The Commencement of the Eighty-Ninth Annual Session
Friday, May 9, 2014 • 10:00 a.m. • 1:00 p.m. • 4:00 p.m. • 7:00 p.m. • Steinke Physical Education Center

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

PRELUDE ......................................................................................................................................................... Band
Dr. Jason Kihle, Assistant Director of Bands

PROCESSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 by Elgar ................................................................. Band

Audience stands for PROCESSIONAL and RECESSIONAL

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.............................................. Katherine Ragan
Senior Vocal Music Major
Francisco Prado
Senior Music Education/Performance Major

WELCOME ................................................................................................................................... Dr. Gandy

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY ...................................................................................... Dr. Gandy

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS ....................................... Chelsea Nkrumah
President, Student Government Association

PRESENTATION OF UNIVERSITY RING ...................................................................................... Rene Aguilar
President, Javelina Alumni Association

RECOGNITION OF PROFESSOR EMERITI ........................................................................ Dr. Steven H. Tallant
President

INTRODUCTIONS ......................................................................................................................... Dr. Tallant
President

GREETINGS ............................................................ Representative from The Texas A&M University System

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS (10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m) ................................................................. Dr. Nirmal Goswami
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS (4:00 p.m.) ......................................................................................... Dr. Linda Villarreal
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS (7:00 p.m.) ......................................................................................... Dr. Carl David Murphy

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

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

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

*COMMISSIONING OF ROTC CADETS...................................................................................... Lt. Col. Richard P. Spainhour
Dr. Nirmal Goswami

Dr. Nirmal Goswami is professor of political science and has served as a faculty member at Texas A&M-Kingsville for 24 years. Dr. Goswami did his undergraduate work in India and his Ph.D. is from the School of Urban and Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Arlington. He has developed interdisciplinary programs for A&M-Kingsville in Asia, Africa and Australasia. He has been honored for his teaching by the university, as well as The Texas A&M University System. His research in public policy, political economy, demographics and government has been presented and published at national and international venues and scholarly journals. He also has served as an adjunct faculty member at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University. Dr. Goswami also is assistant tennis coach at Texas A&M-Kingsville. He lives in Kingsville with his wife, Dr. Jaya Goswami and their son, Rohit.
Dr. Linda Villarreal

Dr. Linda Villarreal is currently chair of the Board of Directors of SEDL, formerly the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory. She spent more than 25 years in education, most recently as executive director of Education Service Center Region 2 in Corpus Christi, a position she held for three years. In that post, she worked with more than 40 school districts and seven charter schools. She started as a classroom teacher of speech and drama and moved on to serve as principal, superintendent and service center administrator. She is currently an adjunct professor of education administration and leadership at Texas A&M-Kingsville. Dr. Villarreal is an alumna earning her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in education from Texas A&I University/Texas A&M-Kingsville.

7:00 p.m. Ceremony

Dr. Carl David Murphy

Dr. Carl David Murphy has been professor and chair of the Wayne H. King Department of Chemical and Natural Gas Engineering at Texas A&M-Kingsville since 2010. Prior to that, he was a visiting associate professor for seven years. Dr. Murphy worked in various positions for Celanese Chemical Co./Hoechst Celanese Chemical Co. from 1969 to 2003. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Pennsylvania State University and his master’s and doctoral degrees from Carnegie Mellon University. All of his degrees are in chemical engineering.

PRESIDENT, FACULTY SENATE

Dr. George Vargas
Associate Professor in the Department of Art, Communications and Theater

MARSHALS

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

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

Dr. Jack D. Shorter
Professor in the Department of Management, Marketing and Information Systems

COMMISSIONEES

McDowell, Thomas Konzen
Second Lieutenant, United States Army

Torres, Daniel Valentin
Second Lieutenant, United States Army

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE BANNERS

The university and college banners are presented by the Presidential Ambassadors.
CHANCELLOR’S ACADEMY OF TEACHER EDUCATORS AWARD

Dr. Jack Bradley  
Professor in the Department of Teacher and Bilingual Education

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

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

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

COLLEGE AWARDS

Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences

SENIOR TEACHING AWARD  
Dr. Mamoudou Setamou  
Assistant Professor in the Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness and Environmental Sciences

JUNIOR TEACHING AWARD  
Dr. David Ruppert  
Assistant Professor in the Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness and Environmental Sciences
ADVISING AWARD
Dr. David Wester
Professor in the Department of
Animal, Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences

EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE
OUTSTANDING SENIOR FACULTY MEMBER
Dr. Chris Hearon
Professor and Chair in the Department of
Health and Kinesiology

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR FACULTY MEMBER
Dr. Lorraine Killion
Assistant Professor in the Department of
Health and Kinesiology

CENTER FOR TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS
NON-TENURE TRACK FACULTY AWARD
Cyndi Walker Ewert
Lecturer in the Department of
Psychology and Sociology

