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Two Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Employees Among Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce’s ‘40-Under-40’ Honorees
List of outstanding young professionals includes 11 graduates of Island University

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Two Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi employees have been presented with the “40-under-40” award for 2011 by the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce.

Kimberly McNierney, director of development in the Department of Institutional Advancement, and Dr. Michelle Maresh, assistant professor of communication in the College of Liberal Arts, were among 40 young professionals under the age of 40 recognized during the Mayor’s Breakfast at the Omni Bayfront Hotel this morning, Wednesday, Jan. 11. The recipients, who were chosen for excelling in their profession while giving back to the community, will be honored at a reception on Friday, Jan. 13.

Kimberly McNierney, Director of Development, Institutional Advancement

McNierney earned her Bachelor of Arts in Marketing from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in 2007 using the GI Bill benefits earned from her service in the U.S. Navy. As director of development, she works closely with individual and business prospects and donors to secure annual restricted and unrestricted gifts, endowments, and major and planned gifts to the University. McNierney serves on the board for the Young Business Professionals of the Coastal Bend, secretary for the American Fundraising Professionals, and on the finance committee of the First United Methodist Church.

Dr. Michelle Maresh, Assistant Professor of Communication, College of Liberal Arts

Maresh, a graduate of Corpus Christi’s Miller High School, received her Bachelor of Arts in Communication in 2004 (summa cum laude) from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. She returned to -MORE-
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the University in August 2009 as an assistant professor of communication and was honored with
the Texas A&M System Teaching Excellence Award that fall. In the community, she is the board
secretary for the Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi; and a member of the Hispanic
Women’s Network of Texas-Corpus Christi Chapter.

Alumni

Other Texas A&M-Corpus Christi alumni earning the prestigious award were College of
Business graduates Anita Cadena, Jonas Chupe, Augustine de la Garza, Amy Griffin, Adam
Smith, and Beth Terry; College of Education graduate Albert Martinez; and College of Liberal
Arts graduates Kelly Grochow and Kirby Warnke.

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