Javelina alumnus John P. Jackson earned his bachelor’s degree in 1973, graduating Summa Cum Laude, and his M.B.A. in 1975. A Rockport native, Jackson’s first career was with his family’s three-generation seafood business. He began his second career in 1992 with Dean Witter, which later became Morgan Stanley and is today Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. He has earned numerous distinctive titles and designations with the company, including Senior Vice President, Wealth Advisor, Certified Investment Management AnalystSM (CIMA®), Portfolio Management Director and Estate Planning Consultant. He also earned the Accredited Investment Fiduciary (AIF) designation from the Center for Fiduciary Studies.

Jackson is active in his community and has served in leadership capacities with The Aransas County ISD Education Foundation, The Margaret Sue Rust Foundation, the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation, Boy Scouts of America Executive Board (South Texas Council), The Odyssey After School Enrichment Program, and The First Presbyterian Church of Rockport. Jackson also has been actively involved with a number of organizations, including the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce, Texas Maritime Museum, Aransas County Historical Society, the Javelina Alumni Association, The Investment Management Consultants Association and the Association of Professional Investment Consultants.

Jackson’s list of past honors includes Texas Monthly’s 2009 and 2012 FIVE STAR Best in Client Satisfaction Wealth Manager, Eagle Scout, Collegiate Academic All American (football), Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, The Education Foundation’s Lifetime Achievement Award, Javelina Alumni Association President and Distinguished Alumnus and the Silver Beaver Award in Scouting. In 2011, Jackson and Sue Hastings wrote his book Taking the Tide: My Family’s Ebb and Flow in Rockport, Texas, which documented the Jackson family’s 125-year, five-generation-rich history in Rockport.
The Commencement of the Eighty-Seventh Annual Session
Friday, August 10, 2012 • 2:00 p.m. • Steinke Physical Education Center

PROGRAM

PRESIDING ..................................................................................................................................................................... Dr. Rex F. Gandy
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRELUDE .....................................................................................................................................Dr. Joachim Reinhuber, Pianist/Organist
Assistant Professor, Department of Music

PROCESSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 by Elgar .................................................................Dr. Reinhuber

Audience stands for PROCESSIONAL and RECESSONAL

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION
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 ......................................................... Mary Rokohl
Music 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 ...................................................................................................... Seferino “Nino” Mendietta
President, Javelina Alumni Association

INTRODUCTIONS ........................................................................................................................................... Dr. Steven Tallant

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS .................................................................................................................. John Jackson

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES .............................................................................................................. Dr. Gandy

CONFERRING OF DEGREES ...................................................................................................................... Dr. Tallant

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES ............................................................................................................. Deans of Colleges

ALMA MATER Hail AMK, arranged by Dr. Greg Sanders, Professor of Music .................................. Ms. Rokohl

RECESSIONAL Trumpet Tune and Ayre by Henry Purcell ................................................................. Dr. Reinhuber
PRESIDENT, FACULTY SENATE

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

MARSHALS

Dr. Nelson W. 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

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM REGENTS

Richard Box
Chairman

Jim Schwertner
Cliff Thomas
John D. White

Morris E. Foster
Elaine Mendoza
Judy Morgan

Phil Adams
Vice Chairman

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

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. Jacquelin 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

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Dr. Breanna M. Bailey  
Assistant Professor in the Department of  
Civil and Architectural Engineering

Dr. Angel L. Ball  
Associate Professor in the Department of  
Biological and Health Sciences

Dr. Olga M. Escamilla  
Lecturer in the Department of  
Educational Leadership and Counseling

Dr. Thomas A. Fields  
Professor in the Department of  
Biological and Health Sciences

Dr. Michelle R. Garcia  
Associate Professor in the Department of  
Animal, Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences

Lydia Odette Gonzalez  
Lecturer in the Department of  
Biological and Health Sciences

Dr. Kendra J. Huff  
Assistant Professor in the Department of  
Accounting and Finance

Dr. Kathleen A. Jones-Trebatoski  
Lecturer in the Department of  
Educational Leadership and Counseling

Dr. Larry P. Knight  
Associate Professor in the Department of  
History, Political Science and Philosophy

Dr. Melody Y. Knight  
Associate Professor in the Department of  
Health and Kinesiology