NON-TENURE TRACK FACULTY AWARD
Jerome Tymrak
Lecturer in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and Environmental Science

RETIRING FACULTY
Dr. Richard Aukerman
Professor in the Department of
Management, Marketing and Information Systems

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

Susan Sabrio
Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
STUDENTS’ CHOICE DISTINGUISHED TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD
Dr. Barbara Oates
Professor in the Department of
Management, Marketing and Information Systems

SENIOR RESEARCH AWARD
Dr. Shad Nelson
Professor and Chair in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and Environmental Sciences

JUNIOR RESEARCH AWARD
Dr. Juan Carlos Melgar
Professor in the Department of Agriculture,
Agribusiness and Environmental Sciences

NON-TENURE TRACK FACULTY AWARD
Cyndi Walker Ewert
Lecturer in the Department of
Psychology and Sociology

NON-TENURE TRACK FACULTY AWARD
Jerome Tymrak
Lecturer in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and Environmental Science

RETIRING FACULTY
Dr. Richard Aukerman
Professor in the Department of
Management, Marketing and Information Systems

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

Susan Sabrio
Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics
Candidates for Degrees
10:00 a.m. Ceremony

AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy

Cook, Nathan Sean
Wildlife Science

Miller, Katherine Susan
Wildlife Science

Master of Science

Albert, Cassandra Michelle
Animal Science

Birdsall, Hank Carino
Range and Wildlife Management

Cantu, Justin R.
Agriculture Science

Crouch, Carter Garrison
Range and Wildlife Management

Eversole, Cord Blake
Range and Wildlife Management

Follett, Robbin Lynn
Agriculture Science

Garza, Matthew Thomas
Animal Science

Jenschke, Kristan Elaine
Range and Wildlife Management

Lott, Cecilia Carlyn Michelle
Plant and Soil Science

McManus, Kyle
Animal Science

Montemayor, Krystal Lynne
Animal Science

Newman, Brent Clayton
Range and Wildlife Management

Osbourn, James Carrol
Agriculture Science

Pekar, Jacob Jerome
Plant and Soil Science

Redman, Christopher Caleb
Ranch Management

Rodriguez, Brandon Michael
Animal Science

Rowan, Lelia Jane
Agriculture Science

Trewella, Ian Christopher
Range and Wildlife Management

Trujillo, Taurino
Plant and Soil Science

White, Darrell Roach
Ranch Management

Master of Science in Human Sciences

Barnett, Sarah Lee
Human Sciences

Chen, Che-Hui
Human Sciences

Goldblatt, Danielle Leah
Human Sciences

Knutson, Lynda Christine
Human Sciences

Mistry, Puja Ramesh
Human Sciences

Porto, Jennifer Barbara
Human Sciences

Vitellaro, Whitney Brooke
Human Sciences

Willis, Courtney Leah
Human Sciences

Yuan, Jeri
Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Ahrens, Calan Jacoby

Anderson, Amber Lynn

Arredondo, Angelica Francine

Beck, Rory E.

Brooks, Shylar Demond

Burks, Jacob Taylor

Carr, Breeanne Nicole

Flores, Cassandra Amberly

Flores, John M.

Glover, James Paul

Gonzales, Krista Alexis

Green, Jaime Michelle

Guzman, Gustavo

Harriman, Preston Michael

Hartwick, Joshua Miles

Hollon, Benjamin Erik

James, Chase Mitchel

Jameson, Bradley Morgan

Kreidel, Paige Nichole

Kubena, Matthew Lee

Lazalde, Karleen

Cum Laude

Leal, Cody Jay

Lewis, Amanda Maria

Summa Cum Laude

Longoria, Victoria K.

Lopez, Esteban

Luna, Matthew Garcia

Martin, Blake Anthony

Martinez, Charles C.

McDowell, Thomas Konzen

Summa Cum Laude
Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences

Cuellar, Alexandrea Nicole  
Garcia, Cynthia Michelle  
\textit{Summa Cum Laude}  
Ibanez, Lia Victoria  
\textit{Magna Cum Laude}  
Lykins, Coree Lyn  
\textit{Summa Cum Laude}  
Marsh, Jessica Patricia Marie

Martinez, Adela  
\textit{Summa Cum Laude}  
Olguin, Alexandra  
\textit{Cum Laude}  
Ramos, Anthony Joseph  
\textit{Summa Cum Laude}  
Rivera, Brandy Nicole  
\textit{Magna Cum Laude}

Salinas, Liliana  
Smith, Regina Leigh-Ann  
Sustaita, Gabrielle Moreno  
Zaragoza, Jessica Liliana  
Zuniga, Andrea Monique  
\textit{Cum Laude}

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Diaz, Melissa Nicole  
Sociology  
Garza, Adriana Leticia  
History and Politics  
Ramirez, Juan Antonio

History and Politics  
Sariñana, Alyssa Yvette  
Spanish  
Suarez, Cristina  
Spanish

