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2016 PARTNER IN PHILANTHROPY FACULTY AWARD

The Partner in Philanthropy Faculty Award, given by the Texas A&M Foundation, celebrates faculty members who provide dedicated and lasting participation, commitment, and creative leadership to philanthropy at Texas A&M University. The award acknowledges the faculty member’s effort to build long-term, productive relationships between the university, former students, and other private partnerships.

Dr. M. Edward Rister
Professor and Associate Department Head
Agricultural Economics

Holder of the M. Edward Rister ’74 Chair in Rural Entrepreneurship and one of the first members of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Development Council, Dr. Rister has supported fundraising within his department for over a decade. Aside from his personal giving to multiple initiatives across the university, he leads efforts within the Department of Agricultural Economics to develop and promote philanthropy among his former students. Dr. Rister hosts donors at Aggie football games and sends hundreds of handwritten letters each semester thanking those he meets. His commitment to maintaining relationships with former students and their families led to the establishment of the rural entrepreneurship faculty chair in his name. As chair of the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry, Dr. Rister has dramatically increased the number of recognized former students from 13 to 59. In the classroom, he fosters small-business development in Texas by building entrepreneurial capacity in his students. Since he began teaching at Texas A&M in 1981, he has supported students who aspire to careers in agribusiness, finance, land economics, production and processing, and wholesale and retail trade. In many of his courses, he emphasizes hands-on experiences as he helps students plan, develop, and evaluate a start-up business opportunity. Dr. Rister has demonstrated consummate leadership to support the philanthropic activities that bolster the College’s educational mission.
Established in 1980, the Vice Chancellor’s Awards in Excellence recognize the commitment and outstanding contributions of faculty and staff across Texas A&M AgriLife.

**TEACHING**

*Teaching*

**Dr. Merwin “Mort” Kothmann**

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Department of Ecosystem Science and Management

*Graduate Student Teaching*

**Ms. Amanda N. Bradbery**

Graduate Teaching Assistant
Department of Animal Science

**RESEARCH**

*Research*

**Dr. Kirk O. Winemiller**

Regents Professor and Professor
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences

*Graduate Student Research*

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Program Leader
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service–Agriculture and Natural Resources, Ochiltree County

Extension Specialist/Program Specialist Serving State or Region
Dr. Jason J. Cleere
Associate Professor and Extension Beef Cattle Specialist
Department of Animal Science

SERVICE

Public Service in Forestry
Dr. Christopher B. Edgar
Forest Resource Analyst
Texas A&M Forest Service

Diagnostic Services
Ms. Sonia Lingsweiler
Section Head, Bacteriology
Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory

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Associate Professor and Extension Specialist
Department of Animal Science
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Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics

Technical and Programmatic Staff
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Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory

DIVERSITY

Food Insecure Families in Hall County, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Mr. Josh Brooks
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Ms. Molly Forman
County Extension Agent–Family and Consumer Sciences, Briscoe and Hall Counties

Ms. Renda Nelson
State Program Director–Better Living for Texans, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo

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Dr. Thomas E. Lacher, Jr.
Professor
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. R. Daniel Lineberger
Professor and Department Head
Department of Horticultural Sciences
# COLLABORATION

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# TEAM

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In 2009, the Williamson County Commissioners Court had to make a difficult budgetary decision to reduce staffing. The loss of a natural resources educator left the AgriLife Extension office with three county agent positions to serve a 500,000-plus population. However, Judge Gattis’ presence and personal support of Extension education never waned, even when employee turnover occurred. In time, 4-H enrollment grew to exceed 500 members, and there was great need to restore the Extension staff to full strength. With Judge Gattis’ genuine guidance, Extension requested and received commissioners court approval to reinstate an agent position. This has enabled the Extension team to engage more than 350 students in livestock learning projects and the show ring experience, as well as increase the number of curriculum enrichment programs offered through area schools each year. Thanks to Judge Gattis’ leadership and vision, in 2016 the commissioners court approved two important funding initiatives: one for a new Extension horticulturist to meet mounting demand for urban agriculture education and to guide a burgeoning Master Gardeners program and the other for a new, larger Extension office, which will include a state-of-the-art demonstration kitchen. Whether tackling challenges or pursuing opportunities, Judge Gattis has worked wholeheartedly to ensure the future of Extension education for the people of Williamson County.

