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HIGHER EDUCATION ENROLLMENTS ON TRACK FOR 2015 PARTICIPATION GOAL

AUSTIN, October 25, 2007 – College and university preliminary fall 2007 enrollments keep Texas on track for meeting overall participation goals of the state's higher education plan, *Closing the Gaps by 2015*.

Enrollments increased this fall by 24,421 students, or 2.03 percent, to 1,225,817 students according to preliminary data* reported by colleges and universities to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. This would bring the total increase in enrollments to 241,072 since the higher education plan was adopted in October 2000—the equivalent of adding five more University of Texas at Austin campuses. In 2000, higher education enrollment stood at 984,745.

"These incremental gains lead us steadily to the ultimate goal of having 630,000 more students enrolled by the year 2015 than we had in the year 2000," said Commissioner of Higher Education Raymund Paredes. "But we have to keep pushing."

He noted that *Closing the Gaps by 2015* (online at www.thecb.state.tx.us) calls for having 1.6 million students enrolled by 2015. Enrolling that many students will help the state develop the educated workforce it needs to compete with other states in attracting, retaining, and growing businesses and industries offering the best jobs in the future, according to the plan.

Two characteristics of the fall 2007 increase are particularly important: 1) More than half of the 24,421 increase (14,655 or 60 percent) took place at public community colleges; and 2) more than half of the increase (12,812 or 52.5 percent) is due to enrollments by Hispanic students.

"We know that community colleges will play an increasingly vital role in helping the state meet its higher education goals and predict that as much as 70 percent of the state's higher education enrollment will be at community colleges by the year 2015," explained Commissioner Paredes. "We also know that the demographics of our state indicate the Hispanic population in higher education will be much higher in 2015 than it is now. This fall's enrollments are a reflection of both trends."

The largest percentage increases as reported by the institutions:

- Public universities: The University of Texas at Brownville (13.6 percent; 668 students)
- Public two-year institutions: Texarkana College (20.9 percent; 767 students)
- Independent universities: Concordia University of Austin (48.1 percent; 596 students)

The largest numerical increases as reported by the institutions:

- Public universities: Texas A&M University (1,257 students)
- Public two-year institutions: Tarrant County College District (4,065 students)
- Independent universities: University of the Incarnate Word of San Antonio (619 students)

* The fall 2007 enrollment data reflected here are based on a preliminary count of the 12th class day enrollment reported by higher education institutions. Historically, these preliminary figures are approximately 6 percent higher than the final, certified figures that are obtained later in the year.

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Texas Higher Education Enrollments

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	Certified Fall 2006	Preliminary Fall 2007	Change	Percent Change
Public General Academic Institutions				
Universities	491,140	498,485	7,345	1.50
Community and State Colleges 1/	564,968	578,550	13,582	2.40
TOTALS	**1,056,108**	**1,077,035**	**20,927**	**1.98**
Independent Institutions				
Senior Colleges and Universities	114,982	116,638	1,656	1.44
Junior Colleges	702	659	(43)	-6.13
TOTALS	**115,684**	**117,297**	**1,613**	**1.39**
Texas State Technical Colleges 1/	**10,744**	**11,817**	**1,073**	**9.99**
Medical, Dental, and Health-Related Institutions				
Public Institutions				
Dental	1,006	1,178	172	17.10
Medical	4,935	5,060	125	2.53
Pharmacy 2/	425	555	130	30.59
Audiology 3/		36	36	100.00
Academic	9,737	10,026	289	2.97
TOTALS	**16,103**	**16,855**	**752**	**4.67**
Independent Institutions				
Medical	672	681	9	1.34
Academic	686	717	31	4.52
Chiropractic	1,399	1,415	16	1.14
TOTALS	**2,757**	**2,813**	**56**	**2.03**
TOTALS -- All Institutions	**1,201,396**	**1,225,817**	**24,421**	**2.03**

