

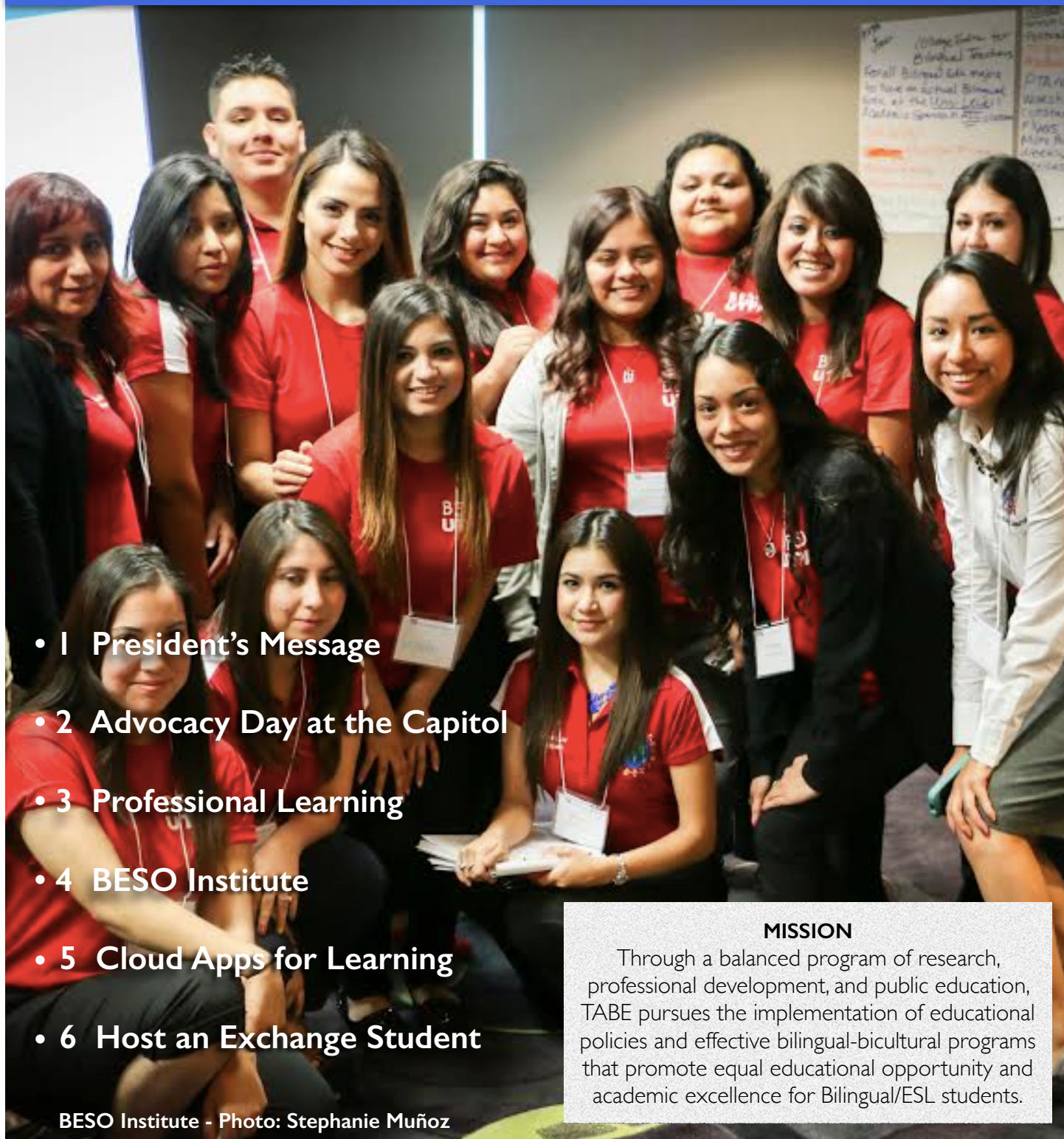


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MISSION

Through a balanced program of research, professional development, and public education, TABE pursues the implementation of educational policies and effective bilingual-bicultural programs that promote equal educational opportunity and academic excellence for Bilingual/ESL students.

BESO Institute - Photo: Stephanie Muñoz



President's Message



Vivian Pratt
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I would like to start by expressing how honored I am to have been your President for the 2014-2015 academic year. It has been a great year and we have accomplished much. I would like to acknowledge the diligent work of TABE's Legislative Liaison, Mr. Jesse Romero. Mr. Romero has been actively involved in the 84th Texas Legislative Session and has played a fundamental role in ensuring bills such as House Bill 218 proceed to the Senate for hearing and then on to our Governor for signature. The passing of this bill would allow for ESL teachers to teach the English component only in Dual Language programs. This allows for flexibility in schools and strong programming opportunities for Dual Language programs.

I would also like to thank Dr. José A. Ruiz-Escalante, TABE's Legislative Chair, for the guidance and unconditional support he provided

me this past year. Additionally, I would like to thank Dr. Escalante and the McAllen Conference Committee for a successful conference last October. I look forward to seeing many of you at TABE'S 43rd Annual Conference in El Paso, Texas. It will be held October 14-17, 2015. This year's conference theme is "Biliteracy, ¡Ya es hora!"

As my term comes to my end I would like to express my gratitude to all of the Executive Board as well as the TABE office staff. Executive Director José Hernández, Maria Alvarado and Joanne Limón are all dedicated, hardworking professionals who are advocates for all bilingual teachers and students in the State of Texas. I welcome our new Board President, Dr. María Arreguín-Anderson and the upcoming TABE Executive Board and wish them, as well as all of you, of a successful, rewarding and inspiring 2015-2016 school year.

