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Dear Colleagues:

I am very pleased to inform you that UHCL's Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities (CADD) was the first recipient of the University of Houston System (UHS) Regents' Academic Excellence Award. The award was announced and presented at the quarterly meeting of the UHS Board of Regents on Aug. 20, 2015. Congratulations to all of our faculty, staff and students associated with CADD including the graduate programs of behavior analysis, school psychology and family therapy. Our faculty, staff and students associated with these nationally accredited programs have provided exemplary teaching, research and service. In the attached photograph you will see the award being presented by UHS Chancellor Dr. Renu Khator to Dr. Dorothea Lerman, director of CADD. The CADD video shown at the Board of Regents meeting can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/bRj9zjrw1jw>.

In a previous email, I announced that CADD received exceptional item funding of \$200,000 per year in the 2015 session of the Texas Legislature. This was a very significant accomplishment because the state-appropriated award is a first for CADD and very few exceptional items were funded in the 2015 session.

We can be very proud of the accomplishments of CADD since its establishment at UHCL in 2008.

Best regards,

William A. Staples
President

