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Local journalist wins Alafair Hammett Media Award *ATPE selects Jennifer Radcliffe of the Houston Chronicle*

HOUSTON, Texas — The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) recently selected the *Houston Chronicle's* education reporter Jennifer Radcliffe to receive an award for her excellent public education news coverage.

Radcliffe won the 2014 Alafair Hammett Media Award in the category for newspapers with circulations of 50,000 or more.

The award will be presented at a banquet July 10 at the Austin Convention Center. The banquet will take place during the 2014 ATPE Summit, an annual education conference that more than 1,100 educators are expected to attend.

The media award was established both to honor Alafair Hammett, ATPE's first state president, and to recognize media outlets for their outstanding support and coverage of public education.

Recipients are selected by a panel of seven volunteer educators from around the state who serve on the association's public information committee. The committee was impressed by Radcliffe's reports about the sharp drop in firing first-year teachers in Texas as well as her coverage on the expansion of Texas' largest charter school chain.

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The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) has been a strong voice for Texas educators since 1980. It is the leading educators' association in Texas with more than 100,000 members statewide. With its strong collaborative philosophy, ATPE speaks for classroom teachers, administrators, future, retired and para-educators and works to create better opportunities for 5 million public schoolchildren. ATPE is the ally and the voice of Texas public school educators.