MEDIA ALERT
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WHO: Undergraduate Students Involved in Summer Research Projects
WHAT: Summer Undergraduate Research Focus (SURF) Symposium Presentations
WHEN: Thursday, August 5, from 10 a.m. to noon
WHERE: University Center, Lone Star Ballroom A

SURFers Representing Institutions from Across the Nation Will Give Oral Presentations on Summer Research Projects during Symposium

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – More than 20 undergraduate students involved with summer research projects at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will give oral presentations during the Summer Undergraduate Research Focus (SURF) Symposium on Thursday, August 5, from 10 a.m. to noon in the University Center, Lone Star Ballroom A.

The symposium will include presentations by two Texas A&M-Corpus Christi students who are supported by the National Science Foundation’s Undergraduate Mentoring in Environmental Biology Program. The SURFers come to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi from institutions across the nation to engage in research that investigates global warming and climate change problems such as coral bleaching, ocean acidification, decreasing fishing stocks, increasing outbreaks of aquatic diseases, invasive species and overall health of bays and estuaries.

SURF trains undergraduates in the methods of science, enhances their professional development and encourages them to pursue graduate education. SURF prepares students for graduate degrees and careers in science and translates classroom learning into hands-on discovery.

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