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About This Series
The Texas A&M International University Distinguished Lecture Series honors Antonio R. Sanchez, Sr. (1916-1992). After 20 years as the owner of an office equipment business, Sanchez began buying oil and gas leases and used his earnings to establish a bank. Sanchez, along with his son, A.R. Sanchez, Jr. and geologist Brian O’Brien, established the Sanchez-O’Brien Oil and Gas Corporation. Under his leadership as chairman, the International Bank of Commerce grew to become the International Bancshares Corporation with branches in more than 90 communities throughout Texas and Oklahoma.

A. R. Sanchez, Sr. is best remembered in Laredo for his philanthropic efforts. Known for his work ethic and generosity, he was a major crusader for a four-year University in Laredo and a supporter of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund. This lecture series is presented through the vision and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Sanchez, Jr.

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About the Lecture
Often called the Carl Sagan of neuroscience, David Eagleman is a scientist and bestselling author who provides a new framework for understanding our brains—and, by extension, ourselves. His speeches and articles deal with everything from how the brain rewrites itself to why art and science must learn from each other. Known for a unique and active exploration of ideas, he throws himself into experiments, literally he once dropped himself free-falling from a 130-foot tower to see if it could be perceived in slow-motion during times of year. Engaging, engaging, and able to connect scientific discovery to daily life, Eagleman prompts audiences to celebrate the beauty of the brain, question what we perceive as reality, and re-think what we know about human nature.

A 2011 Guggenheim Fellow, David Eagleman holds joint appointments in the Departments of Neuroscience and Psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, and is the founder and director of the Initiative on Neuroscience and Law. His influential neuroscience books include ‘Ripplin’, ‘Time-Wired’, and his most recent ‘Incognito: The Brains Behind the Mind’. Eagleman’s novel, ‘Slain’, was nominated for the Best Book of The Year by Barnes and Noble and inspired U2 producer Brian Eno to produce 12 new pieces of music, which he performed with Eagleman, at the Sydney Opera House.

David Eagleman
Incognito: The Brains Behind the Mind
Thursday, April 5, 2012
TAMIU Center of the Fine and Performing Arts Recital Hall
7 P.M.