

## Daniel Blier

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Dear Daniel:

2010 begins a new decade that brings new opportunities for our personal and professional lives. As we explore these new opportunities, let me challenge each TBTEA member to evaluate your skills and make a commitment to add new skill sets that will benefit your students and yourself alike.

This month's update has a few important dates to remember. Please read through each category to be sure you do not miss any upcoming deadlines.

Sincerely,

Daniel Blier  
Vice President –Secondary Education

## CONFERENCES

### NBEA 2010 Annual Convention

Active NBEA members should consider attending this year's NBEA Annual Convention in San Diego, California from March 30-April 3, 2010. Click on this link to learn more about this conference's registration and hotel arrangements.

### Mountain-Plains Business Education Association (M-PBEA)

Fort Collins, Colorado will be the location of our next MPBEA Conference from June 17-19, 2010. Visit this [link](#) to learn more about this conference and M-PBEA.

The Pre-Conference is being presented by Insurance Education Institute on June 23 and 24 at the convention venue, Fort Collins Marriott, Fort Collins, Colorado. Complete information and the application are available on MPBEA's website [www.mpbea.org](http://www.mpbea.org).

Mountain-Plains Business Education Association is seeking volunteers to serve as either coordinators or liaisons. An article is available online explaining the responsibilities and the form is available on the website [www.mpbea.org](http://www.mpbea.org).

### Texas Career Education Conference

The TCEC will be held in Dallas, Texas from July 12-15, 2010. We are looking for presenters at this

conference. Over 2,000 business, marketing, technology, health science educators, counselors and administrators will come together to share ideas, fellowships and learn together. Please consider submitting to be a presenter this coming summer. You can find the presentation form by clicking [here](#). If you know of others that would be great resources, send this information to Dan Blier to be sure they are contacted about presenting at this summer's conference.

Check the [TBTEA website](#) for links to information about all these conferences. We hope you will join us for these great opportunities to learn and network with other business and technology educators.

## COMMITTEES

Our committee chairs continue to work hard for our association. If you wish to serve on one of these committees, please contact the committee chair. You can find contact information on the <http://TBTEA.org> website.

Committee	Chair
Awards	Donna Crook
Conference	Janet Flusche
Educational Development	Mazie Will
Fundraiser	Shirlyelaine Gray
Governmental Relations/Legislative Action	Tina Casey
Nominating	Michelle Kirkland
Membership	Dan Blier
Scholarship	Dan Blier

## MEMBERSHIP

The Texas Career Education Conference will be offering active TBTEA members a discount for this year's conference. We are excited to add this new membership benefit to our members. More details will be announced in March when the TCEC website will be launched. Please encourage your colleagues to join TBTEA so they will be able to take advantage of this valuable membership benefit. Here is our current [membership form](#).

Any questions or concerns regarding your TBTEA membership should be addressed to [Dan Blier, Vice President–Secondary Education](#). Specific needs relating to Liability Insurance should be directed to [Barbara Leschber, Executive Director](#).

## AWARDS

### HOW ARE NOMINATIONS FOR TBTEA AWARDS MADE?

1. Nominations will be made by **any** TBTEA member.
2. Award categories include:
  - Secondary Business Teacher of the Year

- Postsecondary Business Teacher of the Year
- Senior College or University Business Teacher of the Year
- Administrative or Supervisor of the Year (nominee does not have to be a member of TBTEA only nominator)
- Business Firm, Government Agency, or Industry associated with these Groups of the Year (nominee does not have to be a member of TBTEA only nominator)
- Rookie Teacher of the Year (1-3 yr. experience)
- **Technology Support Specialists of the Year (New category)** (nominee does not have to be a TBTEA member only nominator)
- ACTE Teacher of the Year
- ACTE Outstanding Career and Technical Educator
- ACTE Outstanding New Career and Technical Education Teacher
- ACTE Outstanding Teacher in Community Service

