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**University of Texas of the Permian Basin Professor Receives
Outstanding Accounting Educator Award**

*Texas Society of CPAs Recognizes Narita Holmes for Excellence in Teaching and
Active Service to the Accounting Profession*

DALLAS — Narita Holmes, CPA and lecturer at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB), was named a 2014 recipient of the Texas Society of CPAs' (TSCPA) Outstanding Accounting Educator Award.

The statewide TSCPA Outstanding Accounting Educator Awards honor Texans who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and who have distinguished themselves through active service to the accounting profession. Criteria for judging includes instructional innovation, student motivation, the pursuit of learning opportunities for students, involvement in student and professional accounting organizations, and research accomplishments and publications.

Since 1999, Holmes has created and implemented a number of successful programs and classes at UTPB. During this period, she has taught nine different accounting topics for undergraduate and graduate students, drawing from years of practical experience in the profession as she develops unique exercises with real-world application. When UTPB recently experienced a dire need for online accounting courses, Holmes enthusiastically went to work developing an online version of her face-to-face course to be used in the Bachelor of Business Administration online degree program.

Holmes continuously looks for new ways to deliver material to her students in a way that will enhance their learning process and capture their attention. In her undergraduate audit class,

she created a project that allows students to conduct focused, limited-scope audits of departments within the university. Since many accounting students will serve on nonprofit boards in the future, Holmes developed a project for governmental and not-for-profit accounting classes that involves interviewing executives and evaluating the organizational structure and financial strength of a local nonprofit organization.

In addition to teaching accounting courses at UTPB, Holmes is an active member of TSCPA's Permian Basin Chapter, Institute of Internal Auditors and the Association of College and University Auditors. She also sits on the board of directors for the UTPB Accounting Alumni Association, and volunteers as a frequent speaker and moderator for a variety of community workshops, conferences and in-service training opportunities.

Holmes will be recognized at an award ceremony held in conjunction with the annual TSCPA Accounting Education Conference that will take place October 24-25 in Austin, Texas.

About TSCPA

TSCPA (<http://www.tscpa.org>) is a nonprofit, voluntary, professional organization representing Texas CPAs. The society has 20 local chapters statewide and has 27,000 members, one of the largest in-state memberships of any state CPA society in the United States. TSCPA is committed to serving the public interest with programs that advance the highest standards of ethics and practice within the CPA profession.

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