Trevino, Anna Kristine  
English  
Wilson, Sharon Gail  
History and Politics

Master of Science

Alqahtani, Nayramin Faisal  
Sociology  
Bandla, Ashoka Chakravarthy  
Biology

Benitez, Monica Lyzette  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Bolton, James Coy Jr.  
Biology  
Castillo, Maria Ivonne  
Sociology  
Celedon, Juan Alberto  
Biology  
Crocker, Ashton Vern  
Biology

Edara, Venkata Viswanadh Chowdary  
Chemistry  
Flores, Channtal  
Psychology  
Graves, Michael Isaak  
Psychology  
Gray, Adina Sumiko  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Hernandez, April Kristine  
Psychology  
Holt, Kelsey Katherine  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Jackson, Maria Guadalupe  
Psychology

Johnson, Lanae Marie  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Johnson, Michael Lee  
Mathematics  
Kearney, Meredith Marjorie  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Lee, Jameson D.  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Lopez, Kristina  
English  
Lopez, Nereo J., Jr.  
Chemistry  
Marroquin, Dalia Neidene  
Sociology
Martinez, Julie Ann  
Sociology  
Mason, Andrew James  
Biology  
Mehta, Samir  
Chemistry  
Morales, Stephanie Marie  
Sociology  
Mosqueda, Antonia Esther  
Sociology  
Perez, Stephanie Nicole  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Poppell, Nathaniel Simms  
Psychology  
Pulipati, Venkata Kishore  
Chemistry  
Rios, Carla Michelle  
Biology  
Rivera, Gloria Coral  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Rodriguez, Amanda Lucia  
Psychology  
Saenz, Leanna  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Saldana, Adrienne D.  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Salinas, Sarai  
Biology  
Trevino, Joseph William  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Vasquez, Stacy  
Biology  
Vela, Jennifer Amanda  
Psychology  
Williams, Gretchen Marie  
Communication Sciences and Disorders

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Bhakta, Pramit J.  
Business Administration  
Damon, Renna Marie  
Business Administration  
Gerwick, Ashley Lauren  
Business Administration  
Gomez, Joanna Lisa  
Business Administration  
Hofstetter, Deidra Daneen  
Business Administration  
Janssen, Erin Lavonne  
Business Administration  
Kuyatt, Bruce Neal  
Business Administration  
Summers, Eric Jason  
Business Administration

Bachelor of Business Administration

Alvarez, Eziquiel  
Alvarez, Jesus Maria  
Amador, Amaree Celeste  
Bowers, Victoria Breanne  
Burns, Terence L., Jr.  
Casarez, Alexandra  
Cum Laude  
Castillo, Krysten Shanae  
Cum Laude  
Cavazos, Gabriel Moises  
Cum Laude  
Cazares, Eliu Ricardo  
Contreras, Lucia L.  
Cox, Keesha Nicole  
Damon, Michael Robert  
De Leon, Katherine Louise  
Esteban, Lizbeth  
Gonzalez, Eric Lee  
Gonzalez, Erik Ivan  
Henderson, Kyndra Elizabeth  
Huang, Muyun  
Cum Laude  
King, Robert A.  
Summa Cum Laude  
McCray, Jonathan Ash  
Mendez, Norma Raquel  
Magna Cum Laude

1:00 p.m. Ceremony

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Benavides, Jennifer Lopez  
Gonzalez, Humberto Gabriel
Bachelor of Arts

Aguilar, Juliana Rhea  
Magna Cum Laude

Bowers, Victoria Breanne

Cadena, Janessa Renae

Canales, Valencia Yevette

Castillo, Adolfo Marcos, III

Chapa, Steven Dallas  
Summa Cum Laude

Christopher, Henry Thomas

Cortez, Coryfrancis Lee  
Summa Cum Laude

Culp, Brittany

Dawson, Alicia S.

Deck, Santia Marie

Del Rio, Aziel Lumar  
Summa Cum Laude

Denney, Lauren Nicole

Dillashaw, J. Bowen Jr.

Elizondo, Amanda Lynne

Figueroa, Carolina  
Summa Cum Laude

Frymire, Joseph Matthew

García-Merino, Andrea Lucia

García, Cesar

García, Joshua

García, Samantha N.

Garza, Crystal Nadine

Garza, Jesús A.

Garza, Ramiro III

Gomez, Ernestina  
Cum Laude

Gonzalez, Jaime O.

Govea, Cristela Lynette

Guerrero-Bijarro, Georgina Nicole  
Summa Cum Laude

Lee, Clyde R. III

Longoria, Raul Gonzales

Lugo, Marco Alejandro

Martinez, Larisa

Martinez, Monica Alejandra

Mena, Armando Jr.

Navarro, Kelly Ann

Neill, Preston Macauley-Clark  
Summa Cum Laude

Niño, Arturo R. Jr.

