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Executive Vice President Steve Leslie and Coach Augie Garrido honor corporate partners

Top corporate stars honored by the Center for Lifelong Engineering Education (CLEE)

AUSTIN, Texas – February 18, 2013 – BAE Systems, Dell, Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Freescale, IBM, Intel, Mechanical Contractors Association of America, Texas Department of Transportation, and Texas Instruments received awards today for their exceptional support of lifelong learning.

The University of Texas at Austin’s Cockrell School of Engineering’s Center for Lifelong Engineering Education (CLEE) held a luncheon to honor these visionary companies who have significantly invested in the education and training of their workforces. Dean Greg Fenves welcomed these exceptional leaders, and Executive Vice President and Provost Steven Leslie presented the awards to key representatives from each of these enterprises.

Head baseball Coach Augie Garrido delivered an inspirational keynote address entitled “Team Building and How to Inspire Others to Follow,” that was both motivational and humorous. “Only golf and baseball are games played where you have to maintain your confidence in the face of assured failure,” was Coach Augie’s opening remark. Relating confidence to overcome fears, failures and challenges that both baseball players and company leaders face, resonated well with the audience. Coach Augie included stories about his National Championship win, his first year at UT, and stories about individual athletes. He challenged the audience to “be motivated by our failures, so we can learn from them what we need to do to move on and be a better person, a better player, and a better team.” Weaving motivational stories from his personal experiences in life and on the field, Coach Augie declared that “teamwork is a lifetime relationship.”

“Teamwork is the name of the game. An ongoing challenge for businesses is to find ways to stay competitive in a global marketplace,” said Cath Polito, Director of the Center for Lifelong Engineering Education. “We have a shared commitment with these organizations to help leading engineers become engineering leaders.”

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This luncheon, organized by leaders Trammie Anderson, Marketing Manager and Erin Warner, Engineering Professional Development Conference Coordinator, is the second in a series of events to highlight the significant collaboration between corporations and the Cockrell School of Engineering’s Center for Lifelong Engineering Education.

**About the Center for Lifelong Engineering Education**
The University of Texas at Austin’s Cockrell School of Engineering is one of the Top 10 distinguished engineering schools in the country. Our professional development department, the Center for Lifelong Engineering Education, provides busy engineers with immediately applicable, real-world knowledge through individual courses, master’s degrees and on-site custom courses.

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