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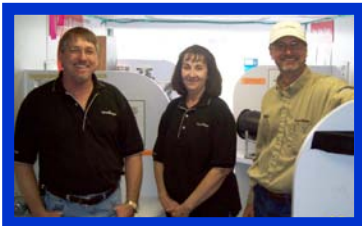
**TAME Trailblazer Trip Report – Houston Area**  
**March 24-27, 2009**  
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Thanks to donations and volunteer support from ConocoPhillips, **more than 550 students** were given the unique opportunity to experience the TAME Trailblazer. The Trailblazer visited the campuses of Brazos Elementary School, The Chinquapin School, and KIPP Spirit and KIPP Liberation Schools. The Trailblazer is a unique and engaging tool that provides hands-on, interactive and memorable experiences that encourage interest in



science and engineering.



Volunteers provided by ConocoPhillips along with school administrators, teachers, and parents helped facilitate a day-long event at each school where students were introduced to the wonders of science and engineering. Special thanks to Lana Callan, Terry Macha, Cassandra Corley, Betsy Phillips, Rene' Perez and Dikombi Gite who helped coordinate the events.



Here are testimonies from the students:

- “It’s exciting and there’s a lot of stuff to learn ... some of us will become engineers and scientists.”
- “I learned some new things and experiments to try ....”

Together, we make a difference because of the continued efforts of our longtime supporters and active partners such as ConocoPhillips, Shell Oil Company, Dow Chemical Company, Halliburton, IBM, and many others who join us in devoting time and energy to our most important natural resource – our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Michael Nevels  
 Trailblazer Tour Coordinator

