Commencement

December 14, 2012

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE
The Commencement of the Eighty-Eighth Annual Session  
Friday, December 14, 2012 • 1:00 p.m. • 4:00 p.m. • Steinke Physical Education Center

PROGRAM

PRESIDING .................................................................................................................. Dr. Rex Gandy  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
PRELUDE ................................................................................................................... Wind Symphony  
Directed by Dr. Brian Shelton, Director of Bands
PROCessional Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 by Elgar .............................................. Wind Symphony
Audience stands for PROCessional and RECESSional

THE ACADEMIC PROCESION
The University Banners, The Party of the President, The Party of the Deans, The President of the Faculty Senate, The Regents Professors, The Faculty of the University, Candidates for Degrees

NATIONAL ANTHEM Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key ........................................ Daniel Castillo  
Senior Music Performance/Education Major
WELCOME ................................................................................................................ Dr. Gandy
INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY ..................................................................... Dr. Gandy
PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS ..................................... Sarah Schwandt  
President, Student Government Association
PRESENTATION OF UNIVERSITY RING ...................................................................... Oscar Flores  
President, Javelina Alumni Association
INTRODUCTIONS ..................................................................................................... Dr. Steven H. Tallant  
President
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .................................................................................. Dr. Frank B. Ashley, III  
Vice Chancellor of Recruitment and Diversity  
The Texas A&M University System
CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES .......................................................................... Dr. Gandy
CONFERRING OF DEGREES .................................................................................. Dr. Tallant
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES ........................................................................ Dean of the Colleges
*COMMISSIONING OF ROTC CADETS ................................................................. Lt. Col. Richard P. Spainhour
ALMA MATER Hail AMK, arranged by Dr. Greg Sanders, Professor, Department of Music .......... Mr. Castillo
RECESSional Entry March of the Boyares by Johannes Halvorsen ................................ Wind Symphony
* 4.p.m. Ceremony
Dr. Steven Tallant ................................................................. President
Quinten Womack ................................................................. Student Regent, The Texas A&M University System
Dr. Rex Gandy ..................................................................... Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Frank B. Ashley, III .......................................................... Commencement Speaker
Scott Gines ........................................................................... Vice President for Institutional Advancement
Manuel R. Lujan .................................................................. Vice President for Enrollment Management
Dr. Terisa Riley .................................................................. Senior Vice President for Fiscal and Student Affairs
Dr. Mohamed Abdelrahman .................................................. Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies
Dr. Richard Aukerman .......................................................... Interim Dean, College of Business Administration
Kirsten Campy ........................................................................ Dean of Students
Dr. Duane Gardiner ............................................................. Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Dolores Guerrero ................................................................ Dean, Honors College
Dr. Nancy KingSanders ........................................................ Associate Vice President for Student Success
Dr. Stephan Nix ................................................................. Dean, Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering
Dr. G. Allen Rasmussen ...................................................... Dean, Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences
Dr. Alberto Ruiz ................................................................. Dean, College of Education and Human Performance
Dr. Abbey Zink ..................................................................... Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. John Burnett .................................................................. President, Staff Council
Daniel Castillo ...................................................................... Vocalist, Music Performance/Education Major
Dr. Mike Daniel .................................................................. President, Faculty Senate
Oscar Flores ........................................................................ President, Javelina Alumni Association
Sarah Schwandt .................................................................. President, Student Government Association
Millie Slaughter .................................................................. Associate Registrar
Lt. Col. Richard P. Spainhour ................................................ Professor, Military Science

**SPEAKER**

**Dr. Frank B. Ashley, III**

Dr. Frank B. Ashley, III is Vice Chancellor of Recruitment and Diversity for The Texas A&M University System. He advises Chancellor John Sharp on diversity and equal opportunity issues within the A&M System and updates him on the System’s ongoing efforts in these areas, including proposals for new programs as they are developed. He provides leadership, advocacy, support, formulation, review, recommendation and implementation of policies, practices and programs that promote and support the full contributions of the System’s diverse faculty, staff and students. Prior to being named to his current position, Dr. Ashley was Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. He has been with the System since 1986, when he joined the faculty of Texas A&M University as assistant professor of health and kinesiology and coordinator of the sports management program. Dr. Ashley earned his bachelor’s degree from Louisiana College and his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Alabama.
PRESIDENT, FACULTY SENATE

