

Association of Texas Professional Educators

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Education conference offers workshops, networking for school teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals

AUSTIN – The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) will celebrate public school education and educators at the 2012 ATPE Summit July 14–16 at the Austin Convention Center in downtown Austin. More than 1,000 educators are expected to attend.

The annual education conference will kick off with ATPE’s first ever Professional Learning and Networking Day (PLAN) on July 14. This daylong event open to members and non-members will offer multiple professional development sessions on topics such as bullying, iPad apps for K-12 educators and teacher leadership. Attendees will be able to earn up to seven hours of continuing professional education credit, collaborate with fellow educators and gain new insights from renowned speakers, thinkers and leaders in education.

During PLAN, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from renowned educators Drs. Harry and Rosemary Wong. Using curriculum from their best-selling book, *The First Days of School: How to Be an Effective Teacher*, the Wongs will lead a session on how to be an effective and successful teacher. Attendees will also hear from the ATPE Summit keynote speaker Chef Jeff Henderson, an award-winning chef, motivational speaker, *New York Times* best-selling author and Food Network personality.

Henderson is the visionary behind *The Chef Jeff Project*, a TV series on which at-risk young adults reshape their lives through the art of cooking. As a speaker, Henderson uses reality-based education to inspire audiences to take charge of their lives and realize their personal and professional dreams.

For more information about the ATPE Summit as well as event registration, sessions and speakers, visit www.atpe.org/summit or call (800) 777-2873.

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The Association of Texas Professional Educators is the preeminent educators’ association in Texas and the largest nonunion educators’ group nationwide. Its membership consists of classroom teachers, para-educators, administrators, college students and retired educators. ATPE is committed to advocating for better benefits for all educators, promoting a collaborative work environment and

the right of educators to choose the association they feel represents their interests, and providing the best education possible for all Texas school children.