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Dr. Jack Cassidy Receives ALER Laureate Award Recognition

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Dr. Jack Cassidy, associate dean of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, has received the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers (ALER) Laureate Award.

Cassidy, who is the first professor from Texas to receive the ALER Laureate Award, was recognized Nov. 6 during the 54th annual ALER Conference held in Omaha, Neb. The award criteria includes the influence on other reading professionals through mentoring, teaching, and other activities; longevity of membership in ALER; engagement in research, publications, and presentations that involve collaboration with students, teachers, and other professionals; and participation in ALER conferences and activities.

ALER, composed mostly of teacher educators from universities and colleges around the nation, promotes standards and competency within the profession, stimulates the professional growth of literacy educators and researchers and encourages the continued improvement of college and university curricula.

Cassidy, who came to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in 1998, has received more than 40 honors and recognitions, including the 2007 A.B. Herr Award from the College Reading Association (CRA), now the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers, for outstanding contributions to the field of reading. He is also the first professor from the Texas A&M System to be selected into the Reading Hall of Fame. In addition, Cassidy has co-authored 20 national publications with junior faculty and 24 national publications with doctoral students.

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