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MEDIA ALERT

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WHO: American Bank and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Officials

WHAT: Announcement of \$100,000 Gift to Mechanical Engineering

WHEN: Monday, Feb. 23, at 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Chapman Conference Room, Corpus Christi Hall, Second Floor

American Bank Gives \$100,000 Gift toward Mechanical Engineering Scholarships at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas –American Bank has committed \$100,000 paid over four years toward scholarships for the upcoming bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

American Bank officials will be on campus Monday, Feb. 23, at 11:30 a.m. to announce the creation of the American Bank Endowed Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering. The new Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi awaits final approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

American Bank, which opened its doors to its first bank in 1970 in Corpus Christi, has expanded to 13 offices in six Texas cities. Last quarter, American Bank's assets totaled more than \$800 million.

Several area businesses have joined the City of Corpus Christi and Port of Corpus Christi in support of having a mechanical engineering degree program at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Last fall a \$1 million pledge was made by the city for the program.

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