

**Texas Center for
Arts + Academics**

Annual Report

TEXAS CENTER FOR **ARTS** + ACADEMICS

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, TCA+A supports two nationally ranked charter schools serving almost 1000 students, the Grammy award-winning Texas Boys Choir, the Singing Girls of Texas, and several after-school artistic conservatories.

We believe that fostering artistic expression in children is a worthy endeavor that produces empathic, well rounded adults and creative thinkers.

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ACADEMY
OF FINE ARTS**



**TEXAS
SCHOOL
OF THE ARTS**



**TEXAS
BOYS CHOIR**



**SINGING GIRLS
OF TEXAS**

From the CEO

Welcome to the Annual Report of Texas Center for Arts + Academics (TCA+A), home to Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts (FWAFA) and Texas School of the Arts (TeSA). It is with immense pleasure and pride that we reflect on the remarkable journey and achievements of the past year.

In the realm of arts and academics, our institutions serve as beacons of excellence, nurturing talent, fostering creativity, and shaping the minds of tomorrow's leaders. As we delve into the highlights of 2023, we celebrate the countless milestones, triumphs, and breakthroughs that defined our collective pursuit of excellence.

Our organization experienced a remarkable journey filled with growth, innovation, and unparalleled achievement. Celebrate with us the highlights of this past year:

1. **Artistic Excellence:** Throughout 2023, FWAFA and TeSA continued to shine brightly on the artistic stage, with our students showcasing their exceptional talents in a myriad of disciplines. From captivating theatrical and dance productions to mesmerizing choir performances and stunning visual arts exhibitions, our students demonstrated a level of skill and creativity that is truly awe-inspiring.
2. **National and International Recognition:** The artistic prowess of Texas Boys Choir, Singing Girls of Texas, and our other artistic programs gained attention not only locally but also nationally and internationally. Our performers and artists were invited to participate in prestigious competitions, festivals, and exhibitions, where they garnered accolades and recognition for their outstanding work, further cementing our reputation as a beacon of artistic excellence.
3. **Academic Achievement:** Beyond the arts, FWAFA and TeSA remained committed to academic excellence, empowering students to excel in their studies and pursue their passions with diligence and dedication. Through rigorous coursework, interdisciplinary projects, and experiential learning opportunities, our students continued to thrive academically, demonstrating their ability to balance artistic pursuits with scholastic achievement.
4. **Community Engagement:** TCA+A stayed deeply engaged with the local community, enriching the cultural landscape of Fort Worth and beyond. Through outreach programs like our afterschool and summer conservatories, collaborative initiatives, and partnerships with local organizations, our students and staff shared their talents with a wider audience while giving back to the community who supports them.
5. **Resilience and Adaptability:** In the face of unprecedented challenges posed by coming out of the global pandemic, FWAFA and TeSA demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability. Through innovative approaches to teaching, learning, and performances, we ensured our students continued to receive the highest quality education and artistic training in a safe and supportive environment.

As we look back on 2023, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our dedicated faculty and staff, the boundless talent and dedication of our students, and the steadfast commitment of our parents and community partners.

Together, we overcame obstacles, achieved milestones, and forged ahead on our journey of artistic and academic excellence. As we embark on the year ahead, let us carry forward the spirit of innovation, collaboration, and creativity that defines us, as we continue to inspire, educate, and empower the next generation of artists, scholars, and leaders.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anika Perkins
President/CEO and Superintendent



Congratulations

to the Class of

2023



FWAFA 2023 graduating class

MORE THAN

\$6.6 million

total scholarship offers

College Acceptances

Abilene Christian University
American Dramatic and Music Academy (AMDA)
Austin College
Arizona State University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Bethel Conservatory of the Arts
Brenau University
Centenary College of Louisiana
Champlain College
Chapman University
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University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of South Florida
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at Austin
University of the Arts
University of the Pacific
University of Utah
Virginia Tech
Weatherford College
West Virginia University
Wilmington University



