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Dear TFA Executive Board & TFA Members,

Mahatma Gandhi once said, “Be the change you want to see in the world.” Right now is the greatest opportunity for me to be the change agent in our organization. My name is Lillian Adeyemi, and I am thrilled and honored to express my interest in running for TFA President at this year’s TSCA convention. I have dedicated many years to this activity, and I feel that I can take our organization to the next level.

I will be starting my 17th year in education and my 14th year as a forensics coach. In my career, I have lead four different programs in the Houston area. Previously, I was the director at Albright Middle School, Alief Hastings High School, and Cypress Woods High School. Currently, I am beginning my fourth year as the assistant director at Seven Lakes High School. I have had the pleasure of serving as the TSCA District 4 Chair for six years, and an NSDA Space City Committee Member for nine years. In addition, I have served in several tabrooms and judge’s table at the local, state, and national levels. I have also served on several committees for TFA and TSCA, and I have experience hosting several TFA tournaments, along with the first swing in the State of Texas with Westside High School and Alief Hastings High School.

I have always said we are the best-kept secret in the state. Promoting our activity is the only way we will get the community to see what value speech and debate adds to young people. For example, when we host our state tournament, we need to involve leaders in the community by placing them on judging panels in final rounds. It will be my mission to promote this activity so that we can combat shrinking class units, budgets, and high coach turnover. As your president, it will be one of my top priorities to find a resolution to the size of our State Tournament without reducing the number of entries allowed for students to compete. We offer one of the largest, and in my opinion, the best state tournament in our nation, and I want our state to continue to be the one other states look to when hosting their tournaments. I hope to be a president that listens to the body and moves in a direction that benefits every region. Because what may work in one region, may not work for another, and all programs must receive the same opportunities to be successful.

The purpose of our organization is to build effective cooperation among all of our members of the speech and theatre profession while educating the general and professional public on the importance of this activity. The primary role of the president is one that works with the EC to help govern the body and run the state tournament. If you vote for me, I will work closely with Joe and the other members of the EC, so that the transition on May 1st is a seamless one that will allow our organization to press forward. As an interest group to TSCA, I will ensure that I am present at the TSCA EC meetings to keep our interests on the forefront, such as making speech a graduation requirement at every high school in the State of Texas. I vow to commit to TFA to ensure our organization continues to move forward in my years as President-elect, President, and Past President by making decisions that will help grow our community in this new millennium.

I look forward to communicating with you about my vision for the future. I ask that you please attend the convention this year to cast your vote and let your voice be heard. Thank you so much for your time, and leading up to convention, if you would like to reach out to me to voice your concerns about our organization's future, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [lillianadeyemi@katyisd.org](mailto:lillianadeyemi@katyisd.org). Again, I am excited about the opportunity to serve all of you in this capacity, and I look forward to being the change we need in this organization.

In Speech,

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**Lillian Adeyemi**  
**for TFA President**