

Texas A&M System Honors PVAMU Ag. Research Scientist

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PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas -- Dr. Raul Cuero, an agricultural scientist at the Prairie View A&M University College of Agriculture and Mechanical Engineering Research Center, was recently honored by the Texas A&M University System with the 2008 Patent and Innovation Awards.

The Texas A&M University System's (TAMUS) Office of Technology Commercialization and Trademark Office in 2007.

Cuero was honored for his work that uses Martian simulant soil, like Mars from soil. The invention isolates, stabilizes and removes toxic metals like lead, zinc and hazardous radionuclides like uranium. The patent was finished another invention, which is in the process of patenting and

"I was excited to receive this award," Cuero said. "I felt very proud. It felt very good to be in such a competitive environment for higher

Cuero is the first scientist from Prairie View A&M to be awarded a patent by the A&M University System Chancellor Dr. Michael D. McKinney.

"When the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas opened its doors, its mission was to make research available to the masses. That is still true today," Cuero said in a statement.

"I felt the solemnity in the presence of the chancellor himself. You can see an appreciative curiosity," Cuero said.

"These are people who have helped place the System in an important position of commercialization to benefit our state, nation and world," Guy Dieckhoff, Prairie View A&M University System vice president for commercialization, said in a statement.

Cuero was the only scientist from Prairie View A&M University recognized in the award ceremony.

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