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Future Engineers Get Their Start at TSC

Innovative Partnership with Texas A&M Addresses State's Growing Need for Engineers

(BROWNSVILLE, TX) June 25, 2015 –Texas Southmost College (TSC) today announced the formation of the **Texas A&M-Chevron Engineering Academy**, an innovative co-enrollment partnership developed to address the state's growing need for 43,000 engineers by 2020. Qualified students admitted to the Texas A&M College of Engineering will complete the first two years of coursework at TSC, then transfer to Texas A&M in College Station, Texas, to complete their degree.

“We are committed to providing accessible, affordable and flexible educational opportunities for our students. This unique program will make it possible for TSC students to stay close to home as they pursue an engineering degree. It will reduce costs and time to completion. And, once students finish the program, they will be ready to enter the workforce. There is no doubt that this collaboration will positively benefit our students, as well as the state and nation,” said Dr. Lily F. Tercero, president of TSC.

“Texas has a significant need for more engineers and has an abundance of capable students. This new academy program provides a unique pathway toward earning a bachelor’s degree in engineering by completing the first two years of coursework at a two-year college as a Texas A&M engineering student,” said John Sharp, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System.

“The Texas A&M-Chevron Engineering Academy is a great opportunity for local students to earn their degree from a premier engineering college,” said Dr. Angelica M. Fuentes, TSC dean of the Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Division. “TSC’s innovative approach to learning continues to give students the global education and workforce skills they need to get high-paying jobs. This is vital to the economic prosperity of the Valley, Texas, and the country.”

Chevron has donated \$5 million to support the Texas A&M Engineering Academy at Texas Southmost College; as well as three other academies at Houston Community College, Spring Branch in Houston; Alamo Colleges in San Antonio; and El Centro College in Dallas.

About Texas Southmost College

Originally established in 1926, Texas Southmost College currently offers the first two years toward a bachelor's degree, along with career and technical education leading to certificates and associate degrees, college preparatory studies to prepare students for college-level work, workforce training, and continuing education. TSC offers 53 programs of study leading to an associate degree or certificate. TSC became independently operational in the fall of 2013, after engaging in a 20-year contractual arrangement with a public university.

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