

# **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

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## **Dr. Arthur E. Hernandez Accepts Position as Dean of College of Education at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Dr. Arthur E. Hernandez has been named dean of the College of Education at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. He will assume his duties March 1, subject to approval by the Texas A&M System Board of Regents.

Hernandez is currently the associate dean and chair of the Department of Education and Human Development at the University of Texas-San Antonio. He joined the University faculty in 1989 as an assistant professor of educational psychology in the College of Social and Behavioral Science and served as director of the Interdisciplinary Studies program from 1998 until his appointment to his present position in 2001.

“Following an exhaustive national search by our campus-wide committee, it is clear that Dr. Hernandez is the ideal candidate for this position,” said University President Flavius Killebrew. “He possesses a wealth of academic, scholarly and administrative experience that will be invaluable in serving our increasingly diverse student population.”

As dean, Hernandez will supervise academic, faculty and student affairs for the College of Education. He will also oversee the Early Childhood Development Center, University Preparatory High School, Antonio E. Garcia Arts & Education Center, and the college’s bachelors, masters, and doctoral programs.

“I’m very excited about the opportunity to work with faculty, staff and administrators as we advance the University’s potential as a regional, state and national leader in education,” said Hernandez. “In addition to producing quality teachers, there’s unlimited potential for us to advance the College of Education’s success within the local community in other areas such as counseling and mental health.”

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Hernandez received his bachelor of arts in psychology/education from St. Mary's University in San Antonio in 1975. He earned a master of arts in psychology with a specialization in clinical from St. Mary's in 1978 and, four years later, his master of arts in psychology with a specialization in curriculum and instruction from the University of Texas-San Antonio. In 1987, he was awarded his Ph.D. in educational psychology from Texas A&M University.

“After reviewing all the candidates, I was struck by the depth of intellect and vision for the College of Education Dr. Hernandez expressed,” said University Provost Anantha Babbili. “He will be a great fit for the University especially as we grow in strength and numbers. Dr. Hernandez is a proven administrator and leader who demonstrates an excellent focus on diversity and inclusiveness.”

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