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Texas A&M at Qatar dean honored for contributions to engineering education

Dr. César O. Malavé, dean of Texas A&M University at Qatar, has received the 2017 John L. Imhoff Global Excellence Award for Industrial Engineering Education from the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) in recognition of his distinguished accomplishments.

The award is presented annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to the industrial engineering discipline, who exemplifies the highest standards of the professorate in industrial engineering, and who has demonstrated global cooperation and understanding through leadership and other initiatives. Malavé was recognized at a ceremony at the society's Annual Awards Luncheon during its 124th Annual Conference and Exposition in Columbus, Ohio (USA).

"I am honored to receive this award," Malavé said. "It has been a great journey for me as an educator. I want to thank all my colleagues for their support and I especially want to thank all my students for giving me the opportunity to share my knowledge with them."

Before coming to Texas A&M at Qatar in July 2016, Malavé was professor and head of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Texas A&M University and holder of the Sugar and Mike Barnes Department Head Chair. Under his leadership the department recruited a number of new faculty at both the junior and senior levels, developed a new advanced manufacturing initiative, and launched major initiatives to revamp the undergraduate curriculum and graduate program. His major career accomplishments are in the areas of manufacturing systems analysis; engineering education innovation, and diversity development for engineering faculty and undergraduate student programs. He has been the principal investigator or co-principal investigator of more than \$35 million in sponsored research and academic projects.

Malavé is recognized internationally for his contributions to engineering education. His work was the result of a 10-year NSF-funded Foundation Coalition Grant to revamp engineering education. As lead principal investigator for Texas

A&M, Malavé coordinated all activities related to curricula development, implementation, and outcomes assessment across partner sites. He disseminated this educational model through workshops in the United States and many countries.

He is a member of ASEE, the Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences (INFORMS) and a fellow of the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers. He also has served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Applications and Practices in Engineering Education* and is a co-author of the book, *Global Engineering — Design, Decision Making and Communication*.

Malavé earned a B.S. in chemical engineering and an M.S. in operations research from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in industrial engineering from the University of South Florida. He joined the industrial engineering faculty at Texas A&M in 1987.

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About Texas A&M University at Qatar

Texas A&M University, recognized as having one of the premier engineering programs in the world, has offered undergraduate degrees in chemical engineering, electrical and computer engineering, mechanical engineering and petroleum engineering at Qatar Foundation's Education City campus since 2003, and graduate degrees in chemical engineering since fall 2011. Texas A&M at Qatar has awarded almost 850 degrees since 2007. In addition to engineering courses, Texas A&M at Qatar provides classes in science, mathematics, liberal arts and the humanities. All four of the engineering programs offered at Texas A&M at Qatar are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET. The curricula offered at Texas A&M at Qatar are materially the same as those offered at the main campus in College Station, Texas, and the courses in Doha are taught in English in a co-educational setting. The reputation for excellence is the same, as is the commitment to equip engineers to lead the next generation of engineering advancement. Faculty from around the world are attracted to Texas A&M at Qatar to provide this educational experience and to participate in research activities now valued at more than \$236.4 million, and that address issues important to the State of Qatar. Visit www.qatar.tamu.edu.