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**Texas A&M University–Commerce Cultural Diversity Program
Receives Grant From International Education Association**

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The Texas A&M University–Commerce chapter of PDK International — a global association of education professionals — has received a \$1,500 PDK Project Grant to fund a professional development institute.

The chapter will use the funds to develop the Cultural Diversity Institute — The Hispanic Learner.

“The primary goal of the project is to train in-service teachers, administrators, and staff on how to better reach, engage, and teach the Hispanic learner,” said Joyce E. Kyle Miller, the project director.

The proposed program will address the need to analyze the total school environment and to prepare prospective and in-service teachers to better educate Hispanic students in general and, more specifically, to be more adept at recognizing and serving Hispanic gifted learners.

Each year, PDK International awards grants to members, PDK chapters, and groups of members and chapters to fund projects that provide short-term supplemental financial support to projects that improve the field of education and further the association’s three tenets of leadership, research, and service.

“We are delighted to support such visionary educational initiatives through the PDK Project Grants program,” said PDK Executive Director William J. Bushaw. “Funding these inspiring projects allows us to help our members continually improve the field of education.”

To learn more about the PDK Project Grant program, visit www.pdkintl.org/awards/regional.htm.

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