



# TexasSpeaks

Monthly Newsletter  
July 2021



CONVENTION 2021  
SAN ANTONIO, TX  
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THE MORE THINGS  
CHANGE...

## MENTORS WANTED!

We know how daunting our first year...or two...or five...can be. Educators are most successful when sharing and supporting! We are looking to update our mentor list to connect educators with one another to help share resources and serve as a sounding board. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, click the link below!

[Sign up to be a mentor here.](#)

## HELPFUL LINKS

[2020 Convention Minutes](#)

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## LEARNING RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

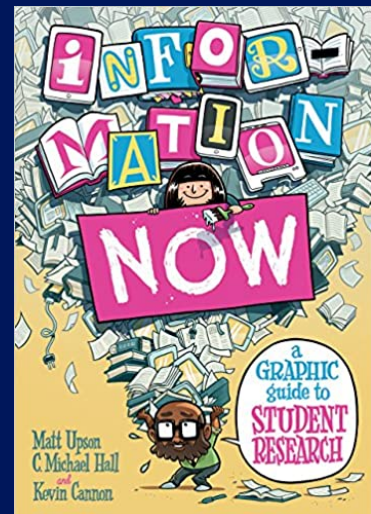
**TITLE:** Information Now - A Graphic Guide to Student Research

**AUTHORS:** C. Michael Hall, Kevin Cannon, and Matt Upson

Teaching students how to conduct quality research in a digital world, properly cite sources, and avoid plagiarism proves to be more difficult each year. This book provides an excellent visual break down with quality instruction that makes the process of research engaging and easy to understand.

This is a great resource for high school students and first year undergraduate students.

\*\*An updated 2nd edition was published and released in May 2021



RECOMMENDED BY: STEF CAMBRA

Teacher of Professional Communications, Oral Interpretation, and College Readiness at Grapevine HS



# NSDA CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all those who represented the state of Texas at the National Speech and Debate Association this June! We are honored to have you all as Texas educators!

Here are some of the major highlights!

- 15 Texas Schools received recognition for being a school of excellence
- 20 Entries represented Texas in final rounds of competition at the high school level
- There were FIVE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS from the state of Texas!
  - Asynchronous Duo
  - Congressional Debate - Senate
  - Dramatic Interpretation
  - International Extemporaneous Speaking
- 33 entries represented Texas in final rounds of competition at the middle school level
- 22 Texas coaches received a new diamond honor

## CONVENTION PANEL HIGHLIGHT

We're already looking ahead to Convention this fall....and seeing people in person!

Each month, we will be highlighting a panel or two for this year's upcoming convention.

Title: Scholar Spotlight on Rhetoric

Presenters: Dr. Trudy Hanson and Vanessa Dirksmeyer

This panel will bring back the spotlight on a scholar session that had once been part of the Communication Theory and Rhetoric interest group. Featuring an intimate discussion with scholar Dr. Trudy Hanson, this panel will allow for a discussion about the work of Dr. Hanson, her experiences in the field, as well as an opportunity for all to share in a scholarly focus on the field.

## Diversity Conference July 27-29



TEN FREE registrations are being offered to attend the Thomas DEI Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion workshop that is being held virtually July 27-29 from 10:00-6:00 every day. This is specifically geared towards educators, counselors, and admin!

The first ten people who email [kristydeiconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:kristydeiconsulting@gmail.com) will be given a spot to attend the conference. More information can be found at: [thomasdeiconsulting.com](http://thomasdeiconsulting.com)



## Interested in Serving?

If you are interested in serving on a committee or as a chairperson for TSCA, email:

- Aimee Kasprzyk at [AKasprzyk@cisd.org](mailto:AKasprzyk@cisd.org)
- Lacy Cannon at [lcannon@wtamu.edu](mailto:lcannon@wtamu.edu)
- Ryan Lovell at [ryan.lovell@amaisd.org](mailto:ryan.lovell@amaisd.org)

The following TSCA officer positions will be up for election at Convention in October 2021:

- VP Elect
- Executive Secretary
- Comptroller

If you are interested in running for office, you can email Tasha Jones at [tjones@tmisd.us](mailto:tjones@tmisd.us)

[Descriptions of position responsibilities can be found here.](#)

## TSCA CONVENTION SUGGESTIONS

Sometimes you get an amazing idea for a panel for TSCA Convention. Perhaps you think there's a need for a new committee. But when the idea comes to you in April, you don't always remember it come October. Now, you can fill out our [Google Form](#) to provide suggestions and requests throughout the year!

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Were you named Teacher of the Year? Did your team partake in an awesome community service project? Do you have an amazing resource or lesson plan you would like to share with your fellow educators? Would you like to nominate someone for the member spotlight? Email [socialmediaTSCA@gmail.com](mailto:socialmediaTSCA@gmail.com) so we can include it in a future Newsletter!