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School Host

Welcome! The 41st Annual V.G. Young School for County Tax Assessor-Collectors is a program of the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Continuing Education

Each conference session has received approval from the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas, the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. You have the opportunity to earn a maximum of 13 continuing education credit hours. If you attend the early bird sessions, you can acquire up to 4 additional credit hours. Credit forms are provided within the participant packet for those who have registered. Please ensure that you return your completed credit forms to the registration table by noon on Thursday, November 16th.

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- It is important to keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
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Advanced Learning Opportunity

We are pleased to offer an advanced learning opportunity: the TACA Professional Designation Certification Course: **Security**. The course will be held in McLennan 207 on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Exhibit Show

The Exhibit Show will be available for attendees on Tuesday, November 14th, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and on Wednesday, November 15th, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, taking place in the Brazos Ballroom. We encourage you to find time during the conference to interact with the exhibitors. Additionally, there will be a Vendor Appreciation Reception scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th, from 4:45 PM to 5:30 PM in the Vendor Hall. Be sure not to miss the door prize drawing happening on Wednesday, November 15th, from 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM.

Bingo

Join us for a delightful evening with friends and colleagues as we play bingo on Tuesday, November 14th, from 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM in Chisholm Hall. We extend our sincere gratitude to AIB, Inc. for generously sponsoring this game night.

2023 Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year

The 2023 Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year will be named during a luncheon held Wednesday, Nov. 15, in Chisholm Hall from noon to 1:30 p.m. The TACA PCC, CTOP, PDAC and PCAC designations will also be presented. We would like to extend a special thank-you to our luncheon sponsor, Linebarger Attorneys at Law, for its support of the luncheon.

Nominees:



Monica Hyek Foster
Jackson County
Coastal Bend Region



Larry Gaddes
Williamson County
Bluebonnet Region



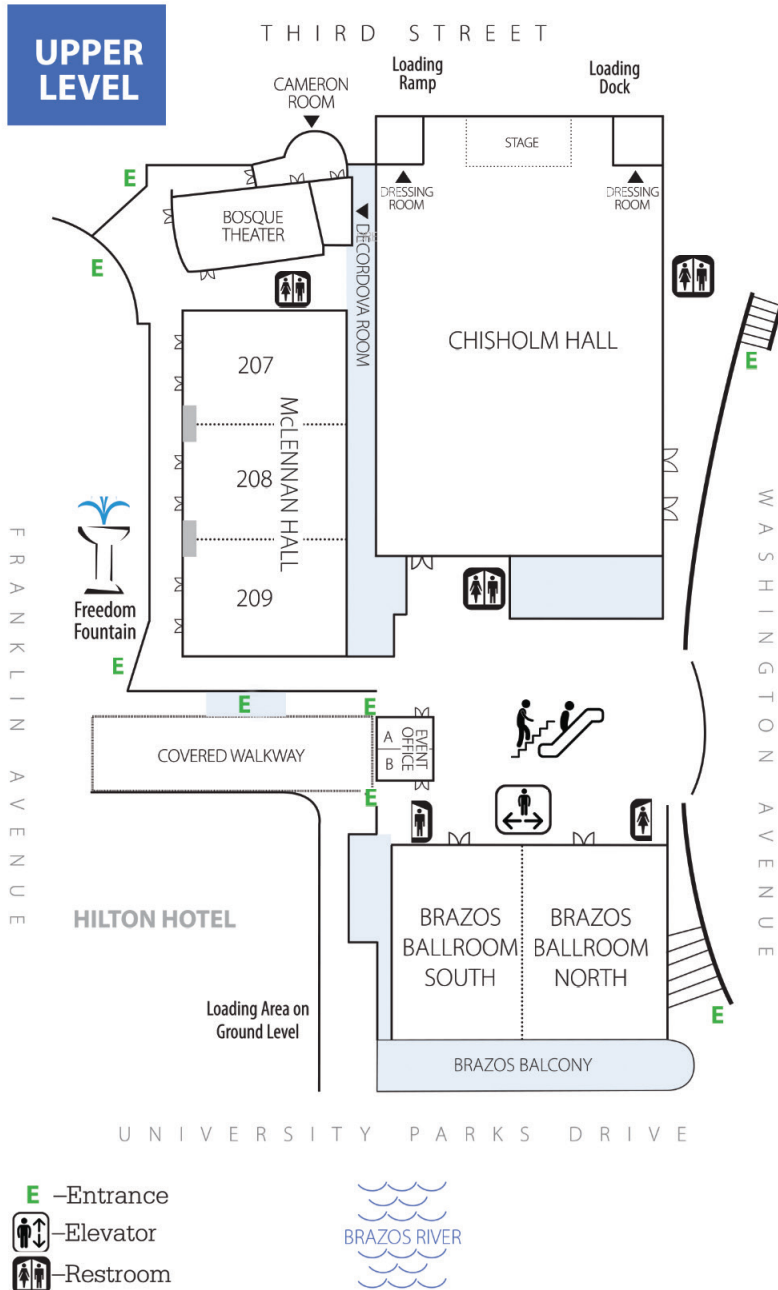
Vicki Heflin
Ward County
Midland-Odessa Region