Dr. Mike Daniel
Professor in the Department of
Health and Kinesiology

MARCHALS

Dr. Nelson Miller
Assistant Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education

Dr. Jack D. Shorter
Professor in the
Department of Information Systems

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

Dr. Zak Watson
Assistant Professor in the Department
of Language and Literature

COMMISSIONEES

Kelley, Charles B. III
Second Lieutenant in the United States Army

Ocasio, Leyda Marie
Second Lieutenant in the United States Army

Regan, Lawton James
Second Lieutenant in the United States Army

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM REGENTS

Richard Box
Chairman

Phil Adams
Vice Chairman

Morris E. Foster
Elaine Mendoza
Judy Morgan

Jim Schwertner
Cliff Thomas
John D. White

James P. Wilson
Quinten Womack
(Student Regent)

TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE REGENTS PROFESSORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Steven D. Lukefahr - 2004
Professor in the Department of
Animal, Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences

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

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

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

Dr. David Sabrio - 2009
Professor in the Department of
Language and Literature

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

Dr. Kathleen Rees - 2012
Professor in the Department of
Human Sciences

The university and college banners are presented by the Presidential Ambassadors.
Candidates for Degrees
1:00 p.m. Ceremony

AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy
Williford, Damon L’Amour
Wildlife Science

Master of Science

Barrow, Jeana Elizabeth
Animal Science

Crider, Brandi Lee
Range and Wildlife Management

De La Garza, Carolina
Plant and Soil Science

Dunlap, David Luther
Agriculture Science

Edwardson, Jeremy Ward
Range and Wildlife Management

Erdmann, Diego Josele Garza
Plant and Soil Science

Esparza, Marisol
Plant and Soil Science

Field, Kendall Nicole
Plant and Soil Science

Gann, Kory R.
Range and Wildlife Management

Garcia, Amanda Cecilia
Plant and Soil Science

Guzman, Laura Lee Luna
Plant and Soil Science

Jenschke, Kristian Elaine
Range and Wildlife Management

Kaiser, Tasha Nicole
Plant and Soil Science

Lozano, Jorge Alberto
Plant and Soil Science

Martin, Ryan Hal
Agriculture Science

McCullough, Kenneth Wayne
Agriculture Science

Mitchell, Halee Diane
Agriculture Science

Mitchell, Michael Kenneth
Range and Wildlife Management

Otalhal, Kayla Danielle Rach
Agriculture Science

Parra, Cynthia Carolina
Plant and Soil Science

Reyna, Steven Michael
Plant and Soil Science

Trevino, Jennifer Nichole
Plant and Soil Science

Umphres-Lopez, Almna Marie
Plant and Soil Science

Whitis, Trent Harlan
Agribusiness

Wilkes, Michael Christain
Agriculture Science

Master of Science in Human Sciences

Jarzabkowski, Victoria Ann
Human Sciences

Khalil, Mona Mohamed
Human Sciences

Null, Emily Elizabeth
Human Sciences

Trevino, Tina Alicia
Human Sciences

Tummalapally, Sudheer Reddy
Human Sciences

Weaver, Juliana Lynn
Human Sciences

Wolstein-Melamed, Erika
Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Arellano, Adrian Aaron

Atencio, Daysha Noelle
Magna Cum Laude

Fischer, Tracy Lynn

Frederick, William Bennett II

Godfrey, Stefanie Allison

Hayek, Brody Cameron

Herrera, Nicholas

Hurt, Rebecca Ann

Jalili, Hassan

Janota, Samantha Ann
Magna Cum Laude

Kalich, Trevor Austin

Kana, Jillian Brianna

Mazoch, Clay William

McBee, Justin Wade

Mejia, Marcela Gutierrez

Mendoza, Fidel III

Mikeska, Mason Kyle

Ortega, Alan

Pfeifer, Matthew Jacob
Summa Cum Laude

Quillen, Andrew Ray

Ring, Milton Charles Herbert

Sullivan, Amanda Renee
Cum Laude

Terán, Cristina

Treat, Ashley Eileen

Treviño, Travis Daniel

Wied, Justin Patrick

Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences

Barrera, Teresa L.

