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Texas A&M University Professor Suzzette Chopin Receives Presidential Award from National Science Foundation

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Dr. Suzzette Chopin, a professor of Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, is one of 10 honorees nationwide selected to receive the National Science Foundation's Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM).

The PAESMEM Program identifies outstanding mentoring efforts that enhance the participation of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities who are underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The awardees serve as leaders in the national effort to develop the nation's human resources in those fields. The 10 recipients will receive a \$10,000 grant and will be honored at a White House ceremony.

Chopin, who in 2006 was named a Texas A&M University System Regents Professor, has received numerous awards for advising and mentoring students. Through her efforts, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi received the 2001 Role Model Institution Award from Minority Access Inc.; the 2003 Star Award from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and the 2004 Diversity Award from Sigma Xi.

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In addition, Chopin instituted the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Undergraduate Research Symposium, an annual event that features presentations by undergraduate students reporting on their research at the University or with faculty at other institutions during summer fellowships. She also has a National Institutes of Health Extramural Associates Research Development Award to establish the Office of Research Development to help faculty write competitive grants and to encourage undergraduate matriculation into graduate school.

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