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WCJC SELECTS NISOD EXCELLENCE AWARDS RECIPIENTS

WHARTON – Wharton County Junior College instructors are being recognized for dedication and commitment to their particular fields of study by the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). Six WCJC faculty members received NISOD Excellence Awards at the International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, held May 23-26 in Austin.

Honorees included:

- Johnson Cherukara – Instructor of Biology
- Kelly Eldridge – Instructor of Psychology
- Jon Loessin – Instructor of Sociology
- Allyson Matheaus – Instructor of Radiologic Technology
- Jo Ann Shimek – Instructor of Engineering Design
- Eddie Vandewalker – Instructor of Music

“We could not be prouder of these instructors,” said WCJC President Betty McCrohan. “They are dedicated to the success of their students and have put in the necessary time and effort. They represent the very best of what WCJC has to offer the communities in its service area.”

Each recipient was honored during NISOD’s annual conference in Austin. The names, titles, and colleges of all award recipients were included in the event’s booklet.

NISOD Executive Director Dr. Edward Leach said his organization is “honored” to be able to single out such exemplary faculty members.

“Recognizing those individuals who have contributed to student success and their colleges’ mission is something we look forward to doing each year,” Leach said. “The extraordinary work of these men and women includes not only what they do for their students and colleagues, but what they do for the communities in which they live and work. We’re honored to be able to play a part in celebrating their achievements.”

Created in 1978, NISOD is a membership organization committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership at community and technical colleges. NISOD

supports its member colleges by providing professional development resources and learning experiences, including practitioner publications, webinars, the annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, the NISOD Excellence Awards, and more. For more information about NISOD, visit www.nisod.org.

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