



TEXAS SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

ELECTION INFORMATION & SLATE OF NOMINEES

ELECTION

- Voting: Voting to elect 2024 officers for the Texas Society for Advancement of Health Professions (TSAHP) will be held during the period August 1 – August 31, 2023. Current TSAHP members (2023) are eligible to vote.
- Officers: The Secretary and two Members-at-Large are elected in odd-numbered years for a two-year term. The President-elect is elected annually for a one-year term and automatically succeeds the presidency for a one-year term.
- Ballot: Voting will be conducted through an anonymous online survey ballot. The email with ballot information is sent only to persons specifically verified as voting members. Please do not share link and vote once.
Voting is available at: [TSAHP Officer Ballot 2024](#)
- Results: Election results will be announced at the general business meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2023.
- Information: Information on the candidates is found on the following pages.

SLATE OF NOMINEES

<u>President-Elect</u>	Beth Vealé, PhD
<u>Secretary</u>	Sue Anne Chew, PhD
<u>Member-at-Large</u> (two elected)	Sarah-Ann Keyes, MS, PA-C Kathryn (Kate) Panasci, PT, DPT Mohamad Mukhles Tlass, MBA, CPhT, PhTR

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

Beth Vealé, PhD



Beth Vealé is a professor of Radiologic Sciences in the Shimadzu School of Radiologic Sciences at the Robert D. & Carol Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. Dr. Vealé teaches in both the undergraduate and graduate program. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is nationally certified in Radiography and Quality Management. Her professional experience also includes leadership positions in national societies such as president of the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology, and Education Chair for the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT). She has authored multiple peer-review articles and co-authored the textbook, "Digital Imaging and PACS" and presented talks across the United States for 33 years. She is a former member of the ASRT Radiologic Technology Editorial Review Board, a member of the ASRT Research and Grants Advisory Panel, a member of the Journal of Radiology Nursing Editorial Review Board, and is currently an Education Chapter Delegate for the ASRT. Dr. Véale has been a member of TSAHP for the past 23 years.

It is a great honor to be nominated for President-elect of TSAHP. This has been my guilty pleasure since 2001 and I am excited to run for this position. I served as secretary for the last four years and there is nothing more important to me than the collaboration with other health professionals with similar interests that TSAHP provides. I have served as a grant and poster reviewer and served as part of the meeting planning committee. I would love the opportunity to remain a part of the TSAHP Board.

NOMINATION FOR SECRETARY

Sue Anne Chew, PhD



Sue Anne Chew is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health and Biomedical Sciences at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) and teaches in the BS in Biomedical Sciences (BMED). She obtained a BS in Chemical Engineering from The University of Texas at Austin and a PhD in Bioengineering from Rice University. Her research focuses on the development of biomaterial-based strategies for bone tissue engineering and the treatment of cancer. She is very passionate about getting students involve in research starting at the high school and undergraduate level and is currently the Program Director of the Biomedical Freshman Research Initiative Program (BFRI) that provides freshmen the opportunity to be exposed to research through their courses at UTRGV. She is also the Program Director of the Rio Grande Valley Bridges to Baccalaureate in Biomedical Sciences Program (B2BMED) which supports the bridging of students from South Texas College (STC) and Texas Southmost College (TSC) into the BMED program at UTRGV. Besides her laboratory/biomedical science-based research, she also focuses on the evaluation of the benefits of research experience and initiatives on student academic success and retention. She also enjoys teaching and was a 2019 Regent's Outstanding Teaching Award recipient.

I am honored to be nominated for the TSAHP Secretary position. I have participated in multiple TSAHP conferences as an attendee or presenter and my research students have also presented at the conferences. My laboratory, students and I have benefited greatly from receiving TSAHP Research and Innovative Practice Grants, Student Poster Competition Awards and Undergraduate Student Awards. I am very thankful and recognize the many opportunities that TSAHP provides and would be honored to serve and give back to this organization by helping to continue to provide these great opportunities and recognitions to other faculty and students. I am hoping that I can be a part of improving and advancing health professions and biomedical science education and research through my role in this position.

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE

(Two elected in 2023)

Sarah-Ann Keyes, MS, PA-C



I am honored to be considered for the Member-at-Large position for the Texas Society for Advancement of Health Professions (TSAHP). I feel strongly about the advancement of health professions—especially education. I have been a member of TSAHP since 2022.