Dawn Vieth
Archer County
Wichita Falls Region

Waco Convention Center Map

November 14-16, 2023



41st Annual V.G. Young School for County Tax Assessor-Collectors Agenda

Tuesday, November 14

- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **Registration Opens** - Registration Desk
- 8:00 a.m.-noon **Advanced Learning: TACA Professional Designation Certification – Security** - McLennan 207
Speakers: Mr. Brandon Armstrong, Cybersecurity Risk Consultant, Texas Association of Counties | Mr. Jeff Birnbach, Senior Partner & Managing Director, Sylint LLC | Ms. Andrea Beard, Legal Liability Claims Supervisor, Texas Association of Counties | Mr. Robert Ruiz, Associate Director of Risk Management Services, Texas Association of Counties | Mr. Ricardo Garcia, Chief of Police, Premont Police Department
 This course is approved for advanced designations completion. Additional registration fee required.
- 8:00 a.m.-noon **Orientation for New Tax Assessor-Collectors** - McLennan 208
Speaker: Hon. Randy Riggs, Tax Assessor-Collector, McLennan County
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Saying Goodbye to Office** - Bosque Theater
Speaker: Hon. Tammy McRae, Tax Assessor-Collector, Montgomery County
- 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Title Fraud Training** - McLennan 209
Speakers: Mr. Charlie Escobedo, Section Manager, TxDMV | Ms. Andrea Berlocher, Lead Compliance Specialist, TxDMV | Ms. Nina Yonemoto, Lead Compliance Specialist, TxDMV
- 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Exhibitor Show Setup** - Brazos Ballroom
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. **TACA Education Committee Meeting** - Bosque Theater
- 11:00 a.m.-noon **TACA Legislative Committee Meeting** - Bosque Theater
- 1:00-4:00 p.m. **Exhibitor Show Open** - Brazos Ballroom
 See map on page 13

12:50-2:15 p.m. **Opening General Session** – McLennan Hall
Call to Order: Dr. Peter McGill, Director, V.G. Young Institute of County Government
Opening Comments: Hon. Kevin Kieschnick, President, Tax Assessor-Collectors Association & Tax Assessor-Collector, Nueces County
Invocation: Hon. Bruce Stidham, Tax Assessor-Collector, Grayson County
National and Texas Pledges: Hon. Shay Luedeke, Tax Assessor-Collector, Bell County
National Anthem and “Texas, Our Texas”: Hon. Michelle French, Tax Assessor-Collector, Denton County
Keynote Address: Positive Leadership Starts With Positivity
Speaker: Dr. Dave Schramm, Professor, Utah State University
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2:15-2:45 p.m. **Refreshment Break** – Brazos Ballroom
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GENERAL SESSION – McLennan Hall
Moderator: Hon. Kevin Kieschnick, President, Tax Assessor-Collectors Association & Tax Assessor-Collector, Nueces County

2:45-3:45 p.m. **TABC Overview**
Speakers: Ms. Kristian Lopez, Regional Licensing Supervisor, TABC | Mr. Julian Pedraza, Assistant Regional Supervisor - Licensing Division, TABC

