TAMUCC Title V and Trio programs win national award

The TAMUCC Title V and Trio Programs entitled “Opening the Pipeline /Closing the Gaps have been recognized nationally by the Excelencia in Education non profit organization. This educational organization yearly gives awards and recognition to Hispanic Serving Institutions that have demonstrated superior student outcomes and results in improving the services that Hispanic Serving colleges and universities and in creating a more successful, welcoming ambience for Hispanics on campus, especially Hispanics that are low income and first generation. The TAMUCC “Opening the Pipeline/Closing the Gaps was selected as one of top ten HIS Institutions among 90 that applied for this distinction.

These top ten institutions will be recognized at the yearly Excelencia in Education to be held October 10, 2007 in Los Angeles. Their program descriptions will be listed as honorable mention and described in a publication of the “Excelencia in Education” symposium proceedings that is published yearly and disseminated nationwide to all Hispanic Serving Institutions.

What makes the TAMUCC “Opening the Pipeline/Closing the Gaps” according to Ms Sarita Brown, President of the Excelencia in Education Corporation is that “it is the only one nationally where both Title V, an institutional capacity building program and Trio Grants, student services grant for low income first generation secondary and postsecondary minority students, work together collaboratively to maximize services so that low income, first generation Hispanic and other minority students can complete both a secondary and postsecondary level education.” They also are unique in that these grants have collaborated together with the public schools, the Corpus Christi and Coastal Bend Community and Del Mar College to create a seamless educational pipeline to ensure that the grant participants meet their goals of high school completion, college admission and postsecondary graduation. Student Outcome results obtained from the yearly performance report submitted yearly to the U.S. department of Education indicate that these grants have indeed succeeded in increasing the number of low income and first generation Hispanics and other minorities to graduate from High School and achieve admission into postsecondary institutions in South Texas.

The “Opening the Pipeline/Closing the Gaps program consists of one five year Cooperative Title V Grant, one TRIO Upward Bound Grant, one TRIO Expanded Initiative Upward Bound Grant, and one TRIO Student Support Services Grant. Together, all four grants bring in approximately 1.2 million dollars yearly in federal assistance to low income, first generation Hispanics and other minorities.