



**2025-2026**  
**High School Relations Report**  
**October 19, 2026**

**Committee Members:**

Chair, Sierra Trenhaile- Texas Tech University  
Chair- Elect, Noah Murray- The University of Texas at San Antonio  
Jordan Baylor- The University of Texas at San Antonio  
Alejandro Mendivil Alcalde- The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
Ashton Baum- The University of Texas at Tyler  
Monyce Bevis- The University of Texas at Dallas  
Karla Hernandez- Southern Methodist University  
David Reyes- Texas Tech University  
Jana Urquiza- Texas Tech University  
Mariana Espinoza- Texas State University  
Past-Chair, Anal Iqbal- Southern Methodist University  
Vice President for Admissions- Ani Scott-Buncik, Ex-Officio- The University of Texas at Arlington

- Meeting Dates-
  - TACRAO Conference Meeting – November 9, 2025
  - Reminder emails to start contacting fair hosts and to start setting schedules – twice in February
  - Prep for StriveScan Announcement Meeting – April 7, 2026
  - TACRAO StriveScan Meeting – April 2026
  - Bi-Weekly HSR Meeting – April 14, 2026
  - Meeting with VP of Admissions for TACRAO – April 14, 2026
  - Prep for StriveScan Announcement Meeting – April 23, 2026
  - StriveScan/TACRAO Announcement – April 27, 2026
  - Bi-Weekly HSR Meeting- April 28, 2026
  - Bi-Weekly HSR Meeting – May 12, 2026
  - Bi-Weekly HSR Meeting – June 8, 2026- Canceled
  - Bi-Weekly HSR Meeting – July 7, 2026- Canceled- only two members RSVP'd that they would be in attendance
  - Bi-Weekly HSR Meeting – July 21, 2026
  - Bi-Weekly HSR Meeting – July 28, 2026
  - Meetings in August were short and impromptu due to many committee members being out of the office
  - Bi-Weekly HSR Meeting – September 1, 2026
  - Bi-Weekly HSR Meeting – September 15, 2026
  - Bi-Weekly HSR Meeting – September 29, 2026 – Canceled because I needed to receive stitches in my hand. Emailed with those who had questions or needed to chat.
  - Met with Chair-Elect Noah Murray- October 6, 2026
  - Bi-Weekly HSR Meeting – October 13, 2026 – hosted by Noah Murray.
- Webinars Hosted & Attendance-

- TACRAO Conference StriveScan Session
  - Attended by Sierra Trenhaile
- HSR/StriveScan Webinar for Subscribers- May 18, 2026
- StriveScan Training for Recruitment and Travel Managers - May 28, 2026
- TACRAO Fair Coordinator Training- July 28, 2026
  - Attended by Sierra Trenhaile
- TACRAO Fair Coordinator Training - August 5, 2026
  - Attended by Sierra Trenhaile and Alejandro
- TACRAO Fair Coordinator Training – August 14, 2026
  - Attended by Sierra Trenhaile and Ashton Baum
- StriveScan 101 for HSR Members- August 20, 2026
  - Attended by 50% of the committee
- TACRAO Fair Coordinator Training – August 20, 2026
  - Attended by Sierra Trenhaile and Karla Hernandez
- TACRAO Fair Coordinator Training – September 2, 2026
  - Attended by Sierra Trenhaile and Noah Murry
- TACRAO Fair Coordinator Training – September 15, 2026
  - Attended by Sierra Trenhaile, Andi Buncik and Jana Urquiza
- TACRAO Fair Coordinator Training – September 25, 2026
  - Attended by Sierra Trenhaile and Jordan Baylor
- TACRAO Fair Coordinator Training – October 5, 2026
  - Attended by David Reyes and Sierra Trenhaile
- TACRAO Fair Coordinator Training – October 14, 2026
  - Attended by Mariana Espinoza
- Total Number of Events-
  - 434 total TACRAO Fairs across the state
    - 12 canceled and one removed from schedule- Fort Worth Country Day
- Outcomes-
  - Successfully moved to a new registration platform.
  - Trained colleagues and high school fair hosts on the use of the StriveScan platform.
  - Worked through the change and created a strong system for updating and changing the schedule.
  - Handled an estimated 4500 + emails and 400+ phone calls as Chair from January through November 2026.
    - Many of these calls and emails could have been handled if college reps and fair hosts attended the offered trainings.
- Challenges encountered and/or opportunities identified
  - Attendance among committee members at bi-monthly meetings is our biggest challenge, but as a volunteer committee, we can expect this. There is often a lot of time spent as chair meeting separately and following up with committee members who miss meetings.
- Recommendations for next year
  - Thought for future committees: separate Dallas I and II and Houston I and II into two additional committee members. It is too much for one person to organize while also maintaining a full-time job.
    - I recognize the challenge, as we have a hard enough time recruiting for committee members at this point, but I would be willing to chat with anyone interested and explain the actual amount of work required as a committee member. Spreading the work between more people would lessen the load on everyone.
  - I recommend finalizing the schedule (or as finalized as possible) by May 1 to allow registration to open early in June. Colleges and universities reached out in May and June to start the registration process.

- I would recommend starting Fair Host trainings in April. At least one session in April and one in May prior to Summer Vacation to allow counselors to start planning and prepping for Fall fairs.
  - At minimum, send them StriveScan information about what to expect when they return in the fall. I fielded numerous calls and emails between May and July from people asking how many colleges/universities were registered for their fairs.
    - More information will mitigate the calls and emails to committee members.
- I would also recommend more College Rep trainings on how to register via StriveScan. We didn't offer multiple this year, and we should have. People want the opportunity to participate live and ask questions. I was told multiple times that the recordings didn't answer their questions. Even as past-chair, I would be willing to assist and help host.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sierra Trenhaile, Chair