

## Welcome to Fall 2022



[Watch Dean Edmonson's video message](#)

### COE Grad Student Orientation

All incoming graduate students are encouraged to attend this **virtual** event on August 15, to learn about SHSU, resources, and more. This session is specifically for students enrolled in graduate programs in the College of Education.

[RSVP to receive the Zoom link](#)

### Undergraduate Opportunity Fair

Learn what the COE has to offer at the Opportunity Fair! Join student organizations like **PSUN**, **TAFE**, or **BESO**. Learn about **4+1** and **YLR**. Get support from **TRIO** and information on scholarship opportunities.

**The Woodlands Center: September 7, 3-5 pm, TWC Sam Houston Room**

**Main Campus: September 12, 2:30-4pm, TEC 279**

Follow us on social media for more information!



### Bring Em' Back Kats - Annual Conference

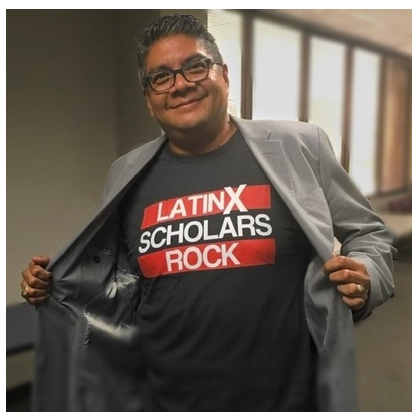
Bring Em' Back Kats is our annual professional development conference for recent graduates, novice teachers, and future teachers. This year's conference is being led by author and education thought leader Brad Weinstein! Earn 6 hours of CPE credit at this event! The registration fee is \$60, be one of the first 50 to register and receive a FREE copy of Brad's new book, *Hacking School Discipline: 9 Ways to Create a Culture of Empathy and Responsibility Using Restorative Justice*. [Register online](#).

## People of the COE



### Bearkat Teacher

Meet **Tiffany Luna**, a first generation bilingual teacher! "I have accepted a position as a first-grade bilingual teacher in Aldine ISD for the upcoming school year," Luna said. "My goal is to be the best teacher that Sam Houston's COE has trained me to be and to make a positive impact with my students. My college experiences molded me into the Bearkat teacher that I am today." [Read the article](#)



### Two Awards from Two Universities

Educational Leadership professor and founder of SHSU Unidos, **Dr. Ricardo Montelongo**, was recently honored by two different universities. He received the 2022 Outstanding Graduate Mentor award from SHSU, and the Robert H. Shaffer Distinguished Alumni award from his doctoral alma mater, Indiana University – Bloomington. Congratulations, Dr. Montelongo! [Read the article](#)

### Special Education Legislative Summit

Doctoral Student **Holly Moore** was the student representative for the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children at the Special Education Legislative Summit. The Summit was hosted by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) in Washington, D.C. Moore and six other Texas university representatives met with legislators on special education issues including IDEA appropriations, educator shortages, and funding for mental health.



### Backpacks for a Cause

The COE donated over 50 backpacks and hundreds of waterbottles to nonprofit organization [B.E. Blessed](#). B.E. Blessed was founded by Baily Cowart (pictured right). The backpacks will be donated to 12 schools across the Houston area. [Read the article](#)



### Charter School voted Best of the Best

SHSU's **Greengate Academy** was voted Best of the Best Charter School in the Houston area! Congratulations, Greengate Academy! Best of the Best is a platform run by the Houston Chronicle where Houstonians can vote for their Houston area favorites. [Read the article](#), [SHSU Charter Schools](#)

### Upcoming Events

#### Undergraduate Opportunity Fair:

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Main Campus (TEC): September 12, 2:30-4pm, TEC 279

**Living and Learning Community Bowling:** LSC Bowling Alley, August 29, 3-5 pm

[Bearkat Family Weekend:](#) September 16-18

**Football Tailgate:** Bowers Stadium, multiple days and times

[See all events](#)

### Dissertation Announcements

**Rachelle Pankey's** Dissertation Final Defense, "DYSGRAPHIA INTERVENTION: A MIXED-METHODS EXAMINATION OF A DYSLEXIC DYSGRAPHIA AND MOTOR DYSGRAPHIA INTERVENTION", has been scheduled for August 19, 2022 at 10:15 AM, at the Main Campus TEC Room 218. Dissertation Committee Consists of: Dr. Lory Haas, Dr. William Blackwell, Dr. Patricia Durham and Dr. Kristina Vargo.

**Gene Robert's** Dissertation Final Defense, "EX NIHILO: A CASE STUDY OF SELECT HIGHER EDUCATION APEX LEADERS AND THE CREATION OF A NEW COLLEGE", has been scheduled for August 22, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Huntsville Campus TEC RM 319L. Dissertation committee consists of: Dr. Julie Combs, Dr. Matthew Fuller and Dr. Forrest Lane.

[Announcement Details](#)



To be included in the August N3  
Share your news with the [COE Communications Hub](#) by noon on Monday.

*This email was sent to faculty, staff, students, and friends of the College of Education*