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**Texas A&M and The Association of Former Students
Announce 2012 Distinguished Achievement Awards**

COLLEGE STATION, Texas —Texas A&M University and The Association of Former Students have selected 24 outstanding members of the school's faculty and staff to be honored with 2012 Distinguished Achievement Awards.

The university-level Distinguished Achievement Awards were first presented in 1955 and have since been awarded to 930 professionals (including this year's recipients) who have exhibited the highest standards of excellence at Texas A&M.

The 2012 Distinguished Achievement Awards will be formally presented at 1:30 p.m. April 25 during ceremonies in Rudder Theater on the Texas A&M University campus. In recognition of their achievements, each recipient will receive a \$4,000 cash gift, an engraved watch and a commemorative plaque. For more information about the awards, contact Kelli Hutka '97 at The Association of Former Students at (979) 845-7514.

The 2012 recipients, along with their departments/affiliations are:

FOR TEACHING

Kerry Litzenberg, Agricultural Economics
James Smith '70, Construction Science
Mahmoud El-Halwagi, Chemical Engineering
Timothy Jacobs, Mechanical Engineering
Tatiana Erukhimova, Physics and Astronomy
Sherry Yennello, Chemistry
Cheryl Bridges, Marketing
Michael Shaub, Accounting
John R. Schwarz, Marine Biology, Texas A&M at Galveston
Mohamed Nounou '95, Chemical Engineering, Texas A&M at Qatar

FOR RESEARCH

Yue Kuo, Chemical Engineering
Renyi Zhang, Atmospheric Sciences and Chemistry
Michael R. Waters, Anthropology and Geography
Kim Dunbar, Chemistry
Nicholas Suntzeff, Physics and Astronomy
Robert "Duane" Ireland, Management

FOR STAFF

Ruby Williams, University Dining
Edward Massingill, Custodial Services

FOR STUDENT RELATIONS

Fidel Fernandez '02, Biomedical Engineering

Debra Maceo, General Academics, Texas A&M at Galveston

FOR ADMINISTRATION

Edward Fry, Physics and Astronomy

FOR EXTENSION, OUTREACH, CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Barbara Gastel, Veterinary Integrative Biosciences

FOR GRADUATE MENTORING

Marcetta Darensbourg, Chemistry

Christabel “Jane” Welsh, Veterinary Integrative Biosciences

The Association of Former Students, established in 1879, is the official alumni organization of Texas A&M University. The Association connects the 500,000 members of the worldwide Aggie Network with each other and the university, and provides more than \$7.3 million a year in impact to university scholarships, awards, activities and enrichment for students, faculty, staff and former students. To learn more about The Association of Former Students, visit www.AggieNetwork.com.