

MINNIE STEVENS PIPER AWARD

This award is given by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation of San Antonio, honoring dedication to the teaching profession and for outstanding academic, scientific and scholarly achievements. Ten honorees throughout the state of Texas receive certificates naming them “Piper Professors of 2017”, cash honoraria of \$5,000 each and a gold commemorative pin.

Purpose of the Award

The foundation’s purpose for this award 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.” Further information can be obtained at: <http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funding/programs/piperprofessors.php>

Guidelines

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation requests nominations of Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi full-time faculty members for consideration for the **Piper Professor Award**.

Nomination Process

- 1) Faculty members can nominate themselves or be nominated by their peers.
- 2) Those nominating a colleague are advised to clear their decision with the nominee before forwarding their name to the Faculty Senate Awards/Bylaws/Elections (ABE) Committee.
- 3) The nomination form is available online at: <http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funding/programs/ppnominationform.php> or can be obtained from the Faculty Senate Office (LIB 218).
- 4) Up to five letters of recommendation “from administration, the nominee’s colleagues and/or from current and former students of nominee” may be included.
- 5) The nomination form must be printed and signed, with the letters of recommendation attached. This must be submitted to the Faculty Senate Office (LIB 218) by **noon October 20, 2016**.

Selection Process

- 1) The Faculty Senate ABE Committee is charged with selecting the top nominee among all submissions.
- 2) The top candidate will be recommended to the Provost/VPAA and sent along with the other nominees’ packets.
- 3) The Provost and President will recommend the chosen candidate or any other they deem fit to the Piper Foundation.
- 4) The foundation selects the top 10 nominees from applications submitted (nominations come from various Texas universities).
- 5) Official announcement of candidates chosen by the Piper Selection Committee to receive these awards will be made May 1, 2017.

Guidelines Proposed by the ABE Committee for Evaluating the Piper Professor Nominees

(10 points for each major criterion)

Name of Nominee _____

1. Faculty Status _____ 1. **Full-Time** 2. **Not Full-time** (Disqualified)

2. Letters of recommendation

- Relevance
- Knowledge of Nominee
- Teaching Style/ Pedagogy
- Evidence of Impact
- Strength of Recommendation (evidence that nominee is particularly effective in the classroom and in personal contact with students; demonstration of an unusual dedication to the profession of teaching; inspires respect and admiration of colleagues). In comparison to other members of the faculty, rate the nominee's contribution as a teacher-scholar

3. Student organizations/scholastic Fraternities Sponsored (number)

4. Membership in Honors Societies; Professional Societies; Listing in Who's Who or Other; Special Education Projects undertaken (TV series, etc.); Special Awards/Grants Received (number and prestige)

5. Service to Off-Campus community (committee work, church work, fund drives, Scouts, etc.; number and significance)

6. Teaching Evaluations (majors, quantitative and/or written comments)

7. Statement of purpose: "Why do I teach?" (Clarity, relevance to awards)

8. Short personal history (relevance and clarity)

9. Research Contributions (quantity and quality)

Overall Score of Nominee _____

For further information, please contact Dr. Joseph Mollick, Chair, Awards, Bylaws and Elections (ABE) Committee of the Faculty Senate