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Texas A&M-Corpus Christi’s Student Success Title V Program Receives $4.3 Million Grant from the U.S. Department of Education
Hispanic-Serving Institutions STEM Program targets retention, graduation rates

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Student Success Title V Program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has been awarded a $4.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) STEM Program to increase the retention and graduation rates of Hispanic and low-income students who are pursuing a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) related degree.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi will receive $868,994 annually for five years to help improve and expand the University’s capacity to serve all Hispanic, first generation, and low-income students who are either transferring from a community college into a STEM program, or are first time college students in a STEM field at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

The University’s STEM Outreach, Access, and Retention (SOAR) project works to increase the percentage of Hispanic students seeking STEM degrees, while raising the number of those students who transfer from an HSI community college to an HSI university. Students are required to graduate within six years of enrollment. SOAR will accomplish its objectives through a three-pronged approach that includes capacity building through renovations and upgrades to facilities, a retention program to keep students succeeding, an articulation program, and a faculty development program to enhance the overall teaching capabilities and classroom environment.

“These funds will assist us in developing a STEM Success Center that will serve as a one-stop shop for numerous retention strategies for our Hispanic students,” said Dr. Gerardo Moreno, assistant vice president for Student Success. “We will also build collaborative STEM partnerships with Del Mar College, Coastal Bend College, and Victoria College for students who transfer to the University to study these specific fields.”

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