

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE®

Commencement

AUGUST 7, 2020





PROGRAM

The Commencement of the Ninety-Fifth Annual Session
Friday, August 7, 2020 • 12:00 P.M.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Elaine Mendoza *Chairman, Board of Regents, The Texas A&M University System*
John Sharp *Chancellor, The Texas A&M University System*
Dr. Mark A. Hussey *President, Texas A&M University-Kingsville*
Dr. George Allen Rasmussen *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Texas A&M University-Kingsville*
Briana N. Rodriguez *Commencement Address*
Ms. Debbie Winslow *President, Javelina Alumni Association*
Presentation of Candidates *Virtual Ceremony*
Alma Mater *Hail AMK*, arranged by Dr. Greg Sanders, Regents Professor, Department of Music..... Mr. Kenneth Beal
Vocal Music Major
Dr. Joachim Reinhuber
Professor of Piano, Accompanist

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Mark A. Hussey *President*
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Bradley A. Walker *Vice President for Advancement and External Relations*
Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation/Alumni and Development
Dr. Mohammad Alam *Dean, Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering*
Antonia Alvarez *Acting Director of Student Affairs*
Dr. Shannon Baker *Interim Associate Vice President for Student Success*
Dr. Steve F. Bain *Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Performance*
Kirsten Compary *Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students*
Dr. Natalya Delcours *Dean, College of Business Administration*
Adriana Garza-Flores *Director of Marketing and Communications*
Dr. Jaya Goswami *Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs*
Dr. Dolores Guerrero *Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*
Dr. Maria E. Martinez *Interim Associate Vice President for Student Access*
Dr. Shad Nelson *Dean, Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg*
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Dr. Thomas Spencer *Dean, Honors College*
Steve Roach *Executive Director of Athletics and Campus Recreation*

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES

Sari Nicole Flores *President, Staff Council*
Lidia Morales *President, Student Government Association*
Dr. Arie Sherris *President, Faculty Senate*
Debbie Winslow *President, Javelina Alumni Association*

SPEAKER

Briana N. Rodriguez

Briana Rodriguez is a 2019 graduate of Texas A&M University-Kingsville where she earned her bachelor's degree in business administration. Rodriguez came to Texas A&M-Kingsville from McAllen and is currently a candidate for the master's degree in business administration. While at Javelina Nation, she spent three and a half years as a member of the cheer team, two of them as captain. She is a member of Delta Sigma Pi International Business fraternity and Theta Phi Alpha women's fraternity. Rodriguez represented Graduate Studies as a senator of the Student Government Association and served as the External Affairs Committee chair. She was a member of PEP Talk, the Hispanic Heritage Committee and was a staff member for Javelina Camp. Rodriguez served one year as Miss TAMUK and was both Brother of the Year and Collegian of the Year for Delta Sigma Pi. After commencement, she plans to pursue her dream to become an FBI agent.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM REGENTS

Elaine Mendoza
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Bill Mahomes
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Cahlen Cheatham
(Student Regent)

TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE REGENTS PROFESSORS

Dr. James R. Norwine - 1997
*Professor in the Department of
Physics and Geosciences (Retired)*

Dr. Paul M. Hageman - 2005
*Professor in the School of
Music*

Dr. Karen Sue Bradley - 2014
*Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education*

Dr. Leslie G. Hunter - 1998
*Professor in the Department of
History (Retired)*

Dr. Michael E. Tewes - 2007
*Professor in the Department of
Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences*

Dr. Kim David Jones - 2016
*Professor in the Department of
Environmental Engineering*

Dr. John C. Perez - 1999
*Professor in the Department of
Biological and Health Sciences (Retired)*

Dr. Scott E. Henke - 2008
*Professor in the Department of
Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences*

Dr. Gregory Lynn Sanders - 2017
*Professor in the School of
Music*

Dr. Timothy E. Fulbright - 2000
*Professor in the Department of
Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences*

Dr. David Sabrio - 2009
*Professor in the Department of
Language and Literature (Retired)*

Dr. Randall H. Williams - 2018
*Piper Professor in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and
Environmental Sciences*

Dr. Jacqueline Thomas - 2001
*Professor in the Department of
Language and Literature*

Dr. Mauro Castro - 2010
*Professor in the Department of
Chemistry*

Dr. Nirmal Goswami - 2019
*Professor in the Department of
History, Political Science and Philosophy*

