

# **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

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## **‘Islander Lights’ Holiday Tradition Features an Evening with Santa Claus, Wishes and Dreams Toy Drive and Activities**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – University buildings along Ocean Drive and the campus Christmas tree will be illuminated with blue, green and white holiday lights during Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s “Islander Lights” celebration Friday, Dec. 5, from 6-8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center plaza. The annual evening of music, games and activities for the family is free and open to the public.

The lighting ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive on campus at 6 p.m. Children may bring a new unwrapped toy and have their photos taken with Santa Claus. Guests may also brighten a child’s holiday by donating a new unwrapped toy for the Wishes and Dreams Toy Drive from 6-7:30 p.m. at the University Services Center plaza.

Before the festivities, the Islander Lights Fun Run and Walk (4-mile run and 1.5-mile walk) around the University will start at 5 p.m. with registration from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Hammerhead parking lot. The entry fee is one toy per participant. For more information, call 361.825.2335.

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