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**University of Texas at Tyler Professor Receives
Outstanding Accounting Educator Award**

*Texas Society of CPAs Recognizes Dr. Mary Fischer for Excellence in Teaching and Active
Service to the Accounting Profession*

DALLAS (Oct. 26, 2015) — Dr. Mary Fischer, accounting professor at The University of Texas at Tyler, was named a 2015 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.

In her 25 years teaching at the University of Texas at Tyler, Dr. Fischer has excelled as an educator, mentor and researcher. She is recognized as a rigorous instructor who encourages critical analysis and depth of thought, rather than recitation of textbook and classroom material. Dr. Fischer's diverse methods of teaching and thought-provoking approaches to accounting allow her to connect with students regardless of their preferred method of learning. She uses a variety of teaching methods, including lectures, collaborative group projects, guest speakers, discussions and debates to ensure student success and comprehension.

Dr. Fischer serves as the faculty advisor for Beta Alpha Psi, where she has led the Mu Kappa chapter to receive superior status annually. The chapter has been active in developing a financial literacy workshop, among other community service and alumni activities. She also serves as past president of the Faculty Senate, chair of the graduate curriculum committee and as a member of the university research committee that funds internal research projects.

Dr. Fischer is a prolific researcher who has published 63 referred articles, 34 referred papers and 13 other publications, including books and chapters. In 2014, she was awarded the Author's Award by the Government Financial Officers Association along with two colleagues for their manuscript on the changing role for government auditors. She also serves on the editorial board for five active journals in addition to serving as an ad hoc reviewer for multiple academic associations.

Dr. Fischer will be recognized at an award ceremony held in conjunction with the annual TSCPA Accounting Education Conference that will take place Oct. 30-31, 2015, 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 nearly 28,000 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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