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Dr. Whitney Mitchell  
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Dear Whitney:

It is indeed an honor to announce you have been selected to be the recipient of the Chamber's Chair of the Board Award in the field of education. No more than six such awards are bestowed each year, and your efforts with the New Braunfels Science Fest each year certainly qualify you for this honor.

You are a sixth generation New Braunfelser and although born in California, moved back as a young child and attended local schools, graduating from New Braunfels High School in 1995. You graduated early for your senior year to be a Rotary Exchange Student to Argentina. You attended Texas A&M University before transferring to the University of Texas Health Science Center where you graduated with honors receiving your MD degree with a specialty in psychiatry. You were awarded your Bachelor of Science in Genetics from Texas A&M.

You maintain your medical practice locally and are a member of the New Braunfels Rotary Club where you work with Rotary's International Exchange Program. Two years ago you and Dr. Allison Bray conceived and created Science Fest to develop young people's interest in science, technology, math and engineering. The program has been highly successful in its first two years with thousands of attendees and hundreds of exhibitors.

The event is hosted by the New Braunfels Science Education Foundation which you cofounded as a way to involve more students in STEM-centered programs. Nearly 3,000 attended last year's Science Fest which featured experiments and activities led by educators, students and volunteers from area public and private schools, Texas universities, local master naturalists and gardeners and dozens of area firms.

For these reasons and many more, you and your husband Paul are invited to be our guests at the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Banquet set for January 31, 2020 in the New Braunfels Civic Convention Center. At that time, it will be our pleasure to further honor you as a recipient of the Chamber's Chair of the Board Award in the field of education.

Sincerely,

Shane Wolf, Chair of the Board

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