



Texas Association of Collegiate Testing Personnel

## Greetings from the President



The ACCUPLACER/CLEP conference is now past but was filled with great sessions and lots of useful information. Our very own John Harrell II, TACTP president-elect, participated as one of this year's presenters for the conference and provided an excellent session titled *"Collecting Measurable Data Through the ACCUPLACER Platform"*.

Conference participants were also challenged and entertained by the charismatic Michael Poindexter who serves as interim president at Sacramento City College along with other great plenary speakers.

Attendees were also granted access to the special film screening and panel discussion of *No Greater Odds*, an acclaimed documentary which follows the inspirational stories of five community college students. Highlighting the mission of access and student success of community colleges everywhere, *No Greater Odds* underscores the unique and integral role of these higher education institutions.

If you missed this year's conference you missed a treat. Next year's conference will be held at the Intercontinental New Orleans in New Orleans, LA on June 20-22, 2017. I highly recommend this conference if you are able to attend.

Additionally, the NCTA Conference is on the horizon. If you are not able to physically attend, you are invited to participate via the Virtual Conference. NCTA's [virtual conference](#) provides an affordable option for members to participate in NCTA's premier professional development and networking opportunity. Registration is open now and will close Aug. 3rd.

I hope you will take advantage of these unique opportunities for professional development and networking. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Melonie Bonner, *TACTP President*  
Kilgore College

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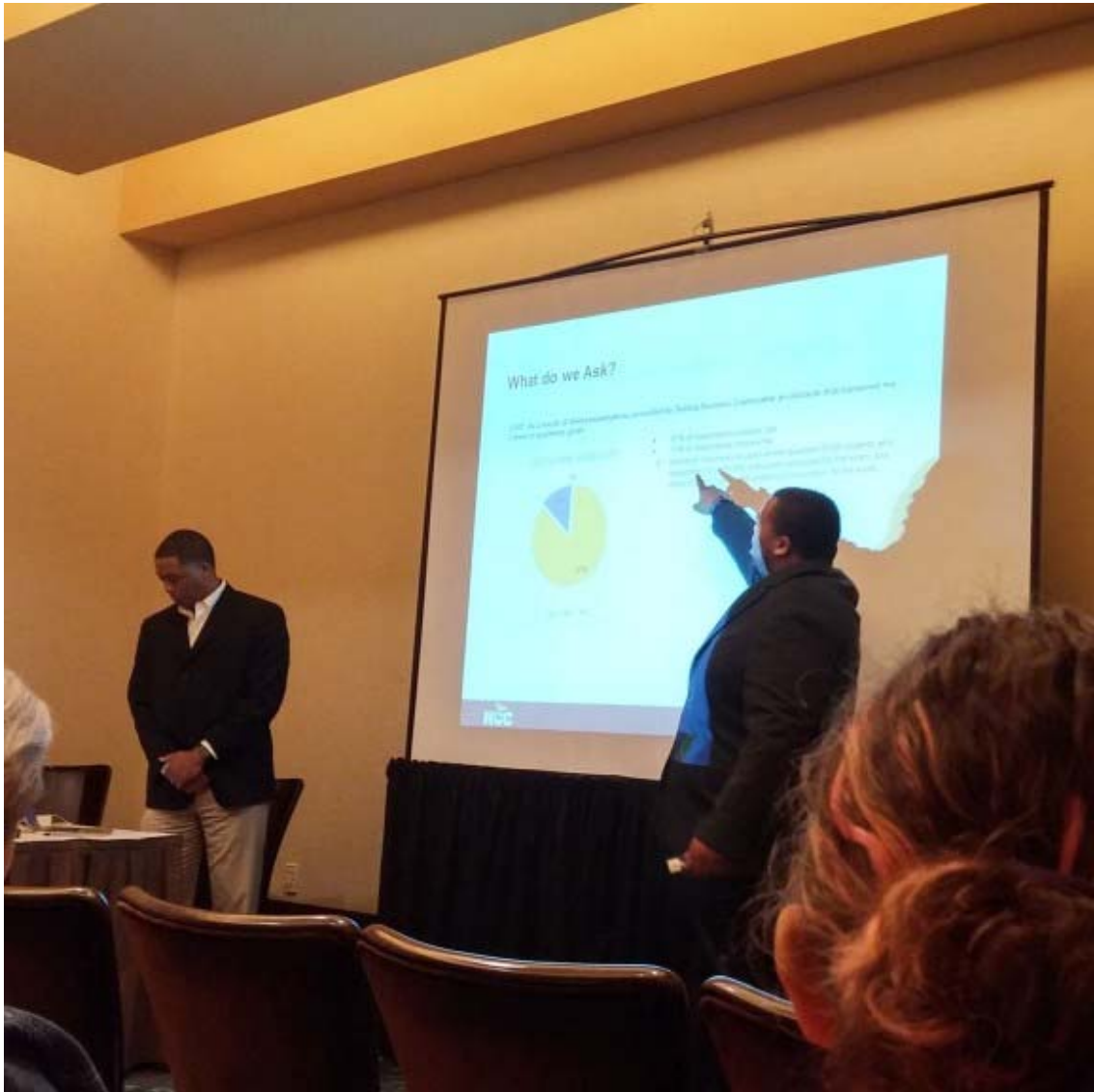
## **New TACTP Members**

- Camille Lewis of South Plains College
- Varrie Pennywell of Wiley College
- Ron Hill of Richland Community College
- Barbara Sears of Texas A&M University-Texarkana
- Robert Alonzo of University of Houston-Downtown Testing Services
- Elayne Peters of Northeast Texas Community College
- Georgianna Stone of University Of North Texas

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**TACTP Members enjoying the educational benefits of the 2016 ACCUPLACER + CLEP National Conference in Las Vegas.**

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## ONCE WHILE TESTING...

One TACTP Member Submitted:

Last fall while preparing for the TSI Assessment, a student arrived without a testing appointment (appointments are required for testing in our center) saying that he had been informed he could just walk in and take the exam. He began to complain so I asked him to step into my office.

I began to ask him who informed him that he needed to test, and which sections of the exam he needed. He proceeded to tell me that he wasn't sure someone in one of the front offices told him he needed testing. I further asked if he had previously attended any other college and he said he had. From there, I asked the types of classes he had taken only to learn that he had taken classes that would satisfy his TSI requirement in Reading, Writing and Math. I told him to have his college transcript sent over and he left the center.

Three days later, he returned and ran up to me hugging me saying "Thank you Miss! You saved me from having to take a test that I didn't need." I was so happy that I was able to help him.

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