In the diverse urban and agricultural centers of Corpus Christi and Nueces County, local leaders contend with a multitude of needs and competing demands on resources. As a former mayor of Corpus Christi and county judge since 2007, Judge Neal has seen it all and clearly sees the value of Extension education. He has supported every clientele group and every facet of Extension outreach, including the current Healthy South Texas Initiative, for which he has been a driving force. Judge Neal was very influential in

The Honorable Dan A. Gattis  
County Judge  
Williamson County Commissioners Court

The Honorable Loyd Neal  
County Judge  
Nueces County Commissioners Court

Urban programs are a key component in the impact that Extension education makes on the well-being and prosperity of Texas residents. This award honors elected leaders whose support of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has significantly contributed to the success of our growing, vibrant outreach to urban audiences.
the development of two major event centers, which spur economic development and serve as venues for major Extension programs, including an annual 3-day agricultural literacy event for 1,200 third-graders and the annual Nueces County Junior Livestock Show, involving some 1,200 youth exhibitors and their 5,000 exhibits. Judge Neal has always worked to ensure the availability of resources needed to maximize Extension efforts. For example, thanks to county funding, the agents have a demonstration assistant to help conduct more on-farm demonstrations, and the horticulture program has greater capacity to oversee the Master Gardeners in providing a garden at every public school and throughout the community. In Nueces County, Extension owes its place and its future in the city, in large part, to Judge Loyd Neal.
Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Awards Ceremony

2016 TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH FACULTY FELLOWS

AgriLife Research established the Faculty Fellows Program in 1998 to acknowledge and reward exceptional research faculty within the agency. Upon second recognition, a Faculty Fellow is designated a Senior Faculty Fellow. Faculty Fellow and Senior Faculty Fellow designations are permanent and become a part of the individual’s title.

Dr. Luis O. Tedeschi
Professor
Department of Animal Science

Dr. Jeffery K. Tomberlin
Associate Professor
Department of Entomology

2016 NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN EXTENSION AWARD

The Excellence in Extension Award is a prestigious national recognition given annually to one Cooperative Extension professional for visionary leadership, excellence in programming, and positive impact on their community. The USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture and Cooperative Extension System have sponsored the Excellence in Extension and National Extension Diversity awards since 1991.

Dr. Stephen D. Green
Professor and Child Development Specialist
Assistant Agency Director, Family and Community Health
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
The Superior Service Awards recognize Texas A&M AgriLife Extension faculty and staff members who provide outstanding performance in Extension education or other outstanding service to the organization and to Texans.

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CEA–Family and Consumer Sciences  
Hill County

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**Ms. Amy Ressler**  
CEA–Family and Consumer Sciences  
Montgomery County

**Ms. Wendy Scott**  
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Lynn County
Mr. Lyle Zoeller  
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Bell County

Mr. Marcel Valdez  
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Zavala County

EXTENSION SPECIALIST

Dr. Gaylon D. Morgan  
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**Diversity and Health Equity: Diabetes Education for Minority Populations**

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Editor and Extension Communications Specialist

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CEA–Horticulture, Tom Green County

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Mr. John Villalba  
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From Texas A&M AgriLife Research:

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Professor, Lubbock Research and Extension Center

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CEA–Agriculture and Natural Resources, Potter County

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Professor and Extension Economist (retired)

Ms. Carrie T. Brazeal
CEA–Family and Consumer Sciences
Collin County (retired)

Dr. William Johnson
CEA–Horticulture
Galveston County
Established in 1999, the Extension Partnership Awards recognize vital alliances with agencies, organizations, and others beyond The Texas A&M University System. We honor those partners whose dedicated collaboration and support have significantly enhanced the outreach and impact of AgriLife Extension programs for the people of Texas.

**Capital Farm Credit**

As it tells customers, Capital Farm Credit doesn’t just make loans. At AgriLife Extension, we know that Capital Farm Credit also makes investments. Its financial support of Extension education over many decades has made a statewide impact, particularly in the 192 counties where Capital Farm Credit is chartered. Sponsorships for our Ranch Management University, Bennett Trust Women’s Land Stewardship Conference, Master Marketers, a veterans program for ranchers, and the 4-H Livestock and Equine Ambassador Programs are more recent examples. Longtime beneficiaries include the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership program, and Texas 4-H Foundation, with special support for Texas 4-H Roundup. The list goes on and adds up to hundreds of thousands of dollars invested by Capital Farm Credit and its branch offices—invested in Extension education, as well as Extension educators, from the county to state level. Capital Farm Credit is there with a guiding hand too, from providing speakers and serving on program committees to making significant donations for the Hurricane Ike recovery and other emergencies. Not only is Capital Farm Credit a premier lender for rural Texas and Texas agriculture, it is a premier partner and friend of Extension.

