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Mike Falick  
Mike Falick's Blog  
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Dear Mike,

Congratulations! It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been selected to receive the Texas State Teachers Association School Bell Award for journalism in the field of education. TSTA members nominated you in our statewide competition. A panel of independent Texas journalists did the judging. Your award is described below:

Category: Outstanding Education Blog  
Nominated by: Edie Clark, Spring Branch Education Association

TSTA wishes to recognize you and other statewide television and newspaper winners during our annual convention on Friday, April 18 at the Marriott Dallas/Plano at Legacy Town Center, 7120 Dallas Parkway, Plano, Texas 75024, phone 1-972-473-6444.

The awards will be presented at a luncheon honoring all the awardees from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the San Jacinto Room of the hotel. Additionally, all of the award winners will be recognized during the Opening Session of the convention which begins at 2:30 p.m. in the Trinity Ballroom.

Enclosed is a list of all the School Bell winners. Please complete the attached RSVP form and fax or telephone TSTA as soon as possible. You may also e-mail your response to [lorib@tsta.org](mailto:lorib@tsta.org).

You are most welcome to stay for the entire convention. If you need a hotel room, the special convention rate is \$129 plus tax (or \$145.77). **The reservation deadline to ensure this rate is MARCH 26.** Please go to the Marriott website to make online reservations (<http://cwp.marriott.com/dalpt/tstaconvention/>). If you choose to call the hotel directly, the phone number is 972-473-6444. Please be sure to mention the TSTA convention pass code – TSTTSTA.

Thank you for your excellent coverage of our schools and education issues in 2007.

Sincerely,

Donna New Haschke  
President

cc Mike Falick  
Edie Clark



## Texas State Teachers Association 2007 School Bell Awards

Carlos Guerra	Outstanding Continuing Column	San Antonio Express-News Austin Bureau, Houston Chronicle/San Antonio Express-News
Clay Robison	Outstanding Continuing Column	Waco Tribune-Herald
John Young	Outstanding Continuing Column	KGNS TV
Adriana Arce	Outstanding Continuous Coverage	KVIA 7 NEWS ABC
Estela Casas	Outstanding Continuous Coverage	Austin Bureau, San Antonio Express-News/Houston Chronicle
Gary Scharrer	Outstanding Continuous Coverage	Dallas Morning News
Kent Fischer	Outstanding Continuous Coverage	Austin Bureau, San Antonio Express-News/Houston Chronicle
Peggy Fikac	Outstanding Continuous Coverage	Dallas Morning News
Tawnell Hobbs	Outstanding Continuous Coverage	Dallas Morning News
Terrence Stutz	Outstanding Continuous Coverage	Laredo Morning Times
Tricia Cortez	Outstanding Continuous Coverage	Lubbock Avalanche Journal
Joe Hughes	Outstanding Editorial	Mike Falick's Blog
Mike Falick	Outstanding Education Blog	Al Dia
Vanessa Salinas	Outstanding Education Coverage	TexasISD.com
Joe Smith	Outstanding Education Web Site	Dallas Morning News
Andrew Smith	Outstanding Feature Store	Dallas Morning News
Jason Trahan	Outstanding Feature Story	
	Outstanding News Coverage, Editorials and Columns on Tax Rollback Elections	
Staff		San Antonio Express-News
Peter Daut	Outstanding Single Program	KFOX News



**Texas State Teachers Association  
School Bell Awards Ceremony/Luncheon  
Reservation Form**

Please complete and return to Lori Buckner by fax, e-mail, or phone at the numbers listed below. Thank you.

- 1     Yes, I will be in Plano to receive my trophy.
  
2.    No, I cannot be there to accept in person. Please make other arrangements to get my trophy to me.

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