

# LTF TRAINING UPDATE

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## Mentoring Luncheon

LTF recently hosted a luncheon at a Dallas restaurant for its teacher mentors who provided mentoring services to teachers in Pasadena ISD and Ysleta ISD, as well as to ten campuses in Garland ISD, Richardson ISD, and Dallas ISD. A large part of this mentoring was made possible through grant funding by the Texas

## Oct. 1st One-Day Conference Highlights

On Saturday LTF held the first conference of its kind at J. Frank Dobie High School in Houston, Texas. Over 200 attendees participated in 64 training sessions in areas of English, math, science, and social studies. To all of the trainers, teachers, and administrators who traveled to Houston for this event, we extend a huge thank you!

Instruments Foundation and the Texas Education Agency.



The luncheon followed a meeting in which best mentoring practices and plans for the new school year were discussed.

To learn more about LTF Mentoring, email Debra McIntire, National Training Corps Director, at [dmcintire@lfttraining.org](mailto:dmcintire@lfttraining.org).

#### New Video:

#### Massachusetts Insights

Last month, Development Manager Taylor Bunn spent a very rewarding week visiting trainings in Springfield and Salem, Massachusetts, where districts have fully embraced the LTF program.

These districts have seen improvement in advanced classes but take the program further by adapting lessons for use in on-level, ELL, and Special Ed classes, proving that all students can achieve at a high level when rigor is increased and expectations are raised.

Listen to what these passionate, inspiring educators had to say about LTF and the changes they've seen in their classrooms.



View the [list of upcoming One-Day Conferences](#).

## 2012 LTF Teacher and Trainer of the Year Award Programs

This year LTF is launching its first Teacher of the Year and Trainer of the Year award programs. These programs offer an opportunity for teachers and LTF trainers to be recognized and rewarded for their commitment to building academic excellence, successfully representing Laying the Foundation's programs, and helping to elevate the teaching profession in general.

Teachers and trainers may be nominated by professional colleagues or may nominate themselves. For both awards the top candidates in each discipline--English, mathematics, and science--will be honored at an announcement ceremony in Dallas, Texas, in mid-May and will receive \$2,000 and a plaque. **The deadline for applications is February 15, 2012.**

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## November Science Training

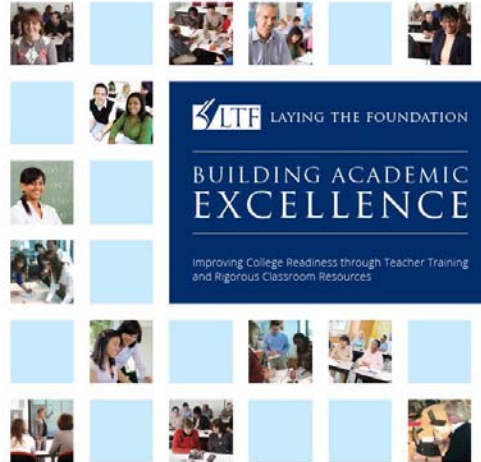
Science teachers, mark your calendars for an [LTF Science Training](#) on November 10 and 11 at Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School in Dallas, Texas. This training, from



8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day, will cover Modules 1 and 2. Training for Modules 3 and 4 is scheduled for January 12 and 13.

Register [here](#). For more information, email [info@ltftraining.org](mailto:info@ltftraining.org).

## New LTF Quick Guide



Browse through this [updated publication](#) to learn more about our teacher-to-teacher training and classroom-ready lesson and resource offerings. Information about STEM education and the Common Core Standards is included. Forward to a friend!

Laying the Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality teacher training, rigorous classroom materials, and web-based resources to improve the quality of English, mathematics, and science instruction. LTF believes that training, mentoring, and empowering the teacher corps will lead to high standards of academic excellence for all students.

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