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**Board of Visitors–Briefing Book
October 25, 2018**

A MESSAGE FROM



Texas A&M University at Galveston has begun the 2018/19 academic year with many points of pride! We are excited to begin a new academic year having worked through the growing pains of our new MAIN building which opened in summer 2017 and provides state-of-the-art facilities for students, faculty and researchers alike. More recently, we are proud to share the newly opened Aggie Special Events Center which serves to welcome guests through our beautiful entrance to campus and has already hosted a number of significant events to rave reviews. We are in the midst of an update to our Campus Master Plan to envision the locations of possible future buildings and sculpt our campus outdoor spaces to be more interesting and inviting. We are also actively searching for a new Director of Marketing and Communications to help broadcast our message throughout the state and region. We have not been successful in getting the US Congress to fund a new training ship for the Texas A&M Maritime Academy, but our message is being heard with thanks to an avalanche of letters from our supporters to our representatives, and we have language through the Congress which mandates sharing of available training assets. As a result of this, we were able to sail our cadets together as one academy, one crew last summer on the USTS KENNEDY and we are deeply involved in planning for a similar arrangement for next summer. On the downside, our enrollment numbers have dipped a little from Fall 2017 and we expect a tough budget fight with the Texas Legislature next spring, but at the same time we have continued to improve our student success metrics (persistence and graduation) and our share of research grant funding has continued to grow in multiple areas. We have our challenges, but it is a great time to be on the Galveston Campus of Texas A&M University!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Fossum".

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Creating and maintaining sustainable support for Texas A & M Galveston is difficult when our board meets only two or three times a year. Committees working as small groups in between meetings is essential if we are to insure a meaningful contribution to the institution's success. I am most pleased and appreciative of the effort of our committee chairs and the work of each committee as we meet for our fall meeting of the full board. Colonel Fossum has given his full support to our board and you have responded with renewed dedication and energy in supporting our mission and that of Texas A & M Galveston. As you read through the reports in this briefing book and listen at the meeting to the efforts of each committee since we last met I am sure you will be impressed and inspired. It is a privilege to serve with you as we strive to assist and support the students, faculty and staff of Texas A & M Galveston. Thank you for your effort so far. I look forward to the increased value we can provide and the structure we are building for the future boards to follow.

Mr. Robert Fry
Chairman, Board of Visitors



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AGENDA

**ARRIVE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON AS NOTED ON MAP
Aggie Special Events Center (Bldg. 3034)**

10:45 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting, 1st floor Business Center

12:00 p.m. Registration and Networking Luncheon, Room 201/202

1:15 p.m. General Meeting

Call to Order.....COL Michael E. Fossum

Welcome and Introductions

*Maroon Delegates—President & Vice President
2018/2019 Yell Leaders*

SAMA

Kenneth Cunningham (President) and Emily Soltow (VP)

Call for Approval of 01/18/18 Minutes (Appendix A).....Robert Fry

Remarks from the Chairman

2:30 p.m. Committee Meetings, 1st floor Business Center

Academic Advisory

*BOV Committee Chair: Patrick Gamble
Campus Co-chair: Patrick Louchouart*

Development and Fund-raising

*BOV Committee Chair: Victor Pierson
Campus Co-chair: Rick Kline*

Industrial Relations

*BOV Committee Chair: Brandon Neff
Campus Co-Chairs: Michael Rodriguez and
Ken Bailey*

Student Affairs

*BOV Committee Chair: Jonathan Whitworth
Campus Co-Chair: Todd Sutherland*

4:00 p.m. General Meeting Resumes, Room 201/202

Call to Order.....Mr. Bob Fry

Presentations

*Professor Chris Marshall, Associate Professor in Marine Biology
Brandon Rogers, Student Government Association President
Jack Clark, Corps Commander, Texas A&M Maritime Academy Corps of Cadets*

Committee Briefs

*Academic Advisory
Development & Fund Raising
Industry Relations
Student Affairs
Executive Committee*

