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TTU Global Vision Awards honor International Efforts of College of Human Sciences

The College of Human Sciences (COHS) awarded the Campus Internationalization Award.

The Office of International Affairs hosted the 2018 Global Vision Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 20. This ceremony celebrates and recognizes colleagues and entities across campus who advance the internationalization of both university and community.

The Global Vision Awards were presented by Texas Tech University President Lawrence Schovanec, Provost Michael Galyean, and Vice Provost for International Affairs Dr. Sukant Misra. In celebration and recognition of awardees' internationalization efforts, finalists received an award of recognition and a monetary award made possible by the Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

The College of Human Sciences (COHS) was awarded the Campus Internationalization Award. This award celebrates a department or office within the Texas Tech University System that has made significant contributions toward internationalization.

College of Human Sciences' Associate Dean for Administration and Finance Tim Dodd, Ph.D., commends the efforts of faculty members to cooperatively integrate international engagement through the enhancement of the human condition.

"The College of Human Sciences has emphasized an international focus and collaborations across the globe for decades," Dr. Dodd said. "More recently, all of our departments and programs have become actively engaged in a variety of activities that have an international impact. Study abroad opportunities for our students, along with international research collaborations bring so many benefits for all involved. In fact, our vision statement notes that we will have premier research, outreach, and educational programs that enhance human well-being around the world."

With internationalization at the core of the college's strategic vision, the college dedicates its initiatives to emphasizing a global perspective on all aspects of teaching and research.

Human Development and Family Studies Chair, Ann Mastergeorge, Ph.D. emphasizes that the college has facilitated and consistently implemented support for all departments to pursue international collaborations.

"In the department of Human Development and Family Studies, college commitment has been
unwavering. For example, we have several faculty members who conduct research internationally and often collaborate with other departments and institutions," Dr. Mastergeorge said."The COHS Dean's Office and the COHS Office of Research have provided resources, encouragement, and a strong commitment to departmental international endeavors."

College of Human Sciences Associate Dean for Research Michael O'Boyle, Ph.D., describes the strengths of the college's globalization practices.

TTU COHS wins International Award Celebrating Global efforts"Over the last several years COHS has been systematically and intentionally making a psychological and financial commitment to enhancing the international profile of our curriculum and research activities. There has been much success resulting from such efforts," Dr. O'Boyle explains. "Many thanks to the Office of International Affairs and the selection committee. The College of Human Sciences is most appreciative of receiving this award."

Nutritional Sciences Professor Mary Murimi, Ph.D., RD, LDN was nominated for the Global Engagement Community Award, which recognizes an individual making significant contributions to international understanding and engagement in local community. A majority of Dr. Murimi's graduate students are international students, who have the opportunity to master the science of research design.

"An important goal of my advisory is to mentor Ph.D. students in my research team to get the experience and training they need to become independent researchers and experts in the area of interest."

Human Development and Family Studies faculty member Elizabeth Trejos-Castillo, Ph.D. was awarded the Faculty International Scholarship award. The award recognizes a tenure-track faculty member for excellence and sustained international scholarship.

Dr. Trejos-Castillo's scholarship focuses on the importance of individual characteristics and contextual factors in the etiology of risk-taking behaviors and deviance in youth. As a 2017-2018 Fulbright Scholar, Trejos-Castillo's research and scholarship was located in Brazil, working with children in the foster care system.

Students in the college study a wide range of areas with global impact, including human development, nutritional sciences, personal finance, design, addiction recovery, family and consumer sciences education, marriage and family therapy, and more.

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