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Annual Mathematics and Science Higher Education Conference

Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to invite you to the Dana Center's annual **Mathematics and Science Higher Education Conference**, to be held October 8 – 10, 2009, at the Hilton Austin Airport, located at 9515 Hotel Drive next to the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. Conference sessions focus on the needs of faculty who are interested in the preparation and support of preservice or inservice teachers and of faculty who teach mathematics or science courses, especially for incoming college students.

The following is a limited agenda for the conference:

Thursday evening, October 8

Dinner and Keynote; keynote speaker invited representing a national perspective "To Be Announced."

Friday, October 9

- State Policy Updates
- The Changing Nature of High School Mathematics and Science: The Teachers Texas Needs
- Information from the Educational Policy Improvement Center (EPIC) on College Readiness
- An Investigation of Factors that Influence Students' Academic Success in Developmental Mathematics Courses
- Inquiry Teaching with Freshman and Sophomore Students in College-Level Science Courses
- Information from the THECB on Developmental Education
- Updates from Educational Agencies

Saturday morning, October 10

- Breakfast Keynote from Alan McCormack, National Science Teachers Assn. President Elect
- Special interest seminar or minicourse, focusing on faculty needs and interests.

Conference check-in will begin at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 8, with dinner and the opening Keynote at 6:00 p.m. The conference will end at 12:00 noon on Saturday.

The fall Teacher Quality technical assistance meeting will be held as a preconference session on Thursday, October 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **This preconference session is for current TQ directors only.**

TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

The conference registration deadline is **October 2, 2009**. Visit www.utdanacenter.org/highered/heconf.php for registration information and updates on the conference. The registration fee for the Higher Education Conference only is \$195.00, including dinner on Thursday and breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday.

When you register online, you will receive an emailed confirmation letter with a link to your receipt or invoice. The online registration website includes a map. We will also supply you with the complete agenda and other information as it becomes available.

If you have any questions about *registering*, please contact Phillip Hebert at pwhebert@austin.utexas.edu. If you have questions about the *preconference Teacher Quality meeting*, please contact Josephine Hamilton at 512-427-6539 or Josephine.Hamilton@THECB.state.tx.us. If you have questions about the *conference program*, please contact Bill Hopkins or Vanessa Westbrook (email addresses listed below).

Please make your own arrangements for lodging by calling the **Hilton Austin Airport** directly at **512-385-6767** and referencing "The University of Texas at Austin Dana Center" to book your room at the conference rate of \$85 per night (single) or \$129 per night (double). The deadline to register at this rate is **September 29, 2009**.

Remember to bring your proof of state tax-exempt status. The Hilton Austin Airport is next to the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and has a shuttle that will transport you from outside the airport baggage claim area to the hotel. There is a limited block of rooms, so please call early.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's conference!

Sincerely,



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