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**PRESS RELEASE**

**CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS – (August 2, 2016)** Buc Days concluded its Spring events at the beginning of May and would like to thank the 235,000+ people that attended the Festival, Parades and Rodeo Corpus Christi! Your participation in these events aided the Buccaneer Commission to now announce \$85,000 in giving to the Coastal Bend for 2016 in the form of scholarships and grant commitments.

This year, the Buccaneer Commission will award 45 students with scholarships. Students are awarded scholarship money under various criteria, including grade point average (GPA), and demonstrated financial need. Awards range from \$1000 to \$6,000.

Description	College or University	Quantity	\$s Awarded
Process Technology Scholarships	Del Mar College	4	\$12,000.00
Jimmy Adair Welding Scholarships	Del Mar College	2	\$5,000.00
Bucarader Family Scholarship	Any College or University	1	\$1,000.00
Eddie Galvan Music Scholarship	Del Mar College	10	\$5,000.00
Math & Science Scholarship	TAMUCC	1	5,000.00
King & Queen Scholarships	Various Colleges & Universities	20	\$34,000.00
Ideas Challenge Grant	TAMUCC	7	\$10,000.00
Military Housing Grant	N/A	2	\$10,000.00

**2016 Awarded: \$85,000.00**

Since 1938, the Buccaneer Commission, a non-profit organization, has annually staged the Buc Days festival in Corpus Christi, Texas in support of bringing entertaining, educational and cultural events to the Coastal Bend. Beginning in 1996, the proceeds from Buc Days have benefited the Buccaneer Commission Scholarship fund, which awards college scholarships annually.

The Buccaneer Commission first awarded scholarships in 1996 and has bestowed 268 scholarships. Over the past 21 years, the Commission has awarded \$904,200 in scholarships! The Buccaneer Commission plan is to continue to broaden the array of scholarship offerings and the dollars awarded each year. Please join us in 2017 at these events and help us continue our mission:

- Rodeo Corpus Christi – April 27-30, 2017
- Buc Days Festival – May 4-14, 2017
- Buc Days Illuminated Night Parade – May 6, 2017
- Buc Days Junior Parade – May13, 2017

Attached photo: 2016 Buc Days King & Queen Scholarship Recipients