

# Sigma Tau Delta 2022 Convention Schedule At-A-Glance

## Wednesday, March 30

**3:00-9:00**     **Registration**     **Registration Desk**

**8:00-9:30**     **Student Run English Expo**     **Salon Ballroom**

Join us for a creative convention start facilitated by members of Sigma Tau Delta's Student Leadership Committee who have endeavored to create an engaging space for participants that centers literary practices and activities, including found poetry, book cover illustrations, and a bit of healthy competition via games and prizes. Come meet your fellow convention-goers and interact in a dynamic setting that perfectly kicks off our 2022 International Convention. All are welcome!

## Thursday, March 31

**7:30-6:00**     **Registration**     **Registration Desk**

**8:00-9:15**     **Networking Before Noon with the Student Leadership Committee**     **Salon Ballroom**

Conventions are a wonderful space for expanding your professional network and meeting fellow students, scholars, and researchers who are passionate about the study of English. The Student Leadership Committee has worked hard to turn your Thursday morning into an accessible networking session that eases you into the process of mingling and getting to know your fellow convention-goers! Get your business cards ready and let us do the rest, as you join us for a morning session full of opportunities to unite with attendees over common interests such as literary genres, chapter regions, research areas, and more.

**8:00-9:15**     **Chapter Advisor Workshop**     **TBA**

Advisors are invited to this networking session to discuss chapter recruitment, engagement, fundraising, and service projects along with Society opportunities like scholarships, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, convention, and journal submissions. Continental breakfast will be served.

**9:30-10:45**     **Concurrent Session A**     **Breakout Rooms**

**11:00-12:15**     **Concurrent Session B**     **Breakout Rooms**

**12:00-9:00**     **Chapter Displays**     **Prefunction**

**12:15-1:45**     **Lunch (on your own)**

**2:00-3:15**     **Concurrent Session C**     **Breakout Rooms**

**3:30-4:45**     **Research in the Round**     **Breakout Rooms**

Research in the Round is a new, timed event that promotes the very best part of the convention: conversation! Convention attendees are invited to participate in brief but engaging conversations about literary, theoretical, pedagogical, or writing topics. Participants will circulate from table to table in a timed, speed-style format, where (after a brief introduction) they attempt to answer the host's questions or may formulate one of their own about the same topic.

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<b>5:00-6:00</b>	<b>Richard Blanco, Featured Speaker</b>	<b>Salon Ballroom</b>
<b>6:00-7:00</b>	<b>Richard Blanco, Book Signing</b>	<b>Main Hallway</b>
<b>6:00-8:15</b>	<b>Dinner (on your own)</b>	
<b>7:00-8:15</b>	<b>Sigma Kappa Delta (SKD) Meet &amp; Greet</b>	<b>Meet in Hotel Lobby</b>
<b>8:30-11:30</b>	<b>Dry T-Shirt/Bad Poetry Contests</b>	<b>Salon Ballroom</b>

Get ready for some side-splitting fun as chapters with merchandise to sell present funny, English-related skits. Props and costumes are encouraged. All chapters are invited to create a skit. There will be awesome prizes for the best skit AND the best merchandise. Afterward, convention attendees bring you the best and worst in bad poetry. Whether it's a sincerely bad poem written in middle school or a comedy poem lampooning annoying poetic trends, members present the worst original poetry they have ever written in this fiercely funny competition. Members take this competition very seriously, and there are more and better prizes this year than ever before. Come prepared to laugh until you cry. This event is sponsored by the Student Leadership Committee and is open to all attendees.

## Friday, April 1

<b>8:00-2:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Registration Desk</b>
<b>8:00-2:00</b>	<b>Chapter Merchandise Sales</b>	<b>Hallways</b>
<b>8:00-9:15</b>	<b>Concurrent Session D</b>	<b>Breakout Rooms</b>
<b>9:00-9:00</b>	<b>Chapter Displays</b>	<b>Prefunction</b>
<b>9:30-10:45</b>	<b>Concurrent Session E</b>	<b>Breakout Rooms</b>
	<b>A Conversation with Richard Blanco</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>11:00-12:30</b>	<b>General Business Session</b>	<b>Salon Ballroom</b>
	<b>\$200 PARTICIPATION INCENTIVE</b>	

Each chapter sending a voting student delegate to Friday's Business Session and Regional Caucuses qualifies for a reimbursement check of \$200 (\$400 for chapters outside of the continental US).

Required: Pick up the blue validation form at the Business Session and return the completed form at your chapter's Regional Caucus immediately following the Business Session. Checks are mailed shortly after the convention.

### **Award Announcements**

NEHS Literacy Grant - Books for Keeps  
Chapter Anniversary Awards  
Outstanding Chapter Awards  
Advisor Anniversaries  
Outstanding Literary Journal Awards  
Project Grant Awards  
Service Awards

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## Caucus Breakouts

- » Eastern Caucus TBA
- » Far Western Caucus TBA
- » High Plains Caucus TBA
- » Midwestern Caucus TBA
- » Southern Caucus TBA
- » Southwestern Caucus TBA

**11:00-2:15 SKD Kraeger Awards Luncheon** Meet in Hotel Lobby

**12:30-1:50 Lunch (on your own)**

**12:30-1:30 Alumni Epsilon Chapter Meeting** Breakout Room

**2:00-3:15 Concurrent Session F** Breakout Rooms

**3:30-4:30 Nic Stone, Featured Speaker** Salon Ballroom

**4:30-5:30 Nic Stone, Book Signing** Main Hallway

**4:30-8:00 Dinner (on your own)**

**5:30-6:30 President's Reception for Faculty and Alumni** TBA

**8:00-9:15 *Rectangle* Reading** Salon Ballroom

Introduction:

Carie King, Managing Editor of Sigma Tau Delta publications, The University of Texas at Dallas

The *Sigma Tau Delta Rectangle* (founded in 1931) is an annual journal of creative writing that publishes fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Authors of the 2022 publication will share their works.

**9:30-10:30 Open Mic** Salon Ballroom

Attendees are invited to share their short, original creations at Open Mic Night. Bring your best poetry, flash fiction, and other short pieces to perform for the friendliest audience you will ever find. This event is sponsored by the Student Leadership Committee and is open to all attendees.

## Saturday, April 2

**8:00-12:00 Registration** Registration Desk

**8:00-2:00 Chapter Merchandise Sales** Prefunction

**8:00-9:15 Concurrent Session G** Breakout Rooms

**9:00-12:00 Chapter Displays** Prefunction

**9:30-10:45 Concurrent Session H** Breakout Rooms

**A Conversation with Nic Stone** TBA

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**11:00-12:15 Concurrent Session I**

**Breakout Rooms**

**12:45-3:00 Closing Event: Convention Awards Luncheon**

**Salon Ballroom**

Complete your convention experience by sharing in the fun, festivities, food, and excitement of this closing event. You won't want to miss this memorable opportunity to wear your Society colors and/or regalia. Join us as we revel in our English connections, savor new friends and old, and celebrate the best papers presented at the convention. This event is (literally and figuratively) the icing on the cake! Preregister at only \$20 per person.

## **Isabel Sparks President's Awards**

Original Creative Prose

Creative Non-Fiction

Original Poetry

Critical Essays: British and World Literature

Critical Essays: American Literature

Critical Essays: Other

Common Reader: *Dear Martin*, by Nic Stone

## **Other Awards**

Justin Q. Owen Awards for Critical Essays and Creative Works on the Convention Theme

Stemmler/Dennis LGBT&

Beth DeMeo Poetry

Alumni Epsilon

Outstanding Chapter Displays

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