

## Date Specific

more information can be found on the ATPI web site at [www.atpi.org](http://www.atpi.org)

### 6.12-15.2023

ATPI Summer Workshop for Instructors Only, Fort Worth, TX

### 8.30.2023

ATPI Social Media Contest deadline #ATPICommunity

### 9.27.2023

ATPI Social Media Contest deadline #ATPISilhouette

### 10.7-9.2023

Texas Association of Journalism Educators Fall Fiesta, San Antonio, TX

### 11.1.2023

ATPI Social Media Contest deadline #ATPIHalloween

### 11.17.2023

ATPI Fall Contest deadline

### 2.23-24.2024

ATPI Winter Conference, Austin

### 3.8.2024

TPS International Student Competition Deadline

Do you know of some other important dates? If so, e-mail us at [info@atpi.org](mailto:info@atpi.org) and we'll pass them on.

Our thanks to CADY Studios for sponsoring our 2022 Fall Contest poster.

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ATPI Executive Director Mark Murray recognizes Texas A&M University – Commerce associate professor Chad Smith as the association's 14th Star of Texas recipient. Photo by John Skees

## Star of Texas Awarded to Smith

ATPI Executive Director Mark Murray had a surprise agenda item at the Winter Conference business meeting: a new Star of Texas winner.

The latest recipient, Chad Smith, has served at Texas A&M University-Commerce as an associate professor of photography since 2003. In that time, Smith has supported ATPI by hosting multiple summer workshops, judged contests and taught at the Winter Conference, and coordinated the Texas High School Shoot-Out. Recently, he encouraged the Texas Photographic Society to start an international student contest.

“Chad is one of the best friends that photography education has,” Murray said. “For years Chad has shown up whenever and wherever we’ve asked, often with college students in tow, to help with teaching, judging, critiquing or just helping move things around if that’s what we needed. His support for photography students and teachers in Texas is legendary.”

The award, which is the association's highest honor, recognizes contributions to photographic education in Texas.

## Still Time to Register for Summer Workshop Instructor-Only Sessions Head Back to Fort Worth

Spots are still available for this year's ATPI Summer Workshop for Instructors Only. The workshop, which runs June 12-15, features three tracks for participants to choose from.

In “The Magic of Light,” instructors will master tabletop photography, high key and low key lighting, and studio shoots. ATPI Vice President Erica Garcia (Navasota HS) and Ian McVea (Arlington Martin HS) will teach this session.

The “Photo Teaching Bootcamp” will focus on assignment ideas as well as hands-on practice. Camera handling, composition, workflow and storytelling will all be concepts explored in the class. Jeff Grimm (retired), John Knauer (retired) and Andrea Schleppehorst (Byron Nelson HS, Trophy Club) will lead this class.

Instructors looking to boost their video skills can enroll in “Video 101.” Matt Koby (Dickinson HS) will take participants through everything from interviews and B-roll to cinematography.

This year, there will also be a field trip to the Amon Carter Museum. Current exhibits include Christina Fernandez, a Los

Angeles-based photographer who focuses on migration and labor, and works from Richard Avedon's *In the American West*. There will also be a night photography session offered.

Trimble Tech HS will host the workshop. Registration is \$275 and includes instruction, all the snacks and beverages you can consume, lunches and one dinner, and prizes. While reservations for the hotel block are closed, rooms may still be available at the Springhill Suites Fort Worth University, where the block was set up. Contact the hotel at 817-878-2554 to inquire about availability. There are also other hotels in the area, which is about 2 miles from Trimble Tech.

Instructors arriving the evening of June 11 are invited to join the group for dinner (on your own tab).

Participants should check the ATPI website for specific materials needed for their course as well as a day-by-day schedule.

For more information or to register, visit the ATPI website.