Dr. Jo Beran - 2002
*Professor in the Department of
Chemistry (Retired)*

Dr. Kathleen Rees - 2012
*Professor in the Department of
Management, Marketing and Information
Systems*

Dr. Steven D. Lukefahr - 2004
*Professor in the Department of
Animal Science and Veterinary
Technology*

Dr. Nestor Sherman - 2013
*Professor in the Department of
Health and Kinesiology*

CHANCELLOR'S ACADEMY OF TEACHER EDUCATORS

Dr. Karen Sue Bradley 2012-2013
*Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education
(Retired)*

Dr. Randall H. Williams 2015-2016
*Regents and Piper Professor in the
Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and
Environmental Sciences*

Dr. LaVonne Fedynich 2018-2019
*Professor in the Department of
Educational Leadership and Counseling*

Dr. Jack Bradley 2013-2014
*Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education
(Retired)*

Dr. Lorraine E. Killion 2016-2017
*Associate Professor in the Department of
Health and Kinesiology*

Dr. Ming Tu 2019-2020
*Associate Professor in the School of
Music*

Dr. Greta Schuster 2014-2015
*Professor in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and
Environmental Sciences*

Dr. Marie E. Lassmann 2017-2018
*Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education
(Retired)*

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Doctor of Philosophy

VonBank, Jay Alan
Wildlife Sciences

Master of Science

Baker, Lane William
Agriculture Science
Blackburn, Annmarie
Range and Wildlife Management
Carter, Shelby Brianne
Range and Wildlife Management
Drabek, Dillan J.
Range and Wildlife Management
Fisher, Emily Beth
Agriculture Science

Gowdy, Geron Gene
Range and Wildlife Management
Hook, Kayla Cheyenne
Animal Science
Huerta, Javier Omar
Range and Wildlife Management
Petty III, Alvin Lee
Agriculture Science
Puente, Cynthia
Plant and Soil Science

Ritzell, Alec David
Range and Wildlife Management
Rodriguez, Katarina E.
Agriculture Science
Shelly, Jerri Ann
Agriculture Science
Stewart, Kristyn Grace
Range and Wildlife Management

Master of Science in Human Sciences

Cook, Shelby Erin
Human Sciences
Ibanez, Catherine Dennis
Human Sciences

Osullivan, Megan Caitlin
Human Sciences
Perez, Nina Noemi
Human Sciences

Urbina, Nayla Carolina
Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Aello, Janelle A.
Burgeson, Trey W.
Camacho, Victoria Andrea
Carrillo, Nora I. **
Cavazos, Nicholas Milan *
De La Fuente, Katy A.

Fajkus, Avery Paige
Gonzales, Michael Jon
Gonzalez, Aaron
Lopez, Edgar Omar
Medrano, Ariana M.
Mireles, Gisel

Montoya, Yulissa
Murphy, Ryan Autry
Ruiz, Valerie Lorraine
Salmon, Denise
Smith, Luke Tanner
Zamora, Kristian J.

Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences

Peralez, Chelsea Ann

Villanueva, Lesley Anahi

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Aguinaga, Karina
Psychology
Garcia, Sergio Daniel
Counseling Psychology

Guzman, Cheliza Marie
Psychology
Nino, Sofia J.
Cultural Studies

Sandoval, Marta Lisa
Cultural Studies

Master of Music

Salinas, Denisse Alina
Music Education

Master of Science

Adewusi, Muhees Bola Hassan
Biology

Arole, Al-Ameen Omotayo
Biology

August Palacios, Howard Robert
Petrophysics

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Master of Science (continued)

Bamisile, Toluwalope Ayotunde
Petrophysics
Barrera, Victoria Janis
Criminology
Estrada, Monica M.
Petrophysics
Gracia, Luis Fernando
Criminology
Horace, Jamarkus D.
Sociology

Leal, Miranda E.
Biology
Matthys, Erin Nicole
Petrophysics
Mohsenzadeh, Ariana Nikolett
Criminology
Osho, Joshua Olurotimi
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Palakurthi, Sushesh Srivatsa
Chemistry

Samo, Ajibola Olalekan
Petrophysics
Uskamalla, Suraj
Biology
Villarreal, Victor A.
Chemistry

