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Horticulture Faculty Recognized by American Society for Horticultural Science

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The American Society for Horticultural Science has recognized three faculty members from the Department of Horticultural Sciences in Texas A&M University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Horticulture professor J. Creighton Miller, Jr., Ph.D., received the 2009 Outstanding Researcher Award in recognition of an outstanding record in research on horticultural crops for 10 or more years.

According to the society's official journal, HortScience (July 2009), "Creighton Miller has been involved in horticultural research for more than 40 years and has made significant contributions in several areas ... His achievements include the establishment of a nationally and internationally recognized potato breeding program for Texas ... He was instrumental in the development of 12 improved potato varieties."

The society also named Bhimu Patil, Ph.D., and David Reed, Ph.D., as 2009 Fellows (a title bestowed on those who have

made exceptional contributions to research and academia).

Patil is a professor of horticulture and director of the Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Center.

Reed is a professor of horticulture and associate dean for graduate programs and faculty development for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

According to HortScience, "Bhimu Patil's excellent work on bioactive compounds in onions and citrus has impacted academia and industries worldwide . . . He has an excellent publication record that includes 65 peer-reviewed journal articles, a book, and 11 book chapters. His research work has gained national and international recognition."

HortScience also commented: "David Reed has been involved in research, teaching and administration related to horticultural science for more than 30 years. He has a distinguished record of teaching and has received numerous awards, . . . including the L.M. Ware Distinguished Teaching Award and the Outstanding Undergraduate Educator Award from the American Society for Horticultural Science."

Founded in 1903, the American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS) is the largest organization in the world dedicated to advancing all facets of horticultural research, education, and application. For more information see the society's Web site at ashs.org.

For more information: Complete text of award biographies

About the college:

With an enrollment of almost 6,700 students in 14 academic departments, the <u>College of Agriculture and Life</u> <u>Sciences</u> at Texas A&M University offers more than 80 undergraduate and graduate degrees and has a faculty of nearly 400 members, including two Nobel laureates. Research programs include food sustainability and safety, human and animal health, genetics, renewable natural resources and bioenergy. Mark Hussey is Vice Chancellor and Dean.

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