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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Ranked Among Best Regional Universities for 2011 by U.S. News and World Report

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – U.S. News and World Report has ranked Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi among the top 25 regional public universities in the Western United States in its 2011 listing of the nation’s top colleges.

In the Western Region, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi was ranked 21st overall, second only to Texas State University in San Marcos among Texas public universities. Other Texas schools making the list include the University of Texas at San Antonio, Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas A&M International University in Laredo, the University of Texas at Tyler, West Texas A&M University in Canyon and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Criteria in ranking included freshman retention rate, graduation rate, student-to-faculty ratio, alumni giving and the number of freshman who ranked in the top 25 percent of their high school class. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi also ranked second in racial diversity among Texas regional universities behind the University of Texas at San Antonio.

“We are proud of this achievement, and establishing Texas A&M-Corpus Christi as a top regional university is just the first step in our goal of becoming a nationally recognized research institution,” said University President Flavius Killebrew. “This list acknowledges how much we have already accomplished and crystallizes the vision of the goals to which we aspire.”

The 572 universities in the regional category are ranked against their peer groups in one of four geographic regions because they tend to draw students most heavily from surrounding states. The Western Region includes Texas, California, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Alaska and Hawaii.