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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Professor Honored By Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Dr. John Fernandez, chair of the Department of Computing Sciences and at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, is the 2008 recipient of the “Outstanding MAESTro Award” presented by the Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists (MAES) for his contributions to the Hispanic community.

MAES was founded in 1974 to increase the number of Mexican Americans and other Hispanics in the technical and scientific fields. The “Outstanding MAESTro Award” recognizes individuals for their proactive and supporting efforts to increase the number of Latino students successfully completing high school and continuing on to college to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees. Other determining factors include the recipient’s academic achievements, research portfolio, commitment to diversity, leadership within their institution, and contributions to the Latino community.

Fernandez, a member of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi faculty since 2001, is the Rogelio Benavides Chair in Computer Science. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and earned his master’s degree in industrial engineering from West Virginia University. He received his doctorate in computer science from Texas A&M University.

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