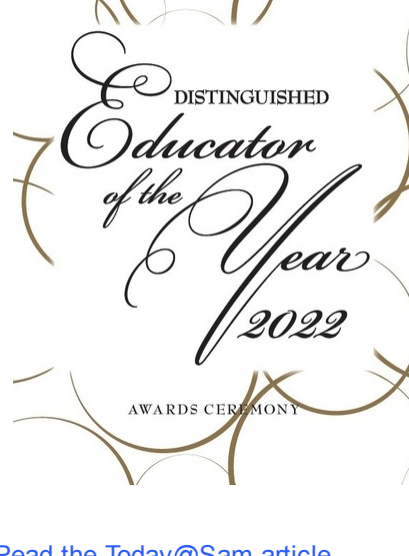


“You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems. Your goal is your desired outcome. Your system is the collection of daily habits that will get you there.”

- James Clear



## Distinguished Educator of the Year

Each year, the COE honors educators or friends of education who who have made a significant contribution to the field of education as Distinguished Educator of the Year. This year's ceremony is **this Saturday** in the Lowman Student Center White Ballroom and will honor 2021 and 2022 honorees. For information on attending the ceremony, please contact [Sherry Hirsch](mailto:Sherry.Hirsch@shsu.edu).

The 2021 Distinguished Educators of the Year recipients are, Mel Basham, Dominique Odom, Rhonda Mason, Kelsey Amaya and Alton Smith. The 2022 Distinguished Educators of the Year are, Clare Resilla, Leslie Gerberman, Kendra Wuest, Amy Schindewolf and Patricia K. Nash.

[Read the Today@Sam article](#)

## People of the COE



**Dr. Susan Harte** received the [ATE 2022 Distinguished Clinician in Teacher Education Award](#). Dr. Harte is a Clinical Associate Professor in the School of Teaching and Learning. She is also the Yearlong Residency Director.

The award for the Distinguished Clinician in Teacher Education has been established to recognize and honor those school-based teacher educators whose work in a clinical environment helps teachers become better at what they do.

Congratulations, Dr. Harte!

*Photo Dr. Jannah Nerren (left) and Dr. Susan Harte.*

## Representing the COE at TACHE 2022

Drs. **Ricardo Montelongo**, **Gabriela Silvestre** and **Rachel Valle**, doctoral higher education students **Vanessa Maldonado** and **Rebecca Saiz**, higher education masters student **Javanna Medina** and higher education masters alumni **Ruben Garcia** will attend the **2022 Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education conference**.

Drs. Silvestre, Montelongo and Valle, along with Saiz, Garcia, will provide a session titled, **Higher Education Leadership of Hispanic-Serving Institutions: Multiple View Toward Becoming**, at the conference. Leaders from SHSU and other institutions will share thoughts and knowledge on 2-year and 4-year institutional collaborations, advocating student voices, enhancing support services, and the scholarship of Hispanic Serving Institutions.

## Funded Proposals

The Faculty Research Council recently reviewed internal grant submissions and **two COE faculty proposals were fully funded**.

- **Dr. Donggil Song** - Developing Virtual Interactive Patient System (VIPS) in a Virtual Reality Environment for Instructors and Students in Medical and Health Care Education.
- **Dr. Macie Kerbs** - Equitable Literacy Intervention: Building a Kaleidoscope of Resources.

## 2022 SERA Dean's Awards for Graduate Student Research

The Southwest Regional Education Association, SERA, honored graduate students **Tiffany Mayes** and **Lidia Calderon** with the **Dean's Award for Exceptional Graduate Student Research**. Mayes will also serve as the SHSU campus representative and Graduate Student Representative to the SERA Board. Calderon and Mayes are members of Cohort 47 in the K-12 Educational Leadership Program.



## Joan Prouty Conference on Literacy

The Joan Prouty conference last Saturday was a huge success! 70 attendees learned from guest speakers Dr. Gholdy Muhammad (University of Illinois Chicago) and Dr. Bethanie Pletcher (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi) spoke about how "every child is a genius—it is up to us to discover that genius," and the importance of developing professional relationships with colleagues.

Guests attended breakout sessions of their choice to learn more about teaching from SHSU faculty members and participated in a classroom supplies raffle.



## GRACE DAY

The College of Education Grant Research team invites you to share information about grant projects that were awarded or submitted over the last three years. The goal is to learn from and support others during the second annual [GRACE Day Expo](#).

[View the informational flyer.](#)

## Dissertation Announcements

**Barbara Keith** has announced her dissertation proposal titled, *The Relationship Between First-Year Seminar Course Modality and Community College Student Success*. The defense will be held on March 8, 2022 at 1:30 pm. The dissertation committee includes Dr. Forrest Lane, Dr. Gabriela Silvestre and Dr. Patrick Saxon.

**Candace Pohl** has announced her dissertation final defense titled, *At-Risk High School Graduates and their Post Graduation Experiences: A Phenomenological Study*. The defense will be held on March 11, 2022 at 2:00 pm. The dissertation committee includes Dr. Peggy Holzweiss, Dr. Julie Combs and Dr. Susan Borg.

