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Dr. Mark J. Rudin, President
Texas A&M University-Commerce
P.O. Box 3011
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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 2025", 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 15, 2024**. This form is also available online at: 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 15, 2024**.

Official announcement of candidates chosen by our Selection Committee to receive these awards will be made May 1, 2025.

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

Yours very truly,



MINNIE STEVENS PIPER FOUNDATION
Jeanette Arellano, Executive Director

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