

# THSADA NEWSLETTER

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## Executive Directors Report Rasty Dawling - THSADA



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the 47th annual THSADA State Conference and Professional Development Program. This promises to be another great conference as the professional development programs are a direct result of Athletic Administrator input and this is the first year implementing the Texas Athletic Administrator Certification program. The Texas Athletic Administrator Certification program (TAAC) was developed to create a certification program for Athletic Administrators specifically for and within the State of Texas. A group of retired and former Hall of Honor Athletic Directors developed the core concepts of the program and then it was expanded on by collective groups including but not limited to UIL staff, THSADA Professional Development Committee, selected Superintendents, Texas State Athletic Trainers Association and TAPPS staff.

The current school year got off to a great start in Houston in July where we held our annual FBR Sports-THSADA Hall of Honor Banquet and continued recognizing our original

THSADA founders who we inducted into the THSADA Hall of Honor: Tom Pruitt-Victoria ISD along with Mark Ball-Lubbock ISD and Bob DeJonghe-Keller ISD.

The Joe Gill Fox OGA Award was presented to long-time THSADA sponsor FBR Sports & Greg Schneider.

The FBR Sports-THSADA Athletic Director of the Year was presented to John Crawford-Mulholland ISD.

The Region Athletic Administrators of the Year were:  
Dr. Jordan Hatley-Amarillo ISD-Region 1  
Nancy Barber-Ector County ISD-Region 2  
Ron Reeves-Andrew ISD-Region 3  
Maria Barrow-San Elizario ISD-Region 4  
Vince John-Tomball ISD-Region 5  
Lynn Pugh-Austin ISD-Region 6  
Cesar Rojas-Wichita ISD-Region 7  
Budy De Los Santos-Marfa ISD-Region 8

The Kelly Reeves State Award of Merit was presented to David Reynolds-Helina ISD.

The NISAA OGA was presented to Sandra Howell-Globe ISD.

The NISAA Citation Award was presented to Tracy Neely-Sheriff of the UIL.

The Frank Kovalchik PE Award was

presented to Annette Knight-Dallas ISD.

The Monday morning THSADA general session saw the installation of the new THSADA Board of Directors and the newly elected President-Debbie Decker (Saty ISD). A new Board orientation was held Tuesday morning and included the THSADA Committee Chairs.

Another important part of these three months is the annual THSADA sponsorship drive and renewal process. The THSADA is very fortunate to have these companies and businesses that support and contribute to the efforts of Athletic Administrators and the athletic programs in the State of Texas. Currently our sponsor total is at 36 contributors. Sponsorships and the involvement of all our supporters is the main revenue generating component of the THSADA and allow us to keep our membership and registration fees to a minimum along with supporting the business of the THSADA such as travel, Board meetings and maintaining the THSADA office and staff. Currently the THSADA is over 900 members with the majority of those representing UIL schools and about 70 representing TAPPS schools. October saw the THSADA actively involved in the annual meetings of the UIL Legislative Council and meetings with UIL staff, TAPPS staff and other coaching associations discussing these issues and concerns significant to high school athletics in Texas.

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