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A \$1.8 Million Department of Education Grant Will Pave the Way for STEM Students at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas –A nearly \$1.8 million Department of Education grant will open doors for underrepresented students at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi pursuing science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The Title V College Cost Reduction and Access Act grant of \$1.78 million will help increase the number of transfer and first-year college students enrolled in STEM areas (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). The grant runs through Sept. 30, 2010.

“Through this generous grant, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi’s Title V/Trio programs will maintain their high level of academic excellence for students,” said University President Flavius Killebrew. “The STEM concentration should help increase student enrollment in the proposed Mechanical Engineering Program.”

The grant targets transfer and first-year college students, especially Hispanics, and supports Del Mar College transfers to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi through a renewed articulation agreement targeting students majoring in STEM areas.

In addition, the grant also will expand the quality of classroom instruction through enrichment experiences. Funds will be used to create a STEM Center on campus to provide academic support services.

“This award will provide a big boost to the Title V/Trio pipeline on campus,” said Dr. Veronica Guerra, director for the Title V and Trio Programs. “Not only will it help the entire pipeline in recruiting more students seeking STEM degrees, but the construction funds will house all Title V and Trio Services under one building and

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increase collaboration between federal grants, enrollment management and the College of Science and Technology.”

The Title V/Trio Department comprises four distinct programs that offer intensive services to students resulting in academic success – the Title V Cooperative Grant, the Upward Bound program, the Student Support Services program and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board GO Centers.

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