



Governmental Collectors Association of Texas April 2019 Newsletter

Meet Your GCAT Board

Hi. My name is Chris Taylor. I'm 35 years old and have lived in Johnson County, Texas since I was 8 years old. Don't worry, I got here as quick as I could. I'm married and have 2 kids. Ashley is my lovely wife, Kallie(12) is my awesome musical genius daughter, and Tyberius(8) is my equally awesome but complete handful son. I come from a large family and am the oldest of 5. For my hobbies, I like to game, watch races, and when I was younger (and dumber) I was lucky enough to not get caught racing. I've been with Johnson County since I was 18, fresh out of High School. First with the County Clerk's office and then transferring to District Clerk's office a year later. I started our collections department in 2006 and remained there until 2013 when I was promoted to Operations Manager. In 2017 I was promoted to Chief Deputy where I oversee all of the functions of our office. It was an honor to be voted on to the GCAT board and I hope to get to continue to serve and help out with our organization.



Texas Trivia

Did you that El Paso is in fact closer to California than it is to Dallas?

Almost 80% of all Snickers bars are made in Waco, Texas.

The least populated U.S. County is Loving County, Texas with only 82 residents. Its territory however, is larger than Hong Kong and Singapore combined.

"Texas" comes from the Spanish pronunciation of a Hasinai Indian word meaning "friends". Ironically, the Hasinai tribe was completely wiped out.

A ranch called King Ranch in Texas is larger than the entire state of Rhode Island.

There are 90 mountains in Texas are more than a mile high.

The hamburger was first created in Athens, Texas.

GCAT Conference Updates

The April 15th deadline is drawing near. The conference fee for members is \$195 and non-members \$250. Membership renewal fees need to be paid by this date to be eligible to vote in this year's elections.

Be sure to be on the lookout for hotel information and agenda updates on the GCAT website. <https://www.govcat.net/>

Scholarship Information

Three scholarships are still available. The scholarship will cover your GCAT 2019 Conference Registration fee **only**. The criteria is a 150-200 word description of how attending the 2019 GCAT conference will benefit you, your city or county. Email all essays to Andrea Weilacher at andrea.weilacher@dentoncounty.com and Tanya Skinner at tskinner@brazoscountytexas.gov.

Award Nominees

April 15th is the cutoff date for award nomination!!!! If you would like to nominate someone or a department for the following awards please email Chris Taylor at chris@johnsoncountytexas.org and Veronica Bolander at vbolander@wilco.org. Here is a list of awards that are up for grabs. More detailed information about each award may be found on the GCAT website. www.govcat.net

Most Innovative Program

Collector of the Year

Collections Programs of the Year

Excellence in Service Award

Becky Sirmans Award

Honorary Membership

