

## 1992 SFSC (SFCC) Alumni Elected to the Texas State Board of Education:



Dr. Audrey Young, B.S. M.A., ED. S., Ed.D, is the former Miss Highlands County 1990, graduated Sebring High School with honors in 1991, and earned an Associate in Arts Degree from South Florida Community College in 1992. She's earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership and a Doctorate of Education from Stephen F. Austin State University. Audrey is the granddaughter of the late Bill and Dot Young and the late Bob and Frances Leaphart, and the daughter of Rebecca "Becky" (Leaphart) and Chuck Fleck and the late Gary Young, all formerly of Sebring. Dr. Young's career expands over 27 years in public education, with her first 12 years in Highlands County as a substitute teacher, speech therapist, special education teacher,

21<sup>st</sup> CCLC director at Hill-Gustat Middle School, and 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade reading specialist. After moving to Texas 15 years ago, she became a middle school administrator for Trinity ISD and district director. Currently, Dr. Young is the Director of Student Support Services for Nacogdoches ISD and was elected on November 3, 2020, to the Texas State Board of Education. Dr. Young served six years on the Board of Trustees for Apple Springs ISD in Trinity County, Texas. As a Master Trustee, she is on the Executive Board of Leadership Texas Association of School Boards Alumni Association (LTASBAA), served three terms as member of the Texas Legislative Advisory Council (LAC) representing Region 6, and served 2 years on the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Board of Trustees Advisory Committee.

Dr. Young is the Literacy Chair of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Anthony Smith Chapter and a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Mary Hall Mantooth Chapter. She is the treasurer for the American Association of University Women, Nacogdoches Chapter, a member of the Executive board for Lufkin Community Partners, and a member of Apple Springs Baptist Church. She has served her church through the Pastor Selection Committee, Vacation Bible School Coordinator and Music Director. Her proudest accomplishments are her three daughters: Amanda 28, AmyBeth 26, and Addyson 24., all college graduates. She is also honored to be called "Honey" by her grandson Cohen. Her husband Chip is a retired Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) state employee and spends his time on the family farm with his blue heeler Bart. (pictured above: Audrey Young) (pictured to the right: Rebecca Fleck (Audrey's mom and a 1972 South Florida Junior College Graduate), center: Audrey Young, and left: Trinity County Judge Doug Page).

