Announcing the College of Education 2023 Distinguished Educator of the Year Honorees

Dr. Bill Chapman
Dr. Bill Chapman is a 1983 graduate of the College of Education and has been an educator for 35 years. Dr. Chapman has served as the Superintendent of Palacios ISD and as the Superintendent of Palacios ISD. He is currently serving a second term as Superintendent of Palacios ISD. Dr. Chapman is a member of the College of Education’s Alumni Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the College of Education’s Distinguished Educator Award. Dr. Chapman is also a member of the Texas Education Agency’s Council of Superintendents, an advisory body to the Commissioner of Education. Dr. Chapman earned his Doctorate of Educational Administration from Sam Houston State University in 2003, his Master’s in Educational Leadership from the University of Houston in 1993, and his Bachelor’s degree in Education from the University of Houston in 1983. Dr. Chapman served as a principal, assistant principal, and superintendent in the Palacios ISD and is currently serving as Superintendent of Palacios ISD.

Dr. Ann Lê
Dr. Ann Lê is a recipient of the 2023 Distinguished Educator of the Year Award. Dr. Lê is currently the Director of the Diagnostic Center for Learning and Talent Development at Sam Houston State University. Dr. Lê earned her Doctorate of Educational Leadership from the University of Houston in 2009. Dr. Lê earned her Master’s in Educational Leadership and Curriculum from Sam Houston State University in 2003. Dr. Lê is a member of the College of Education’s Alumni Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the College of Education’s Distinguished Educator Award. Dr. Lê is a member of the Texas Education Agency’s Council of Superintendents, an advisory body to the Commissioner of Education. Dr. Lê earned her Doctorate of Educational Leadership and Curriculum from Sam Houston State University in 2003.

Dr. Janice Taylor
Dr. Janice Taylor is a recipient of the 2023 Distinguished Educator of the Year Award. Dr. Taylor is currently the Assistant Superintendent for Special Education at Tomball ISD. Dr. Taylor earned her Doctorate of Education from the University of Houston in 2003. Dr. Taylor earned her Master’s in Educational Leadership and Curriculum from Sam Houston State University in 2003. Dr. Taylor is a member of the College of Education’s Alumni Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the College of Education’s Distinguished Educator Award. Dr. Taylor is a member of the Texas Education Agency’s Council of Superintendents, an advisory body to the Commissioner of Education. Dr. Taylor earned her Doctorate of Educational Leadership and Curriculum from Sam Houston State University in 2003.

Dr. Heidi Solis
Dr. Heidi Solis is a recipient of the 2023 Distinguished Educator of the Year Award. Dr. Solis is currently the Superintendent of Jarrell ISD. Dr. Solis earned her Doctorate of Education from the University of Houston in 2009. Dr. Solis earned her Master’s in Educational Leadership and Curriculum from Sam Houston State University in 2003. Dr. Solis is a member of the College of Education’s Alumni Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the College of Education’s Distinguished Educator Award. Dr. Solis is a member of the Texas Education Agency’s Council of Superintendents, an advisory body to the Commissioner of Education. Dr. Solis earned her Doctorate of Educational Leadership and Curriculum from Sam Houston State University in 2003.