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Texas A&M-Corpus Christi to Celebrate Opening of Island Hall  
Facility is new home to College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Kinesiology Program  

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – University President Flavius Killebrew will be joined by Texas A&M University System representatives and state officials at the grand opening celebration for Island Hall on Tuesday, June 29, at 10 a.m. in the facility adjacent to the Dugan Wellness Center. The celebration is free and open to the public.  

Beginning in fall 2010, Island Hall will be home to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the College of Education’s kinesiology program. The $45 million, 148,000-square-foot building is the largest on the University campus.  

Scheduled speakers include Texas State Sen. Juan “Chuy’ Hinojosa, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Chairman Fred Heldenfels IV, Texas A&M University System Regent Jim Wilson, Texas A&M University System Chancellor Michael McKinney and Dr. Killebrew.  

“Island Hall is truly a facility befitting our College of Nursing and Health Sciences as it expands to meet the critical demands for healthcare professionals,” said Killebrew. “In addition to being our fastest-growing college in terms of enrollment, the quality of its undergraduate and graduate programs is ensuring that students receive the best-possible education and that they are well-equipped to take on the challenges they will encounter during their careers.”  

Killebrew added that, thanks to the new state-of-the-art facility, the kinesiology program will be able to utilize cutting-edge technology to research and evaluate/assess athletic performance, as well as prescribe methods that improve sport functioning.  

Island Hall’s nursing facilities include offices, computer labs, a simulated hospital ward, patient simulator laboratories, specialized research spaces and various-sized classrooms. A stadium classroom that will hold 155 students gives faculty the capability to bring state-of-the-art technology and human simulations into the classroom.  

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The College of Education’s kinesiology area includes classrooms, computer labs, a gymnasium with two basketball courts, an indoor track, large meeting spaces, two large group fitness rooms and a sports testing center.

Island Hall is built to LEED Silver standards. Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System provides a concise framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions. Results include improved energy savings and water efficiency and Carbon dioxide emissions reductions.

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