

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

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## **Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Celebrates Homecoming 2009 with Festivities for Students, Alumni and the Community**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s faculty, staff and students will join with alumni and the community to celebrate a week of festivities during the 2009 Homecoming from Monday, Feb. 2, through Saturday, Feb. 7.

The “Izzywood” themed activities will include a variety of events for all ages including a colorful downtown parade, an Islander women’s basketball game and the Islander Alumni and Parents’ Awards Breakfast. Many events open to the public will be held Friday, Feb. 6, and Saturday, Feb. 7.

Friday evening features the Athletic Hall of Honor Dinner recognizing outstanding athletes and the Official Ring Ceremony. Saturday’s highlights include a downtown parade at 5 p.m. which leads to the American Bank Center for tailgating before the Islander women’s basketball game against Nicholls State at 7 p.m.

Around 35,000 students have graduated from the University since it opened its doors as the University of Corpus Christi in 1947. All graduates and former students from the University of Corpus Christi, Texas A&I University at Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi State University and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi are considered members of the greater alumni family.

Friday and Saturday’s Homecoming events include:

### **Friday, Feb. 6**

- **Islander Moms’ Reception** – Meet the Islander Moms of the Year nominees and others who enhance student life on campus. A reception will be held from 10-11 a.m. in the University Center, Tejas Room A. Information: 825-3890.

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- **Athletic Hall of Honor Dinner** – Former Islander athletes will induct new members into the Athletic Hall of Honor at this reception and dinner from 5-7 p.m. in the University Center. Tickets are \$25. For ticket information, call 361.825.3237.
- **Official Ring Ceremony** –A&M-Corpus Christi students will be presented official school rings. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend the ceremony at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Information: 361.825.5787.

### Saturday, Feb. 7

- **Islander Alumni and Parents' Awards Breakfast** – Meet and greet alumni award winners from 9-10:30 a.m. in the University Center, Lone Star Ballroom. Outstanding alumni, students, faculty, parents and former athletes will be honored. Tickets are \$15. Information: 361.825.5787.
- **Alumni Annual Meeting** – The National Alumni Association will meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the University Center, Lone Star Ballroom. Information: 361.825.5787.

**Homecoming Parade** – Decorated floats will lead the way at 5 p.m. to the American Bank Center for the Islander women's basketball game against Nicholls State University. The parade route begins at Whataburger Field and follows Mesquite Street to Palo Alto Street and Shoreline Blvd. Information: 361.825.2707.

- **Women's Basketball Game** –The Islanders will take on Nicholls State University at 7 p.m. at the American Bank Center arena. Tickets are \$6 and \$10. For ticket information, call 361.825.BALL (2255).

For a list of activities, go to <http://www.tamucc.edu/marcom/homecoming/>. For more information, call 361.825.3895.