Cardona, Monica Ann

Garza, April Evette
Magna Cum Laude

Garza, David Manuel

Grunder, Meghan Brooke

Guerra, Cassandra Marie

Munoz, Patricia Oraalia Contreras

Salinas, Venessa Odette

Schoenbacher, Kelsey Ann
Magna Cum Laude
ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Acosta, Ana Guice
Spanish
Ibañez, Herminio
Sociology

Mendoza, Dayri Misaél
Music Education

Ambidi, Ramya
Chemistry
Badgujar, Vaishali Hemant
Biology
Benavidez, Amanda Sue
Psychology
Brannon, Jeremy Sean
Biology
Burgard, Ryan Thomas
Biology
Cantu, Esteban Jr.
Chemistry
Chukka, Neeraja
Chemistry
Crocker, Ashton Vern
Biology
De La Garza, Patricia Ann
Psychology

Gondesi, Phancendhar Reddy
Chemistry
Gonzalez, Gretchell Marie
Psychology
Gonzalez, Muraya Lee
Biology
Holt, Kelsey Katherine
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Ibañez, Herminio Blas
Sociology
Kelley, Angelique Danielle
Psychology
Kumro, Shawnda Louise
Biology
Martinez, Allysia Yvonne
Sociology
McLarty, Morgan Christine
Chemistry

Montevilla, Lydia
Spanish
Nieto, Mayra Alejandra
Psychology
Rodriguez, Azael
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Ruiz, Irisema Ysella
Psychology
Salazar, Diana Katerine Cardona
Biology
Stinson, Valton II
Psychology
Tomoloju, Abimbola Omobolanle
Chemistry
Torres, Ramiro Jr.
Mathematics
Villarreal, Erika Ann
Psychology

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Barco, Estefana
Gutierrez, Maria Dalia
Salinas, Leonor B.
Barrientes, Liliana
Morales, Leonardo A.
Sharp, Belia Villarreal
Bhakta, Sanket Ranjit
Pons, Eric Ross
Garcia, Nora Maria
Prieto, Leticia

Bachelor of Arts

Cavness, Jamariom S.
Garcia, Veronica Marquez
Mendez, Israel
Charles, Benjamin V.
Garza, Clarissa Maria
Ocasio, Leyda Marie
Clayburg, Jessica Nicole
Garza, Marissa N.
Ramos, Selina Renée
Cum Laude
Contreras, Cynthia
Gomez, Jose Mateo
Ray, Matthew A.
Cum Laude
Summa Cum Laude
Cum Laude
Cook, Eliza Nicole
Gonzalez, Alma Lee
Robbins, Roslyn La’Nece
Correa, Seomara E.
Hicks, Darnell Jerome
Rubalcava, Marcos
Cortez, Morris O.
Holloway, Jerrica Lynn
Sanders, Cedric Devon
Davis, Kelsey
Juarez, Amanda D.
Sharpe, Sarah Theresa
Summa Cum Laude
Jurado, Vanessa
Tanner, Desiree Jayne
Desiderio, Catherine Inez
Lawson, Sandra M.
Toney, Randall Lamont
Magna Cum Laude
Looney, Angelo Dywane Jr.
Zauzig, Meghan Taylor
Mendoza, Jennifer Nicole
Martinez, Adriana Raquel
Zuniga, Kaycee Alena
Cum Laude
Martin, Meghan Nicole
Magna Cum Laude
Duque, Daniel Lorenzo

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Allen, James O. II
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Bingham, Brian Wayne
Magna Cum Laude
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**Bachelor of Music**

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**Bachelor of Science**

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**Bachelor of Social Work**

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Candidates for Degrees  
4:00 p.m. Ceremony

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Bachelor of Business Administration

Belford, Phillip A.
Brew, Myron Lashn
Brown, Daniel Roy
Camarillo, Paul Anthony
Cerda, Miguel A.
Creager, Joann
Del Castillo, Edgar Alonso
Dilley, Lourdes A. Garcia
Exum, Carol
Garcia, Amanda Jean
Gonzalez, Andrea Marisol Lagara  
Cum Laude
Houston, Steven C.
Lawson, Ian D.