Master of Social Work

Andrade, Teresita De Jesus
Social Work
Bocanegra, Dolores
Social Work

Cardenas, Patricia
Social Work
Gomez, Amanda Leigh
Social Work

Perez, Daniel Esteban
Social Work

Bachelor of Arts

Barrera, Sirena M.
Cantu, Ivan
Carbajal, Aaron
Carrizales, Maricarmen
Despain, Nichole Desiree
Detmer, Koy Dennis

Goudeau V, Warrington Bernard
Hutcheson, Dylan Lee
Mcgowan, Nathaniel Anthony
Menefee, James Alton
Morales, Carlos Xavier
Moreno, Alondra

Ruiz, John Michael *
Ruiz Balli, Yesenia Guadalupe
Severo, Daniel Pinho
Spinn, Seth Brandon
Thomas, Chauncey Terrell
Valadez, Julio Cesar **

Bachelor of Science

Cavazos, Alberto Julian
Edlin, Andrew Michael *
Escobar, Seth A. **
Garcia, Karina
Howard, Adryan Javon
Hubble, Kamara Lyn
Ibarra, Christopher De Jesus
Martinez, Cameron Michael

Moreno, Alondra
Mouton, John Fitzgerald
Neidigk, John F.
Obi, Winifred Chiweoke
Palacios, Leandra R.
Palmer, Taylor L.
Pena, Adam Alejo
Ramos, Amanda

Raya, Aisha
Salazar, Sabrina Celeste
Sanchez, Clarisa Elise
Sanchez, Oscar Armando
Tyler, Kendra Ann
Villa, Paola Monique

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Abdulwahab, Fatimah Opeyemi
Business Administration
Almazan, Alexandria Ydahlia
Business Administration
Austin, Sean Eric
Business Administration
Barnes, Kristen Timothy
Business Administration
Beltran, Madison Katie
Business Administration
Berry, Jacob Martin
Business Administration
Bodalbhai, Fatema M.
Business Administration

Cavazos, Arlene Ibeth
Business Administration
Chacon, Samantha Jo
Business Administration
De Leon, Victoria Megan
Business Administration
De Marchena, Ivonne Marie
Business Administration
Engberson, Eric Wayne
Business Administration
Fischer, Kyle
Business Administration
Flores, Gabriella Marina
Business Administration

Garza, Saul
Business Administration
Guillon, Karina
Business Administration
Henke, Wyatt
Business Administration
Hung, Man
Business Administration
Ibarra IV, Daniel F.
Business Administration
Kibbee, Cody
Business Administration
La, Tommy
Business Administration

* Cum Laude
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*** Summa Cum Laude

Master of Business Administration (continued)

Little, Nancy Alison
Business Administration
Milburn, Devin Lyle
Business Administration
Murguia, Jason Joel
Business Administration
Nnani, Joseph I.
Business Administration
Ortiz Barcia, Viviana
Business Administration
Patel, Niraj P.
Business Administration
Patel, Palak Kamlesh
Business Administration

Phan, Phuong
Business Administration
Puck, Casey
Business Administration
Rodriguez, Adam Joseph
Business Administration
Rodriguez, Briana N.
Business Administration
Sanchez, Darrell Francisco
Business Administration
Sanchez, Roland Dakota
Business Administration
Segura, Barbara Esmeralda
Business Administration

Sheets, Nole Luther
Business Administration
Smith, Bailey Reagan
Business Administration
Upadhyay, Shreeya Manish
Business Administration
Valentine, Caleb Joshua
Business Administration
Verley, Tristan Michael
Business Administration
Williams, Shelby Lynn
Business Administration
Zhang, Heting
Business Administration

Bachelor of Business Administration

Alexander, Garrett Michael
Alshammeri, Talal Hamed
Brown, Lydia Marie
Cabrera Fernandez, Valeria Lisset
Castro Jr., Arnulfo
Centeno Vega, Rosa Herlinda ***
Fails, Hayden Daniel
Garza, Jesus M.
Gomez, Eric Michael

Gonzalez, Leanna ***
Johnson, Kyra D' Morea
Kowalik, August N. *
Lopez, Carlos Arnulfo
Mahoney, Kyle
Montgomery, Cheynna Elizabeth *
Morales Jr., Rodolfo
Oniyide, Temitope Joyce **
Oyetunji, Oluwabusola Tejumade

