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Texas OnCourse Announces 29 Counselors and Advisers to TXOC Leader Fellowship

The inaugural group of Leader Fellows will boost state efforts to improve college and career success

Austin, Texas – Texas OnCourse, an initiative empowering Texas students to succeed in high school, college and career, announced the selection of 29 counselors and advisers from across the state to a two-year Leader Fellowship.

The inaugural group of Fellows, representing all 20 education regions throughout Texas, are recognized as leaders in the college and career advising field. TXOC Leader Fellows will boost state efforts toward college and career success by connecting educators, parents and students to Texas OnCourse resources, supporting professional growth and learning and constantly improving state tools for college and career preparedness.

“These Leader Fellows were selected from a talented group of over 230 applicants. They represent some of the most dedicated and passionate education professionals in our state,” said Harrison Keller, Deputy to the President for Strategy and Policy at UT Austin. “They are already changing the lives of their students and, as a Texas OnCourse Leader Fellow, they will help transform education in Texas.”

The 2017 TXOC Leader Fellows are:

Celina Barrera-Scott, Brownsville ISD

Kathryn Belcher, Beeville ISD

Carrie Alease Copelin, Center ISD

Debra Creel, Conroe ISD

Sonya Gilb, Dallas ISD

Travita Godfrey, Goose Creek CISD

Amy Hagerman, Plainview ISD

Cathy Havins, Fort Stockton ISD

Mollie M. Huber, Van Vleck ISD

Shana Jackson, Northwest ISD

Sharon Jones, Brenham ISD

Calvin Jordan, Irving ISD

Scotta Knight, *Shallowater ISD*
Belinda Lytle, *Haskell CISD*
Blanca Lafuente-Martinez, *Brownwood ISD*
Holly Moore, *Grand Prairie ISD*
Anita Morales, *Salado ISD*
Nicole Morales, *Canutillo ISD*
Natalie Nysten, *Clear Creek ISD*
Stephanie Perez-Gill, *Cristo Rey Jesuit College Prep of Houston*
Jenifer L. Price, *Hyde Park Schools*
Carrie Proctor, *Meridian School*
Elizabeth Reed, *Little Elm ISD*
Leticia Santos, *Southside ISD*
Chansi Shope, *Grapevine Colleyville ISD*
Diane Silver, *Vidor ISD*
Michelle Snyder, *Austin ISD*
Kathy Stringfellow, *Pewitt CISD*
Darlene Walker, *Canadian ISD*

The Fellows will support the work of Texas OnCourse, a groundbreaking initiative to improve college and career advising. Texas OnCourse is developed by The University of Texas at Austin in partnership with other institutions of higher education, the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

Texas OnCourse offers free, interactive resources to support counselors, advisers and educators and help families and students make informed choices. These resources contribute to schools and districts efforts toward meeting the requirements of Texas HB 5, which revised state graduation requirements.

Texas OnCourse is free to the public and can be found online at www.texasoncourse.org.

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About Texas OnCourse

Texas OnCourse empowers students across the state to plan a clear path to college and career success. Offering free, interactive online resources, Texas OnCourse supports counselors, advisers and educators and helps families and students make informed choices to shape their future. Texas OnCourse is an initiative of The University of Texas at Austin, in partnership with other institutions of higher education, the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. For more information about Texas OnCourse, visit texasoncourse.org.