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Texas Pioneer Foundation Awards $100,000 Grant to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi to Purchase Mobile GO Center

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has received a $100,000 grant from the Texas Pioneer Foundation to purchase a mobile GO Center.

Through the addition of a mobile Go Center to its existing GO Centers program, the Title V Department at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi can expand on three key objectives.

- Create a college going culture both in the participating school districts and the surrounding rural communities.
- Engage the parent community in higher education planning for the students.
- Enhance the University’s efforts to help guide students on a successful path toward higher education.

These objectives will be accomplished through the use of mobile academic services, which include tutoring/mentoring, financial aid assistance, college searches, filling out admissions applications and parental involvement.

GO Centers, located in various surrounding Coastal Bend area high schools, introduce and prepare students to enter college. Go Centers are particularly significant in South Texas where minority enrollment at postsecondary institutions is not keeping up with the population growth of the Coastal Bend. During the 2007-2008 academic year, there were an estimated 22,668 students enrolled in GO Centers at participating schools. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi actively participates in high schools across a four-county region and within 13 school districts.

The Texas Pioneer Foundation is based in San Marcos, Texas, and led by Fred J. Markham.

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