



# Science Teachers Association of Texas

*Leading Science Education in Texas*

5750 Balcones Dr., Suite 201, Austin, TX 78731  
(512) 491-6685 · Fax (512) 873-7423

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Janet Morrow, Assistant Executive Director**  
**STAT@statweb.org**  
**512-491-6685**

**October 1, 2015**  
**www.statweb.org**

## **Thousands of Science Educators Arrive for CAST “Defying Gravity”**

The Science Teachers Association of Texas (STAT) is preparing to host continuing education to thousands of science teachers from across the state during the 2015 Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching (CAST).

Buzz surrounding the conference has risen sharply as the conference draws near. With over 700 TEKS-aligned workshops tailored to fit subject and grade level, teachers are excited to attend, share ideas and exchange teaching methods to better prepare their students.

The mission of CAST is to provide teachers with the professional development they need to bridge the gap between textbooks and the new accountability tests. With 400 plus exhibit booths, CAST is one of the fastest growing tradeshow in Texas. Special events will be held throughout the convention, including educational excursions to area science attractions, VIP reception, “Mothership” evening social complete with costumes and several featured sessions by top rated presenters from past CASTs.

The CAST convention, themed “Defying Gravity” for 2015, is the largest state science conference in the nation. Events will be held Nov. 12 – 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Fort Worth Convention Center and other downtown properties, thanks to sponsors STEMscopes, Chevron, Sargent Welch, Vernier, Human Energy, Carolina, Ward’s Science, Flinn Scientific, Inc., Scientific Minds, School Specialty Science, Bio-Rad, Fisher Science Education and AT&T.

### **About The Science Teachers Association of Texas (STAT)**

STAT, founded in 1957, is a non-profit organization of elementary, middle and high school teachers, college educators and supervisors of science. As a resource for science education, STAT is dedicated to ensuring that all students are scientifically and technologically literate. STAT is a chapter of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and serves as a unified voice and network for science teachers across the state of Texas. The organization informs members about current trends in science education and provides opportunities to view the latest in technology, curriculum, materials and services. STAT represents more than 6,000 members.

###