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Dr. Gary Jeffress to Deliver Commencement Address At Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Graduation

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Dr. Gary Jeffress will be the keynote speaker at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's Summer 2009 Commencement on Saturday, Aug. 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the American Bank Center arena.

Around 500 students from the University's Colleges of Business, Education, Liberal Arts, Nursing and Health Sciences, and Science and Technology will walk across the stage to receive their diplomas, an increase of more than 50 from last summer. The University holds commencement exercises in May, August and December.

Dr. Jeffress has been with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for 18 years and, in 2006, was named director of the Conrad Blucher Institute for Surveying and Science. The Blucher Institute has three primary components, Academic Teaching of Geospatial Science, the Division of Nearshore Research, and the Texas Height Modernization Project. Jeffress has been the principal investigator of the Texas Coastal Ocean Observation Network and the Texas Height Modernization Project. He has also served as a professor of Geographic Information Science and as the coordinator of the same program within the College of Science and Technology.

Jeffress graduated from the University of New South Wales, Australia with a bachelor of surveying degree in 1978 and obtained his master's from the University in 1987. After coming to the United States, he earned a Ph.D. in surveying engineering with a minor in economics from the University of Maine in 1991.

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