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Professors, Librarian Receive Faculty Excellence Awards

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Three professors and a librarian at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi have been honored with 2008 Faculty Excellence Awards.

Dr. Denise Hill, assistant professor of education, received the Excellence in Teaching Award. Before Hill joined the University in fall 2002, she taught in the Texas public school system for 19 years. Hill, who is in the teacher education department, is the site professor for the Center for Professional Development and Teaching at Schanen Elementary in the Corpus Christi Independent School District.

Dr. Patrick Crowley, a professor of economics, was honored with the Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activity Award. Crowley, who has been a University faculty member since 2000, has twice served as a Visiting Research Fellow at the Suomen Pannkki/Bank of Finland. He is a former journal editor of Current Politics and Economics of Europe and editorial member of both the Journal of European Integration and the Journal of Economic Asymmetries.

Dr. Susan Garza, associate professor of English, received the Outstanding Service Award. Garza, who has been with the University since 1999, has served on many committees and councils including the Community Outreach Council, the Faculty Renaissance Center and the Tutoring and Learning Center. Recently, Garza was instrumental in implementing the University’s McNair Scholars Program, which encourages students to pursue graduate education in a research field.

Denise Landry-Hyde, reference/distributed learning librarian, received the Excellence in Librarianship Award. Landry-Hyde began at the Bell Library in 1993 as -MORE-
an information literacy/reference librarian, then became reference coordinator in 2000. She serves as the contact person for distance education issues and activities, Web support and the creation and maintenance of online tutorials.

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