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“Dr. Bonnie A. Rudolph has been a pillar of our psychology program for many years now. As director of the MACP program in counseling psychology, she is not only an important part of our academic community but also provides a fundamental role in training new therapists for the community of Laredo, which remains underserved in this community. Her commitment to teaching is reflected in the quality of training among our graduate students and in the passion for psychology developed within our undergraduates. always serving as a model of excellence, receiving the teaching award was well deserved.”

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“Dr. Michael Kidd was extremely active as a scholar in 2011. He supervised 9 MS students (7 thesis, 2 non-thesis) and 17 undergraduate researchers. Because of his research and facilities he is very popular with the undergraduate students and care has to be taken not to give him all of the undergraduates. He and his students gave 16 presentations in a variety of venues and many won academic competitions. One of his graduate students was awarded a Fellowship for her doctorate at TAMU to begin this fall. Michael submitted 6 grants in 2011 (5 external) and was awarded a $10,000 URG and an NSF MRI grant for $105,000, which was used to purchase a DNA Sequencer for the Core Facility within the department. He submitted 3 manuscripts (1 accepted, 1 in revision and 1 in review) as senior author. Michael is a great boost to research in the department in an area with tremendous student interest.”

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“Dr. Anna B. Cieslicka is one of the strongest researchers in our department and in the university as a whole. Since her arrival at TAMIU she has published a number of journal articles, book chapters and other publications, primarily in her area of language cognition. Her work is nationally and internationally recognized in her field. Her research informs a core area of teaching within our undergraduate program, thus bridging the roles of research and teaching within our university. Dr. Cieslicka productivity serves as a model for other faculty and our department is proud that she has received this research award.”

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