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Two Texas A&M University Alumni Achieve NRCM Certification

WASHINGTON, DC—July 23, 2015—Jessica R. Bourquin, Ph.D. and Patrick Conley, B.S., graduates of Texas A&M University, College Station are now Registrants of the National Registry of Certified Microbiologists (NRCM). On June 26, 2015, they became certified as Specialist Microbiologists in Biological Safety Microbiology. To earn the NRCM credential, they first met rigorous educational and experiential eligibility requirements and then passed a comprehensive written examination attesting to their knowledge and skills in the pharmaceutical and medical device microbiology testing laboratory.

The NRCM is a voluntary certifying body which was founded in 1958 and has certified microbiologists in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico and on six continents. The goals of the NRCM are to minimize risk to the public by identifying qualified microbiologists; encourage mastery of microbiological knowledge and skills that contribute to improving the human condition; and foster professional pride and a sense of accomplishment in qualified microbiologists. Employers use NRCM certification to distinguish their company and attest to their employees’ competency.

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