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THE NEWS!**

SWDAA

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*Together we strive for the highest, to
create shining spirits*



DINO AND KELTON SELFIE



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**SWDAA SELFIE WITH
KKPSI AABOD**



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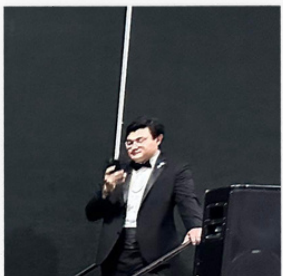
2023 SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONVENTION SWDAA SNAPSHOTS



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**2022 - 2023
SWDAA BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**



TBS ZETA ZETA ALUMS



**DINO HOLDING ABSENT
MEMBER PLACARDS**



SWDAA BANQUET PIC



2023-2024 SWDAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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SWDAA MEMBERS PROSPER INTO THE KAPPA KAPPA PSI
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Dionicio "Dino" Cardenas
Life Member - Alpha Psi
West Texas A&M University



Kelton Ashcraft
Life Member - Zeta Xi
Tyler Junior College



Christopher Giles
Life Member - Epsilon Chi
University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff

We would like to congratulate SWDAA members Dionicio "Dino" Cardenas, Kelton Ashcraft, and Christopher Giles on running for the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association Board of Directors!

STICKERS



POSTERS



BUTTONS



HEADBANDS



WE ARE OPEN

YEAR ROUND

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, APRIL AND MAY MEMBERS!

Harley Smith - April 3rd

Heather McGowan - April 3rd

Frederick Bowers (Fred) - April 10th

Bradley Hammett - April 11th

Mellinna Ridout - April 16th

(*) - Distinguishes SWDAA
BOD, National Leadership, or
Governor/Counselor

Katie Rixon - May 2nd

Connor Terry - May 5th

Ame Dunmore* - May 7th

Clinton Wieden - May 9th

Lily Romero - May 9th

William Crenshaw - May 10th

Hailey DiFrancesca - May 10th

Seferina Baca (Sefe) - May 12th

Katelyn Huckaby - May 15th

Brandon Stevenson - May 17th

Hannah Wilson - May 24th

Garret Gardenhire - May 29th

SPRING 2023 SWDAA FOR
EDUCATION

Chelsea Zuniga

(She/Her)

Mannford High School in Mannford, OK
Life Member of the Alpha Chapter (TBZ)

Spring 2023: SWDAA For
Education Grant Recipient

Historically, Chelsea Zuniga continually chooses her passion for teaching to be her main priority. She constantly pushes her students to reach for the stars and connects with them which has an everlasting impact on each student. She continuously gives her students constructive and helpful feedback, while establishing rapport with each student and encouraging and supporting the learning process. She knows what it takes to monitor each student's understanding of whatever must be learned and adjust her teaching strategy accordingly to the student's needs. She was born to be an educator.

Chelsea is a third year band director and is in her first year at a new school. She is the assistant director at present, but will be transitioning into the head director role in the fall. Chelsea has done a lot of work in her first year to start the program on a better trajectory and set it up for future success. She implemented practice sheets with the middle school students to push them to a higher level of success and had the jazz band perform at several basketball games, which hadn't been done before. As she looks to next year, she has been working on recruitment and getting the more assistant up to speed. Her future 6th grade band members are already so excited to be a part of her program, which shows that her passion and dedication are visible to the students. As the years continue, the Mannford bands will be in great hands with Chelsea as their leader.

Chelsea is currently serving in the role of SWDAA Membership Director.

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2023 SERVICE TO SWDAA
AWARD



2023 Service to
SWDAA Award



YSLETTE ARISPE

Alumni of the Iota Tau Chapter (TBZ)

DIONICIO "DINO"
CARDENAS ALUMNI OF
THE YEAR AWARD



Dionicio "Dino" Cardenas:
Alumni of the
Year Award



LUIS "LUIGI" BENCOMO

Alumni of the Alpha Psi Chapter (KKΨ)
Honorary of the Xi Chapter (TBZ)

