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

WHO:     High school students in the Governor’s Academy for Teaching Excellence
         (GATE) Summer Education Program

WHAT:    Float-a-Boat Activity

WHEN:    Today (Monday, June 27) from 2:30-3 p.m.

WHERE:   Moody Sustainers Field House Pool at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

University’s Summer GATE Program Students Launch Manned
Boats Constructed from Cardboard and Duct Tape
Exercise at Moody Sustainers pool tests concepts of buoyancy, floatation

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Groups of students participating in the GATE Summer Education
Program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will attempt to sail a teammate across a
swimming pool in boats constructed from cardboard and duct tape during a “Float-a-Boat”
activity today (Monday, June 27) from 2:30-3 p.m. at the Moody Sustainers Field House Pool.

The “Float-a-Boat” exercise tests the concepts of buoyancy and floatation as they relate to
transportation. The team-building exercise is one of many activities designed to challenge the 79
high school students from across the state taking part in the three-week Governor’s Academy for
Teaching Excellence (GATE) program for students who are interested in careers teaching
mathematics and/or science at the elementary or secondary levels.

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