Noel, Corina Annette

Perez, Amanda Lizette

Rodriguez, Raquel  
Magna Cum Laude

Roy, Tezna La´Sha

Rucker, Brandy Lashay

Ruiz, Nabil Zelideth

Saldívar, Jessica  
Cum Laude

Schoy, Stefan Melendy  
Summa Cum Laude

Shaw, Erika D.

Sherman, Nadia Alexis  
Summa Cum Laude

Torres, Daniel Valentin  
Magna Cum Laude

Tovar, Ashlynn Denise  
Cum Laude

Trevino, Melissa Sue  
Magna Cum Laude

Vasquez, Alexandra Lynn

Venegas, Miguel A.

Wilborn, Christina Louise  
Cum Laude

Willars, Alexandria Renea  
Summa Cum Laude

Wong, Fionne Hien Yin

Zamora, Lisa Ann

Zapata, Brenda Edith

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Boccardi, Joshua Lee

Armadillo, Melinda Monica  
Cum Laude

Bustamante, Maricruz  
Cum Laude

Cisneros, Raul III

Elizalde, Elias

Bachelor of Music

Fleischmann, Blanca Inez Suzanne  
Magna Cum Laude

Garcia, Isidro III  
Cum Laude

Gonzalez, Hugo Guillermo

Ledesma, Victoria N.  
Cum Laude

Libson, Boris III

Medeiros, Jacob Aaron

Mendoza, Melissa Raquel

Rodriguez, Denisse Alina

Wood, Charles David Jr.

Bachelor of Science

Aguado, Kathleen Joy  
Summa Cum Laude

Ahumada, David Lee Vincent

Alanis, Juan Miguel  
Magna Cum Laude

Allen, William James

Alvarez, Alexis Amara

Ambriz, Brittany  
Magna Cum Laude

Arredondo, Laura G.

Balderas, Lauren Danielle  
Magna Cum Laude

Ballet, Maxime Cenders

Botello, Jesus O., Jr.

Box, Tanya Marie

Briggs, Mary Catherine

Brooks, Jerome Edward

Cano, Tamba

Cantu, Andrew Ray

Cantú, Marcos Jerome

Cantu, Tiffanie Nicole

Carabajal, Marissa
Castanon, Elizabeth Diane  
*Cum Laude*

Castillo, Enrique  
*Cum Laude*

Castillo, Rina Jeanette  
*Cum Laude*

Cavazos, Juan R.  

Chapa, Arnold  

Chapa, Lorenzo  

Chapa, Melinda S.  

Chapa, Miguel Angel  

Chavero, Nayelli  

Coronado, Vanessa Marlene  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Cortez, Coryfrancis Lee  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Cortinas, Sulema  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Cuevas, Devon Karl Michael  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Dinn, James Holmes, IV  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Elizondo, Raul, III  

Flores, Diane Kay  
*Magn Cum Laude*

Flores, Jason Alexander  
*Mag Laude*

Flores, Rudolfo Moreno  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Fuentes, Estevan Leonel  

Gallegos, Melissa  
*Cum Laude*

Gaona, Daniella Elithia Marie  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Garcia, Angela  

Garcia, Annielou  

Garcia, Heather E.  
*Cum Laude*

Garcia, Mercedes Marie  

Garcia, Rebecca  
*Cum Laude*

Garcia, Ricardo, II  

Garcia, Sergio Manuel  

Garza, Alyssa N.  

Garza, Bridgette  
*Cum Laude*

Garza, Gabrielle Marcella  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Garza, Lorena  
*Cum Laude*

Garza, Marcela Alejandra  
*Magn Cum Laude*

Garza, Andrina Mia  

Garza, Liliana  

Gbenle, Ayomide Omolayo  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Gillette, Vincent Anthony  

Gomez, Jacob Adviel  

González, Giselle Diane  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Gonzalez, Jaime Alonso  
*Cum Laude*

Gonzales, Marisa Arlene  

Gonzales, Ricardo  

Gonzalez, Rodolfo, II  

Gonzalez, Roxanna  

Govea, Cristela Lynette  

Greathouse, Henry Ray  

Guardian, Theresa Marie  

Guevara, Lizeth  

Gunter, Burley Floyd  
*Cum Laude*

Guzman, JC Lee Brandon  

Hall, Audrea Nicole  

Hall, Jennifer M.  

Hancock, Andrew Morgan  

Hathorn, Mark Lindsey  
*Magn Cum Laude*

Hernandez, Eduardo  
*Magn Cum Laude*

Hernandez, Juan, III  
*Magn Cum Laude*

Hernandez, Michael David  

Hernandez, Moises Ariel  

Hinojosa, Pricila  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Hull, Zachary Isaiah  

Jurica, Cameron Allan  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Kerr, Kelly Michelle  

Keys, Kayla Brooke  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Kurien, Jason  
*Magn Cum Laude*

Leanos, Cecillia Maria  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Lincoln, Maria Fernanda  

Lira, Toni Marie  

Lopez, Benito  

Lopez, Lizette Marie  

Lundin, Courtney Josephine  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Lup, Alois Francis  
*Magn Cum Laude*

Marin, Ricardo Ivan  

Martinez, Erica  
*Cum Laude*

Martinez, Monica Alejandra  

Mauck, Justin Vaughn  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Medina, Ilka Abigail  

Medina, Kirstie Love  

Mena, Armando, Jr.  

