

# **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

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## **MEDIA ALERT**

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**WHO: Flint Hills Resources & University Officials**

**WHAT: Announcement of \$400,000 Contribution to Mechanical Engineering**

**WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 5, at 11:30 a.m.**

**WHERE: University Center Legacy Room**

## **Flint Hills Resources Plans a \$400,000 Contribution to Mechanical Engineering at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas –Flint Hills Resources is planning to contribute \$400,000 paid over five years for scholarships in the upcoming mechanical engineering program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Flint Hills Resources officials will be on campus Thursday, Feb. 5, at 11:30 a.m. to announce the plan that creates the Flint Hills Resources Fund 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.

Flint Hills Resources, an independent refining and chemicals company, has one of its three refining complexes in Corpus Christi. The company, which has been part of the Coastal Bend business community since 1981, employs about 900 people, including about 85 engineers.

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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