Dr. Olivia Lopez  
Assistant Professor in the Department of  
Psychology and Sociology

Dr. Leonel Medellin  
Assistant Professor in the Department of  
Industrial Management and Technology

Dr. Michael T. Muzheve  
Assistant Professor in the Department of  
Mathematics

Dr. Octavio Quintanilla, Jr.  
Lecturer in the Department of  
Language and Literature

Dr. Christine N. Reiser  
Lecturer in the Department of  
Psychology and Sociology

Dr. Dazhi Sun  
Associate Professor in the Department of  
Civil and Architectural Engineering

Dr. Eric R. Swartz  
Assistant Professor in the Department of  
Biological and Health Sciences

Dr. Marsha L. Tucker  
Assistant Professor in the Department of  
Language and Literature

Jerome M. Tymrak  
Lecturer in the Department of  
Agriculture, Agribusiness and Environmental Sciences

Jilma Vinson  
Lecturer in the Department of  
Language and Literature

Cyndi C. Walker-Ewert  
Lecturer in the Department of  
Psychology and Sociology

Dr. Elizabeth A. Wardle  
Assistant Professor in the Department of  
Educational Leadership and Counseling
Candidates for Degrees

AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy

Wehland, Erin Marie
Wildlife Science

Wiemers, Dean Wayne
Wildlife Science

Master of Science

Box, Kayla Beth
Agriculture Science

Colson, William Charles
Range and Wildlife Management

Coop, Lorrie Jo
Agriculture Science

Cridler, Brandi Lee
Range and Wildlife Management

Dalrymple, James Bryson Jr.
Agriculture Science

De La Garza, Carolina
Plant and Soil Science

Eaton, Caleb Lee
Agriculture Science

Folks, Donald Justin
Range and Wildlife Management

Gann, Kory R.
Range and Wildlife Management

Garcia, Amanda Cecilia
Plant and Soil Science

Grigar, Michael James
Animal Science

Guerra, Jesse Armando
Agriculture Science

Hoffman, Alyson Machal
Agriculture Science

Jenschke, Kristan Elaine
Range and Wildlife Management

Kaiser, Tasha Nicole
Plant and Soil Science

Lopez, Zachary
Animal Science

Mitchell, Michael Kenneth
Range and Wildlife Management

Munoz, Juan Jr.
Agriculture Science

Parra, Cynthia Carolina
Plant and Soil Science

Roach, Caleb McDonald
Ranch Management

Sanders, Cristela Gonzalez
Range and Wildlife Management

Silvers, Garey Samuel
Agriculture Science

Trevino, Jennifer Nichole
Plant and Soil Science

Van Tassell, Jason C.
Ranch Management

Villarreal, Stacie Mahan
Range and Wildlife Management

Zapata, Yadira
Plant and Soil Science

Master of Science in Human Sciences

Bennett, Jessica Lynn
Human Sciences

Khalil, Mona Mohamed
Human Sciences

Smart, Chelsea Lynne
Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Carrales, Gus III

Gibson, Wesley Vernon

Huddleston, James Travis

Dollery, Shawn Allen

Gutierrez, Michelle

Montemayor, Krystal Lynne

Garcia, Lea

Hernandez, Michael Adam

Romo, Arthur Allen

Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences

Blanco, Ivonne Carolina

Rodriguez, Melissa Ann

Yeary, Christina Michele Sears
(Magna Cum Laude)

Cardona, Rachel


ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Abraham Shollenberger, Daniela Beatriz
Spanish

Flores, David Orlando
History and Politics

Vela, Irma Linda
Psychology

Acosta, Ana Guicel
Spanish

James, Luz Mila
Spanish
Master of Music
Martinez, Joshua Arnold
Music Education

Master of Science

Acevedo, Jessica Marlene
Psychology
Alaniz, Emilio
Psychology
Amos, Dayna Rae
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Anzaldua, Nayra Lee
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Burgard, Ryan Thomas
Biology
Chapa, Mandie Lynette
Sociology
Clanton, Kimberly Nicole
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Donovan, Patrick Robert
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Gonzalez, Alyssa Marie
Sociology
Gonzalez, Gretchen Marie
Psychology
Holt, Kelsey Katherine
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Meadows, Brittany Ann
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Molinsky, Dana Marlene
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Morales, Israel B.
Psychology
Morin, Joshua West
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Pacha, Nageswara Rao
Chemistry