Martinez, Sergio Bernave
Mascorro, Guillermo C. Jr.
Morales, Abel Luis Jr.
Muñoz, Miguel Curtis
Nwokocha, John Ndubueze  
Cum Laude
Oballo, Marco Cezar
Paniagua, Leticia Vega
Paris, Brad N.
Perkins, Thomas Andrew
Regan, Lawton James
Rodriguez, Tania
Saldivar, Yvonne  
Magna Cum Laude
Silva, Susanna V.
Smith, Demontrelle Tirone
Tarver, Leonard
Taub, Elishia Renee
Taylor, Christian Pierre
Thi Truong, Christina My-Tuyen
Thomas, Derrick Franklin II
Tran, Karen Linh
Trevino, Christopher John
Vera, Amo III
Villarreal, MiReina Linda

EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE
Doctor of Education

Chancellor, Julie Lynn  
Educational Leadership
Chavez, Omar  
Educational Leadership
De La Garza, Linda Marie  
Educational Leadership
Feng, Yulin  
Bilingual Education
Garcia, Sandra D.  
Educational Leadership
Garcia, Santa Paula Gama  
Educational Leadership
Garza-Reyna, Gina Lydia  
Bilingual Education
Harville, Pamela Cherie  
Educational Leadership
Mejia, Juan Eduardo  
Educational Leadership
Plummer, David Charles  
Educational Leadership
Uriegas, Brian  
Educational Leadership

Master of Education

Alaniz, Teresa Reta  
Adult Education
Flores, Sanjuanita Ruiz  
Adult Education
Garcia, Paula A.  
Adult Education
Garza, Monica  
Adult Education
Luna, Thelma Flores  
Adult Education
McQueen, Betty Jo  
Adult Education
Ramirez, Marcela Arredondo  
Special Education
Salinas, Jessica Michelle  
Adult Education
Solis, Eduardo  
Adult Education
Solis, Saundra Diana  
Early Childhood
Vargas, Oscar  
Adult Education

