

Botanical Society of America Teaching and Outreach Section
Annual Report for 2021-2022
Section Chair: Kyra N. Krakos
Section Vice Chair and Program Director: Benjamin Montgomery
Section Secretary/Treasurer: David Krayesky

1. **Leadership:** In 2022, Kyra Krakos continues her 4th extension year as Chair, and concludes her service this conference. Ben Montgomery is been serving a 3-year term as Vice-Chair and concludes with his 3rd year. David Krayesky is serving a 3-year position as appointed Secretary/Treasurer. We will hold elections for a new Chair and Vice-Chair during this year's conference, using our new protocols.
2. **Awards:** In 2022, the Postelthwait Award and the Bessey Award are both being awarded. The chair of Education Committee (Rachel Jabaily) and the Teaching Section (Kyra Krakos) reviewed the nominations and chose this year's winner, which will be awarded at the 2022 Botany meeting. The leadership committee for the Teaching Section reviewed the nominees for the Postelthwait Award and chose this year's winner, which will be awarded at the 2022 Botany meeting.
3. **Conference Participation:** The teaching and outreach section continues to have a strong presence among the contributed papers at the annual Botany conference, including this year's hybrid format. The broad range of categories that fit into this section attract a cross-section of attendees. Botany 2021 had 15 contributed papers and 6 posters. Scheduled for Botany 2022 are 25 contributed papers and 9 posters. We are seeing an upswing following a slow down during Covid-19 and anticipate continued growth in the future.
4. **Initiatives and Goals:** The Teaching and Outreach section continues its support and collaboration with the Diversity and Inclusion Initiative at Botany 2022. We continue to provide a focused poster session for the recipients of the grant, and promote the workshops, colloquium, and symposia associated with these goals.
5. **Botany 360:** The teaching and outreach section was very involved in supporting the Botany 360 initiative. Leadership has been attending the planning meetings. Our section held an event on June 5, 2022 "So you want to get involved with section leadership". This was presented by Kyra N. Krakos, Maryville University, 2022 Chair of the BSA Teaching and Outreach Section. A walkthrough of the roles, responsibilities, and benefits of being in section leadership: Have you thought about section leadership? How does one get elected? What is involved in the different positions? How can it benefit your professional development? During this session the group walked through the different roles and responsibilities and answered questions about the process. We are anticipating more section sponsored events in the coming year, with a goal of two sponsored Botany 360 events a year.
6. **Looking Ahead:** We are looking at the role of collaborations with industry (such as with the Danforth Plant Center) and cross-discipline approaches to addressing plant awareness, as well as sponsoring more workshops to address the needs of botanical education in our increasingly virtual world.