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### 3 profs receive honors

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The American Society for Horticultural Science recently 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. received the 2009 Outstanding Researcher Award in recognition of an outstanding record in research on horticultural crops for 10 or more years.

Miller has been involved in horticultural research for more than 40 years and has made significant contributions in several areas, officials with the society said. His achievements include the establishment of a nationally and internationally recognized potato-breeding program for Texas, and he was instrumental in the development of 12 improved potato varieties.

The society also named Bhimu Patil and David Reed 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.

Patil's work on bioactive compounds in onions and citrus has affected academia and industries worldwide, officials with the society said, adding that his publication record included 65 peer-reviewed journal articles, a book and 11 book chapters. His research work has gained national and international recognition, they said.

Reed was cited for being 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 is the largest organization in the world dedicated to advancing horticultural research, education and application.

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