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Dugan Wellness Center at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Receives NIRSA Outstanding Sports Facilities Award

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Dr. Jack and Susie Dugan Wellness Center at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is one of nine new collegiate sports centers at universities and colleges across the United States to receive the 2010 Outstanding Sports Facilities Awards from the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA).

The annual NIRSA award recognizes innovative designs of new or expanded facilities which are considered a standard or model by which other collegiate recreational facilities should be measured and from which others can benefit. NIRSA selects and publishes information on the facilities as a resource for campus master planners, recreational sports directors, designers and architects, contractors and recreational sports students.

The $21 million Dr. Jack and Susie Dugan Wellness Center was seeded by a $1 million gift from the Dugan family. The 67,000-square foot complex includes two regulation NCAA basketball courts, weight and cardio areas, locker rooms, including two for those with special needs, and group exercise rooms. Other areas include support facilities and offices for Athletics and Recreational Sports.

To be eligible for the Outstanding Sports Facilities Award, the facility must belong to a NIRSA member institution, must be no more than two years old, and must be more than 20,000 square feet with total construction costs of at least $2 million. The nine winners will be recognized in April at the NIRSA Conference and Recreational Exposition in Anaheim, Calif.

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