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Savoy, Ill., - The American Dairy Science Association is proud to announce Dr. Rafael Jimenez-Flores, professor, California Polytechnic State University, as the recipient of the Milk Industry Foundation Teaching Award. This award, sponsored by Milk Industry Foundation, will be presented on Tuesday, June 24, 2003 during the awards ceremony at the ADSA Annual Meeting in Phoenix.

The commitment of Jiménez to undergraduate education in dairy foods is clearly evident by the quantity and quality of his classroom undergraduate instruction, coaching a dairy products judging team and mentoring senior undergraduate students in research projects over a period of 13 years at two universities.

Dr. Jiménez came to the United States from Mexico in 1982. He completed his M.S. degree at Cornell University with the late Professor Frank Kosikowski in the area of functional properties of milk powders. He then went on to California where he completed his Ph.D. with Professor Tom Richardson at UC Davis. This work is recognized as pioneering research in the area of cloning and expression of bovine  $\beta$ -casein in yeast.

As an Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois, he taught courses in Dairy Processing, Chemistry and Biochemistry. His immense interest in the undergraduate student experience and their dairy science education was evident by the fact that, as a young Assistant Professor with a growing research program, he gave freely of his time to coach the Dairy Products Judging Team for 5 years. His successes as a teacher at UIUC were recognized by the Alpha Zeta Outstanding Instructor Award after only 4 years of teaching as a faculty member. In the eight years he has been at Cal Poly State University, he has taught Dairy Microbiology, Dairy Biotechnology, Bioseparations, Current Topics in Dairy Science and Research, Laboratory Techniques in Dairy Research and Scientific Methodology in Dairy and Food Science. He has also mentored over 20 senior undergraduate Dairy Science, Food Science, Microbiology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Nutrition students in capstone research projects related to dairy applications.

He is also well known for his outstanding research contributions. He has supervised more than 30 graduate students in 13 years, has presented numerous invited international presentations and has also offered tremendous service to the American Dairy Science Association as Chair of several committees.

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