



RLHS student attends education conference

It's no secret that the teacher pipeline is no longer leaking, it has burst and it's time for us to get serious about recruiting future educators! The pandemic accomplished two things: it fueled the lack of interest of new educators entering the profession and increased the teacher turnover rates. So how do we build the teacher talent pool with teacher recruitment? We support students interested in a career in education!

Over 200 high school students participated in this year's Rise and Teach Education Conference hosted by the Region XV Education Service Center and partners Angelo State University and Howard College on January 26, 2023. Among those represented included eighteen Region XV school districts, school sponsors, enthusiastic presenters in education, Angelo State University, Howard College and one of the most explosive speakers in Texas, Kate the Chemist (Dr. Kate Biberdorf). The conference's initiative is tailored to support the next great Texas educators, in assisting students who are intent on becoming aspiring new teachers, by support transition to higher education through partnerships with Region XV Education Service Center, Angelo State University, Howard College, educator professionals and their local community.

The one-day event hosted at Angelo State University included breakout sessions, a campus tour of ASU and a closing session with the presentation of nine scholarships. The opening session began with greetings from Region XV Education Specialist, Martha Saucedo, ASU's Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Ben Lion and Howard College Dean of Instruction, Ms. Lanna Hubbard, MS, LPC. This was followed by keynote speaker, Kate the Chemist. Kate has been featured on shows like The Kelly Clarkson Show and Good Morning America. She was an explosive hit!!

Students then attended multiple breakout session

geared to their grade level, including Region 15 Teacher of the Year, Sarah Willis, Angelo State Universities admissions and scholarships representatives, Howard College, experts in the field in education, the Texas Association of Future Educators (featuring TAFE State Program Director, Monica Oliver), and Region 15. Seniors spent the day in ASU's Education Department, where they attended classes, met professors, and engaged with current students in the program. School sponsors also had a chance to learn about facilitating conversations focused on how teachers will foster the inspirational spirit of the Education and Training courses in the face of the challenges of the profession. This session was conducted by Texas Education Agency's (TEA) Grow Your Own Program Director, Beth Burkhardt.

The closing session included the presentation of 9 scholarships. Students in grades 11-12 were provided the chance to apply for one Region XV scholarship for \$500, and 8 H-E-B scholarships for \$500. Cambreigh Fluhmann, a student at Robert Lee High School (second from right) was one of the students presented

with a \$500 scholarship. If you are someone in the community and would like to learn more about being a sponsor or helping with a scholarship, please don't hesitate to email martha.saucedo@esc15.net. One of the largest gifts we can provide is our support.

Want to learn more about Rise and Teach please reach out or visit our website at www.esc15.net/teach.



January 2023

Coke County Sheriff's Office answered 411 calls for the month of January 2023.

- Credit Card Abuse - 1
- Criminal Mischief - 1
- Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon - 1
- Driving While License Invalid - 5
- Theft - 1
- Harassment - 1
- Possession of a Controlled Substance - 1
- Warrant - 1
- Theft More Than \$100 Less



Farm Bureau! Abbigayle Smith, a student at Robert Lee High School, recently competed in the 2023 Farm Bureau AgVentures Challenge: Pitch It, Market It, Sell It Contest. She won the district round of competition and was selected as a top ten finalist, allowing her to continue to the state level. The top ten traveled to Farm Bureau headquarters in Waco to present their project live, where Abbigayle was chosen as one of the top six. She was awarded a scholarship and a trip to Washington DC this summer with her fellow finalists. Abbigayle plans to attend West Texas A&M and major in Agriculture Communications.

- Than \$750 - 1
- Burglary of a Building - 3
- Theft of Property More Than \$2500 Less Than \$30K - 1
- Fraud - 1
- Evading Arrest - 1
- Possession of a Controlled Substance - 1
- Tamper w/Physical Evidence - 1
- Sexual Assault of a Juvenile - 1
- Public Service (includes funerals, motorist assist, alarm calls, etc) - 218
- MHMR Interactions - 3
- Civil Process - 1
- Prisoner Transport (including arrest and to and from court) - 4
- Warrants Served - 1
- Livestock Calls - 11
- Accidents - 2
- Blue Forms Issued - 0
- Accident Assist - 2

- Traffic Stops - 140
- Traffic Stops Resulting in Citations - 76
- Total inmates in jail as of Monday, February 13, 2023:
 - Males - 4
 - Females - 3

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Let's Get to the Heart of the Matter!

February is dedicated to issues of the heart in more ways than one. In addition to Valentine's Day, February is American Heart Health Month.

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PROPANE SERVICE

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