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## **COLLEGE STUDENTS, EDUCATION LEADERS TEAM UP TO DISCUSS HOW TO STRENGTHEN THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY**

(BROWNSVILLE, TX) May 16, 2015 –As Texas Southmost College (TSC) students prepared to cross the stage and collect their diplomas this weekend, Dr. Lily F. Tercero, President of TSC, teamed up with students and faculty on Friday, May 15 to host a Community Forum to discuss opportunities to increase access to college, careers in high demand, and improve the college experience.

Dina Herrera-Garza, ABC Channel 5 New Anchor, served as the moderator for the discussion, which included college students, TSC faculty, Dr. Marti Flores, TSC Vice President of Instruction, John Fallon, CEO of Pearson, and Dr. Tercero.

“We have done much to transform the education experience for our students with technology changing how we live, work and learn,” Tercero said. “But we must continue to seek new opportunities to prepare more students for the rigors of careers and life outside of the classroom.”

In addition to participating in the Community Forum on Education, Pearson CEO Fallon delivered the 2015 Spring Commencement today in the Jacob Brown Memorial Auditorium.

### **About Texas Southmost College**

Originally established in 1926, Texas Southmost College currently offers the first two years toward a bachelor’s degree, along with career and technical education leading to certificates and associate degrees, college preparatory studies to prepare students for college-level work, workforce training, and continuing education. TSC offers 53 programs of study leading to an associate degree or certificate. TSC became independently operational in the fall of 2013, after engaging in a 20-year contractual arrangement with a public university.

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