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**Report: TAME Trailblazer Trip – HESTEC and Edinburg Area Schools
September 26 - 29, 2007
Hosted by the University of Texas-Pan American**

Thanks to donations and volunteer support from HESTEC and UTPA, **over 2000 students and parents** from the Edinburg area were given the unique opportunity to experience the TAME Trailblazer, a 40-foot mobile science and engineering exhibit trailer.



HESTEC (Hispanic Engineering, Science and Technology) is a year-round program that culminates in a weeklong event held on the campus of the University of Texas-Pan American. During this week, events are held for educators, students and parents that emphasize the importance of science literacy. HESTEC attracts more than 85,000 students, parents and community members each year. The list of speakers is impressive and for 2007, included Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House.



HESTEC provided numerous volunteers to assist with the Trailblazer tours, introducing students to the wonders of science and engineering. Haitham Alhaddad, a UTPA employee, helped organize the 4-day tour and was an active participant during the week, making sure the kids benefitted from the best possible experience. Other volunteers included, Arnoldo Garza, Rick Carrera, Carlos Lago, Mark Winchester, Elisa Flores, Arturo Gonzales, Javier Martinez, Matt Ruszczak and Mara Bustamante.



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Together, we make a difference because of the continued efforts of our longtime supporters and active partners such as University of Texas-Pan American, ConocoPhillips, Shell Oil Company, Dow Chemical Company, University of Texas at Austin, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Nevels".

Michael Nevels
Trailblazer Program Coordinator

