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Texas Speech Communication Association
Selection Committee

Dear Texas Speech Communication Association Selection Committee:

It is my distinct honor and privilege to recommend Amberley Tanner for the position of Archivist for the Texas Speech Communication Association (TSCA). I cannot imagine anyone more qualified, dedicated, committed, and passionate about Speech and Communication than Amberley Tanner.

I have had the tremendous honor of witnessing Amberley's excellence as an educator and leader at both Northwest High School and James M. Steele Early College High School. In my 32 years in education, Amberley is truly one of the finest educators and leaders I have had the privilege to work alongside. She is an outstanding professional who makes a significant and lasting positive difference at every level (campus, district, region, and state).

Amberley brings an extraordinary depth of experience to this position. She has more than 25 years of leadership in Speech, Debate, and Theatre and has served in numerous leadership capacities within TSCA, including Interpersonal Communications Chair, Region 11 District Chair, Oral Interpretation Chair, and Theatre Chair. Her CV also reflects her nomination for TSCA Archivist in 2026. Her longstanding service and commitment to the organization demonstrate not only her expertise, but also her genuine investment in preserving and advancing the work of Speech and Communication educators throughout Texas.

At Steele Early College High School, Amberley serves as our Director of Speech and Debate, UIL Academic Coordinator, Instructor of Theatre and Speech, and TSIA Testing Coordinator. She oversees our Speech, Debate, and UIL Academic programs, coordinates competitions and logistics, recruits and supports students, coaches and judges competitions, and provides leadership and support to our campus UIL sponsors. She also serves as an Adjunct/Dual Credit Professor of Theatre for Tarrant County College, teaching college-level courses embedded at Steele.

Amberley is much more than an accomplished educator. She is a servant leader who consistently finds ways to make the people and organizations around her better. She brings enthusiasm, energy, creativity, professionalism, and excellence to everything she does. Whether she is working with a beginning Speech student, mentoring a colleague, collaborating with district leadership, serving as a UIL leader, or working with state-level organizations, Amberley approaches every opportunity with the same level of commitment and passion.



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Her accomplishments speak volumes about the impact she has had on students and colleagues. She has been recognized as Steele Early College High School Educator of the Year and Northwest ISD Secondary Educator of the Year, received the UIL Sponsor of Excellence Award, and has earned Diamond and Ruby Level Coach Awards from the National Speech & Debate Association. Her students' accomplishments are equally impressive, including more than 90 students qualifying for the Texas Forensic Association State Tournament, more than 120 students qualifying for UIL Regional Competitions, and students earning national tournament qualifications and national placements.

What makes Amberley particularly well suited to serve as TSCA Archivist is her appreciation for the history, traditions, people, and accomplishments that make an organization special. She understands that organizations are built not only through current programs and initiatives, but also through the people who have dedicated their careers to advancing the profession. Her extensive TSCA service, institutional knowledge, organizational skills, writing experience, and attention to detail would make her an exceptional steward of the association's history and records.

Amberley is also an exceptional collaborator. She builds positive relationships with students, colleagues, campus administrators, district leaders, and state leaders. She listens, communicates effectively, follows through on commitments, and always looks for ways to contribute beyond herself. She is the type of leader who does not simply hold a position, she elevates the position and the organization she serves.

I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically recommend Amberley Tanner for the position of TSCA Archivist. She possesses the experience, knowledge, leadership, professionalism, organizational skills, and passion necessary to excel in this important role. More importantly, she has the heart and commitment to preserve the legacy of TSCA while helping strengthen its future. Amberley Tanner is an outstanding educator, leader, colleague, and advocate for Speech and Communication education. I am confident that she would serve the Texas Speech Communication Association with distinction.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information regarding Amberley Tanner and my enthusiastic recommendation of her for this position.

Sincerely,

Todd Rogers
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