Briefing Document Q&A

Old and New Business

Closed Executive Session [All Board of Visitor Members]

Closing Remarks

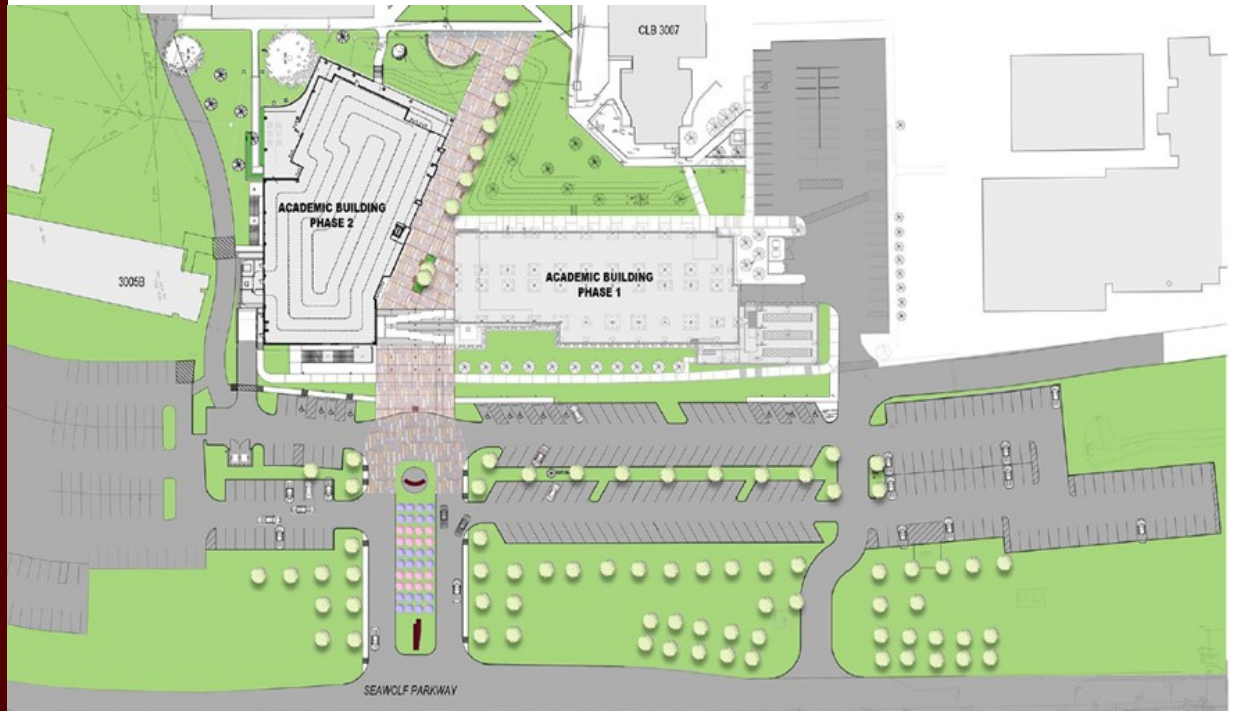
*Bob Fry
Jonathan Whitworth
Michael E. Fossum*

Meeting Adjourns

5:00 p.m. Harbor Tour (5:00pm) followed by a Reception @ the Waterfront Pavilion (5:45pm)



Phase II Academic Complex – the Aggie Special Events Center’ (ASEC) opened in summer 2018. On October 19, 2019, a Building Dedication Ceremony was held. A letter (next page) was received from the Office of Senator Ted Cruz.



In combination with the opening of Phase I and Phase II of the Academic Complex, a beautiful new front entrance to the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus was incorporated. New signage will be in place by the end of the fall 2018 semester.

October 16, 2018

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Dear Col. Fossum,

Congratulations on the dedication of the Phase II Aggie Special Events Center at Texas A&M University at Galveston!