Master of Science

Agostini, Maria  
Bilingual Education
Aguilar, Diana Garza  
Educational Administration
Alaniz, Richard Pruitt  
Instructional Technology
Barrientes, Elizabeth Virginia  
Counseling and Guidance
Belk, Tiffany Nicole  
Counseling and Guidance
Cardona, Guadalupe G.  
Educational Administration
Castro, Daniel Lee  
Educational Administration
Chavez, David Demetrio  
Educational Administration
Conteras, Pamela Iris  
Counseling and Guidance
Cretors, Veronica Nicole  
Educational Administration
Darnstaedt, Jaclyn Eileen  
Counseling and Guidance
Dominguez, Vanessa A.  
Educational Administration
Flora, Stephen Robert  
Educational Administration
Flores-Contreras, Breanne Nichole  
Counseling and Guidance
Garcia, Monica Magdel  
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Gomez, Diana  
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Gonzalez, Lilia Emelda  
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Gonzalez, Maria Louisa  
Educational Administration
Jackson, Barbara Ann  
Counseling and Guidance
Lopez, Jose A.  
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Martinez, Desiree Lynn  
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Escobedo, Guadalupe  
Civil Engineering  
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Mechanical Engineering  
Falade, Ayokunle Adegale  
Environmental Engineering  
Flanders, Gehan Mohammad  
Environmental Engineering  
Gaddam, Mahesh  
Computer Science  
Gangavarapu, Anjaneya Var Prasad  
Electrical Engineering  
Garza, Nathan Daniel  
Mechanical Engineering  
Gehlot, Bhimraj Chowdhary  
Mechanical Engineering  
Gudivada, Anuj Kumar  
Computer Science  
Haddunoori, Pranav Patel  
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Helton, Scott Allen  
Industrial Management  
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Imejeo, Etejoe  
Environmental Engineering  
Irigineni, Nikitha  
Electrical Engineering  
Jasthi, Pradeep  
Electrical Engineering  
Joshi, Venkata Ramana  
Mechanical Engineering  
Juvvari, Sujan Kumar  
Computer Science  
Kallam, Srinivasa Reddy  
Electrical Engineering  
Kappari, Raghuveer Reddy  
Electrical Engineering  
Karka, Nihan Reddy  
Electrical Engineering  
Karri, Vijaya Deipi  
Computer Science  
Khaja, Abraaz Mohammed  
Computer Science  
Klim, Brandon Christopher  
Environmental Engineering  
Kommissetty, Phani Durga Nada Kishore  
Chemical Engineering  
Koppula, Pratap Babu  
Electrical Engineering  
Koritala, Venkatesh  
Computer Science  
Kucharakkanti, Sai Kumar  
Electrical Engineering  
Leake, Henry Wayne III  
Civil Engineering  
Lozano, Jose Alberto Jr.  
Civil Engineering  
Ma, Qian  
Mechanical Engineering  
Madhavareddy, Govardhan Reddy  
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Malapati, Srinivasa Chowdari  
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Mandava, Lokesh  
Computer Science  
Manna, Naveen Kumar  
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McHattie, Colin Eugene  
Civil Engineering  
Miryala, Vishnu Prasad  
Computer Science  
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Electrical Engineering  
Obi, Stanley Anozie  
Mechanical Engineering  
Oghenerorie, Joshua  
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Olaleye, Olakunle Olabosipo  
Electrical Engineering  
Pagadrai, Sasikanth  
Electrical Engineering  
Pashapu, Sarvanthi Reddy  
Electrical Engineering  
Patel, Rishit Kumar Gordanbhai  
Electrical Engineering  
Patel, Rushi Piyushkumar  
Natural Gas Engineering  
Pathuri, Nikhila  
Computer Science  
Pati, Harikrishna  
Electrical Engineering  
Patlolla, Rohit Reddy  
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Pinote, Sergio Del Angel  
Industrial Management  
Pitale, Vaibhav Tushar  
Civil Engineering  
Ponduri, Poorna Shekhar  
Computer Science  
Ponna, Saikiran  
Electrical Engineering  
Pyata, Sharath Kumar  
Chemical Engineering  
Reddy, Gopi Kiran Busi  
Computer Science  
Reddygari, Manasa Chirra  
Electrical Engineering  
Reyes, Pete Gonzalez  
Industrial Management  
Rodriguez, Favio Ruben  
Civil Engineering  
Rubio, Andres Alejandro  
Civil Engineering  
Salinas, Robert  
Environmental Engineering  
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Civil Engineering  
Sankarasety, Esa Shravvi  
Electrical Engineering  
Santos, Jesus Raymundo  
Civil Engineering  
Santos, Victor Manuel Jr.  
Civil Engineering  
Sappidi, Anusha  
Computer Science  
Sarangu, Saketh  
Electrical Engineering  
Seka, Yapo Sylvain  
Industrial Management  
Sevordzi, Andy  
Natural Gas Engineering  
Shheber, Nedal Assad  
Environmental Engineering  
Shrestha, Rajesh  
Civil Engineering  
Silguero, Vanessa Lynn Garcia  
Environmental Engineering  
Sodagam, Akshay Kumar  
Electrical Engineering  
Sudharsan, Siddarth Hariharan  
Electrical Engineering  
Syed, Eheteshamuddin  
Mechanical Engineering  
Talamantez, Michael Anthony  
Industrial Management  
Tamma, Nagarjuna Reddy  
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Thummelapally, Divya  
Electrical Engineering  
Tullimalli, Madhur  
Electrical Engineering  
Vadde, Naresh  
Computer Science  
Vaila, Uday Kiran  
Computer Science  
Valluri, Pratyush  
Electrical Engineering  
Vedula, Venkata Sai Kiran  
Electrical Engineering  
Veluri, Anudeep  
Computer Science  
Vemula, Raghu Ramshi  
Computer Science  
Villa, Avissh  
Electrical Engineering  
Voruganti, Bhargava Nandini  
Computer Science  
Wu, Danning  
Environmental Engineering  
Yadlapalli, Kavitha  
Computer Science  
Zhang, Jingyi  
Environmental Engineering  
Zou, Yangyang  
Environmental Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering

Bussell, Michael Edward
Horner, Patrick Gene II
Wilson, Marshall Blaine
Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Franke, Nichol A.
Lichtenberger, Ariel Shea
Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Garza, Mariela
Pola, Ruben Jr.
Salinas, Heriberto C.
Zavala, Rene Jr.

