



People of the COE



The Sam Houston Council for Exceptional Children (SHCEC) hosted professional development on Saturday, February 18. Attendees learned about testing resources to prepare for their TExES exams from guest speaker, Dr. Abbie Strunc.

Submitted by Eric Carpio



Alumni Spotlight

Candice Williams, Counselor Education PhD graduate, is the Boston Celtics' Director of Mind Health and Wellness. The Counselor Education PhD graduate has risen through the ranks of mental health while the field continues to garner more attention and establish a foothold in the world of sports. [Read Williams' career journey from SHSU to Boston](#)



COE students, faculty, and Sammy Bearkat attended a Montgomery ISD School Board meeting. Montgomery ISD administrators, mentor teachers and Bearkat Alumni were recognized alongside SHSU student teachers for the roles they play in growing future educators.



Thank you to Law-Related Education - State Bar of Texas Director Jan Miller and Coordinator Dodie Kasper for visiting the COE! They spoke about law-related education and provided resources to our Year Long Residency students.

NEW to SHSU: The Hawkins Scholar Program

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Dissertation Announcements

Jamie Thompson's Dissertation Proposal Defense, VIDEO AS A TOOL TO SUPPORT TEACHER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROCESS: IMPACT ON FIRST-YEAR TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS, has been scheduled VIA Zoom for February 21, 2023, at 10:00 am. You can access the meeting by using the Zoom ID: 872 7796 9254 or at <https://shsu.zoom.us/j/87277969254>. The dissertation committee consists of: Dr. Kimberly LaPrairie, Dr. Victoria Hollas and Dr. Chase Young.

Shawna Taylor's Dissertation Final Defense, EMERGENT BILINGUAL STUDENTS WHO BEAT THE ODDS: A STUDY OF FACTORS RELATED TO ACADEMICALLY SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS CLASSIFIED AS EBS., has been scheduled VIA Zoom for February 27, 2023, at 1:00 pm. You can access the meeting by using the Zoom ID: 849 0562 3127 or at <https://shsu.zoom.us/j/84905623127>. The dissertation committee consists of: Dr. Debbie Price, Dr. Chase Young, Dr. Burcu Ates and Dr. Barburhan Uzum.

Laurel Fauster's Dissertation Final Defense, ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EVENTS AND COMPLEX POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER SYMPTOMOLOGY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS VERSUS NON-CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS, has been scheduled VIA Zoom for February 27, 2023, at 2:30 pm. You can access the meeting by using the Zoom ID: 579 189 663 or at <https://shsu.zoom.us/j/579189663>. The dissertation committee consists of: Dr. Susan Troncoso Skidmore, Dr. Chi-Sing Li and Dr. Susan Henderson.

Upcoming COE Events

Distinguished Educator of the Year Award Ceremony - March 4, 6:00 pm, Lowman Student Center White Ballroom

Inclusive Dialogue Book Series - Various dates, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Zoom, [contact Dr. Benita Brooks](#) for more information

Youth Mental Health First Aid - March 10, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, on campus, [contact Dr. Daphne Johnson](#) for more info

Dean's List Reception Main Campus - March 22, 7:30 am, TEC 279

Dean's List Reception The Woodlands Center - March 22, 2:30 pm, TWC

Career and Internship Fair in partnership with the College of Education - March 22, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Lowman Student Center Orange Ballroom

Diversity Summit - April 19, 12:00-5:00 pm, Lowman Student Center White Ballroom

Pinning Ceremony - details coming soon

Hooding Ceremony - details coming soon

Art in Education - May 25, 4:00 pm, TEC 279

[See all events](#)



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

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