For more than 50 years Texas A&M University at Galveston has made a challenging and dynamic education possible for students pursuing the American Dream. The fusion of academic rigor with hands-on experience at an affordable price has transformed lives and given young people the opportunity to become more than they imagined when they first set foot on campus. Texas A&M University at Galveston's faculty and staff give students options and broaden their horizons while equipping them for the challenging dynamics of today's economy. The work done keeps graduates on the cutting edge of their fields and strengthens America's intellectual leadership in the world. Texas A&M University at Galveston's passion for the highest quality education for all students will impact our nation for generations to come.

Your commitment to providing an affordable, high-quality educational experience, and making bachelor's degrees more attainable for students is demonstrated in dedicating Phase II of the Aggie Special Events Center. It is a milestone in finding creative solutions to the challenges that come with higher education and giving students the community they need to excel on their journey.

I look forward to celebrating many more milestones with you and your students as you strive for greater education options in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Ted Cruz
United States Senator

**Phase II Dedication
Congratulatory Letter from Senator Ted Cruz**



Certificate of Congressional Recognition

October 19th, 2018

I, the Honorable Pete Olson, Member of Congress, hereby recognize the Texas A&M University Galveston Campus for its dedication of the Aggie Special Events Center on this day, the 19th of October 2018. The Aggie Special Events Center exemplifies how Texas A&M gives back to their community by creating a venue for public use. The Events Center also provides an invitation for student success. It is a privilege to serve this system in Congress.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pete Olson".

*Pete Olson
Member of Congress*

**Phase II Dedication
Certificate of Congressional Recognition
The Honorable Pete Olson**

Campus Happenings Snapshot



September 21, 2018 Coating Ceremony for the 2018/2019 Class of Maroon Delegates. Congratulations!



September 22, 2018 Welcome Back All Class Reunion
Sea Aggie Former Student Network (SAFSN)



Galveston Freshman Leadership Organization (G-FLO)

Early in the fall semester, freshmen were encouraged to apply for G-FLO. After 70 students went through an application and interview process, 42 were chosen to be a part of the year-long program. Students attend weekly large group meetings that include leadership workshops. They also attend small group meetings with Student Affairs professional staff mentors who walk them through the process of planning campus-wide events. On September 22, GFLO partnered with Save Our Seas and the Galveston Bay Foundation for the Oyster Reef Restoration Project. This project involved the construction of a linear oyster reef along 2,000 ft. of shoreline. The “oyster bar” structure was created from stacked mesh bags that are filled with recycled oyster shells. The Shells once housed native Galveston Bay oysters and were provided by local restaurants. The new “oyster bar” reef will provide vital habitat for Eastern oysters and other aquatic life, as well as provide shoreline protection and additional marsh habitat. Between the two TAMUG Student Organizations they had 65 volunteers for this event. This event won the south central region community event of the year at the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities beating out twelve over activities nominated from across south central

And in Club Sports...

Aggie Crew went and competed in the Head of the Oklahoma Regatta on September 29-30 in Oklahoma City, OK.

Notable Results:

- ◆ Men’s Collegiate Novice 4 Boat – 3rd Place
- ◆ Men’s Collegiate Novice 8 Boat – 3rd Place
- ◆ Men’s Open 4 Boat – 1st Place

Women’s Soccer (4-2) on the season with their most recent two wins against UT-RGV (5-2) and TAMU CC (8-0) close their season out at Texas A&M San Antonio on 10/13 @1pm.

Men’s Soccer (3-2) is looking to finish their season for a tentatively re-scheduled match (rain) vs St Edwards University on 10/20 @3pm.

Lacrosse will be looking to gear up some offseason fall ball against Dallas Baptist University on 10/27 @1pm.

Sailing will gear up to attend the Kathryn Hammond Memorial Regatta in Austin, TX on Saturday 10/20.

Sea Aggie Barbell Crew will be competing in their very first meet at the Muscle Beach Classic hosted here in Galveston at the Galveston Convention Center on Saturday 10/20.

Women’s Volleyball is hosting a sand tournament fundraiser on Friday, 10/19.

