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**NOMINATION FORM
PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE**

NAME OF NOMINEE Dr. Lyn Litchke

RANK Associate Professor

DEPARTMENT Health and Human Performance

COLLEGE Education

SUMMARY EXPLAINING SIGNIFICANT SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Institutional: Dr. Litchke's service includes: Chairmanship of the HHP Scholarship Committee for seven years, member on the MS Dementia and Aging and Texas State Health Care Facility planning committee for two years, member of CIRG since 2013, first year REP grant review committee, four years on the Texas State Autism Summer Camp research team, and two years as Women's Golf Yoga Instructor. Recently, her efforts include increasing recreation opportunities for student veterans on campus by chairing the new VETREC on H₂O initiative to introduce veteran's adaptive water sports. Her impact on enrollment in the graduate MSRLS-TR degree has been exemplified by an increase from 5 to 35 students (600 %) since she served as the sole reviser the whole curriculum 2013.

Professional: Dr. Litchke served as the first American Therapeutic Recreation Association Licensure Task Force Representative for Texas. In 2015, she was invited to be the Key Note Speaker at New Mexico Recreation and Parks State Conference. Dr. Litchke was the Safety Grant Officer for two years on a NIH research grant with Florida Atlantic University. She has served on the planning committee for Accessibility Fest of San Antonio to raise awareness on recreation and resources for persons with disabilities from 2011-2014 where the group won the "Del Oro Awards for Special Event Category" from Public Relations Society of America. Attendance for the three years was over 5,000 people.

Community: For 12 years, Dr. Litchke has been actively providing recreation and yoga therapy for over 150 persons with dementia at three Assisted Living Facilities. Three years ago, she formed the first inclusive recreation program for youth with and without disabilities with San Marcos Parks and Recreation. In 2014, Dr. Litchke was awarded the Texas Parks and Recreation Society "Lonestar Achievement Award for Special Recognition" for her leadership of Community adaptive skateboarding event.

Nomination by: *Lisa Lloyd* 3-10-16
Signature Date

Nomination approved by College Council: *ETL* 3-28-16
Signature Date

Nomination approved by Dean of College: *Tommy Carpenter* 3/29/16
Signature Date