# Spring Contest Winners



1st place Rising Star Portrait, Bryce Weatherholt, John Cooper School (Jennifer Schiebel, instructor)



1st place Top Program Commercial/Advertising, Sean Admire, Trinity HS (Christine Davis, instructor)



1st place Rising Star Architecture, Ema Lamyuen, The Woodlands HS (Julie Pelosi, instructor)



1st place Hal Fulgham Memorial Scholarship - Fine Art, Allyson Arnold, Texas HS (Clint Smith, instructor)

Top Program:  
Texas HS  
Clint Smith, instructor

Top Video Program:  
Rock Hill HS  
Russ Olson and  
Margie Raper, instructors

Rising Star Program:  
The Woodlands HS  
Julie Pelosi, instructor

Hal Fulgham  
Memorial Scholarship -  
1st place Fine Art:  
Allyson Arnold, Texas HS



1st place Top Program Landscape/Nature, Eugene Yang Round Rock HS (Cassandra E. Syler, instructor)

Hal Fulgham  
Memorial Scholarship - 1st  
place Photojournalism:  
Braylen Garren, Texas HS



1st place Top Program  
Documentary/Photojournalism,  
Mich Omwony, Richardson HS  
(Wade Kennedy, instructor)

## Briefs



Texas HS student Kayleigh Moreland, ATPI Past President Clint Smith and Texas HS graduate-turned-instructor Sara Vaughn show off the school's work in the Best of Texas Scholastic Photography Vol. 5, which was unveiled at this year's Winter Conference. Thank you to Friesens for printing the book as well as four classroom posters. Every ATPI member as well as any student who had work in the book received a complimentary copy. Photo by John Skees

### Winter Conference Appreciation

Thank you to the following for their support at this year's Winter Conference:

- Balfour, for providing the Saturday lunch
- CADY, for providing instructors and models for the hands-on class
- Jostens, for providing the lanyards

Thanks also to Red River Paper, Dr. August Davis, Art/ Art History department chair at UTA, and Bryan Florentin, assistant professor of art and photography area coordinator.

### Board Election Results

Earlier this spring, the association held its biannual election. The new board consists of:

- President: Laura Spray (Randolph HS)
- Vice president: Mark Dimmitt (Hallsville HS)
- Vice president: Erica Garcia (Navasota HS)
- Vice president: Matt Koby (Dickinson HS)
- Vice president: John Skees (TAPPS)
- Vice president: Laura Veno (Granbury HS)

- Secretary: /Newsletter Editor Andrea Negri (Bellaire HS)
- Past president: Shannon Oden (Working Assumptions)

Thank you to outgoing board members Sergio Almendariz (Mansfield ISD), Natalie Melendrez (Crandall HS) and Clint Smith (Texas HS) for their service.

### Membership Reminder

Have you renewed your ATPI membership yet? You can join ATPI for only \$20/year and help support the organization. You can also join TAJE (\$40), JEA (\$65, \$95 after July 1), SIPA (\$30) or the Texas Photographic Society (\$40) using the same form on the ATPI website. If you aren't sure if you have already paid, email [info@atpi.org](mailto:info@atpi.org).

### Fall Photo Contest

Keep an eye out during this year's Summer Workshop for Instructors Only for this year's Thematic category announcement. The prompt will be announced on ATPI's social media accounts.

### TAJE Fall Fiesta

Save the date for the annual Texas

Association of Journalism Educators Fall Fiesta. This year's event will move to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The hotel block will be at the Grand Hyatt, which is adjacent to the convention center.

Students can participate in pre-convention as well as on-site photo and video contests, which count toward Imagemaker Team points, as well as learn from professionals in journalism and scholastic media. Information about the convention is available at [taje.org](http://taje.org).

### ATPI Committees

If you are looking for ways to get involved with ATPI, consider joining one of the committees. These are a great way to help guide the direction of the organization and help give back to the community.

ATPI has committees for the Winter Conference, Summer Workshop, Membership and Contests. If you are interested in learning more about any of these committees or joining, reach out to the committee chairs.

Also, newsletter contributions are always appreciated. If you are interested in submitting an article or if you have an idea for a future article, email [secretary@atpi.org](mailto:secretary@atpi.org).

## PPA Master Photographer Shares Advice for Shooting Portraits

Shannon Oden  
ATPI President

In the fall, I had the wonderful opportunity to work with WPPI certified and PPA Master Photographer Phaneendra Gud, known as "PG" by his friends and clients. PG is a standout photographer due to his use of bold color, negative space and beautiful light to create the most beautiful portraits which are hard to forget. PG had some very good advice for refining skills when shooting portraits:

Undoubtedly the most important takeaway for students is to think before you click. Really think about what it is that you're feeling in your mind and your heart that you want to communicate visually. Often times we rush to get our exposure correct and our focus sharp and then we just push the button. Take time to visualize and to think about what it is that could make this portrait exceptional.

