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## 2014 Notable UT Woman Award



Visionary. Leader. Trail blazer. These are all words that describe Susan Riechert. In her more than forty years at UT, Riechert has built a legacy that will benefit students for decades to come. She began the Biology in a Box program over a decade ago as an effort to provide K-12 teachers and students with science education materials. It is now used in seventy-seven public schools. In 2009, Riechert successfully co-developed the proposal to create the Tennessee Center for Science Education, an initiative that is already helping to improve the quantity and quality of science teachers in Tennessee. A professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, Riechert embodies UT's mission in her dedication to science education. She has served for ten years as chair of the department's undergraduate advisory committee, where she coordinated curricular changes, spearheaded petitions, and addressed student concern issues for large numbers of undergraduates. She has served on every major standing committee in the Departments of Zoology and Botany. The University of Tennessee Elementary School has twice presented Riechert with the Principal's Award for Outstanding Teaching, the Middle School and Community Service, and a nature trail at Powell Hall named in her honor.

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