Pena, Amabely
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Ramirez, Amber Justina
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Ramirez, Edna Karina
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Shaik, Azharuddin
Mathematics
Stinson, Valton
Psychology
Vela, America Celina Huitron
Psychology
Warren, Mollie Anne
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Gonzales, Bennie Jean
Hamblin, Ty Wayne
(Cum Laude)

Longoria, Cynthia Anne
Páez, Melissa

Bachelor of Arts

Burkhardt, Christopher Michael
Cuevas, Erica Diana
Dragon, Mark Anthony
(Summa Cum Laude)
Esparza, Steven Nathaniel
Garcia, Veronica Marquez

Gomez, Oscar
Hernandez, Minerva
Hoodye, Anthony Earl
Jurado, Veronica
(Magna Laude)
Martinez, Sandra Luz

Martinez-Toscano, Anna Irene
Naranjo, Jesus Antonio
Perez, Marcus Raye
(Summa Cum Laude)
Putnam, Desiree K.
Ruiz, Grizela

Bachelor of Music

Guzman, Joseph James

Bachelor of Science

Alanis, Ivonne
Bauer, Bruce Dylan
(Cum Laude)
Bolaños, Heidi Linette
Breeding, Alexandra Katherine
(Magna Cum Laude)

Camarillo, Jacqueline
Carrillo, Ondina
Castillo, Maria Ivonne
(Cum Laude)
Chavana, Megan Alysse
Chavera, Amber Lynn

Davila, Abel Gerardo
Drum, Ryan Joshua
Escamilla, Jane Kimberly
(Summa Cum Laude)
Estrada, Nancy Nohemi
(Magna Cum Laude)
Floyd, Ashley Nicole  
*(Summa Cum Laude)*  
Garcia, Carly Rose  
*(Magna Cum Laude)*  
Garcia, Erika Trujillo  
Garcia, Glenda Abigail  
Garcia, Rudy  
Garza, Amanda Diane  
*(Cum Laude)*  
Garza, Jessica Marie  
Gutierrez, Madelin  
Hastings, Kristie Lea  
Heglund, Brittney Racquel  
Johnson, Michael Lee  
Laraway, Paul Robert  
Lopez, Daniella  
Lopez, Kathleen Darcy  
*(Cum Laude)*  
Martinez, Angela Liliana  
Mendoza, Roberto III  
Montgomery, Earsel IV  
Nye, Patrick Austin  
Olivan, Edna Laurie  
Olivares, Dileny Maricruz  
Ortega, Alizabeth Marie  
*(Cum Laude)*  
Pasciak, Adam  
Peña, Alissa Iliana  
Peña, Brenda Denise  
Quiroga, Mariana X.  
Ramos, Raul  
Razo, Amanda Marie  
*(Magna Cum Laude)*  
Reyes, Alyssa Marie  
*(Summa Cum Laude)*  
Rios, Ariel Nicole  
Rodriguez, Eduardo  
Rodriguez, Laura Michelle  
Rosales, Aaron Thomas  
Rosson, Lauren Elizabeth  
*(Cum Laude)*

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Bachelor of Business Administration**

Goff, Kathleen Ann  
Hardaway, Willie Jermaine  
Macek, Laura Beth  
*(Magna Cum Laude)*

Morales, Modesto Jr.  
*(Summa Cum Laude)*  
Ramirez, Fernanda Elizondo  
Ramirez, Shannon Rose

Rodriguez, Edgar Abraham  
*(Magna Cum Laude)*  
Simon, Richard Joshua

**EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE**

**Master of Arts**

Almazan, Vanessa Adriana  
Bilingual Education

**Master of Education**

Garza, Patty Rose  
Special Education  
Medina Jimenez, Monica Rosalina  
English as a Second Language

Ramirez, Ana Olivia  
English as a Second Language  
Smith, Jessica Leigh  
Special Education

Zertuche, Deborah Anastacia  
Special Education

**Master of Science**

Albarran-Rosenbaum, Lorena  
Counseling and Guidance  
Campos, Oscar Armando  
Kinesiology  
Conn, Jimmie Jo  
Kinesiology