State-Funded Workforce Continuing Education 4/	Preliminary Fall 2006	Preliminary Fall 2007		
Community and State Colleges	49,094	41,562	(7,532)	-15.34
Texas State Technical Colleges	1,563	1,336	(227)	-14.52
TOTALS	50,657	42,898	(7,759)	-15.32

1/ Enrollments in Credit Courses
2/ Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center & Texas A&M University System Health Science Center only
3/ Enrollment began in fall 2007
4/ Preliminary 1st Quarter Continuing Education Enrollments

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Texas Public Universities				
Angelo State University	6,211	6,224	13	0.21
Lamar University	9,867	9,944	77	0.78
Midwestern State University	5,945	6,021	76	1.28
Prairie View A&M University	8,006	8,255	249	3.11
Sam Houston State University	15,893	16,455	562	3.54
Stephen F. Austin State University	11,633	11,607	(26)	-0.22
Sul Ross State University	1,829	1,849	20	1.09
Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College	948	969	21	2.22
Tarleton State University	9,464	9,467	3	0.03
Texas A&M International University	4,917	5,301	384	7.81
Texas A&M University	45,380	46,637	1,257	2.77
Texas A&M University at Galveston	1,553	1,614	61	3.93
Texas A&M University-Commerce	8,496	9,046	550	6.47
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	8,585	8,698	113	1.32
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	6,700	6,552	(148)	-2.21
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	1,625	1,605	(20)	-1.23
Texas Southern University	11,224	10,065	(1,159)	-10.33
Texas State University - San Marcos	27,485	28,132	647	2.35
Texas Tech University	27,996	28,408	412	1.47
Texas Woman's University	11,479	11,846	367	3.20
The University of Texas at Arlington	24,825	25,169	344	1.39
The University of Texas at Austin	49,697	50,201	504	1.01
The University of Texas at Brownsville	4,917	5,585	668	13.59
The University of Texas at Dallas	14,523	14,542	19	0.13
The University of Texas at El Paso	19,842	20,154	312	1.57
The University of Texas-Pan American	17,337	17,435	98	0.57
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	3,462	3,592	130	3.76
The University of Texas at San Antonio	28,379	28,534	155	0.55
The University of Texas at Tyler	5,926	6,152	226	3.81
University of Houston	34,334	34,540	206	0.60
University of Houston-Clear Lake	7,706	7,532	(174)	-2.26
University of Houston-Downtown	11,449	11,793	344	3.00
University of Houston-Victoria	2,652	2,785	133	5.02
University of North Texas	33,443	34,268	825	2.47
West Texas A&M University	7,412	7,508	96	1.30
TOTALS	**491,140**	**498,485**	**7,345**	**1.50**