642 students at FWAFA

334 students at TeSA



By the Numbers

A

Ranked schools

All TCA+A schools received A rankings on Niche.com

157

Superior Scores and Ratings

Our artists compete in UIL, VASE, and other local, national and international competitions, placing top among their peers

#2

Best Dance Studio

Texas Dance Conservatory voted Silver BEST Dance Studio in 2023 DFW favorites

7

Art Shows

Students at FWAFA and TeSA were able to showcase their artwork on campus

29

Productions

62 total performances including, musicals, plays, dance and choir concerts, and collaborative works

7

Awards

Including Outstanding Choreography and Best Choreography

19

Nominations

Between the Schmidt and Jones, Betty Lynn Buckley, and Broadway Dallas Awards

10,586

Tickets Sold

Several performances sold out, requiring encore shows to be added

FWAFA B

Above Standard Achievement
FIRST rating by TEA

TeSA A

Superior Rating
FIRST rating by TEA

Convocation: TCA+A brings together all faculty and staff for the 2nd annual Convocation. Guest speakers included Deborah Ferguson from NBC5, Director of Regional Advocacy, Ari Kinney, and TCA+A Board Chairman, Dan Bates. The event featured several special student performances and an award ceremony for staff celebrating milestones.



Oklahoma! The Musical a sensational performance goes on to be nominated for various Schmidt and Jones and Betty Buckley awards.



Texas Children's Choir and their fearless leader are recognized at TMEA. An unforgettable performance and achievement.



TeSA Stars perform Together We Shine, a variety show featuring theatre, music, and dance.

Student and youngest drummer signed with Mapex Drums, Austin Arbelaez had the pleasure of spending the day backstage and on-set with Pitbull's drummer, Carlos Palmet.



Nine FWAFA Thespians earned Superior ratings at Texas Thespians State Festival in Grapevine. The International Thespian Excellence Awards recognize the highest level of achievement in school theatre performance, technical theatre, writing, and filmmaking.

FWAFA Faculty gave it their all at the annual Faculty Talent Show.



Our Year

TeSA Poetry Slam, an annual event that allows students an opportunity to showcase their talent in writing and performing.



Oklahoma! The Musical won the following at Broadway Dallas awards in May 2023:
Outstanding
Choreography: Krista Langford, Jenna Williamson, Avery Jessie
Best Supporting Actress: Mia Jacob

Thespian Director Darla Jones was recognized by TCA+A for her continuing work as Secretary of the Texas Thespians Board of Directors and as event director for the Texas Thespians Educator Conference. The 2024 Texas Thespians Educator Conference included over 250 theatre educators, master teachers, and industry professionals.



Singing Girls of Texas Tour Choir received Sweepstakes at UIL.