SWDAA DELEGATE GRANT



SWDAA
Delegate Grant



CHRISTOPHER L. RAHN

Kappa Kappa Psi - Zeta Xi



ABIGAIL RIEGER

Kappa Kappa Psi - Xi Beta



EVELYN ARZOLA

Kappa Kappa Psi - Alpha Chi



SHELBY DYE

Tau Beta Sigma - Iota



CHRISTINA HAWKINS

Tau Beta Sigma - Delta Tau



KAMRYN KNAFELZ

Tau Beta Sigma - Alpha Upsilon

CHRIS FOSTER ALUMNI OF
THE YEAR AWARD



Chris Foster:
Alumni of the
Year Award



BRIANNA TEGELER

Life Member of Alpha Omicron (TBZ)
Honorary of the Southwest District (KKΨ)

2023 SWDAA RITUAL
SCHOLARSHIP

2023 SWDAA
RITUAL SCHOLARSHIP



Tau Beta Sigma:
Delta Sigma Chapter



Kappa Kappa Psi
Lambda Chapter

2023
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AWARD
RECIPIENTS

TEACHER SHOUTOUTS FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION



Coral Charles (She/Her)

Mrs. Charles is an incredible band director who always goes above and beyond for her students. Without her influence and encouragement, I wouldn't be a music educator. The first place I learned about Tau Beta Sigma was in her office and hearing about this band service organization she was in. She always pushed me to be the best I can be and always reminded me to play with more air 😊

- Natalia Harrison (She/Her)

SWDAA Chairperson

Life Member of Alpha Omicron TBΣ

SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The National Headquarters staff cordially invites you to participate in a day of NatCon prep and bonding on June 30th, 2023 at the National Headquarters of Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma in Stillwater, OK. Activities will begin around 8am, and will last until we are finished. Activities include: tour of headquarters, rolling convention t-shirts, organizing packet materials (including ribbons, schedules, and music), making delegate placards, organizing NIB folders, AND SO MUCH MORE! Please fill out this interest form ONLY if you confirm that you will be in attendance, so that we can coordinate the day's events and schedules accordingly.

Reserve your spot today and let us know you are All Aboard to Stillwater Station!

LINK: <https://buff.ly/42p4G6y>



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- **tour of headquarters**
- **rolling convention tshirts**
- **organizing packet material**
 - **ribbons, schedules**
- **making delegate placards**
- **organizing NIB folders**
- **SO MUCH MORE!**

Sign up now:

tinyurl.com/nhqvolunteer



COMMUNITY BAND DIRECTORY

Arkansas

- Arkansas Winds, Inc.: <http://www.arkansaswinds.org/>
- Hot Springs Community Band:
<http://www.hotspringsband.org/>
- North Little Rock Community Concert Band:
<http://www.nlrcommunityband.com/>

Louisiana

- Bayou Community Band (Thibodeaux):
<https://www.facebook.com/BayouCommunityBand/>
- Jefferson Community Band (Metairie):
<http://www.jeffersoncommunityband.org/>
- Lafayette Concert Band: <http://www.lcband.org/>

New Mexico

- Albuquerque Concert Band:
<http://www.abqband.org/>
- Mesilla Valley Concert Band (Las Cruces):
<http://www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org/>

Oklahoma

- Norman Community Band:
<https://www.facebook.com/NormanCommunityBand/>
- Stillwater Community Band:
<https://stillwatercommunitybands.weebly.com>
- Tulsa Community Band:
<http://www.tulsacommunityband.org/>

Texas

- Allen Community Band:
<https://www.allencommunityband.com/>
- McKinney Community Band:
<http://www.mckinneyband.com/>
- Plano Community Band: <http://www.planoband.com/>
- New Horizons Band of Dallas:
<http://www.nhbdallas.org/>
- Lubbock Concert Band:
<http://lubbockconcertband.com/>
- Band of the Hills: <http://www.bandofthehills.org/>
- Cinematic Symphony:
<http://www.cinematicsymphony.com/>
- Austin Symphonic Band:
<http://www.austinsymphonicband.org/>
- San Antonio Symphonic Band:
<http://www.sanantioniosymphonicband.com/>
- County Line Community Band: <http://www.clcbtx.com/>
- Montgomery Community Band:
<https://www.facebook.com/p/Montgomery-Community-Band-100087843397607/>
- Lone Star Symphonic Band: <http://www.lssb.org/>
- LolliePops: <http://www.lolliepopsband.com/>
- Houston Brass Band: <https://houstonbrassband.org/>

Know anymore community bands around the Southwest?
Contact Lea Sanchez, Communications Director at
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WISH UPON THE STARS WITH SWDAA

2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION

ORLANDO, FL | JULY 11-14, 2023

Registration now Open

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