Leadership Guadalupe

Student Organizations recently nominated their top up-and-comers to attend Student Activities’ annual Leadership Guadalupe retreat on September 28-30. 14 participants attended the retreat, led by 3 experienced student leaders including Victoria Reese (former SALT Camp Co-Chair and GFLO Director), Grant Lincecum (former Yell Leader, SALT Camp Director, and current Maroon Delegate), and Joshua Porter (Head Senior Yell Leader, SALT Camp Co-Chair, and Terry Scholar officer). At the retreat, students learn a little about their personal leadership styles, team building, communication and problem-solving. Part of the retreat breaks our students into teams to solve a campus issue. At the completion of the retreat, we ask students to present their ideas to campus faculty, staff and administrators who can listen and potentially act on some of their suggestions. This year’s presentations will be on Monday, October 15th at 2 pm in the Mary Moody Northen Private Dining Room.



2018

OCTOBER

26-27 Family Weekend

NOVEMBER

1-3 Women on the Water Conference, Maine Maritime Academy

2 Ring Day, Aggie Special Events Center, 9am, 10am, 11am

3-7 International Maritime Organization, Maritime Safety Committee 100th Session, London

Aggies vs Ole Miss @ Kyle Field
10 Maroon Delegates Tailgate
Texas A&M Maritime Academy Corps of Cadets March-In

28-30 International Workboat Show, New Orleans

DECEMBER

14 Corps of Cadets Commissioning Ceremony, Time/Location: TBD

15 Commencement, Moody Gardens, 9am

24-31 University Closed

2019

JANUARY

1 University Closed

21 University Closed

FEBRUARY

18 Youth of Texas

21 Board of Visitors Meeting

MARCH

2 A&M Mardi Gras Party

6 Galveston Day at the Capital—Join us in Austin!

15 University Closed

APRIL

22 Muster (re-assigned date due to Easter holiday)

MAY

6-9 OTC, NRG Stadium

10 Corps of Cadets Commissioning Ceremony, Time/Location: TBD

11 Commencement, Location: TBD

Academic Affairs

CELEBRATE **SUCCESS**



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- ⇒ Academic Affairs welcomed 17 new full-time faculty in FY19. Adding to the 13 new faculty hired in FY18, we have created a cohort of new faculty that represent 17% of the full time faculty on campus.
- ⇒ The Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (LDEO) of Columbia University selected Jessica Labonté (Marine Biology) as a science party member of an International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) through a cooperative agreement with the National Science Foundation (NSF) for a U.S. Science Support Program associated with the IODP. The prestigious achievement will also provide her with access to extensive research infrastructure and access to geological samples and data.
- ⇒ Dr. David Wells (Marine Biology), was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to work in New Zealand.
- ⇒ Support from the Office of the Chancellor to the Center for Texas Beaches and Shores (CTBS), lead by Dr. Sam Brody (Marine Sciences), to continue assessment with the Commission to Rebuild Texas. (total \$500,000)
- ⇒ The Maritime Business Administration Department on our Galveston Campus recently received a \$500,000 grant as part of a larger grant awarded to Texas A&M University by the Department of Homeland Security for a Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense Center of Excellence. The Maritime Business Administration Department will develop a bioterrorism resiliency education and training program for United States maritime (i.e. ship and port) personnel, including both DHS (e.g. USCG) and industry workforce, who handle cargo and passenger movements, inspect cargo, and are maritime first responders involved in the response to bio threat incident in ports or on ships. Specific goals of the project include delivery of training for maritime inspections and first responder bio threat incidents through the development of courses. UTMB will assist with this project.
- ⇒ The Departments of Maritime Business Administration and Liberal Studies, in partnership with Texas A&M's Law School, were awarded one of four university wide Global Engagement Grants by the office of the Provost.
- ⇒ The research expenditures for FY18 is expected to reach approx. \$9 million (\$1 million shy of our 2020 goal - we started at \$5.6M/year in 2014). Our research dollars per tenure-track faculty (~\$240K/TTF) in sciences and engineering has exceeded our 2020 target (~\$200K/TTF)