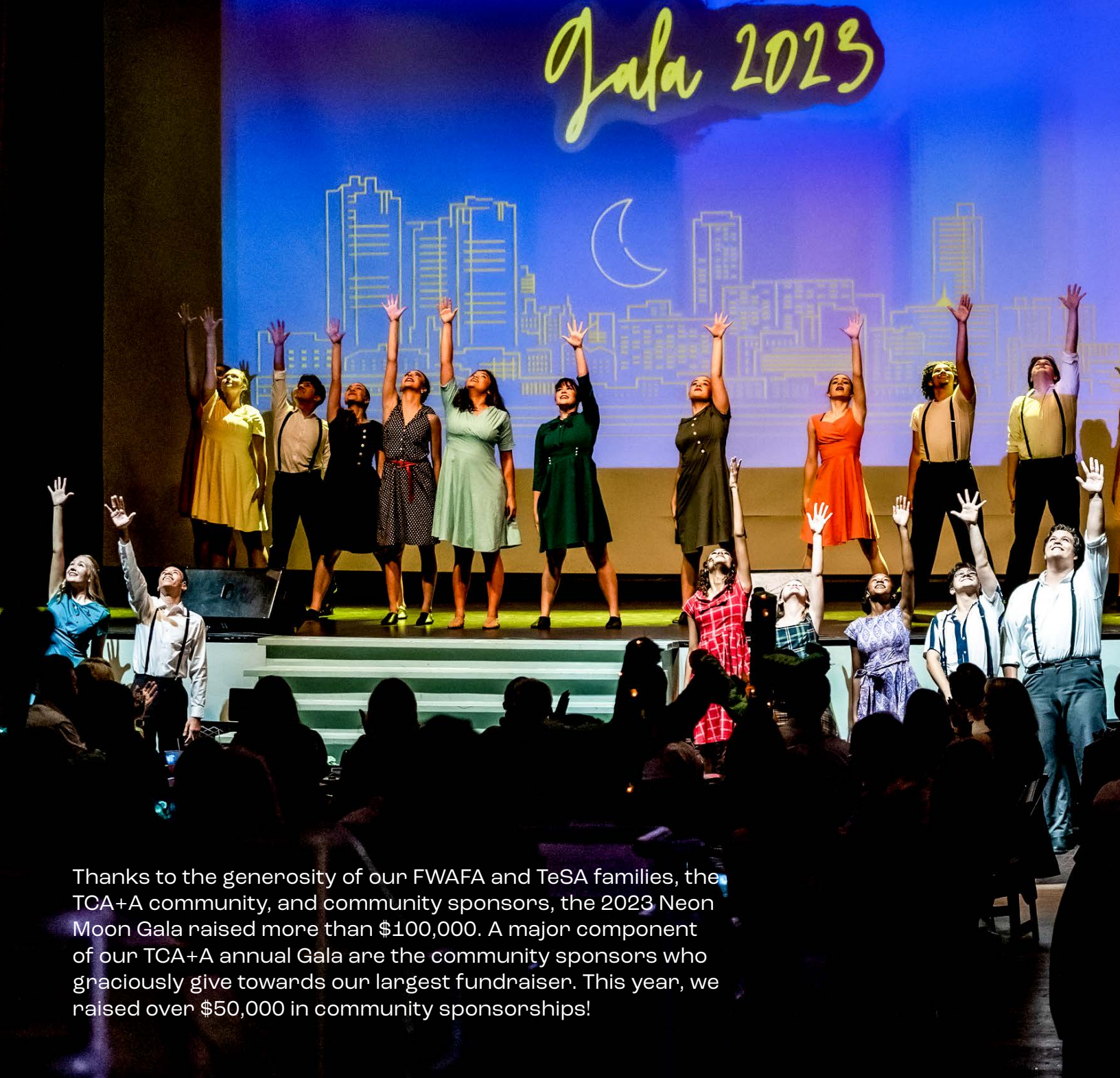
Tammy Smith and Belinda Johnson retire. In honor of their time and dedication, TeSA PTO dedicated the library to Mrs. Smith and a tree to Mrs. Johnson.



Summer camps in full swing. Once again TCA+A provides much needed summer educational and fun camps for students interested in art of all types.

In Review

Gala 2023



Thanks to the generosity of our FWAFA and TeSA families, the TCA+A community, and community sponsors, the 2023 Neon Moon Gala raised more than \$100,000. A major component of our TCA+A annual Gala are the community sponsors who graciously give towards our largest fundraiser. This year, we raised over \$50,000 in community sponsorships!

Penny Clay accepted the inaugural award named after her.

The Penny Clay award was initiated in August 2023 to honor a stakeholder or stakeholders who have significantly contributed to the continued prosperity and resilience of the organization as a whole.





\$50k
sponsorship totals

\$33k
table and ticket sales

\$19k
silent auction

The TCA+A Gala show was produced by Lindy Heath. The show featured performances by students from Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts, Texas School of the Arts, Children's Choir of Texas, Academy Dance Company, Singing Girls of Texas, Advanced Acting, and Texas Boys Choir.

In addition to the show, guests were treated to a hosted bar and catering from Magdalena's. VIP guests enjoyed a performance by Big City Duo featuring FWAFA and Texas Boys Choir alumnus, Keith Groh II. The after party carried on until midnight with live music from Neon Prophets.