3:45-4:45 p.m. **First Amendment Audits**
Speaker: Mr. Thomas Kerrs, Law Enforcement Consultants and Simulator Training Specialists Supervisor, Texas Association of Counties

4:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

4:45-5:30 p.m. **Vendor Appreciation Reception** – Brazos Ballroom

5:30-6:30 p.m. **TACA TxDMV Liaison Committee Meeting** – Bosque Theater

8:30-10:30 p.m. **Bingo!** – Chisholm Hall
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Wednesday, November 15

7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **Registration Opens** – Registration Desk

Complimentary Coffee – Prefunction Area
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GENERAL SESSION – McLennan Hall
Moderator: Hon. Kevin Kieschnick, President, Tax Assessor-Collectors Association & Tax Assessor-Collector, Nueces County

8:00-9:00 a.m. **Counterfeit Money**
Speaker: United States Secret Service Agent

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Exhibitor Show Open** – Brazos Ballroom
 See map and directory on page 13

9:00-10:00 a.m. **Property Tax Case Law**
Speakers: Mr. Jim Lambeth, Capital Partner, Linebarger Attorneys at Law | Mr. Bruce Medley, Partner, Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP | Mr. Matthew Tepper, Shareholder, McCreary Veselka Bragg & Allen PC

10:00-10:20 a.m. **Refreshment Break** – Brazos Ballroom

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:20-11:10 a.m. **Records Retention** – McLennan 207
Moderator: Hon. Ellen Owens, Tax Assessor-Collector, Bastrop County
Speaker: Mr. Sebastian Loza, Government Information Analyst, Texas State Library and Archives Commission

Parcel Fee Analysis – McLennan 208
Moderator: Hon. Christina McMurray, Tax Assessor-Collector, Randall County
Speakers: Hon. Larry Gaddes, Tax Assessor-Collector, Williamson County | Hon. Kevin Kieschnick, Tax Assessor-Collector, Nueces County

Chapter 19 Funds – McLennan 209
Moderator: Hon. Monica Foster, Tax Assessor-Collector, Jackson County
Speakers: Ms. Mary Eliassen, Program Specialist, Texas Secretary of State | Mr. Jacob Salisbury, Program Specialist II, Texas Secretary of State

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

11:10 a.m.-noon

DMV Funds Adjustments, Error Reports & Hot Checks – McLennan 207**Moderator:** Hon. Dawn Vieth, Tax Assessor-Collector, Archer County**Speaker:** Hon. Becky Robles, Tax Assessor-Collector, Tom Green County**Special Inventory Tax Update** – McLennan 208**Moderator:** Hon. Ruben Gonzalez, Tax Assessor-Collector, El Paso County**Speaker:** Hon. Ro'Vin Garrett, Client Liaison, Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP

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Whose Dollar Is It? Accounting Best Practices From an Auditor's Perspective – McLennan 209**Moderator:** Hon. Wendy Burgess, Tax Assessor-Collector, Tarrant County**Speaker:** Ms. Janet Martin, Internal Audit Manager, Wichita County

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year Luncheon

– Chisholm Hall

Sponsored by: Linebarger Attorneys at Law

A separate agenda will be provided at the luncheon. The list of nominees can be found on Page 5.

GENERAL SESSION – McLennan Hall**Moderator:** Hon. Kevin Kieschnick, President, Tax Assessor-Collectors Association & Tax Assessor-Collector, Nueces County

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Increasing Morale**Speaker:** Ms. Anita Renfro, Comedian

2:30-3:30 p.m.

HR – How to Avoid Being Sued**Speaker:** Ms. Cheraun Blankenship, Human Resources Consultant, Texas Association of Counties

3:30-4:00 p.m.

Refreshment Break – Brazos Ballroom

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Legislative Update**Speakers:** Ms. Denise Davis, Law Partner, Davis Kaufman, PLLC | Ms. Caroline Love, Legislative Consultant, Texas Association of Counties

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

5:00-6:00 p.m.