**Texas Association of Dairymen**

As an advocate for the Texas dairy industry since 1991, the Texas Association of Dairymen (TAD) has been steadfast in its support of AgriLife Extension programming for dairy producers and workers, as well as agricultural literacy for consumers and youth. With the association’s underwriting of travel and other expenses, our Extension dairy specialists can cover the state, offering programs at no charge. Moreover, association leaders and staff have collaborated in the development of workforce training, particularly about humane animal handling, watershed protection, and environmental stewardship. TAD also plays a critical role in emergency preparedness and recovery, as evidenced when winter storm Goliath hit in 2015 and TAD and Extension personnel combined forces to work with affected producers and the media. Recognizing the importance of future leadership, TAD financially supports the Texas 4-H dairy judging contest, including travel for judging teams to compete beyond the state level. The association also sponsors an annual award for an outstanding county agent and invests in the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership program, including its new Emerging Leaders program. With TAD, AgriLife Extension and the people of Texas have a valuable partner in ensuring an abundant, safe, and high-quality food supply.
AgriLife Extension first conferred its Partnership Award to the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association (TNLA) in 2000. Since then, TNLA and Extension have embarked on new endeavors to educate green industry growers, retailers, service providers, consumers, and students. In 2004, TNLA funding and support helped make the Ellison Endowed Chair in International Floriculture a reality. Under a 2005 agreement, TNLA has provided $25,000 annually for a wide range of Extension and research activities, including Earth-Kind® programs and the study and introduction of Texas Superstar® plants. TNLA and its regional divisions provide even more through in-kind support and event sponsorships that help to power county-level program delivery. Collaborations include the development of professional certification and continuing education programs, both on-the-ground and on-the-Web, covering best practices for horticulture, irrigation, pest management, and more. As a founding donor for The Gardens at Texas A&M University, TNLA gifted $100,000 for the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association Outdoor Classroom, to open in Spring 2018 as a learning venue for both students and Extension clientele. TNLA’s commitment also shows through its significant support for the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership program and its recognition of four esteemed Extension horticulturists with the association’s highest award of excellence.

In this partnership, achieving excellence is more than a goal; it is a hallmark.

Awards Received throughout 2016

2016 REGENTS PROFESSOR AWARDS

The Board of Regents established the Regents Professor Award program in 1996 to recognize and honor faculty members who have made exemplary contributions to their university, agency, or health science center and to the people of Texas. Nominees must be full-time faculty members who have held the rank of professor or equivalent in The Texas A&M University System for at least five years and have produced a distinguished record of teaching, research, and other scholarly activities.

Dr. Vijay P. Singh

Distinguished Professor and Caroline and William N. Lehrer Distinguished Chair in Water Engineering
Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Dr. Ryland F. Young III

Professor and Sadie Hatfield Professor of Agriculture
Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics
Texas A&M AgriLife Research
Established in 1998 by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, the Regents Fellow Service Award honors service, extension, and research professionals who have provided exemplary professional service to society that has created large and lasting benefits to Texas and beyond.

Mr. Don Galloway
Texas A&M Forest Service
Chief of Staff, Associate Director’s Office
Forest Resource Protection

Ms. Darlene Myatt
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
County Extension Agent–Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, Tarrant County

Dr. Joe L. Outlaw
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Professor and Extension Economist–Policy, Department of Agricultural Economics
Co-Director, Agricultural and Food Policy Center
Each fall, The Association of Former Students honors outstanding faculty members for their dedication to teaching. Since the program’s inception in 1982, recipients are recognized for their talent, expertise, and devotion in conveying knowledge to students.

Dr. William Grant
Professor
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences

Dr. Victoria Salin
Associate Professor
Department of Agricultural Economics

Dr. Heather Wilkinson
Professor
Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology
2016 TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE DIRECTOR’S AWARDS

These awards are presented annually to Texas A&M Forest Service employees who have made significant contributions to the agency’s efforts over the past year and are dedicated to building strong partnerships and the capacity of others.

TEAM EFFORT

George Bush Library TFS Centennial Exhibit Team
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