**Chastity Harper Simon** has announced her dissertation final defense titled, *Differences in School Discipline Efforts and Mental Health Services by School Level: A National Analysis*. The defense will be held on March 2, 2022 at 3:00 pm. The dissertation committee includes Dr. John Slate, Dr. Fred Lunenburg, Dr. Janene Hemmen and Dr. Cynthia Martinez-Garcia.

**Diana Awuor** has announced her dissertation final defense titled, *Experiences of Black-African International Students in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUS) and Historically White Colleges and Universities (HWCUS) in the United States: A Narrative Inquiry*. The defense will be held on March 7, 2022 at 2:00 pm. The dissertation committee includes Dr. Paul Eaton, Dr. Gabriela Silvestre and Dr. Willis Oyugi.

**Erin Gordon** has announced her dissertation proposal defense titled, *Self-Regulation and Motivation in the Context of Academic Probation: A Phenomenological Study*. The defense will be held on March 25, 2022 at 10:00 am. The dissertation committee includes Dr. Nara Martirosyan, Dr. Patrick Saxon and Dr. Susan Troncoso Skidmore.

**Fenecia Foster** has announced her dissertation final defense titled, *Nontraditional Student Perceptions Regarding the Impact of Noncognitive Characteristics of the Developmental Mathematics Learning Experience*. The defense will be held on March 11, 2022 at 10:00 am. The dissertation committee includes Dr. Nara Martirosyan, Dr. Patrick Saxon and Dr. Susan Troncoso Skidmore.

**Geronima (Florida) Nale** has announced her dissertation final defense titled, *English Learner Policies and the Relationship Between Certification Characteristics and Teacher Preparation*. The defense will be held on March 8, 2022 at 1:00 pm. The dissertation committee includes Dr. Susan Troncoso Skidmore, Dr. Julie Combs and Dr. Chase Young.

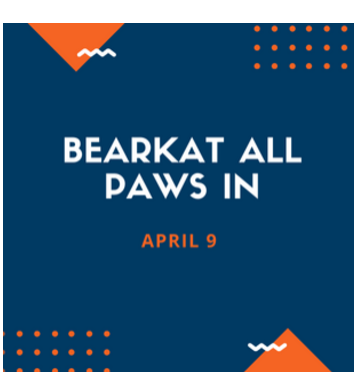
**Ayra Sundbom** has announced their dissertation proposal titled, *Immersive Learning in Education for CPR Skills Acquisition*. The defense will be held on March 7, 2022 at 2:00 pm. The dissertation committee includes Dr. Elizabeth Gross, Dr. Debra Price and Dr. Hannah Gerber.

**Deirdre Holloway** has announced their dissertation final defense titled, *School Improvement Strategies for School Principals Closing the Achievement Gap*. The defense will be held on March 23, 2022 at 3:00 pm. The dissertation committee includes Dr. Cynthia Mattinez-Garcia, Dr. John Slate and Dr. Laurice Nickson.

**Dsuanka Armstrong** has announced their dissertation proposal defense titled, *Professional Counselors and Case Management*. The defense will be held on March 28, 2022 at 11:00 am. The dissertation committee includes Dr. Richard Henriksen, Dr. Chi-Sing Li and Dr. Sinem Akay-Sullivan.

**Krisshundria James** has announced their dissertation proposal defense titled, *Autoethnography of how Childhood Trauma Memories Affect Social Literacy Practices Inside and Outside the Classroom*. The defense will be held on March 7, 2022 at 10:00 am. The dissertation committee includes Dr. Nancy Votteler, Dr. Hannah Gerber, Dr. Melinda Miller and Dr. Victoria Hollas.

[Announcement Details](#)

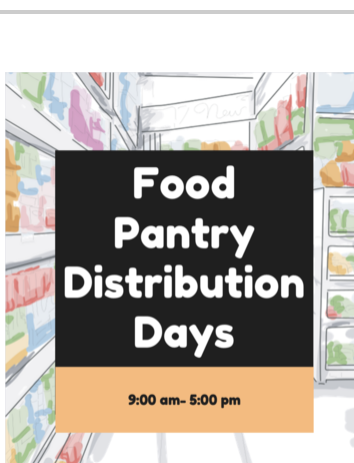


## Volunteer Opportunity

Join the Student Government Association on **April 9** for *Bearkat All Paws In!* This is the annual **volunteer day**. Since 2010, *Bearkat All Paws In* has brought in over 10,000 hours of community service to the university and Huntsville community. Check in starts in the LSC Mall area at 7:15 am. *Small breakfast will be provided.*

**Required registration closes March 28. [Register Here](#)**

Have questions about the event or registration? Contact Arianna Ramp, [acr060@shsu.edu](mailto:acr060@shsu.edu).



## Food Pantry Distribution Days

March 9 & 23  
April 6 & 20  
May 4

**Distribution time is 9am-5pm** at the Food Pantry near the Kat Post.

Have questions? Contact the Food Pantry at [foodpantry@shsu.edu](mailto:foodpantry@shsu.edu)



To be included in the weekly N3 share your announcements and story ideas with [Shelle Goodwin](mailto:Shelle.Goodwin@shsu.edu) by noon on Monday.

*This email was sent to graduate students in the College of Education*