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Texas Public Community and State Colleges				
Alamo Community College District	49,488	50,155	667	1.35
Alvin Community College	3,983	4,121	138	3.46
Amarillo College	10,054	9,995	(59)	-0.59
Angelina College	4,658	4,686	28	0.60
Austin Community College	31,610	31,853	243	0.77
Blinn College	14,016	14,616	600	4.28
Brazosport College	3,808	3,794	(14)	-0.37
Central Texas College District	7,365	8,055	690	9.37
Cisco Junior College	3,554	3,346	(208)	-5.85
Clarendon College	1,099	1,123	24	2.18
Coastal Bend College	3,235	3,093	(142)	-4.39
College of the Mainland Community College District	3,834	3,562	(272)	-7.09
Collin County Community College District	19,136	20,032	896	4.68
Dallas County Community College District	59,077	60,788	1,711	2.90
Del Mar College	11,301	11,154	(147)	-1.30
El Paso Community College District	23,801	22,645	(1,156)	-4.86
Frank Phillips College	1,365	1,299	(66)	-4.84
Galveston College	2,113	2,070	(43)	-2.04
Grayson County College	3,775	3,814	39	1.03
Hill College	3,490	3,396	(94)	-2.69
Houston Community College System	37,192	36,032	(1,160)	-3.12
Howard County Junior College District	3,145	3,437	292	9.28
Kilgore College	4,697	5,163	466	9.92
Lamar Institute of Technology	2,409	2,587	178	7.39
Lamar State College-Orange	2,011	1,993	(18)	-0.90
Lamar State College-Port Arthur	2,387	2,325	(62)	-2.60
Laredo Community College	8,033	7,847	(186)	-2.32
Lee College	5,268	5,860	592	11.24
McLennan Community College	7,746	8,096	350	4.52
Midland College	5,798	5,749	(49)	-0.85
Navarro College	7,358	7,570	212	2.88
North Central Texas Community College District	7,335	7,426	91	1.24
North Harris Montgomery Community College	44,069	47,016	2,947	6.69
Northeast Texas Community College	2,409	2,457	48	1.99
Odessa College	4,571	4,605	34	0.74
Panola College	1,868	1,884	16	0.86
Paris Junior College	4,309	4,305	(4)	-0.09
Ranger College	870	813	(57)	-6.55
San Jacinto College	26,343	26,253	(90)	-0.34
South Plains College	9,043	9,297	254	2.81
South Texas College	18,460	19,973	1,513	8.20
Southwest Texas Junior College	4,985	4,932	(53)	-1.06
Tarrant County College District	38,451	42,516	4,065	10.57
Temple College	4,279	4,787	508	11.87
Texarkana College	3,671	4,438	767	20.89
Texas Southmost College	13,200	14,399	1,199	9.08
Trinity Valley Community College	5,609	5,567	(42)	-0.75
Tyler Junior College	9,422	8,293	(1,129)	-11.98
Vernon College	2,793	2,805	12	0.43
Victoria College, The	4,031	3,985	(46)	-1.14

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Weatherford College	4,379	4,543	164	3.75
Western Texas College	1,976	2,099	123	6.22
Wharton County Junior College	6,089	5,901	(188)	-3.09
TOTALS	**564,968**	**578,550**	**13,582**	**2.40**
Alamo Community College District				
Northeast Lakeview College 5/		98	98	100.00
Northwest Vista College	9,807	10,714	907	9.25
Palo Alto College	8,036	8,020	(16)	-0.20
San Antonio College	21,750	21,293	(457)	-2.10
St. Philip's College	9,895	10,030	135	1.36
Dallas County Community College District				
Brookhaven College	9,634	9,882	248	2.57
Cedar Valley College	4,357	4,525	168	3.86
Eastfield College	9,187	9,235	48	0.52
El Centro College	6,529	7,051	522	8.00
Mountain View College	6,766	6,690	(76)	-1.12
North Lake College	8,830	9,213	383	4.34
Richland College	13,774	14,192	418	3.03
Howard County Junior College District				
Howard College	3,033	3,317	284	9.36
Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf	112	120	8	7.14
North Harris Montgomery Community College				
Cy-Fair College	10,772	11,826	1,054	9.78
Kingwood College	6,986	7,337	351	5.02
Montgomery College	8,155	8,810	655	8.03
North Harris College	10,407	10,906	499	4.79
Tomball College	7,749	8,137	388	5.01
San Jacinto College District				
Central Campus	12,378	12,344	(34)	-0.27
North Campus	5,380	5,163	(217)	-4.03
South Campus	8,585	8,746	161	1.88
Tarrant County College District				
Northeast Campus	12,135	12,950	815	6.72
Northwest Campus	7,546	8,449	903	11.97
South Campus	9,431	10,022	591	6.27
Southeast Campus	9,339	11,095	1,756	18.80
Texas State Technical Colleges				
Harlingen Campus	4,350	5,014	664	15.26
Marshall Campus	624	715	91	14.58
Waco Campus	4,283	4,339	56	1.31
West Texas Campus	1,487	1,749	262	17.62
TOTALS	**10,744**	**11,817**	**1,073**	**9.99**

5/ Began enrolling students fall 2007