Mendoza, Madalyn Jane  

Mireles, Nancy  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Morales, Chelsea Joyce  

Morales, Onessimo Enrique  

Moreno, Courtney Marie  

Moreno, Ethan Ernest  

Morgan, Phyllicia Danielle  

Nava, Ruby Clarisse  

Ochoa, Amanda Christine  

Ochoa, Leonor  
*Cum Laude*

Olivarez, Erika Michele  

Palacios, Erick  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Pekueño, Deeanna Renee  

Perez, Miranda  

Pettiford, Zachary Ryan  

Pitts, Sydney Ashcraft  
*Cum Laude*

Prater, Shane Matthew  

Prukop, James Randall  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Quintana, Jessica  

Quintanilla, Deborah Lee  

Ramirez, Selina Michelle  

Ramirez, Genevieve Andrea  

Ramos, Samuel  

Ramos, Steffan Xavier  

Rangel, Kalie  

Reyes, Jamie Lee  
*Cum Laude*

Reyes, Jennifer Rebecca  

Reyna, Brittney M.  

Reyna, Jose Cruz  

Rodriguez, Blanca Lydia  

Rodriguez, Dezary Leon  
*Magn Cum Laude*

Rodriguez, Dora Delia  
*Summa Cum Laude*
Rodriguez, Lillian Ann
  *Cum Laude*
Rodriguez, Liliana Yvette
Rodriguez, Lisa Ann
Rodriguez, Raquel
  *Magna Cum Laude*
Rodriguez, Samantha Yvonne
  *Cum Laude*
Rodriguez, Selena Yvette
Rodriguez, Vanessa Marie
Rogerio, Vivian Anne
Rubio, Bianca Elida
Saenz, Alberto Eli
Salas, Jesus Mario
  *Summa Cum Laude*
Salazar, Amanda Jade
Saldivar, Janie
  *Cum Laude*
Balboa, Esther Hernandez
Davila, Yvette Michelle
  *Cum Laude*
Davis, Kyrbi Amelia
  *Magna Cum Laude*
Flores, Sasha Anneliesa
Flores, Gerald Christopher
Garza, Joanna Trevino
Gonzalez, Erica Lian
  *Summa Cum Laude*
Gutierrez, Geneva D.
  *Cum Laude*
Lopez, Elvia Johana
Maldonado, Christina Marie
  *Cum Laude*
Montez, Leticia Infante
  *Magna Cum Laude*
Nuncio, Bridget N.
  *Summa Cum Laude*
Prado, Rose Ann

4:00 p.m. Ceremony

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**EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE**

**Doctor of Philosophy**

Amro, Hanan Jamal
  Educational Leadership
Chavez, Omar
  Educational Leadership
Daniels, Christopher Lee
  Educational Leadership
Herrera, Jennifer Ramirez
  Educational Leadership
Holmgreen, Judith Kaye
  Educational Leadership
Kubala, Marissa
  Educational Leadership
Montemayor, David
  Educational Leadership
Schulz, Joe Alexander
  Educational Leadership
Smith, Melody Kay Lee
  Educational Leadership

**Master of Education**

Alaniz, Teresa Reta
  Adult Education
Cano, Ramona Rebecca
  Adult Education
Garcia, Rhonda Canales
  Early Childhood Education
Gutierrez, Ursula Rocha
  Adult Education
Lopez, Donavan
  Adult Education
Munoz, Arlinda
  Early Childhood Education
Master of Science