TACA Regional Coordination Committee Meeting

– Bosque Theater

Thursday, November 16**Complimentary Coffee** – Prefunction Area*Sponsored by: Multi-Bank Payment Services*

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Breakout by County Population Topic:**Property Tax Discussion****Less Than 40,000** – McLennan 207**Moderator:** Hon. Kathryn Phillips, Tax Assessor-Collector, Montague County**40,000-200,000** – McLennan 208**Moderator:** Hon. Karen Fisher, Tax Assessor-Collector, Orange County**Over 200,000** – McLennan 209**Moderator:** Hon. Carmen Turner, Tax Assessor-Collector, Fort Bend County**GENERAL SESSION** – McLennan Hall**Moderator:** Hon. Kevin Kieschnick, President, Tax Assessor-Collectors Association & Tax Assessor-Collector, Nueces County

10:10-11:00 a.m.

TxDMV Q&A for All Counties**Speakers:** Mr. Romeo McCain, Registration Services Manager, TxDMV | Ms. Courtney Juarez, Policy and Procedure Unit Supervisor, TxDMV

11:00-11:10 a.m.

Refreshment Break – Prefunction Area

11:10 a.m.-noon

TxDMV Fraud Detection and Referral**Speaker:** Mr. Earl Pence, Manager, TxDMV - Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority

Noon

Adjourn 41st Annual V.G. Young School for Tax Assessor-Collectors

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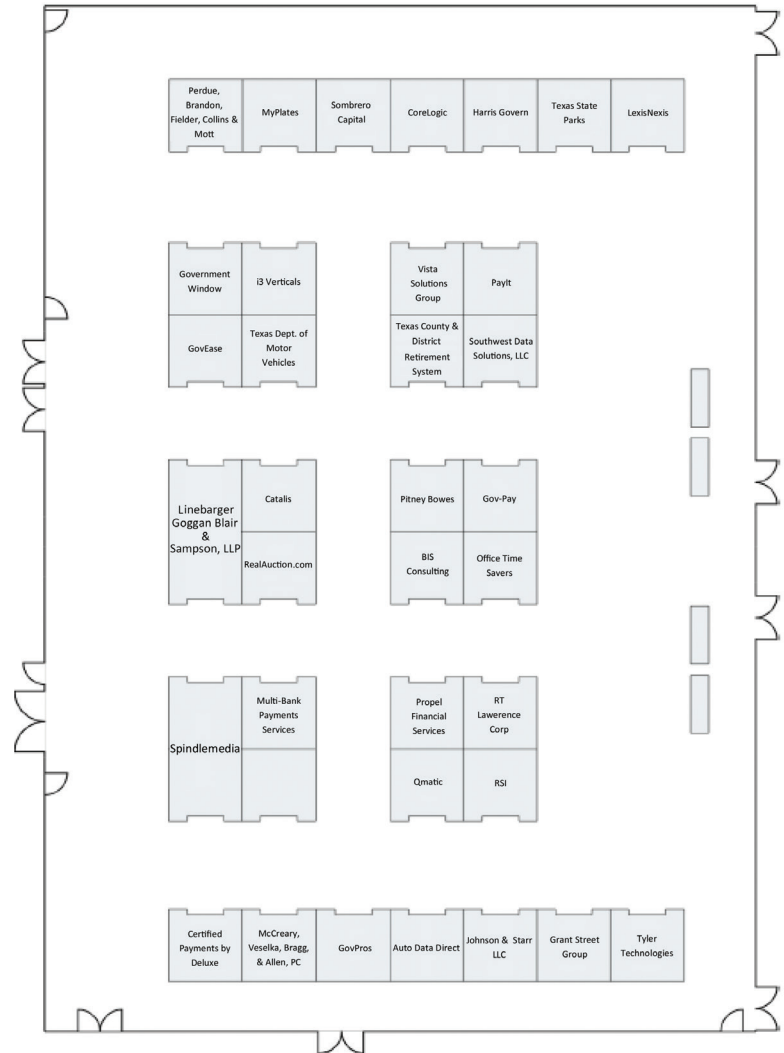
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FMLA: What Every Employer Needs to Know

Fundamentals of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Manufactured Housing & Boat Titling and Registration

Motor Vehicle Sales Tax & Fee Collection

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