

## Meet the Scientist And Celebrate TESTA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Get the most out of this outstanding CAST program by joining us for the reception after STAT's first guest lecturer, Mike Everhart. His presentation, "Paleontology of the Western Interior Sea", details the late Cretaceous marine fossils of western Kansas. He has extensive expertise on the early history of paleontology in Kansas. His work has also been recently featured on the History Channel (Prehistoric Monsters Revealed) and on the Discovery Channel.

Here is the time to personally meet Mike and ask questions. Throughout the reception we will be showing his contributions to the National Geographic's "Making of Sea Monsters" in a PowerPoint presentation. You can peruse books that he has authored as you gain more Earth science content knowledge. Mike will also be at the TESTA booth at select times during the conference.

At this time, you can help the Texas Earth Science Teachers Association (TESTA) celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This affiliate organization of STAT was conceived at a CAST conference in 1984. With the new TEKS, Earth Science curriculum is again emerging in Texas.

As you plan your professional development agenda, please see our Earth Science strand of content filled fieldtrips, workshops and short courses being held in the San Luis Resort. Make sure you include a visit to our famous Rock Raffle Friday afternoon to add new specimens to your classroom. Saturday mornings Share-a-thon is a must attend session where you can pick up several teacher-made activities. The TESTA luncheon follows with our keynote speaker, Rice University's Dr. Alison Henning discussing "Evolution in Science and Society".

Again, don't miss this opportunity to interact with Mike and other colleagues in a relaxed and casual setting. Let's conclude the first day of our conference by giving Mike Everhart a warm and friendly Texas thank you!