Agradecidamente,

Vivian Pratt



TABE Advocacy Day at the State Capitol

February 23, 2015

TABE Executive Board members spent the day at the State Capitol in Austin, Texas visiting with elected officials on key issues that are crucial to the organization's mission. This includes advocacy for educational policies and effective bilingual-bicultural programs that promote equal educational opportunity and academic excellence for bilingual/ESL students. Participants spoke in support of immigrant rights and policies as well.

Three students who are products of solid bilingual programs in the San Antonio area also participated. They shared powerful, personal testimonies that validated that bilingual education truly works. These amazing students are all taking advanced placement (AP) courses. Bravo to those who represented TABE at the Capitol: Dr. María Arreguín-Anderson, Hugo Hernández, and Olivia Hernández!

A special thank you to Jesse Romero for planning and coordinating the event and for being a strong advocate for the rights of our language minority students.





Professional Learning

TABE 43rd Annual Conference

BILITERACY
¡Ya es hora!

October 14-17, 2015
El Paso Convention Center

[Call for proposals](#) is open until May 31, 2015

NABE 1st Dual Language Symposium

**Biliterate, Bilingual, Bicultural:
Competencia a nivel internacional**

Ana G. Méndez University System
Capital Area Campus
Wheaton, MD 20902

July 8th – 10th, 2015

For more information: Contact the NABE Conference Office
225-209-0224
www.nabe-conference.com
email: conference.nabe@gmail.com

Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test (BTLPT)

for university faculty involved in bilingual education teacher preparation programs

[Information Session](#)

May 21-22, 2015, at UT San Antonio

Sponsored by TABE



BESO Leadership Institute

Focus on excellence!



Stephanie Muñoz, UT Pan American
Jose Hernández, TAFE Executive Director

The Bilingual Education Student Organization (BESO) Leadership Institute took place on April 11th, 2015 at La Quinta Inn and Suites in San Antonio, Texas.

Approximately 68 students attended the event. They networked with other students, listened to keynote speakers and had opportunities to visit one-on-one with district recruiters. The BESO Leadership Institute was very successful. It served to empower and provide advocacy opportunities regarding bilingual education for future educators.

TAFE congratulates Stephanie Muñoz for her leadership in coordinating this event for her peers. Ms. Muñoz serves on the TAFE Executive Board as the Student Representative.



Going to the BESO Leadership Conference was truly inspirational! I learned so much about who I am and who I want to be. I will not find a more noble cause to advocate for than Bilingual Education.

- Amairani De La Cruz, UTPA



I would definitely encourage others to attend next year's BESO Leadership Institute because it helps you get your thoughts and feelings together as to why you want to become a teacher. This leadership institute reminded me that I'm taking this path to make a difference in my future students.

-Marilyn Infante, UTPA

Cloud Apps for Learning

¡Adelante!



There are many ways to utilize the many, mostly free, resources that are available online to maximize learning and engage students. Low cost, cloud devices and services have allowed many districts and schools to take progressive risks by moving toward digital learning. Why not leverage some of these digital tools?

Google Apps for Education

- ▶ Cloud-based documents, videos, books, collaboration and more. Platform-agnostic applications. It doesn't matter what type of device you have!



Khan Academy

- ▶ For students, teachers - free educational clips to learn at your own pace. Searchable by content!

Class Dojo

- ▶ Free student behavior tracking app. You create an icon for each student and then tap on the icon to note what is going on. Alerts may be sent directly to students, parents and administrators.

Google Hangouts

- ▶ Invite an expert in to your classroom via video, encourage collaborative learning 24/7, and meet with colleagues. This easy to use, free app allows video and voice for two or more people.





Host an International High School Exchange Student *Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State*

Would you like to have a cross-cultural experience in your community while contributing to improved relations between the United States and other countries?

If so, consider hosting an exchange student sponsored by the U.S. Department of State in your home or school. Each year, almost 2,000 high school students representing over 50 countries are awarded highly competitive merit-based State Department scholarships to study in the United States for an academic year. These promising young leaders live with American host families across the country, attend high school, and participate in extracurricular and community service activities. When they return to their home countries, they engage in alumni activities to share what they learned, put their new skills in practice, and maintain their links to the United States as they become leaders in their communities.

The benefits of hosting Department of State-sponsored exchange student go beyond simply welcoming someone new into your family or school and sharing American culture, values, and traditions. When you host an exchange student you welcome a new culture and language, and all the richness that comes with it into your community. Help a young person learn and grow, and create long-lasting relationships and memories. Learn more and fill out an interest form at hosting.state.gov or email us at youthprograms@state.gov.



Culture2Culture | Country2Country | Community2Community

To demonstrate the impact these students have on their host communities while in the U.S., the links below provide stories of students who have been chosen as Students of the Month for their program. Students of the Month are selected for their outstanding achievements in academics, community service, and sharing their culture. See links below to their stories and other news about our programs:

[American Serbia and Montenegro Youth Leadership Exchange \(A-SMYLE\) Students of the Month](#)

[Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange \(CBYX\) Students of the Month](#)

[Future Leaders Exchange \(FLEX\) Students of the Month](#)

[Youth Exchange and Study \(YES\) Students of the Month](#)



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**Visit the TABE Website for journals, BESO Tips,
research and many other resources**

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