August 29, 2011

Dr. F. Dominic Dottavio, President  
Tarleton State University  
P.O. Box T-0001  
Stephenville, TX  76402

Dear President Dottavio:

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation will honor ten 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 2012", together with cash honoraria of $5,000.00 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.

An invitation is extended to you and to the faculty to nominate, using the enclosed Nomination Form, and returning the completed form to us by November 23, 2011. This form is also available online at: [www.everychanceeverytexan.org/fundingprograms/piperprofessors.php](http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/fundingprograms/piperprofessors.php). The form may be used on the computer; however, we ask that the same format be used for the sake of continuity for the review committee.

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 application will be returned after the selection process.
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When the ten Piper Professors of 2011 were announced and their dossiers consigned to our permanent records, the selection committee requested that the remainder of files be cleared. This does not preclude your re-nominating any former candidates or you may wish to make new nominations.

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 23, 2011.

Official announcement of candidates chosen by our Selection Committee to receive these awards will be made May 1, 2012.

Thank you for your kind attention, cooperation, and continued interest in the Piper Professors Program.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

MINNIE STEVENS PIPER FOUNDATION  
Executive Director

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Enclosure

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