Texas A&M at Corpus Christi recognized by CAS

The Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) recently awarded Texas A&M at Corpus Christi with its most prestigious honor, the Ted K. Miller Achievement of Excellence Award. Dr. Amanda Drum, Director of Assessment and Housing, along with Dr. Eliot Chenaux, Vice President of Student Affairs received the award on behalf of the Student Affairs Division. The award recognizes outstanding accomplishments in advancing standards of practice and quality assurance in educational programs and services in higher education, with the goal of enhancing student learning.

Laura Dean, president of CAS, presented the award. In her letter of recognition, Dean cited the selection committee’s recommendation, stating that “the award selection committee was particularly impressed by the on-going assessment plan that includes ‘a rotation plan to assure that each area is fully reviewed using the CAS standards every five years.’ In addition, the committee cited improvement in educational programs in the areas of alcohol education and University Housing using the CAS standards. It is clear that your efforts have resulted in the creation of a culture of assessment in the Division of Student Affairs. Your work will serve as an important example to others striving to incorporate assessment more fully into their student affairs divisions.”

The Ted K. Miller Achievement of Excellence Award is named in honor of Ted Miller, CAS’s first president from 1979-1989, a professor emeritus of the University of Georgia, and the CAS publications editor until his retirement in 2004.

The Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) is a consortium of over 40 professional associations in higher education. Founded in 1979, CAS develops and disseminates standards of practice and related materials for the purpose of fostering student learning and development through enhancing the quality of programs and services.