



Executive Board Candidate's Information

Name: Nicole Helene Cruz

Candidate Executive Board Position: President-Elect, Public Education

- Degree, Masters in Library Science
 - Institution, Sam Houston State University
 - Start Year: 1999 - End Year: 2001
- Degree, Bachelor of Arts in English and Journalism, Minor: Secondary Education
 - Institution, Dakota Wesleyan University
 - Start Year: 1988 - End Year: 1992

Work Experience

- Title, Sharyland High School Librarian; Sharyland Advanced Academic Academy Librarian; Sharyland ISD Lead Librarian
 - Institution, Sharyland Independent School District
 - Start Date: 08/01/2009 - Present
- Title, Librarian
 - Institution, Sharyland Independent School District
 - Start Date: 08/01/2003 - End Date: 05/30/2009
- Title, Biblioteca Las Americas Librarian
 - Institution, South Texas Independent School District
 - Start Date: 08/01/2002 - End Date: 05/31/2003
- Title, Berta Cabaza Middle School Librarian
 - Institution, San Benito Consolidated School District
 - Start Date: 08/01/2000 - End Date: 05/31/2002

Additional Work Experience

1995-2000 English Teacher Mission Consolidated Independent School District

1992-1995 English Teacher San Benito Consolidated Independent School District

TLA Activities

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, Member
 - Dates: 2002
- Texas Association of School Librarians, Councilor
 - Dates: 2019-2022
- TLA Awards Committee, Lifetime Achievement Presenter
 - Dates: 2019
- Texas Association of School Librarians, Scholarship Chair
 - Dates: 2018-2019

Additional TLA Information

- TALL Texan Mentor 2017
- TALL Texan Class of 2005
- Tejas Star Book Award Chairperson
- Texas Media Awards Committee Member
- TxIChat Moderator 2018

Other Professional Association Membership Information

- American Library Association (ALA)
- American Association of School Librarians (AASL)
- YALSA
- Texas Association of School Library Administrators (TASLA) 2015-2018
 - President-Elect, President, Past President
- Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA)
- South Texas Literacy Coalition -
- Rio Grande Valley Storytellers Guild

Publications and Presentations

Publications

- Navigating Life in a Pandemic: Things We Lost and Found-Bound to Stay Bound 2022
- "Collection Development Answers from the Field" Knowledge Quest 2022
- "Reading is a Cycle Worth Repeating" The Voice-Texas PTA 2015
- "The Importance of School Libraries" Texas Library Journal 90:4 2014
- "Teaming Up to Teach @ Your School Library" The Unabashed School Librarian 2013
- "Teaming Up to Teach @ Your School Library" Texas Library Journal 88:3 2012
- "Commitment & Service: Community Activism Beyond the School Library Walls" Texas Library Journal 87:2 2011

Presentations

- South Texas College Library Summit Spring 2024
- Region One Technology Conference 2023-"Texas Youth Creators Award: A Tradition of Excellence"
- Region One Technology Conference 2023
- Sharyland ISD Red Gala 100 Year Celebration -Honorary Guest Speaker-History of Sharyland 2022
- City of Edinburg City Council Sharyland Proclamation 2022
- City of Mission Council Meeting Sharyland Proclamation 2022
- Region One Fall Media Fair 2021, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2004, 2001
- Tejas Star Book Award Selections -Texas Library Conference 2015
- 2014 McAllen Public Library Down in the Valley: South Texas Mini Conference 2013
- TASLA Conference 2013, 2011
- Sharyland ISD Education Foundation Grant Showcase 2004-2012
- Sharyland Technology Showcase 2003-2011
- McAllen Public Library College and Career Fair

Honors (Awards, Prizes, Medals, etc.)

- Jack Alton Strawn Standing TALL Award, 2023
- Upstart Innovate Programming Award, 2020
- PR Branding Iron Award Editorial Strategies, 2016
- PR Branding Iron Honorable Mention Award for Category of Speeches, 2015
- Texas Library Project of the Year Award, 2014