Boots & Bow Ties

Save The Date

The 2024 TCA+A Gala will be held on August 24, 2024!

ArtsAcademics.org/gala



FINANCIALS

How are Charter Schools Funded? Charter schools receive state funds based on the number of students who attend (same as traditional public schools). However, charter schools receive less funding than traditional public schools as they do not receive any local taxpayer dollars.
-txcharterschools.org

Due to the absence of local tax dollars, charters receive **94%** of the funding that traditional ISDs collect.

On average, this equates to **\$700** less per student each year.

Grants and Awards

- December 2022 Rea Charitable Trust awards TCA+A \$10,000 for general operations.
- July 2023 Amon G. Carter Foundation donated \$5,000 to support Texas Boys Choir.
- \$50,000 awarded from the Sid Richardson Foundation.
 - \$25,000 was allocated for IT upgrades
 - \$25,000 was used to update the FWAFA auditorium projector
- \$10,000 Grant is awarded to TCA+A for renovations of TeSA's floors in the black box theater.
- The annual Gala raised more than \$100,000.

Other Funding

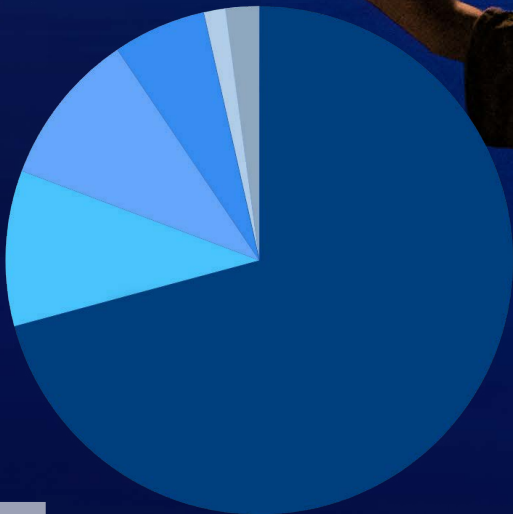
\$11,667

2022 North Texas Giving Day Contributions of 85 donors

\$41,742

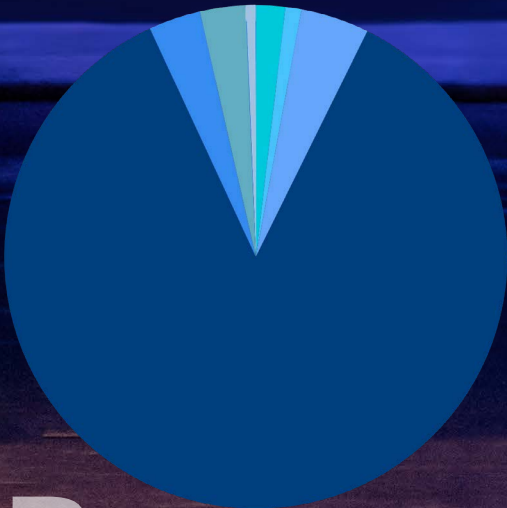
Summer Camp Sales

- \$7,500,179 - Instructional and Leadership Services
- \$1,048,256 - Support Services
- \$1,040,618 - Administrative Support
- \$627,274 - Student Support
- \$141,936 - Debt Services
- \$231,774 - Fundraising



Expenses

Total - \$10,590,037



- \$9,168,999 - State Programs
- \$469,622 - Program Services
- \$356,996 - Federal Programs
- \$313,196 - Cocurricular & Enterprising Activities
- \$200,773 - Contributions
- \$110,376 - Fundraising
- \$68,943 - Other

