

TSTA AWARDS

2025-2026 Ronnie Ray ESP of the Year

Olga Lopez

Ermalee Boice Instructional Advocacy Award

Pooja Mulgaonker

Region Ronnie Ray ESPs of the Year Award

Gloria Ferran, Garland Education Association

Cynthia Jefferson, Cy Fair TSTA/NEA

Lonnie Richardson, NEA-Dallas

Local Outstanding AR Award

Laura Cullen, Milam County Educators Association

Outstanding AR Award

Yolanda Walker, Garland Education Association

Local Leaders for Tomorrow Award

Keke Powell, Hays Educators Association

Pride in Communications Awards

Best Local Electronic Newsletter, 151-300 Members

Education Round Rock

President: Tammy Conrad

Editor: Drew Brandt

Best Local Electronic Newsletter, more than 1000 members (TIE)

Lubbock Educators Association

President: Lauren Smith

Editor: Heather Gatlin

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NEA-Dallas

President: Sheila Walker

Editor: Raya Staley

Best Regional Newsletter

Region 12

President: Lauren Smith

Editor: Heather Gatlin

Best Association Website, 151-300 members

Education Round Rock

President: Tammy Conrad

Editors: Sarah Lozano & Cindy Matias

School Bell Awards

Outstanding Continuous Coverage

Claudia Lorena Silva - El Paso Matters

Robert Moore - El Paso Matters

Outstanding News Story

Lexi Churchill - The Texas Tribune, ProPublica

Ellis Simani - The Texas Tribune, ProPublica

“Some Texas private schools hire relatives and enrich insiders. Soon they can do it with taxpayer money.”

Outstanding Feature Story

Keri Heath - Austin American-Statesman

“Ripping our hearts out”: Austin ISD communities grieve proposed school closures

Outstanding Column

Lisa Falkenberg - Houston Chronicle

“I feel like a spy.” In Mike Miles’ HISD, teachers and students say reading books is a secret plot

Outstanding Television Features

Estela Casas - KTSM-TV

Outstanding Multimedia Presentation

Kelly Wiley - KXAN-TV

Christopher Adams - KXAN-TV

Richie Bowes - KXAN-TV

“Undocumented: Students Worry Amid Deportation Push”

Congratulations to all awardees!



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Racial and Social Justice...Together