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Gamez, Juan IV
Huron, Samuel Adam
Moncevais, Eduardo Baltazar Jr.
Medina, Michelle Marie
Muñoz, Sara Elena
Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Latigo, Maria Veronica
Torres, Manuel Eduardo

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Guleiof, Denis

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Technology

Ajijala, Eyimofe Moses Jr.
Bazan, Jeffrey
Martinez, Reyrumondo Jr.
Huff, Hunter Joseph
Ring, Joshua Wade
Cum Laude
Runnels, Lucas Lewayne
Cum Laude
Tijerina, Eric O.
Montemayor, Carl Anthony
Villarreal, Guillermo
Moreno, Nicolás Jr.
Rabe, Christopher J.
Reynolds, Connor West
Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Hesseltine, Trenton Dean
Hodges, Trent Alan
Reynolds, Connor West

Adams, Jeremy John
Cum Laude
Dockens, Davey Lloyd
Rivier, Kerynn Leigh
Alkhliifi, Anas AMAA
Cum Laude
Domínguez, Amador
Cum Laude
Ballesteros, Angelo Jonas
Fetterly, Caitlin Nicole
Robbins, James Albert III
Chapa, Eduardo Daniel
Gordon, Zachary BJ
Cum Laude
Diaz, Jesse Emmanuel
Halicsak, Nicholas Reid
Srubar, Christopher R.
Resio, Joaquin Callahan
Vega, Oscar Carlos
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DISSEMINATION TITLES

Doctor of Education

Bilingual Education

Feng, Yulin, B.A., M.Ed.
“English Language Teachers’ Perceptions of Computer-Assisted Language Learning”

Garza-Reyna, Gina Lydia, B.L.S., M.Ed.
“The Effects of Transitional Bilingual and Dual Language Education Programs on the College Readiness of English Language Learners in a South Texas School District”

Educational Leadership

Chandler, Julie Lynn, B.S., M.S.
“A Comparison of Emotional Intelligence and Leadership Styles Among Texas Public School Principals”
Chavez, Omar, B.A., M.Ed.
“Examining the Outcomes and Impact of a Migrant University Summer Experience Program on Migrant Students’ Academic Performance”

De La Garza, Lina Marie, B.A., M.A.
“Hispanic Parents’ Aspirations About Middle School Students’ Collegiate Educational Attainment”

Garcia, Sandra D., B.S., M.S.
“Factors that Effect Graduation and Retention Rates of Hispanic Students at a Hispanic Serving Institution”

Garcia, Santa Paula Gama, B.A., M.Ed.
“An Evaluation of Instructional Coaching at Selected Middle Schools in South Texas and its Effect on Student Achievement”

Harville, Pamela Cherie, B.S., M.S.
“The Role of Emotional Intelligence Skills in Teaching Excellence: The Validation of a Behavioral Skills Checklist”

Mejia, Juan Eduardo, B.S., M.Ed.
“A Comparative Analysis of Personal Skills Profiles Among Administrators, Department Chairs, and Faculty at a College in South Texas”

Plummer, David Charles, B.B.A., M.B.A.
“A Study on the Motivators and Inhibitors for Faculty to Teach in Online Environments at Minority Serving Institutions”

Uriegas, Brian, B.A., M.Ed.
“The Impact of Certification Type and Student Teaching Experience on Classroom Management in a Rural South Texas District”

**Doctor of Philosophy**

*Environmental Engineering*

Amaya, Joseph Anthony, B.S., M.S.
“Enhancing Regional Groundwater Management with a Decision-Support System for the Advancement of Aquifer Sustainability”

Cabezas, Jose Manuel, B.E., M.S.
“Biorestoration of Groundwater at an ISR Uranium Mining Site Using Hydrogen Injection”

Gor, Prajay Anil, B.E., M.S.
“Experimental and Life Cycle Assessment for Removal of Flue Gas Elemental Mercury Using Enhanced Oxidation and Wet Scrubbing”

Karre, Anand Kumar, B.S., M.S.
“Biological Sequential Air Emissions Treatment Systems for Forest Products Emission Control: Optimization and Modeling”

Singaraju, Sree Ram Gopal, B.S., M.S.
“Watershed and In-Channel Contributions for Nutrient Fate and Transport in Drainage Ditches Carving Agricultural Runoff”

*Wildlife Science*

Williford, Damon L’Amour, B.S., M.S.
“Molecular Genetics of the Northern Bobwhite, Scaled Quail, and Gambel’s Quail”
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.
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.