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MEDIA ALERT

DATE: June 22, 2009

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*****PHOTO/MEDIA OPPORTUNITY*****

WHO: Area Ninth Grade Student Participants

WHAT: GEAR UP/STAR Program's Summer Bridge Institute

WHEN: Tuesday, June 23, from 10-11:45 a.m.

WHERE: Various Locations (See below)

- 10-11 a.m.: Students construct kites in the Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC), Rooms 107 and 113
- 11-11:30 a.m.: Students fly kites outside the ECDC
- 11-11:45 a.m.: Students collect samples at University Beach

Summer Bridge Institute Participants Construct and Fly Kites, Collect Crabs, Clams and Other Samples from University Beach

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Ninth grade students in the Summer Bridge Institute will construct and fly tetrahedron geometric-shaped kites Tuesday, June 23, from 11-11:30 a.m. outside the Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Students will build kites from straw, thread and colored tissue paper from 10-11 a.m. in ECDC, Rooms 107 and 113. The activity, designed to help students understand math concepts, will be led by Dr. Mufid Abudiab, associate professor of mathematics; Marcia Venzon, mathematics instructor; and Fatma Abudiab, adjunct professor.

Also between 11-11:45 a.m., Mark McNamara, core curriculum program instructor, will lead students in collecting sand crabs, flounder, puffer fish, clams and other samples at University Beach. Students will place the samples in a saltwater aquarium located in ECDC, Room 101.

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