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Record Number of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Graduates to Receive Diplomas at Spring Commencement

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The largest number of graduates in Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi history will receive their diplomas during Spring Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m. in the American Bank Center arena.

Around 914 students from the Colleges of Business, Education, Liberal Arts, Nursing and Health Sciences, and Science and Technology have applied for spring graduation, an increase of almost 100 candidates from a year ago. The University conducts commencement ceremonies each year in May, August and December.

Graduating senior Eric Holguin will deliver the commencement address, following a tradition of rotating speakers from the community, academia and student ranks established several years ago by University President Flavius Killebrew. Holguin, who is pursuing a career in media communication and public relations, will speak on “Keys to Success: Opportunity, Goals, Experiences and Passion.”

Holguin enrolled at the Island University in 2005 after graduating from Sharyland High School in Mission, Texas, and while taking a full course load held a variety of jobs including stints as advertising manager and marketing director for the “Island Waves” student newspaper. As a marketing intern with Concrete Street Amphitheater, he wrote news releases, handled promotions and worked with the media. After spending a summer with Suzelle Enterprises, a New York City talent agency with clients throughout the entertainment industry, he accepted a position with KIII-TV, Corpus Christi’s ABC affiliate, where he is a camera operator and stagehand for the morning news.

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Holguin has also been very active in campus life, representing the University as “Izzy” the Islander mascot and volunteering as a counselor and marketing director for the Aloha Days freshman camp. He is active with the Student Government Association and the Student Diversity Committee, and is a member of Beta Theta Pi, a campus fraternity dedicated to preparing young men for the responsibilities of leadership and citizenship.

The ceremony will be broadcast live beginning at 10:30 a.m. on KTOV channel 21 and by Time-Warner, Grande and Charter Communications on cable channel 15.

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