**Piper Professor Committee Report for 2021-2022**

As per [**AA/PPS 02.04.21**](http://policies.txstate.edu/division-policies/academic-affairs/02-04-21.html), the Piper Professor Committee consists of one faculty member per college, plus one former Piper Professor. The committee met on October 8, 2021 after reviewing the applications and the committee chair made its recommendation to the Faculty Senate at its meeting on Oct. 13, 2021 asking for their endorsement before the Piper nominee (Dr. David E. Lemke, Professor - Biology) was sent forward to the Provost on Oct. 14, 2021. In addition, the committee also recommended to the Senate the recipients of the Everette Swinney Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award be Michelle E. Nance (Professor, Theatre and Dance) and Dr. Charise N. Pimentel (Professor, Curriculum and Instruction). In May 2022, the winner of the Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award was announced, and Dr. Lemke was named the recipient.

As background, The Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award Foundation annually honors ten professors in Texas colleges and universities for outstanding achievement in the teaching profession. Each award includes an honorarium and a plaque designating the recipient as a "Piper Professor". All faculty members who hold current appointments and have had at least seven years of full-time workload assignment at Texas State University are eligible to apply or be nominated.

The purpose of this award is to give recognition to teaching rather than to scholarship, research, publication, or administration. The university is permitted to submit one nomination each year. The foundation encourages wide participation in the selection of nominees. The Faculty Senate coordinates the nomination process.

In the past, twenty-four members of our faculty have been recipients of this prestigious award.

Dr. David E. Lemke will be the twenty-fifth faculty member to receive The Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ledbetter, Chair

Piper Professor Committee