KEY ACTIVITIES

Appendix B

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- Dining Services—Chartwells
- Facilities—SSC

CELEBRATE **SUCCESS**

- ⇒ Opening of Phase 2 of the Academic Complex (ASEC) in August 2018
- ⇒ Commissioning of new wastewater treatment plant
- ⇒ Redesign of the campus front entrance to include new signage and a new monument sign at the base of the MAIN and ASEC plaza steps (coming 12/2018)



KEY ACTIVITIES

A Campus Master Plan Advisory Committee has been convened to seek broad input regarding development of a 5 year plan addressing physical growth over the next 5 years designed to best meet the needs of students, faculty, staff, researchers, and administration through a holistic assessment. The Master Plan will address anticipated needs of near-term capital projects within a long-range strategic framework as well as make recommendations for the placement of new facilities and the improvement of campus infrastructure guided by the impact on public space, connectivity, amenity, and in alignment with and support of the University Strategic Plan.

A Campus Wayfinding Advisory Committee has been convened to develop a proposal for vehicular and pedestrian wayfinding on the Galveston Campus as well as TXDOT signage recommendations along local thoroughfares.

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CELEBRATE **SUCCESS**

- ⇒ Formed the Development/Fund Raising Committee under the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors with 8 members a and chairman, Victor Pierson
- ⇒ Establishment of seven new Galveston Campus Endowed Scholarships
- ⇒ Established a Planned Gift by Captain Jack and Mrs. Jere Smith (estimated \$3.1 M)
- ⇒ **George P. Mitchell Society Membership (09/2017–12/2018)**
[BOV Members through 10/17/18]

Fraser, William	Mohn, Jerry
Fry, Robert	Muller, Frank
Gamble, Patrick	Neff, Brandon
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Hallmark, John	Prescott, Wayne
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Abe & Peggy J. Levy Foundation	Voelkel, Tyson
Michael, John J.	Watson, James A., American Bureau of Shipping
Mitchell, Greg, Cynthia & George Mitchell Foundation	Whitworth, Jonathan
Milstein, Phyllis	
Mitchell, Robert	

KEY ACTIVITIES

October

- American Pilots Assoc. Conference
- Mitchell Talks
- Endowed Scholarship Reception
- Development/Fund Raising Committee Meetings

September

- Abe & Peggy Levy Scholars Reunion

Summer

- Port of Call Events with T/S Kennedy in New Orleans, Corpus Christi, and Tampa

May

- Supported Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) at NRG Stadium within the Galveston Campus booth

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CELEBRATE *SUCCESS*

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- ⇒ **Planning for 2019-2020 Budget**
FY2020 revenue estimates will be made around February or March of 2019. We Will not know how much we will receive in State appropriations until April or May. University priority funding will be dependent upon these revenue estimates.
 - ◇ Budget Hearings for all Departments have been completed
 - ◇ A comprehensive list of incremental needs being compiled
- ⇒ **Implementation of new payroll program**
The implementation has been extremely challenging for the campus but we are beginning to see the learning curve slow down
- ⇒ **The University used approximately \$800K in reserve balances to support the contractual cost for utilization of the Mass Maritime ship, T/S Kennedy, and the General Rudder for shorter cruise**
- ⇒ **Capital Investment Highlights**
Phase II of Academic Complex completed
New Water Treatment Plant completed
Completing renovation of front entrance and parking areas to include landscaping
Completed renovation of CLB parking lot
Safety Upgrades – Fire Alarm Systems;
Kirkham Hall soffit replacements
Energy Efficiency Measures to include new boilers and or rebuilt boilers and chiller
Support for Campus Master Plan updates
Support for approximately \$500K in deferred maintenance projects



KEY ACTIVITIES

- ⇒ Hurricane Harvey Recovery–We continue to work with FEMA for reimbursable claims. TAMUG's total claims are approximately \$1.2M of which none have been reimbursed to date.
- ⇒ Budgets for FY2019 are extremely tight and the fall 2018 student headcount has come in lower than originally estimated therefore revenues are also lower than originally estimated. We continue to be diligent in watching expenditures and communicating to our units.

