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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Tutoring and Learning Center Unveils 24-hour Web-Based Service for Students

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi President Flavius Killebrew and Provost Anantha Babbili were among the University officials who took part in a hands-on demonstration of SMARTHINKING, the latest Web-based technology designed to assist students in their study and research, Thursday, Oct. 9, in the Tutoring and Learning Center located in the Mary and Jeff Bell Library, Room 216.

SMARTHINKING, based in Washington, D.C., connects students to qualified tutors 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from any Internet connection. The service is a supplement to the University's Tutoring and Learning Center which has received national recognition for its programs to improve the retention and graduation rates of A&M-Corpus Christi students.

“With so many of our students working in addition to carrying a full course load, it is imperative that we provide them with the tools to make maximum use of time available for studying,” said Killebrew. “Through this Web site, students have access to highly-valuable academic assistance, no matter the time of day.”

Students may access SMARTHINKING by presenting their SANDOLLAR\$ Card at the Tutoring and Learning Center and obtaining a username and password. The Tutoring and Learning Center still offers face-to face tutoring by qualified tutors in math, biology, chemistry and physics as well as a computer lab that encourages group work.

“One of the best functions of this service is that it offers real-time online tutoring help in core courses,” said Gerardo Moreno, director of the Tutoring and Learning Center. “Studies indicate that students using SMARTHINKING make higher grades and experience improvement in their skills whether it is writing, science or math.”

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