Sarah-Ann Keyes is an Assistant Professor in the Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) Physician Assistant Program and School of Health Professions (SHP) and is entering her seventh year as faculty. Sarah is a course director and rotation coordinator as well as serving as a faculty advisor and on the Admissions Committee, Health Professions Curriculum Committee as Vice-Chair, and faculty advisor for the Social Media Work Group and Lifestyle Medicine Interest Group. Sarah has a broad background in the science of teaching and learning, the scholarship of education, well-being in the learning environment, and lifestyle medicine. She is board certified as a Diplomate of Lifestyle Medicine by the American College of Lifestyle Medicine and has worked to build, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive lifestyle medicine curriculum into the BCM PA Program as the principal investigator of a large five-year HRSA grant. Sarah is an award-winning educator who is working to open the door to tenure and promotion for health professions faculty with a strong commitment to educational scholarship and leadership. Sarah is a doctoral candidate at A.T. Still University with an expected completion date of September 24th. Her research has focused on medical educator workplace well-being and motivation, and she is passionate about working to help health professions faculty and students find intellectual vitality and well-being in the learning environment.

Kathryn (Kate) Panasci, PT, DPT



I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation for the nomination to serve as a Member-at-Large on the Executive Board of the Texas Society for Advancement of Health Professions (TSAHP). I have been a licensed physical therapist since 2004, working in the acute care, skilled nursing, and inpatient rehabilitation settings, and an entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy educator since 2011. My appreciation of the necessity for interprofessional teaching, learning, and collaboration in clinical practice, education, and research initially stemmed from my role as a healthcare provider and continued to grow in my academic role. I have had the honor of attending and presenting at the annual TSAHP conference on four occasions and highly value this venue as a catalyst for dialogue on timely and relevant educational, clinical, and research-based health care issues. I have also served as a judge in the TSAHP student research poster competition and appreciate the role this organization has in encouraging our future health professionals to participate in scholarly efforts. It would be an honor to serve on the Board and be a larger part of the difference TSAHP individual and institutional members have made across the state of Texas. I look forward to the opportunity to serve as Member-at-Large and will execute my role in that position to the highest degree.

Dr. Kate Panasci is an Associate Professor in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program and Assistant Dean for Interprofessional Education within the School of Health Professions at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) in Lubbock, Texas, where she has been since 2011. Her teaching activities focus primarily on professional development, clinical reasoning, and acute care and integumentary physical therapy management. She has published and presented at the local, state, and national levels in the areas of acute and wound care physical therapy practice, ethics and professional responsibility, interprofessional education, and innovative teaching strategies. She received her Masters of Science in Physical Therapy from Northeastern University (2004), her post-professional Doctor in Physical Therapy from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (2011), and a Graduate Certificate in E-Learning and Online Teaching from Texas Tech University (2021). Dr. Panasci can be contacted at (806) 743-2461; Kathryn.panasci@ttuhsc.edu.

Mohamad Mukhles Tlass, MBA, CPhT, PhTR



Mohamad Mukhles Tlass is currently serving as Assistant Dean of Health Sciences, Therapeutic Departments at Tarrant County College.

Mohamad oversees seven health science programs that include Anesthesia Technology, Central Sterile Processing, Health Information Technology, Medical Assistant, Ophthalmic Technician, Physical Therapy Assistant, and Surgical Technology, and two continuing education programs – Pharmacy Technician and Medical Coder. Prior to Tarrant

County College, Mohamad worked at Houston Community College where

he held multiple roles as a faculty member, administrator, district-level administrator, and college administrator. Mohamad's path in higher education started as a part-time lab coordinator in the Pharmacy Technician program, the same program he graduated from in 2003, followed by being appointed as an adjunct in 2005. In 2008, Mohamad transitioned to full-time in the higher education field. During his tenure at Houston Community College, Mohamad served as Lead Hospital Clinical Coordinator, Acting Program Director, Faculty Senate President, the first inclusion fellow who laid the foundation for HCC administration to create and develop DEI practices, and system-wide Interim Dean of Earth, Life, and Natural Sciences Division.

Mohamad strongly believes in the importance of higher education, precisely in health science programs. Mohamad continues to advocate for the support of allied health programs as they are considered essential in the healthcare field, providing critical healthcare services, possessing specialized skills, supporting other healthcare professionals, and contributing to improved patient outcomes and quality of care.

Mohamad holds a Master's in Pharmacy from the University of Medicine Sofia in Bulgaria (1999) and a Master's in Business Administration from Texas Woman's University (2014). He is also a certified and registered pharmacy technician. In addition, Mohamad is a certified aseptic techniques & sterile product preparation instructor from Austin Community College. In 2016, Mohamad was the recipient of the Houston Community College Teaching Excellence Award. In 2017, he was the recipient of the NISOD Excellence Award, and in 2018 Mohamad was the recipient of the Houston Community College Judy Hayman Student Engagement Innovation Award.