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August 30, 2023



Dr. Mark J. Rudin, President
Texas A&M University-Commerce
P.O. Box 3011
Commerce, TX 75429-3011

Dear President Rudin:

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation will honor ten (10) professors during the current academic year for their dedication to the teaching profession and for their outstanding academic, scientific and scholarly achievement. Honorees will be awarded certificates naming them "Piper Professors of 2024", together with cash honoraria of \$5,000 each and gold commemorative pins.

The purpose of these awards is to give recognition to the teaching profession rather than to research, publication, administration, or other such related activity, although, these criteria will also be considered by the Selection Committee.

Guidelines: Under current guidelines, each institution may submit only one nomination, and is eligible to nominate each year. Candidate for nomination should be a full-time instructor. Previous Piper Professor recipients are not eligible.

An invitation is extended to you and to the faculty to nominate, using the enclosed Nomination Form, and returning **two (2) copies** of the completed form along with **two (2) copies** of your candidate's supporting documents to us by **November 17, 2023**. This form is also available online at: www.comptroller.texas.gov/ppnomination/.

In addition to the two-part form, up to five letters of recommendation may also be submitted as part of the nomination. These letters may be from members of your administration, the nominee's colleagues, and/or from current and former students of the nominee, and should be attached to the two-part form. Any additional material should be limited, as the committee's time does not permit review of large amounts of materials. Nothing submitted with the application will be returned after the selection process.

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Wide faculty participation is recommended in the selection of your candidate. You are advised that the Piper Professor Selection Committee will make note of your procedure, and it will be assessed along with other criteria.

The nomination form and supporting materials should be mailed to the address below:

**Piper Professor Selection Committee
Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation
1250 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 810
San Antonio, TX 78209-1539**

Again, the **deadline for receiving** completed forms and related nomination material is **November 17, 2023**.

Official announcement of candidates chosen by our Selection Committee to receive these awards will be made May 1, 2024.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Piper Professors Program.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeanette Arellano", is positioned above the printed name.

MINNIE STEVENS PIPER FOUNDATION
Jeanette Arellano, Assistant Director

JA/rf
Enclosures



PLEASE NOTE

Part "A" - To be completed by
nominating institution

2024

PIPER PROFESSOR NOMINATION

Name of College/University/Institute

Address of Institution

Zip

Type of Institution: (As defined by Coordinating Board)

() Public Senior () Public Community/Jr. () Public Technical Inst. () Independent Senior () Independent Junior

Name of Piper Professor Nominee

Highest Degree Held
(Abbreviated Form)[illegible]

Years of Teaching at College Level _____ Years of Teaching at Present Institution _____

Current Teaching Load: Lecture Hours/Week _____ Lab Hours _____ Other _____ *

Approximate No. Students: Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____ Other _____ *

Standard Full-Time Teaching Load at your Institution: Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____

Summer Teaching: _____

* Other = Conference courses; Theses/Dissertations Directed; Misc. (Describe in next section)

Please describe current additional or administrative duties, i.e., Chairman of Department, Graduate Advisor, Thesis/Dissertation Director, etc., giving numbers of Professors/Students involved and approximate number of hours devoted thereto.

Student Organizations or Scholastic Fraternities Sponsored: (during past three years).

Membership in Honor Societies; Professional Societies; Listing in Who's Who or Other;
Special Educational Projects Undertaken (TV series, etc.), Special Awards/Grants Received:

Service to off-campus community: (committee work, church work, fund drives, Scouts, etc.)

Since the Piper Foundation is primarily interested in identifying and honoring effective and dedicated teachers, the Selection Committee would appreciate any information you care to submit about the nominee's teaching. Is there evidence that the nominee is particularly effective in the classroom and in personal contact with students? Has the nominee demonstrated an unusual dedication to the profession of teaching? Does the nominee inspire respect and admiration in his colleagues? In comparison with other members of the faculty, how do you rate the nominee (1) as a teacher, (2) as a scholar, and (3) in the contribution made to the achievement of the purposes of the institution?

How was your nominee selected? Please be specific and indicate if he/she has been nominated before.

Fall Semester Full-time Equivalent Student Body Enrollment of your Institution: _____

_____	_____ Signature of Administrator
Date	_____ Print Name of Administrator
	_____ Rank/Title/Administrative Position



PLEASE NOTE

Part "B" - To be completed
by Nominee

2024

PIPER PROFESSOR NOMINATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name () Dr. () Mr. () Mrs. () Miss _____
First Middle Last

Home Address _____
Number and Street

City Zip Telephone

Email Address _____

College/University
Address _____
Name of Institution

Building and Office Telephone and Extension

Rank/Title
and Department _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Marital Status _____ Number of Children _____ Ages _____

Military Service Record: Branch _____ Dates _____ Rank _____

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE: Schools and Colleges Attended, beginning with High School

Name of Institution	Dates of Attendance	Degree/Diploma Received
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Additional Training (Summer Institutes, Seminars, etc.)

Institution	Dates of Attendance	Type of Training

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Institution	Inclusive Dates	Title/Rank

PUBLICATIONS: Although the Selection Committee is not primarily concerned with "Research/Publish or Perish," please summarize any research projects completed, and list any books/articles published and/or in use, exclusive of your Master's Thesis and/or Doctoral Dissertation. (Continue on reverse side if necessary)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Why are you teaching?

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CURRICULUM VITAE: Other than what has heretofore been enumerated, please indicate the highlights of your teaching career.

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