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Texas A&M University at Galveston Mardi Gras impact lives long past Fat Tuesday

(Galveston, Texas—March 31, 2017) — Texas A&M University at Galveston’s 3rd annual Mardi Gras parade watching party, this year dubbed Mardi Gras by the Sea, was once again a huge success thanks to supportive community members and sponsors.

The event, built from the legacy of George P. Mitchell, Texas A&M University Class of 1940, and his viewings of the Knights of Momus Grand Night Parade during the Mitchell gala, has evolved into the TAMUG Mardi Gras party. The event was established in 2015 and now includes a casual and lively evening of dining, dancing, and parade viewing, alongside Reveille, the First Lady of Texas A&M.

However, this party is not only a reason to celebrate with family and friends, but also raises support for the campus through the George P. Mitchell Society and allows the establishment of a permanent undergraduate scholarship each year. The Society is comprised of individuals and organizations committed to the well-being of our oceans through maritime and marine research, education, and training. The George P. Mitchell Society supports student scholarships and activities, faculty, and various programs at the Galveston campus of Texas A&M. Please contact the TAMUG Development Office at 409.740.4446 for additional information on The George P. Mitchell Society.

TAMUG, and the students who benefit from these scholarships, extend a heartfelt thank you to this year’s honorary chairs, Mr. William Hearn and Ms. Donna Teichman, along with event chairs, Marilyn McFatridge, Phyllis Milstein, Marie Robb, and Kelly Teichman.

Additional thanks to the Tremont House, A Wyndham Grand[®] Hotel, who generously underwrites the event each year. Without the tireless efforts and unwavering support of Steve Cunningham, Complex General Manager, Marty Miles, Hotel Manager and Food & Beverage Director, and countless members of the Tremont staff, this event would not be possible.

Special recognition also to this year’s event table sponsors: Bay-Houston Towing, Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Bills, Luanne and Steve Bozeman, Center for Texas Beaches and Shores, Classic Auto, Jo Ellen and Bob Dietz, Krista and Stephen DiPuma, William Hearn, Houston Pilots, Mollie and Bill Laird, Marilyn and Keith McFatridge, Moody National Bank, Bromberg Charitable Trust,

Kate and Ken Marx, June and Bill Merrell, Phyllis and Dr. Bernie Milstein, Marie and Chris Robb, Mary and Ron Robins, the Teichman Family, and Waters-Gibbons-Gibson.

For those looking forward to a fun evening of great food, music, and dancing, next year's Mardi Gras celebration will be Saturday, February 10, 2018. Additional information will be available in the coming months at www.tamug.edu/mardigras/.

For information or to donate to the George P. Mitchell Society, please contact the Texas A&M University at Galveston Development Office at 409.740.4446.

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