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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Honors Winners of Student Affairs Leadership and Service Awards Ceremony

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Outstanding students, advisors and student organizations at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi were honored during the Student Affairs Leadership and Service Awards ceremony held April 28.

Students, faculty and staff submitted nominations for the awards based on attributes including campus involvement, volunteerism and school spirit.

Award winners were:

Student Organization of the Year: Christians in Action. This award recognizes a student organization that engages in membership development, conference participation, organizational goal setting and achievement, fundraising efforts and community service. The organization also promotes Islander spirit and campus involvement.

Advisor of the Year: J.R. Sanders, operations manager for the University Center, advisor to the Bassmasters of Corpus Christi Fishing Club (through Recreational Sports). This award honors one student organization advisor for his or her energy, enthusiasm and outstanding abilities that are the backbone of successful and dynamic student organizations.

Emerging Leader Award: Jeanette Scarsdale, a sophomore communication major. This award honors a student who exhibits leadership in campus activities, employment and/or volunteer service with the University.

Spirit Award: Matthew Thrailkill, a sophomore biology major. This award recognizes the student who best demonstrates extraordinary school spirit and enthusiasm through participation in campus activities.

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Impact Award: Samantha Hernandez, a junior political science major. This award recognizes a student who has had a positive impact on the University through campus involvement, leadership and service.

Amigos de la Isla Award: Dr. Susan Wolff Murphy, professor in the College of Liberal Arts, and Jeff Janko, digital imaging specialist in the Office of Marketing and Communication. This award honors one faculty member and one staff member who have gone above and beyond their roles on campus to accomplish goals and serve students.

Also honored were the Student Employee of the Year, the Division Class Ring recipient, and recipients of the Division of Student Affairs Scholarship.

Student Employee of the Year: Ashley Smith, a senior biomedical sciences major, who works in the Center for Academic Achievement.

Division Class Ring: Shannon Dobesh, a senior marketing major.

The Division of Student Affairs Leadership Scholarship: Jessica Block, a senior art major; Lauren Loveless, a general business graduate student; Daniel Lucio, a public administration graduate student; Rebecca Lyons, a junior English and history major; Xuan Nguyen, a sophomore accounting and finance major; Jonathan Orta, a freshman history major; Shashi Raj, a junior accounting major; Mariela Rivera, a freshman biomedical sciences major; Cody Torno, a junior biomedical sciences major; and Eduardo Valdes, a sophomore mechanical engineering major.