Aceves, Brenda Lee  
Reading Specialization
Agostini, Maria  
Bilingual Education
Alaniz, Aleida  
Educational Administration
Arredondo, Roxanna Silguero  
Counseling and Guidance
Boykin, Kasey Lynn  
Instructional Technology
Brumley, Christine Helen  
Kinesiology
Buentello, Rachel Lynn Granato  
Counseling and Guidance
Canales, Joanna  
Counseling and Guidance
Cantu, Larry  
Educational Administration
Cisneros, Kristina Lee  
Educational Administration
De La Mora, Mary Eugenia  
Bilingual Education
Doñes, Michael Martin  
Instructional Technology
Espinoza, Jullissa  
Counseling and Guidance
Espinosa, Luz Maria  
Counseling and Guidance
Flores-Contreras, Breanne Nichole  
Counseling and Guidance
Garza, Rogelio Jr.  
Educational Administration
Gonzalez, Jesus Maria III  
Educational Administration
Gutierrez, Adriana  
Counseling and Guidance
Jones, Chester Alphonzo  
Counseling and Guidance
Kelley, Marwa Matrook  
Counseling and Guidance
Koluguri, Kranthi Kumari  
Kinesiology
Leyba, Diamantina  
Reading Specialization
Martinez, Justin Gutierrez  
Counseling and Guidance
Mireles, Sandra Veronica  
Bilingual Education
Muñoz, Audrey Janel  
Counseling and Guidance
Nino, Cecilia Annette  
Counseling and Guidance
Nunez, Joanna Irene  
Counseling and Guidance
Orizu, Jessica Elizabeth  
Educational Administration
Ortega, Krystal Ann  
Counseling and Guidance
Owen, Daniel Harman  
Educational Administration
Paceley, Lizette Marie  
Educational Administration
Parikh, Mansi Kirtikumar  
Kinesiology
Ponce, Miguel Angel  
Bilingual Education
Rodriguez Diaz, Ana Lydia  
Bilingual Education
Salinas, Laura Ann  
Educational Administration
Schlueter, Monica L.  
Educational Administration
Silguero, Nadely Claudet  
Counseling and Guidance
Stepp, Heather Michelle  
Educational Administration
Valdez, Vanessa Marie  
Educational Administration
Vela, Laura Aidé  
Bilingual Education
Vela, Tommie Dannielle Chavez  
Counseling and Guidance
Villarreal, Kristina Elaine  
Counseling and Guidance

Bachelor of Science

Acosta, Marissa L.  

Acuña, Jessica Raene  

Alvarado, Ashley Nicole  
Summa Cum Laude
Alvarado, Ruth Magna  
Cum Laude
Anciso, Juanita Belen  

Angeles, Imelda  
Summa Cum Laude
Arnold, Denise Kathryn  

Avila, Luciano, Jr.  

Banda, Ivett  
Magna Cum Laude
Betancourt, Julio  

Brown, Nicholas Allen  
Cum Laude
Cain, Elizabeth Michelle  

Calais, Russell Felix, Jr.  

Calvo, Jennifer L.  
Magna Cum Laude
Cantu, Ingrida Sativie  
Summa Cum Laude
Cardec, Christine Moore  

Cardenas, Cori Amanda  

Cervantes, Amy Carolina  
Cum Laude
Cook, Ryan Marshall  

Cortez, Natalie  

Costilla, Clarissa  

Davis, Trisha Nicole  

Duarte, Brenda Pamela  

Escovedo, Holly Jeanne  
Summa Cum Laude
Espitia, Francisco  
Magna Cum Laude
Flores, Elda  
Summa Cum Laude
Franco, Jorge Luis  

Frazier, Brian James  

Garcia, Valerie Ann  

Garza, Maria Isabel  
Magna Cum Laude
Gomez, Leticia  

Gonzales, Jessica Marie  

Gonzalez, Diana Marie  

Gonzalez, Alexia Monique  

Guardiola, Teresa Carlota  
Summa Cum Laude
Guerra, Brittany N.  

Guerrero, Maria Magdalena  
Magna Cum Laude
Hernandez, Elizabeth  

Hernandez, Hilda Esther  
Summa Cum Laude
Hernandez, Monica  
Cum Laude
Hinojosa, Cristina Lu
Holley, Samantha Renee
  Cum Laude
Johnson, Casey Jo
Jones, Sheana Renee
Jones, Timothy Wayne
Kerr, Margaret A.
  Cum Laude
Lazo, Serina
Leal, Samantha Janette
  Cum Laude
Loera, Ann Marie
Martinez, Arianna
  Summa Cum Laude
Martinez, Cynthia Ann
  Summa Cum Laude
Mendiola, Jacob Andrew
Messer, Kaelum Christian
  Magna Cum Laude
Moncada, Michelle
Montemayor, Maria Eloisa
Morales, Karen Ivette
Mounts, Matthew Christopher
Muniz, Crystal Jesus
  Summa Cum Laude
Munoz, Erika Alyssa
  Summa Cum Laude
Munoz, Steven Craig
Nava, Jordan Gail
Nguyen, Dean
Obregon, Joel Homero
  Magna Cum Laude
Obregon, Sylvia Bonilla
Paez, Gene, Jr.
  Cum Laude
Pena, Maria Reyes
  Summa Cum Laude
Peña, Cecilia Carmela
Perea, Divina Estrella Jimenez
Perez, Maria Emilia
Perez, Roberta Ann
Perez, Xalixa Jasmin
Quinones, Courtney Dawn
Quintana, Amanda Nicole
Rada, Jenifer M.
Ramirez, Nancy I.
  Summa Cum Laude
Resendez, Laura
Rodriguez, Isidro
  Summa Cum Laude
Romo, Cynthia Aideé
Salas, Jennira
  Cum Laude
Salinas, Victoria Renae
Santoyo, Yanei Marie
Schubert, Alfred W. IV
  Cum Laude
Schuenemann, Sarah Elizabeth
  Magna Cum Laude
Sifuentes, Gracie Jean
Silva, Rosamaria
Soto, Martha Estefania
Stoll, Matthew Michael
Tamez, Jennifer Lyn
Torres, Andrea Nicole
Vargas, Christina Isabel
Vaquera, Giselle Lynn
Vasquez, Deborah Ann
Vela, Joseph W.
Vento, Genesis Nicole
Vera Alanis-Garza, Saundra
  Summa Cum Laude
Villanueva, Michelle Lee
Villarreal, Luis A.
  Cum Laude
Villarreal, Sonia E.
  Summa Cum Laude
Wallace, James Kent
Zuniga, Daniel