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CELEBRATE *SUCCESS*

- ⇒ Texas Clipper Pier was dredged to a depth of 20ft. following Hurricane Harvey
- ⇒ Environmental Health and Safety successfully completed plan review and final inspections for 350k sq. ft. of new space over last 3 years.
- ⇒ Vessel Usage Stats - 7,400 persons in 550 trips for academic year 17-18. Successful expeditions with United Nations, UT, UH, and OSY were undertaken in addition to regular undergraduate and research trips.
- ⇒ Trident recently passed 2,000 hours of underway time.
- ⇒ Campus Fire and Life Safety Infrastructure Update -The fire alarm communication system for campus has been upgraded to fiber optic which is replacing an old two wire copper system.



KEY ACTIVITIES

- ⇒ Emergency Management is continuing to gain approval from FEMA for reimbursement of expenditures for Hurricane Harvey
- ⇒ Currently we are working on installing exterior voice mass notification system.



Upcoming ACTIVITIES

- ◇ Maritime Youth Expo in partnership with Houston Pilots
- ◇ United Nations Charter: 2nd year of air quality monitoring off coastal Louisiana

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CELEBRATE *SUCCESS*

- ⇒ Howdy Week kicked off the school year over a two week period. Nearly 1300 students participated in 45 different events informing students of the various opportunities around campus.
- ⇒ Texas A&M University's Galveston Campus also welcomed the 2nd largest campus class in history at 1,477 Aggies strong!!
- ⇒ Student involvement on campus is highly contagious. With 55 Recognized Student Organizations and 10 competitive Club Sport teams. There are 312 students that serve in a leadership role within the 65 active clubs.
- ⇒ Our Fall Career Fair was a huge success. Over 50 employers and 300 students dressed to impress participated in this event. We were very excited to be able to showcase this event in our new Aggie Special Events Center.
- ⇒ Our new Sea Aggie Fitness Center opened for the first day during the fall semester. A grand opening is set for a later date as final finishing touches are made.



KEY ACTIVITIES

- ⇒ Club Sports are growing on campus. We have Aggie Crew(Rowing), Gulf Coast Fishing, Men's and Women's Soccer, Sailing, Swimming, Lacrosse, Volleyball and don't forget the Barbell Crew! There is a sport or student organization for everyone.
- ⇒ Students at Texas A&M University Galveston are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities available to them through Student Organizations, leadership activities, campus recreation, and other co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

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CELEBRATE *SUCCESS*

⇒ Established an effective presence in Washington

Achieved favorable ship sharing legislation in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019. Produced effective communications for Congress and stakeholders in DC and the region.

⇒ Summer Sea Term 2018 (SST 18)

Shipped 275 TAMMA Cadets aboard their own ship (*TV Kennedy*), on their own cruise for the first time since 2006.

Broke the *TV General Rudder* out of MARAD's Beaumont Reserve Fleet facility to continue SST 18 on a voyage to Key West and back.

⇒ Shared Quarters Natl. Maritime Workforce Conference

Legislation in 2017, authorizes SECDOT to designate community colleges and technical schools as "Domestic Maritime Centers of Excellence."

June 5-6, we co-hosted a conference with San Jacinto Community College (San Jac).

⇒ Offshore Vessel Dynamic Positioning Authority (OSVDPA) Certification

TAMMA is the first maritime academy to achieve certification to teach Dynamic Positioning to Cadets and industry professionals.

Great example of a partnership with our industry stakeholders.

⇒ International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU)

RADM Mike Rodriguez was selected as an IAMU delegate to the IMO



KEY ACTIVITIES

◇ Ongoing engagements in Washington and with Gulf Coast Congressional delegation.

◇ Invitation to Secretary of Transportation, Elaine Chao, to attend Galveston Campus December 2018 Commencement Ceremony

◇ Negotiations with MARAD and other Maritime Academies for Summer Sea Term 2019.

◇ Discussions re: partnership opportunities with San Jacinto College