



# 2025-2026 Academy Report

*The Academy is a formal organization of distinguished scholars of the first order recognized for teaching excellence, who are committed to the advancement of teaching and learning across UT Tyler.*

## Engagement

At the 2025 New Faculty Orientation, ADT Fellows **welcomed and visited with new faculty at lunch**, led the annual “Ask the Academy” panel session and various teaching and learning sessions, and were available at our ADT Faculty Resource Table!



## Academic Year 2025-2026

Advancing Teaching & Learning: Tuesday Morning Teachings Talks & Monthly ADT Sessions with CETL and ODL.



UT Tyler Academy of Distinguished Teachers presents  
**TUESDAY MORNING TEACHING TALKS**  
EVERY TUESDAY MORNING  
8:00AM - 9:00AM | CAS 216 & ZOOM

Join us for an open, supportive space where faculty can connect, share teaching successes, and talk through challenges with colleagues who understand the ups and downs of the classroom. Whether you're celebrating a triumph, seeking ideas, or simply looking for camaraderie, you'll leave with fresh perspectives and renewed energy for your teaching.

Scan the QR code to join virtually. Refreshments provided in-person.

## Networking

ADT hosted a **breakfast social** to kick-off the academic year.



A HUGE thank you to Susan Doty who faithfully led Tuesday Morning Teaching Talks throughout the 2025-2026 academic year.

## Mentoring

The Academy Mentoring Program (AMP) formal mentorship program continues to serve the campus community. A total of 7 mentees across various departments engaged in the program were paired with ADT mentors to support our mission to advance teaching and learning across UT Tyler!

University of Texas System ADT recognized Kerrie Anne Ambort-Clark during a ceremony on January 8, 2026.



## Academy Induction, Networking, and Recognition Banquet (ADT-INTR)

A beautiful Academy Induction, Networking, and Recognition Banquet catered by the Potpourri House was held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. President Philley provided the welcome address and special guests also included Provost Haas, Dr. Welty Peachey, distinguished members of ADT and Shine Academy, and ADT mentees, our new ADT Teaching Fellows.

### Inductees

#### UT Tyler ADT Faculty Fellows

- Dr. Kimberly Elliott
- Dr. Adam McGuire

#### UT System Shine Academy

- Dr. Kimberly Elliott

#### ROTA

- Dr. Adam McGuire

#### 2026 Emeritus Fellow

- Dr. Frank Dykes



## 2026-2028 Executive Board Appointments:

- President, Amy Hayes
- Past President, Melinda Hermanns
- President-Elect, Josh Banta
- Secretary, Amy Tvinnereim
- Treasurer, Danielle Bailey
- Membership, Ericka Freeman
- Events and Outreach, Cathy Ross
- Governance, Kenneth Bryant

Terms begin May 15, 2026

*The 2024-2026 Past, Current, and President-Elect thank you for all you do to advance the Academy!*



## Community

Our Learning and Teaching from the Student Perspective: A Community Experience – Student Forum was a huge success! **Please access the full report from September 23, 2025.**

