

Student Success Director to Lead Learning Center Association



PLTLIS Board member and Chair of the 2019 Conference Committee, Dr. Ne'Shaun Jones, has been named the founding vice president for the Texas College Learning Center Association (TCLCA), an affiliate of the [National College Learning Center Association](#) (NCLCA). Dr. Jones is the director of the [Student Success Center](#) and [Testing Center](#) at the University of Texas at Dallas. She and her colleagues hosted the 2018 Annual PLTLIS Conference.

The NCLCA approved TCLCA's application as an affiliate in December. The TCLCA will promote professional standards in the field of learning assistance in Texas while developing services available in learning centers that enhance student learning.

"This is very exciting for Texas. We have so many colleges and universities that could benefit from professional development, implementation of best practices, research and resources," Jones said.

NCLCA assists in creating and enhancing learning centers and programs that reinforce student learning and enhance student academic success, retention and completion rates. It also provides opportunities for professional development, networking and idea exchange through conferences, workshops, institutes and publications.

Michael Frizell, immediate past president and liaison for affiliates, said expansion of the affiliate program into Texas is "exciting for the profession as a whole."

"The state of Texas has a thriving network of learning center professionals. The work of TCLCA will add a lot to the growing scholarship surrounding the development of learning centers," Frizell said.