Utilize natural shapes and the form of your subject, lines in your background to create dynamic compositions. Diagonals triangles, repeating patterns, and dominant mass are all key to successful compositions.

Lead the eye by contrast and utilize color to create emotion. Monochromatic colors evoke calming feelings. Analogous color models create energy and complementary colors create energy on a higher level with more contrast.

Remember to always enhance the good and diminish the bad. Every element in the image supports the mood. Look, see, and enjoy, especially the Gud stuff.

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# Registration Open for Fall Photo Workshop

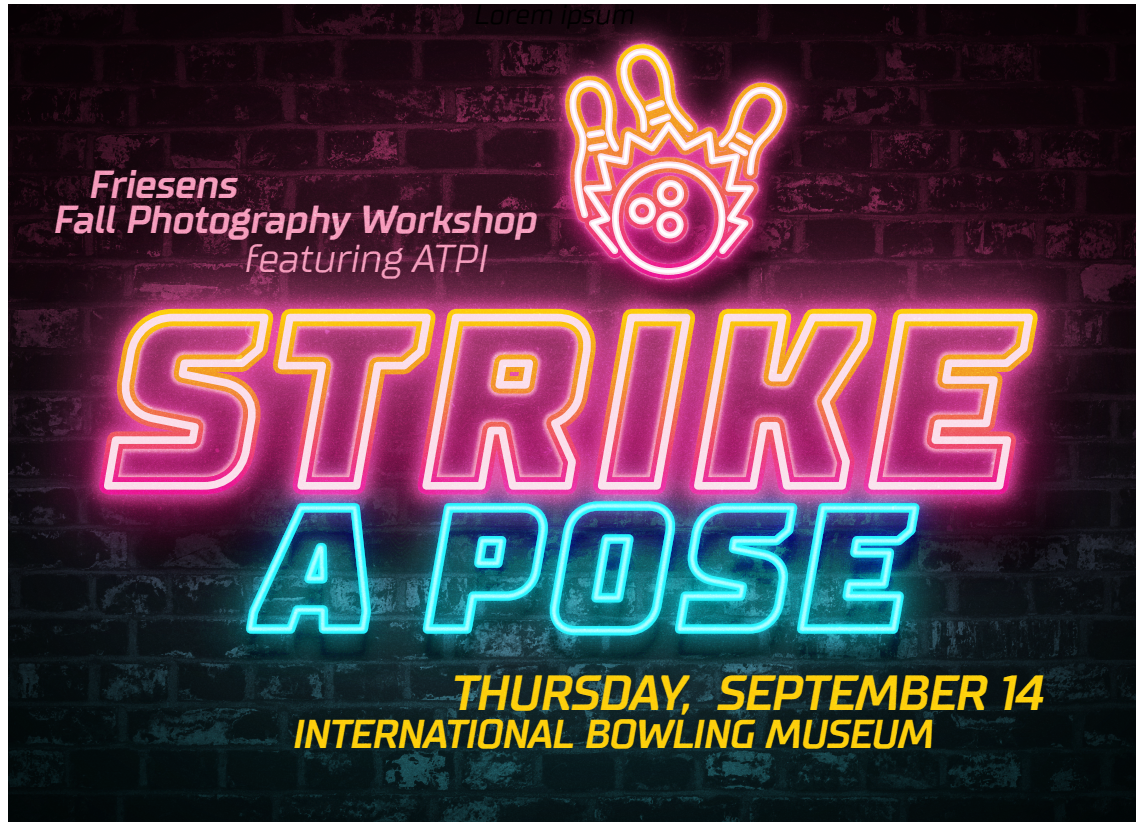
In cooperation with ATPI, Friesens will host a Fall Photography Workshop this fall at the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame, located in Arlington.

The workshop, which will take place Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature ATPI Executive Director, Mark Murray, and Senior Consultant, Dr. Bradley Wilson. The day will start with beginning-level topics and expand into more advanced photography work as the day progresses.

Registration for the workshop is \$40 per person and includes lunch.

Participants must register by Aug. 10. Registration is at <https://www.friesens.com/yearbooks/teachers-advisors/texas-fall-photography-workshop-with-atpi/>.

Questions should be directed to [CraigN@friesens.com](mailto:CraigN@friesens.com).



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