3. Procedure to make a nomination:

- The nominator and nominee must be a current TBTEA member
- The nominator will write a letter referencing the specific award category and attach the nominee's resume/vita.
- The letter and resume for all **but** the Business Firm, Government Agency, or Industry associated with these Groups of the Year will be evaluated on the following criteria:
  - ✓ professional memberships and association activities
  - ✓ outstanding professional contributions, publications, and presentations
  - ✓ education and work experience
  - ✓ civic, fraternal and/or honorary memberships and community activities or contributions
  - ✓ evidence of significant career accomplishments
  - ✓ evidence of good teaching practices
- The letter and resume for the Business Firm, Government Agency, or Industry associated with these Groups of the Year will be evaluated on the following criteria:
  - ✓ Philanthropic and/or humanitarian activities that have resulted in better preparation of business students for careers in business education or business administration
  - ✓ Efforts to inform citizens of the achievements of business education and the needs of the program's future developments.
  - ✓ Role in public persuasiveness and/or support of state or federal legislation designed to advance purposes of business education.
  - ✓ Development and/or support of business education programs that have resulted in opportunities for business education students to benefit from interrelationships with the business community.
  - ✓ Activities that demonstrate commitment to business education and its future
- **The letter and resume for the Technology and Support Specialists of the Year will be evaluated on the following criteria:**
  - ✓ **The nominee demonstrates an outstanding service in a computer or technology support position to teaching in any area of secondary/post secondary that serves students and/or faculty**
  - ✓ **Must hold a full-time academic professional position at a secondary/post secondary institution in a technology role**
  - ✓ **Must have made an extraordinary contribution in the support area of technology that is readily acknowledged by peers**
  - ✓ **Must be nominated by a TBTEA member**

4. Nominations must be received by March 1, 2010 to the Awards Committee Chair, Donna Crook, [dcrook@lapoynorisd.net](mailto:dcrook@lapoynorisd.net) .

### TBTEA Awards Timeline

Month	Action
March	Nominations for current year's TBTEA awards due to state awards committee
May	Review of nominations completed by awards committee and selection made for the current year award
July	TBTEA winners recognized at PDC

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A TBTEA AWARD?** ALL TBTEA members are eligible for an award in TBTEA without having to be a member of ACTE or NBEA. However, in order to be eligible for awards with these associations, membership is required. Additionally, the TBTEA selection committee will award points for national/regional memberships.

**WHAT AWARDS ARE GIVEN?** TBTEA will recognize up to three teachers/administrators as outstanding (1 winner and 2 runners up) per category.

TBTEA teachers recognized as outstanding and who are current members of NBEA (M-PBEA) and/or ACTE are eligible to compete on the regional or national levels. (See the respective organization's website for details)

### ☀ M-PBEA and NBEA Awards Timeline

Month	Action
January	Packet completed by previous year's TBTEA winner (or by other nominations) and submitted to M-PBEA
June	M-PBEA awarded at conference luncheon
December	Packet completed by current year's TBTEA winners and submitted to NBEA

☀ *Applicants do **NOT** have to have won at the state level to be eligible*

### ☀ ACTE Awards Timeline

Month	Action
February	Packet completed by previous year's TBTEA winner and submitted to ACTE Region IV

☀ *Applicants **must** first win at the regional and state levels*

Visit the TBTEA Awards link for the current forms.

## NBEA

National Business Education Association is the national organization representing our curriculum at the United States Government level. Are you interested in joining NBEA, but need more information? Contact Violet Snell, TBTEA's National Representative, for assistance.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The applications for the 2009-2010 scholarships are now online. Scholarships are awarded to a graduating FBLA, BPA, PBL, BPA Post-Secondary and a Professional member. Please visit our website for the [current forms](#). The deadline for submitting the scholarship applications to [Dan Blier](#) will be February 15, 2010.

## **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS/LEGISLATION**

TEKS training is being planned at various [TEA Regional Service Centers](#). Contact your local service center to find out when and where these training opportunities will be offered. We also plan to offer these opportunities during the Texas Career Education Conference.