Revenue

Total - \$10,801,000



2022-2023 Fundraising

\$50,000+

Sid W. Richardson Foundation

\$10,000-\$25,000

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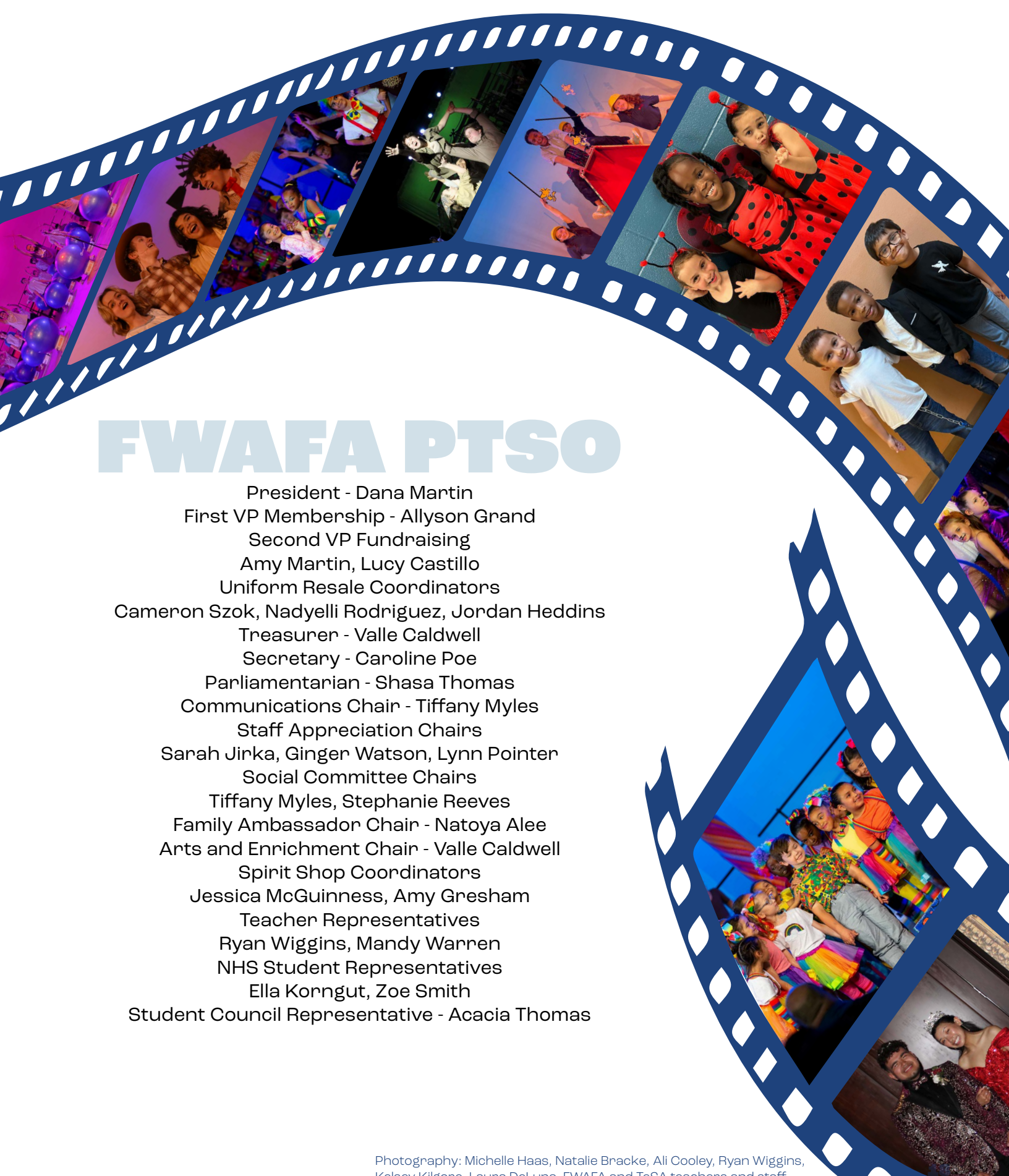
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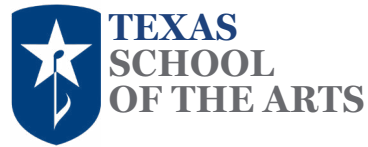
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