Romero, Aaron Robert
Rubio, Abraham Christopher
Salinas Jr., Cesar Hilario
Sanchez, Carlos Leonel
Silguero, Jose De Jesus
Smallwood, Dakota Ray
Stevenson, Robert Chase
Turner, Cameron Douglas
Walston, Marshall Ray

EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Doctor of Education

De Leon, Joel Bustos
Educational Leadership
Paxton, Angelita Marie
Educational Leadership

Ramos, Eddika Cristina
Educational Leadership

Saldivar, Alexandra
Educational Leadership

Master of Education

Martinez, Cassandra Marie
Early Childhood

Pullam, Josiah Joel
Adult Education

Master of Science

Bustamante, Maricruz
Educational Administration
Carlin, Shaundra
Education
Cortez, Julian Cesar
Education
Dominguez, Rita J.
Kinesiology
Flores, Barbara Ann
Instructional Technology

Guajardo, Grizelda
Counseling and Guidance
Huerta, Jasmine
Educational Administration
Martinez, Pablo
Educational Administration
Perez, Selina Jo
Educational Administration
Rodriguez, Juan A.
Educational Administration

Saenz, Debra L. Garcia
Counseling and Guidance
Saenz, Marissa Marissa
Reading Specialization
Spafford, Allyson Marie
Kinesiology
Tamez Jr., Ruben L.
Counseling and Guidance
Winkler, Melissa Nicole Mourer
Educational Administration

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science

Block, Kyren M.
Cadengo, Carmen Kassandra
Delgadillo, Amanda
Dominguez, Claudia Veronica ***
Hale, Kenneth Jamie

Hutchison, Nicholas John **
Mc Carley, Frank Clay *
Nava, Wendy *
Palacios, Elizabeth
Rivera Monter, Ariel Orlando **

Salas, Alejo Javier
San Miguel, Gabriella Lyzzette
Trevino, Cecilia Judith ***

ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy

Bashetty, Srikanth
Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering
Ghahremani, Nima
Environmental Engineering
Haynes IV, Lewis Lester
Environmental Engineering

Kabir Najafi, Mohammad Mehdi
Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering
Kulkarni, Shreesh S.
Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering
Nanduri, Arvind
Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering

Zong, Ruiqiang
Environmental Engineering

Master of Science

Abdullah, Aziz M.
Mechanical Engineering
Adegbesan, Babatope Ebenezer
Mechanical Engineering
Agboola, Olawale Matthew
Electrical Engineering
Ajrotutu, Abiodun David
Mechanical Engineering
Akinbolajo, Olumide Seni
Industrial Engineering
Akula, Sai Kiran
Computer Science
Asfaw, Yilma
Industrial Engineering
Bahiise, Elizabeth Eniwan
Mechanical Engineering
Bandu, Keshav
Computer Science
Barve, Sayali Sunil
Industrial Management
Dare, Michael O.
Industrial Engineering
Egbueze, Walter Chukwunenye
Environmental Engineering
Gunapu, Vinod
Computer Science
Inala, Siva Rama Krishna
Computer Science

Jasti, Sri Sai Teja
Computer Science
Kalam, Nikitha
Computer Science
Lakavath, Sandeep Naik
Computer Science
McGuire, Joseph Dee
Mechanical Engineering
Mohammed, Khurram Yasar
Environmental Engineering
Nadiminti, Vivek Babu
Computer Science
Nagam, Sriram Reddy
Mechanical Engineering
Nalla, Jhansi Reddy
Electrical Engineering
Nallapaneni, Naveen Kumar
Computer Science
Omoniyi, Ejiro
Industrial Management
Ortiz Barcia, Viviana
Industrial Management
Otouloumougoye, Brenda Neige Carla Amberi
Chemical Engineering
Panuganti, Naresh
Computer Science
Patel, Harshkumar Bhineshkumar
Computer Science

Patel, Krutikkumar Thakorbbhai
Environmental Engineering
Patel, Shreyashkumar Rohitkumar
Computer Science
Pothuri, Sushanth
Computer Science
Prajapati, Nisarg Namankitkumar
Mechanical Engineering
Rios, Josie
Environmental Engineering
Rodriguez, Lauren Elise
Environmental Engineering
Rudraraju, Rohit Raju
Computer Science
Shekar, Samhith
Mechanical Engineering
Solis, Farid Alejandro
Mechanical Engineering
Thota, Varsha Sree
Chemical Engineering
Trivedi, Vihangi Hiteshbhai
Environmental Engineering
Vaka, Naveen Kumar
Computer Science
Vulimiri, Sreekar
Chemical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering

Hinojosa, Marissa Rae

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Acevedo, Pablo Leonel
Bueno Garcia, Jorge German
Gallegos, Manuel Alejandro

Garcia III, Reynaldo
Hernandez, Jorge Marcelino ***
Hernandez Dominguez, Jose Manuel

Morin, Rolando
Nand, Vivek

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Abbas, Fatmah Aah
Abd Al-Kareem, Abdullah
Alajran, Mobark A. H. A.
Alareej, Ebraheem M. F. M. E.
Alazemi, Fahd M. ***
Albasees, Abdulaziz
Aldhefeeri, Sultan B.
Alhamzi, Hamzah
Alhusaini, Khaled S. S. A. O.

Alkhaldi, Abdalazez Gh. F. N. R.
Alsabri, Saif
Alsarhan, Yousef A.
Alshemeri, Badar
Alshwyker, Yousef E. H. M. J.
Arenas, Danielle
Charba, David Lawrence
De La Rosa, Omar
Dhahi, Fahad

Dominguez, David
Garza III, Roberto
Ramos, Oscar Arturo
Reyes, Dahlia Monique
Sorensen, Michael
Vazquez Garcia, Jonathan
Zakaria, Mariam *

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Garcia, Irvin Ezequil

Ochoa, Justin Joshua ***

Zelaya, Elenilson Nathan

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Dominguez, James

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Applied Engineering Technology

Abundo, Jeremy David *
Arnold IV, William Louis
Belisario, Jason Torralba **

Bradicich, Baxter D.
Gallia, Robert Weldon
Garrett, Greyson Taylor

Huerta, Arturo Leonel
Romero, Carlos I.

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Aldayat, Omar E.
Alhajri, Mohammed Faleh

Alqahtani, Khalid Battal
Basawad, Ahmad Abdullah

Reoh, George William
Sanchez, Katrina Isabella

Graduation with Honors (For Undergraduate degrees only)

A grade point average of 3.8 is the minimum for graduation meriting Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors); a grade point average of 3.6 or higher but less than 3.8 will merit Magna Cum Laude (with high honors); an average of 3.4 or higher but less than 3.6 will merit graduation Cum Laude (with honors).

The names on this program include all students who have applied for graduation. Conferral of the official degree is based upon completion and certification of all degree requirements.

The honors presented during this ceremony are calculated on the student's cumulative grade point average for the semester prior. Official honors designation, which includes the calculation of the current semester's grades, will be indicated on the final transcript and diploma.

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

DISSERTATION TITLES

Doctor of Education *Educational Leadership*

De Leon, Joel Bustos, B.A., M.S.

“The Impact of Imagine Math on Student Progress in STAAR Math”

Paxton, Angelita Marie, B.A., M.Ed.

“Experiences of First-Generation Latinas in Education Doctoral Programs in South Texas”

Ramos, Eddika Cristina, B.S., M.Ed.

“The Perceptions of Early Childhood Teachers and the Impact of STAAR on School Readiness”

Saldivar, Alexandra, B.A., M.S.

“Perceptions of First-Generation College Sophomores on Dual Enrollment”

Doctor of Philosophy *Environmental Engineering*

Ghahremani, Nima, B.S., M.S.

“Assessment of Chemistry and Geochemical Reactions for Alternative Hydraulic Fracturing Water Supplies and Produced Waters”

Haynes IV, Lewis Lester, B.A., B.S., M.S.

“The In Situ Bioremediation of an In Situ Recovery Mining Site for the Reduction/Immobilization of Uranium Utilizing Gaseous Hydrogen”

Zong, Ruiqiang, B.S., M.S.

“Monitoring and Modeling of VOC Emissions Near Oil and Gas Production Sites Using a Wireless Sensor Network”

Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering

Bashetty, Srikanth, B.Tech, M.Tech.

“Dynamics of a Semi-Submersible Offshore Floating Multi-Wind Turbine Platform”

Kabir Najafi, Mohammad Mehdi, B.S., M.S.

“Investigation of the Effect of Simultaneous Internal Flow Boiling and External Condensation on Heat Transfer Performance under Low Pressure Low Flow Conditions”

Kulkarni, Shreesh S, B.Eng., M.S.

“Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis of Rio Red Grapefruit Waste Using Shape-Selective Zeolites”

Nanduri, Arvind, B.Tech, M.S.

“Investigation of Fast Pyrolysis Product Distributions Using Rio Red Grapefruit Waste and Related Lignocellulose Model Compounds”

Wildlife Science

VonBank, Jay Alan, B.S., M.S.

“Migration, Movement and Winter Ecology of Midcontinent Greater White-Fronted Geese”



ACADEMIC REGALIA

The origin of academic gowns, caps and hoods is a matter of speculation. Unheated buildings may have necessitated the gowns. The remaining regalia might reflect the influence of the clergy during medieval times. The hoods, for example, might have served as head-coverings before skull caps were adopted. In any case, when American schools decided to adopt academic dress, they agreed, through a series of meetings and conferences, on some standard designs and colors. The gown design becomes more intricate with advanced degrees. Velvet trim, for instance, is reserved for doctors' gowns. The hoods, too, become longer as one proceeds from the bachelor's to the master's to the doctor's degree. The cap is plain for both bachelor's and master's. Velvet is reserved for the doctorate. The tassel on the cap may be black or the color appropriate for the major field of study. A doctor's tassel, however, may be made of gold thread.

The color of the facing of the hood denotes the type of degree, and doctors' gowns may also be trimmed in the same color. Examples are as follows: *Arts and Letters* - white, *Commerce and Accounting* - drab, *Economics* - copper, *Library Science* - lemon, *Music* - pink, *Education* - light blue, *Pharmacy* - olive, *Fine Arts and Architecture* - brown, *Humanities* - dark crimson, *Law* - purple, *Engineering* - orange, *Philosophy* - dark blue, *Physical Education* - sage green, *Science* - golden yellow. The color of the lining of the hood denotes the university or college granting the degree. Texas A&M University-Kingsville's colors are blue and gold. Students wearing the blue and green or gold honor cords are members of national honor societies. The honors presented during this ceremony are calculated on the student's cumulative grade point average for the semester prior. Official honors designation, which includes the calculation of the current semester's grades, will be indicated on the final transcript and diploma.

THE TOWER CHIMES

Striking on the hour and every quarter hour, the "Westminster" chimes of the College Hall tower were played for the first time in March 1999 for the inauguration of President Marc Cisneros. In addition, "Hail AMK," the Texas A&M-Kingsville alma mater, rings out every day at noon and "Jalisco" is played at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. On special occasions, the "Javelina Victory March" also chimes from the tower.



THE UNIVERSITY BANNERS

Eight banners signify the university and its academic areas: Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences; Arts and Sciences; Business Administration; Education and Human Performance; Engineering; Graduate Studies and Honors College. Each banner displays the university logo, which includes the College Hall tower and the university name. The tower has stood as a symbol of the institution since 1949, reflecting the architectural elements of the campus that draw upon the university's regional heritage. The blue and gold banners are five feet by three feet, trimmed with fringe at the bottom. The banners were introduced in May 1999 for formal ceremonies. The university and college banners are presented by the Presidential Ambassadors.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

A symbol of authority, the mace is traced to an ancient weapon of war. William the Conqueror is seen flourishing a wooden mace in the eleventh-century Bayeux Tapestry. The military use of the object gradually gave way to its ceremonial function, and maces became jewel-encrusted symbols of high office. The Texas A&M University-Kingsville mace was crafted March 1999 in the department of industrial technology to reflect many of the unique characteristics that have made the university a leader in South Texas. The black walnut that comprises the main body symbolizes the history and traditions that have been established by the university. The top is crowned with the university seal engraved in gold.

THE UNIVERSITY RING

In early 1998, a committee of students, alumni, faculty, and staff began discussing the idea of an official ring for graduates of the university. The committee members wanted the ring to reflect symbols that represented the university's history and traditions. Working with a professional designer, they chose symbols including the school's mascot, the javelina, because of its tenacity; mesquite and cactus because they are found all over campus; the Lone Star because it symbolizes the State of Texas; and the College Hall tower because it is a recognized landmark on our campus. Graduates can choose a plain gold ring or opt for a gemstone in the ring. The ring design was unveiled February 16, 1999.



ALMA MATER

*Hail AMK! We pledge anew
Aims that are high,
Devotion deep and true.
And though we may part,
And though we're far away,
Still loyal each heart
To AMK.*



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