Gaytan, Albert R.  
Educational Administration  
Hernandez, Charlotte Kimberly  
Counseling and Guidance  
Jewasko, Stefan Brett  
Educational Administration

Neie, Tammy Michelle  
Counseling and Guidance  
Pena, Melinda Ann  
Counseling and Guidance  
Saenz, Morgan Leigh  
Instructional Technology
Bachelor of Science

Barrera, Claudia  
(Cum Laude)
Barrera, Veronica
Clarke, Denise  
(Magna Cum Laude)
Cui, Sondra M.
Flores, Ryan Eric

Garza, Andrea Abigail
Kinney, Marc Xavier
Lozano, Nicole Marie
Martir, Nydia Lisseth
Perez, Lazaro III
Ramirez, Maria Susan
Salinas, Jesus

Trevino, Betty L.  
Counseling and Guidance
Unterbrink, Jennifer Haunschild  
Counseling and Guidance

Vasquez, Aida  
Educational Administration
Williams, Rodney S.  
Kinesiology

Doctor of Philosophy

Amaya, Joseph Anthony  
Environmental Engineering
Karre, Anand Kumar  
Environmental Engineering

Orozco, Celia De La Mora  
Environmental Engineering
Singaraju, Sree Ram Gopal  
Environmental Engineering

Yuan, Yuan  
Environmental Engineering

Master of Science

Abdul Mujeeb, Salman  
Electrical Engineering
Balakrishnan, Vinod  
Environmental Engineering
Cantu, Alonso  
Environmental Engineering
Chilukuri, Praveen Kumar  
Mechanical Engineering
Cox, Walker Brett  
Industrial Management
Dirbaz, Mohsen  
Natural Gas Engineering
Eyetsemitan, Roli Nicole  
Chemical Engineering
Falade, Ayokunle Adewale  
Environmental Engineering
Flanders, Gehan Mohammad  
Environmental Engineering
Galvan, Rodolfo III  
Industrial Management
Garcia, Jaime Francisco Jr.  
Civil Engineering
Heuston, Daniel Jon  
Environmental Engineering
Ifesiokwu, Obianuju Hilda  
Environmental Engineering
Indrakaran, Shravan  
Computer Science
Jagarlamudi, Avinash  
Mechanical Engineering
Khan, Tanvir Rashid  
Environmental Engineering
Lozano, Jose Alberto Jr.  
Civil Engineering
Mohammed, Faris Akbar  
Electrical Engineering
Obi, Stanley Anozie  
Mechanical Engineering
Oladeinde, Adewale Kehinde  
Electrical Engineering

Olasimoju, Oladeji Oladimeji  
Environmental Engineering
Panganamala, Sirisha  
Computer Science
Prince, Charles Matthew  
Mechanical Engineering
Salinas, Robert  
Environmental Engineering
Shrestha, Rajesh  
Civil Engineering
Syed, Eheteshamuddin  
Mechanical Engineering
Tiwari, Divya A.  
Chemical Engineering
Wu, Danning  
Environmental Engineering
Xue, Yunyun  
Chemical Engineering
Zou, Yangyang  
Environmental Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering

Garcia, Estevan Francisco  
Gonzalez, Rodolfo Antonio

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Horvath, Francis Paul  
Okiyih, George Uzoma  
Saenz, Mathew R.
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Maldonado, Anthony J.

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Hernandez, Daniel Humberto Jr. Latigo, Maria Veronica Monroe, Micah James

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
Garza, Xavier

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Technology
Collins, Adam Lee Lyke, Christopher Byron

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Marroquin, Jose Luis

DISSEPTION TITLES

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”

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

Orozco, Celia De La Mora, B.S., M.S.
“Nutrient Removal Performance and Modeling in a Constructed Channel Wetlands”

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

Yuan, Yuan, B.S., M.Eng.
“Air Pollutant Exposure Assessment in Texas Coastal Urban Airsheds Using Geographic Information System”

Wildlife Science

Wehland, Erin Marie, B.S., M.S.
“Survival and Post-Breeding Habitat Use of Western Gulf Coast Mottled Ducks”

Wiemers, Dean Wayne, B.S., M.S.
“Determining Habitat Selection and Influences of Thermoregulation of White-Tailed Deer in South Texas”
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.

**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.

* 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.
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.