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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi College of Science and Technology to Host 21st Annual Coastal Bend Science Fair Kindergarten through eighth grade students to compete for \$1,000 scholarships

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The College of Science and Technology at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will host the 21st annual Coastal Bend Science Fair from Friday, May 1, through Sunday, May 3, in the University Center and the Moody Sustainers Field House.

The fair is the final competition for students who have competed in science fairs in their school districts and will include kindergarten through eighth grade students from Corpus Christi and surrounding school districts. Exhibits will be categorized by grade with 670 students competing for ribbons and medals. An overall winner selected from kindergarten through fourth grade will receive a trophy and a \$1,000 scholarship to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. The overall winner for fifth through eighth grades will receive the Diana I. Marinez award, which includes a trophy and a \$1,000 scholarship to the University.

The students will prepare experiments relating to engineering/physical science, Earth science or life/health science utilizing the scientific method. Each student will give an oral presentation to a panel of judges to explain their experiment and findings.

More than 100 science and education majors will help with all aspects of the fair. Judging will be done by scientists, engineers, faculty members, educators, college science students and community members with expertise in science.

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The schedule of events is as follows:

Friday, May 1 - Registration of student projects from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the University Center and Moody Sustainers Field House.

Saturday, May 2 - Judging of projects and science activities from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the University Center and Moody Sustainers Field House.

Sunday, May 3 - Open house from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the University Center and Moody Sustainers Field House with the awards ceremony at 3 p.m. in the University Center.

The Coastal Bend Science Fair is held in conjunction with Del Mar College. Supporters include the American Chemical Society, the College of Nursing at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America, the Texas Electronic Coalition for Physics, the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History, Nueces County Farm Bureau and Corpus Christi Geological Society.

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