and development opportunities offered through ATE, a learning community of practice dedicated to improve the lives of children through continuous research. Some of ATE's goals are to find ways to improve the preparation of pre-service teachers, to provide mentoring opportunities for new teachers, and ultimately to increase the retention of in-service teachers, particularly of novice teachers who have graduated from UTSA. In determining the effectiveness of our programs, we must establish different ways of following up with the teachers who have received their training and education through UTSA's teacher preparation programs. As a graduate of one of the teacher preparation programs at UTSA, we invite you to establish a connection with us and other alumni.

By networking with others through ATE and sharing your practitioner stories, a link can be created to learn from each others' experiences. This will help us examine the theoretical preparation and professional aspects of your training and the practical applications you are putting to good use in your classrooms. By developing a mutually beneficial relationship, you can continue to evolve in your field through the continuous professional education seminars offered by ATE, and in turn ATE can learn about the teaching practices used in your classroom. This information will benefit faculty and staff at UTSA as they prepare future generations of teachers.

If you are interested on reconnecting with other UTSA alumni—teachers, please provide us your contact information by e-mail at ate@utsa.edu, telephone 210-458-6170, or link to the following website: http://ate.utsa.edu/info_request_form.html

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and we look forward to collaborating with you. Embracing this opportunity will help future generations of teachers and ultimately the students we serve.



Sincerely,

Lorena Claeys
Executive Director

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At this point we would also like to extend an invitation to you to attend our next STEMsation II Mini Conference on October 24, 2009. This conference is created for school teachers, staff, administrators and university faculty. It promotes the use of best practices in the teaching and learning of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) content areas. We invite you to experience sessions with exemplary lessons, strategies, and hands-on activities to engage students in the EC through post secondary levels demonstrating best practices that can be implemented in your classroom.

Event: STEMsation II Mini Conference
Date: October 24, 2009
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Place: University of Texas at San Antonio, 160 4 Campus, Main Building
Prizes: ATE Memorabilia, Classroom Materials & One Premium Give away of 1 Netbook for the lucky winner

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) clock hours available, no registration fee

Register directly at:

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEtJU2t6bU9xcmdOODd0SnpDN0J6dUE6MA>

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