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**Texas Tech Alumni Association  
Hosts Top Techsan Luncheon**

**LUBBOCK, Texas** — The 2005 Texas Tech Homecoming Week Festivities continued with the Texas Tech Alumni Association hosting the Top Techsan Luncheon.

The Texas Tech Alumni Association honored four outstanding Tech staff members at the 2005 Top Techsan Luncheon, which was held today at 12:00 p.m., Friday, October 14, at the Merket Alumni Center on the Tech campus. This years' Top Techsan Award recipients were Phillip Brown, Dr. Eileen P. Nathan, Linda True and Donna Weaver.

Philip Brown is a full-time, non-faculty research associate in the Department of Plant and Soil Science. Since 1989, he has had primary responsibility of supporting the forage/livestock research, teaching and outreach program. This program has grown to be one of the largest in the country, and one of Mr. Brown's nominator's says much of its success is directly attributable to his "talent, dedication and a work ethic that knows no bounds of normal working hours."

His responsibilities include interfacing with and providing support for linking these many and diverse entities and individuals into a successful working relationship that has gained a national and international reputation as a prime example of integrated systems research. Phil and his wife Julia have a son, Charles and a daughter, Katy.

Dr. Eileen P. Nathan first began work at the Student Counseling Center as a graduate student therapist in 1976, while enrolled in the Department of Education's doctoral program in Counseling. She was hired as a full-time staff psychologist at the Counseling Center in 1981, and completed her doctorate in Education in 1982. Dr. Nathan served as Associate Director of the Student Counseling Center for many years before receiving a promotion to Director in January 2003. Dr. Nathan's hometown is Chicago. She and her husband, Daniel, who is a professor of philosophy at Texas Tech, have one son, Gabriel, who is a 6th grade student.

Under Dr. Nathan's leadership, the Student Counseling Center has greatly expanded its services to students including provision of out-of-office therapy/consulting services to students and staff in the School of Law, Athletics Department, Residence Life and others; expanding the multicultural emphasis of the Center in order to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student body; the addition of a host of on-line mental health resources for both students and parents on the Student Counseling Center Website.

Linda True's first position at Texas Tech was in the Department of Animal Science in 1969. From that time until the present, with moves away from Lubbock, the birth of her children and volunteer work in between, Linda has held positions in the College of Education, Admissions and Records office, Emergency Medical Programs at the Health Sciences Center and

the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Essentially, Linda's job is to provide high-level administrative support for the Vice President for Research, including scheduling, personnel and budget matters, office management, meeting organization, travel arrangements and reports. She also works closely with the six units that report to the Vice President for Research. Her responsibilities include coordinating the two major requests for state and federal funding, the Legislative Appropriation Request and Redbook of Federal Initiatives, for Texas Tech. Along with handling other special projects as needed, Linda provides staff support for others in the office.

Linda graduated from Plainview High School and attended Texas Tech. She and her husband, David, have two children. Their son, Blaine, is a student at Tech and daughter, Larissa is a Tech student currently studying in Germany.

Donna Weaver is the executive associate to the dean in the College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources and has been an employee of Texas Tech University since 1994. "Organized, articulate, courteous, helpful, friendly, warm, dedicated and customer-oriented" have been used to describe Donna, and one nomination forms reads, "Donna Weaver is a consummate professional. Tasks under her direction are done right and completed in a timely manner. Donna's professionalism is contagious and has had a positive impact on our office support staff across the College." In her current role Donna coordinates with and is a liaison to units in CASNR including, but not limited to, six departments, the Development Office, International Textile Center and the Texas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. She interacts with multiple units across campus and the system and has numerous contacts with the CASNR Advisory Board, various committees, agencies, industry groups and individuals external to the university.

Linda and her husband, Alex, who is a graduate of Texas Tech, met and married in San Antonio and moved to Lubbock in 1994. Alex is a senior construction inspector for Facilities, Planning and Construction at Texas Tech. They have two sons, Matt and Clint. Matt is a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech and currently lives in Florida. Clint is a junior at Texas Tech, majoring in Geology.

Each of the four honorees received a plaque and a cash award of \$500 during the presentations. Selections are made based on completed nomination forms that emphasize extraordinary work proficiency and an attitude of team spirit within the Texas Tech family. Only full-time, non-faculty employees are eligible for consideration and they must have had two or more years of service with the university.

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