Spotlight on Excellence
Alan Sakaguchi, Ph.D.

There are few faculty members who interact with students from every school at the UT Health Science Center, but Alan Sakaguchi, Ph.D., is one of them. He delights in learning new ways to approach the gross anatomy lab to help students from all the schools learn and see clinical relevance to their field.

That is why the Dr. Sakaguchi, an associate professor of cellular and structural biology, received a Presidential Award for Teaching Excellence earlier this year.

Alan Sakaguchi, Ph.D., (in white coat) an associate professor of cellular and structural biology, has a special interest in anatomical sciences, his craft and especially his students, according to Darrell E. Stafford Jr., who nominated Dr. Sakaguchi for the Presidential Award.

Dedicated to his profession
“I am fortunate that I've seen Dr. Sakaguchi in an environment many of his students may not,” said Darrell E. Stafford Jr., a master's program student in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, who nominated Dr. Sakaguchi for the award.

“Not only did I get to know him as a professor and lecturer, but I learned more about him while serving as his teaching assistant. I was privileged to see Dr. Sakaguchi's immense love for anatomical sciences, his craft and especially for his students. He taught me how to recognize the strengths of others to better serve their needs, and the words of wisdom he shared instilled a great level of integrity.”