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ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy

Gamboa, Yaneth Parra
  Environmental Engineering
Gor, Prajay Anil
  Environmental Engineering
Rivas-Cantu, Raul Cesar
  Environmental Engineering
Schnupp, Jessica Lee
  Environmental Engineering

Master of Science

Aarati, Shiva Kumar
  Electrical Engineering
Abdul, Waseem
  Electrical Engineering
Abegunde, Adebayo Babatunde
  Mechanical Engineering
Abir, Tauhid Alam
  Electrical Engineering
Aggarwal, Shubham
  Environmental Engineering
Ahmed, Arefin
  Mechanical Engineering
Ahmed, Khaja Siddiq
  Electrical Engineering
Alla, Goutham Krishna
  Electrical Engineering
Ambatipalli, Radha Rao
  Computer Science
Anchula, Sai Anudeep
  Computer Science
Aravapalli, Mani Bhushan
  Computer Science
Arikatla, Varun Sagar Reddy
  Computer Science
Attaluri, Ajay Kumar
  Electrical Engineering
Avala, Spandana
  Computer Science
Baddam, Mounica Reddy
  Industrial Management
Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering

Ardalani, Arez
Cherry, Amber Renee
Cum Laude
De Leon, Alan
Escamilla, Magdalena

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Balzen, Cody Alan
Magna Cum Laude
Benavidez, Rumaldo, III
Betancourt, Tori Lynne
Cadena, Jessica Elaine
Castro, Roberto Lumberas
Chung, Wonchol
De La Viña, Jenny Ann
Flores, Ignacio A.
Gonzalez, Bianca Marie
Gonzalez, Sebastian
Gutierrez, Celina S.
Kiespert, Baron Von

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Alvarez, Joe William
Ayala, Jacob A.
Balogh, Jina Stephanie
Cum Laude
Caro, Danielle
Castro, Pablo
Cum Laude
Chapa, Gustavo
Costley, Talitha
Cum Laude
Figueroa, Abraham, Jr.
Flores Osorio, Walter Eduardo

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Flores, Diane Kay
Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Cordova, Carlos
Davis, Michael Lee, Jr.

Yadlapalli, Suresh Babu
Computer Science

Yang, Jiru
Natural Gas Engineering
Yang, Lian
Industrial Engineering

Zhou, Hanming
Civil Engineering

Xu, Yan
Industrial Engineering

Macias, Miriam Linette
Oritz, Payton Patrick Jr.
Salinas, Alyssa Briana
Salinas, Joel Adrian

Tanner, Lydia Anne
Cum Laude
Villafuerte, Benjamin A.
Weidenheft, Matthew Stephen

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Korac, Jessica Theresa Esse
Lovaas, Carl Fredrick, III
McGill, Taylor Ruth
Mendez, Ramiro I., Jr.
Molina-Gallo, Roberto J.
O’Kelley, Brandon Michael
Cum Laude
Salinas, Oiram, II
Sandoval, Juan Antonio
Shahin, Issa George
Summa Cum Laude
Smith, Kristie Marie
Cum Laude

Smith, Lukas Duane
Soliz, David Emiliano
Stephens, Travis Mitchell
Temple, Dustin Michael
Cum Laude
Thomas, Sean Kirk
Magna Cum Laude
Troncoso, Mario A.
Verduzco, Oscar Roel
Magna Cum Laude
Vessels, Tracy Lynn
Villafuerte, Alexander Robert
Williams, Ephraim Reynold

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Flores, Daniel
Fresnillo, Jesus Alejandro
Frimpong, Andrew Akoto
Galindo, Sergio
Magna Cum Laude
Gaona, Israel
Garcia, Eric
Guajardo, Aurora Sara
Jimenez, Roberto Alonso
Mendez, Johnny Alexander
Madrigal, Roberto Javier
Cum Laude

Maddux, Remington Randall
Rodriguez, Laura Jessmin
Saenz, Edward Joseph
Salinas, Mark
Sastré, Emmanuel
Shaikh, Nida Nadeem
Summa Cum Laude
Vasquez, Jorge, Jr.
Villarreal, Mario Alberto
Wiser, William D., III
Yocum, Diamond Lee

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Gaona, Josephine M.
Rodriguez, Miguel Jacob
Magna Cum Laude

Taylor, Gaylon Michael

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Cordoba, Carlos
Davis, Michael Lee, Jr.

Jaramillo, William Bryan
Magna Cum Laude

Kuhlmann, Randy Scott
Summa Cum Laude
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Cardona, Ana Guadalupe  
Facundo, Iris Andrea  
Faust, Eric Thomas  
**Summa Cum Laude**  
Gorman, Jonathan L.  
Hinojosa, Azia  
**Magna Cum Laude**

McIntyre, Paige Christine  
Meyer, Andrea Michelle  
Ramirez, Ariel Angeline  
**Cum Laude**  
Romero, Jean Cristoph  
**Cum Laude**

Williams, Kai Sy’mone  
Winkler, Sebastian Gerard  
**Magna Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Technology

Alvarez, Michael J.  
Castillo, Lucas Homero  
Collins, Terell Armon  
De Anda, Raul  
Eisenberg, Derek Edward Warner  
Estrada, Caleb Jáquez  
Izaguirre, David G.

Johnson, Marc Brandon  
Kuehn, Joshua Kenyon  
**Summa Cum Laude**  
Licena, Thomas Raymond  
Medellin, Hilario  
Matus, Jeffrey Alan  
Ponder, Dallas Isaiah

Robertson, Sara Rhea  
Rodriguez, Gilbert, Jr.  
Williams, Jacoby Marcus  
Young, Ross Van  
Zambrano, Francisco Javier  
**Magna Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Acosta, Christopher Edward  
**Cum Laude**  
Aguilar, Misael  
Avila, Monica  
Boothby, Samuel Lee  
**Summa Cum Laude**  
Castanon, Elizabeth Diane  
**Cum Laude**  
Cuate, Luis Carlos Jr.  
De Shields, Matthew Trische  
Dunn, Matthew Lee  
**Magna Cum Laude**

English, Jon Michael  
**Cum Laude**  
Fernandez, Joseph F.  
Flores, Andrew Asebedo, Jr.  
Fuentes, Marcus S.  
Harper, Alexander Gregory  
Hernandez, Gerardo  
**Cum Laude**  
Hittinger, Ryan Michael  
Lopez, Geronimo, Jr.  
Lopez, Kayla Marie  
Martinez, Saul

Mendez, Matthew Lee  
Olle, Dustin Mathew  
Olvera, Michael Trevino  
Peña, Roland  
Peña, Ryan Scott  
**Cum Laude**  
Poché, Adaam  
Watson, Nicole Elizabeth  
**Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Science in Natural Gas Engineering

Ray, Stephen Eric

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.
Amro, Hanan Jamal, B.A., M.S.
“The Effects of Motivation, Technology, and Satisfaction on Student Achievement in Face-to-Face and Online Classes in College Algebra at a College in South Texas”

Chavez, Omar, B.A., M.Ed.
“Examining the Outcomes and Impact of a Migrant University Summer Experience Program on Migrant Students’ Academic Performance”

Daniels, Christopher Lee, B.A., M.S.
“Comparing Teacher and Administrative Perceptions of Leadership, Satisfaction, and Instructional Styles at Hispanic Serving Schools in South Texas”

Herrera, Jennifer Ramirez, B.B.A., M.S.
“The Impact of Training on Faculty and Student Perceptions of Cyber-Bullying in an Urban South Central Texas Middle School”

Holmgreen, Judith Kaye, B.F.A., M.S.
“A Descriptive Study of the Perceptions of Superintendents of Schools in the State of Texas Regarding Recent Court Decisions and the Effectiveness of Their Own School Board Policy on Student Bullying Behavior”

Kubala, Marissa, B.A., M.Ed.

Montemayor, David, B.A., M.Ed.
“First and Second Generation Student Achievement and Experiences in a Rural South Texas High School”

Schulz, Joe Alexander, B.S., M.Ed.
“A Comparison of Practiced Skills of Principals and Assistant Principals to Determine if the Assistant Principalship Prepares Individuals for the Principalship”

Smith, Melody Kay Lee, B.A., M.Ed.
“Perceptions of the Post Secondary Success of Foreign English Language Learners in South Texas”

Environmental Engineering

Gamboa, Yaneth Parra, B.S., M.S.
“Monitoring of Groundwater Quality Near an In-Situ Recovery Uranium Mining Site”
Gor, Prajay Anil, B.S., M.S.
“Experimental and Life Cycle Assessment for Removal of Flue Gas Elemental Mercury using Enhanced Oxidation and Wet Scrubbing”

Rivas-Cantu, Raul Cesar, B.S., M.S.

Schnupp, Jessica Lee, B.S., M.S.
“Antimony and Arsenic Partitioning, Availability and Release from Contaminated Stream Bed Sediment”

Wildlife Science

Cook, Nathan Sean, B.S., M.S.
“White-tailed Deer Population Dynamics as Influenced by Deer Density and Supplemental Nutrition in Southern Texas”

Miller, Katherine, B.S., M.S.
“Landscape Genetics of Northern Bobwhite in Texas and the Great Plains”
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.