The Commencement of the Ninetieth Annual Session  
Saturday, August 6, 2016 • 10:00 a.m. • Steinke Physical Education Center

PRESIDING.........................................................................................................................Dr. Heidi M. Anderson  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
PRELUDE................................................................................................................Johnny Lozano  
Pianist/Organist Texas A&M-Kingsville Alumnus, Department of Music
PROCSSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 by Edward Elgar ....................................................... Mr. Lozano

Audience stands for PROCSSIONAL 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 The Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key................................. Oscar J. Lara  
Vocalist, Music Education Major
WELCOME ......................................................................................................................... Dr. Anderson
INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY ........................................................................... Dr. Anderson
PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS................................. David Barrera, President  
Student Government Association
PRESENTATION OF UNIVERSITY RING ........................................................................... Anissa Hernandez, President  
Javelina Alumni Association
INTRODUCTIONS .............................................................................................................. Dr. Tallant
GREETINGS .................................................................................................................Member of the Board of Regents 
The Texas A&M University System
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..........................................................................................Jill Willson, President  
Double L Consulting
CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES................................................................................... Dr. Anderson
CONFERRING OF DEGREES .......................................................................................... Dr. Tallant
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES................................................................................ Deans of the College
**COMMISSIONING OF ROTC CADET ................................................................. LTC. Thomas Troy
Professor of Military Science
ALMA MATER Hail AMK, arranged by Dr. Greg Sanders, Professor, Department of Music .............. Mr. Lara
RECESSONAL Trumpet Tune and Air by Henry Purcell ....................................................... Mr. Lozano
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Jill Willson served 15 years with the Texas A&M-Kingsville athletic department—eight years as the head women’s basketball coach, two years as the associate athletic director and the last five years as the athletic director. During her time at Texas A&M-Kingsville, Willson was active with the NCAA. She served on numerous Division II committees before becoming the chair of both the Championships Committee and Management Council. In 2007, Willson started her own company, Double L Consulting—a firm that is dedicated to making a difference in Division II. Community engagement and creating positive game environments are a few of the initiatives Double L Consulting focuses on in the company’s work with schools across the country. Willson spends most of her time collecting marketing and game environment “ideas that work.” Willson also works for the NCAA Division II Membership Committee. She assists schools who are transitioning from the NAIA or Division III to a Division II institution. Since 2007, she has helped 36 schools through this process. In addition to this work, Jill is regularly assigned multidivisional and compliance blueprint reviews. As a member of the Division II team, Willson works closely with the NCAA Division II Championships and Alliances staff to organize community engagement and positive game environment events at each of the 25 Division II national championships and the NCAA Championships Festival. This past year alone, more than 2,400 Division II student-athletes and 9,500 community members took part in these events.
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Professor in the Department of Teacher and Bilingual Education

AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy

Hines, Stacy Lynn
Wildlife Science

Master of Science

Arellano, Adrian Aaron
Animal Science

Clark, James Patrick
Range and Wildlife Management

De La Torre, Jose Remigio
Range and Wildlife Management

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Agriculture Science

Fuentes, Corina Michelle
Plant and Soil Science

Henehan, Anthony Kennedy
Range and Wildlife Management

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Judson, Sophie Gabriella  
Agriculture Science
Lesak, Meagan Marie  
Animal Science
Lutz, William Louis  
Range and Wildlife Management
Mallamari Vedasharan, Pallavi  
Plant and Soil Science
Philiips, Lindsey Morgan  
Range and Wildlife Management
Rivera, Stephanie Danielle  
Animal Science
Roberts, Lindsay Danielle  
Range and Wildlife Management
Taylor, Jase Kendall  
Ranch Management
Ward, Caroline Lewis  
Range and Wildlife Management
Yerrick, Taylor James  
Range and Wildlife Management

Master of Science in Human Sciences
Burkholder, Derek Elza  
Human Sciences
Jafarian Naserizad, Naeima  
Human Sciences
McCue, Caitlin Elizabeth  
Human Sciences
McNulty, Stephanie Nicole  
Human Sciences
Pope, Megan Siegrid  
Human Sciences
Reines, Katherine Lee  
Human Sciences
Zusan, Kaylee Jo  
Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
Bourlon, Jaclyn Agusta  
Agriculture Science
Cano, Sidney LaRae  
Animal Science
Cerda, Aldo Isaac  
Animal Science
Coleman, Calan Hugh  
Animal Science
Dunn, Georgia Marie  
Animal Science
Flores, Aidan J *  
Animal Science
Guzman, Jose Guadalupe  
Animal Science
Henry, Ashleigh N *  
Animal Science
Higginbotham, Ty Ellis  
Animal Science
Jarzombek, Isidore Joseph  
Animal Science
Morrell, Taylor Elizabeth *  
Animal Science
Nieto, Aaron Jonathan  
Animal Science
Saucedo, Marlyn  
Animal Science
Villarreal, Joseph Lee  
Animal Science
Zamora, Kristian J  
Animal Science

Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences
Alaniz, Adrian Michael  
Human Sciences
Dodd, Victoria Katherine  
Human Sciences
Haley, Kelly Lee  
Human Sciences
Lopez, Karina  
Human Sciences
Patel, Mamta P  
Human Sciences

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts
Contreras, Cynthia G  
Sociology
Hawley, Aaron Quentin  
Sociology
Pena, Gina Nicole  
Psychology

Master of Science
Aguado, Kathleen Joy  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Ayala, Lydia Marie  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Booth, Ann Francis  
Criminology
Chavez, Ross Patrick  
Biology
Chinni, Ranganath  
Chemistry
Chintawar, Lalith Kumar  
Chemistry
Clancy, Daniel  
Chemistry
Cortez, Coryfrancis Lee  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
DeLeon, Genaro Henry  
Criminology
De Leon, Veronica Maria  
Sociology
Donaho, Sarah Elizabeth  
Biology
Embrey, Sarah Beth  
Sociology

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Gaona, Daniella Elithia Marie
Chemistry
Garcia, Celina Stephanie
Communication Sciences and Disorders
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Communication Sciences and Disorders
Garza, Jeffrey Wayne
Sociology
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Sociology
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Communication Sciences and Disorders
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Mathematics
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Chemistry
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Communication Sciences and Disorders
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Communication Sciences and Disorders
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Biology
Lopez, Gabriela
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Mehta, Samir
Chemistry
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Chemistry
Perez, Krystina Guajardo
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Chemistry
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Communication Sciences and Disorders
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Statistical Analytics Computation and Modeling
Suarez, Susie Marie
Criminology
Subedi, Mukti Ram
Biology
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Criminology
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Communication Sciences and Disorders
Weldon, Jessica Ann
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Bachelor of Arts

Carter, Britlee Alexandra
Childres, Alison Dian
Dunlap, Sheri Elizabeth
Espinoza, Maricela
Fiorenzi II, David M
Gaona, Jason Anthony

Garza, Alexis Carolina
Garza, Debani Renee
Hernandez, Gabriel Anthony
Lee, Garrett Mitchell**
Madrigal, Arturo Vincente
Martinez, Rebecca
Ramos, Claudio
Rodriguez, Daniel
Sandoval, Sasha Raquel
Tijerina, Stephanie Nicole
Zamarripa, Christina

Bachelor of Music

Hinojosa, Araceli Lliana

Bachelor of Science

Alanis, Rodrigo**
Ali, Jihad Hamed**
Auces, Jasmine*
Bazaldua, Efrain Aaron
Bazan, Lynanne A
Benavides, Jennifer Itzel
Bernal, Brittany Burnadette
Breseman, Jeanna R
Byerly, Jacob Donovan

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Chavez, Bradley Richard
Colunga, Dianna*
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Gage, Jayme Linda***
Galvez, Ashley Lee
Garcia IV, Gustavo C
Garza, Debbie A***
Gonzalez II, Rodolfo*
Johnson, Austin Jeffrey
Johnston, Alexander James
Jones, Troy Markeith
Lozano, Alexandra
Magon, Alyssa Cree**
McKaughan, Matthew Craig
Montenegro, Jessica

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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Cavazos, Gabriel Moises  
Business Administration
Ferrall, Kevin  
Business Administration
Garica, Melissa  
Business Administration
Garza, Liliana  
Business Administration
Immesoete, Jonathan Daniel  
Business Administration
Khayat, Sammy  
Business Administration
Larson, David Jon  
Business Administration
Lutz, Ethan Clay  
Business Administration
Massey, David Lynn  
Business Administration
McAda, Spenser Eason  
Business Administration
Negrete, Aracely  
Business Administration
Olguin, Sarah Elizabeth  
Business Administration
Trevino, Marcos Gerardo  
Business Administration
Vela, Florestela  
Business Administration
Wheelock, Sebrina Mac  
Business Administration

Bachelor of Business Administration

Abad, Jacqueline Andrea  
Business Administration
Anastasova, Eleni Argiris***  
Business Administration
Bugenhagen, Debora J Chiles  
Business Administration
Cantu, Seth C  
Business Administration
Castro, Alejandro  
Business Administration
De La Garza, Crystal Monique  
Business Administration
Elizondo, Equisha Marlene*  
Business Administration
Flores, Yolanda Olivia  
Business Administration
Hammond, Cody Michael  
Business Administration
Hayward, Elijah Le'Shun  
Business Administration
Keys, Rebecca Aurora  
Business Administration
Kirksey, Miles Jordan  
Business Administration
Martinez, Benita Cecilia*  
Business Administration
Palacios, Javier*  
Business Administration
Perry, Dalton Blake  
Business Administration
Tamez, Felicia Lorraine  
Business Administration
Varner, Cody Michael  
Business Administration

EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Doctor of Education

Cardona, Palmira Robles  
Educational Leadership
Garza, Araceli  
Educational Leadership
Lea, Joy Lynn  
Educational Leadership
Montgomery, Sandra Villarreal  
Bilingual Education
Moreno, Hilda Idalia  
Bilingual Education
Sugalan, Anacita Noromor  
Educational Leadership
Ybarra, Anissa  
Educational Leadership

Master of Education

Castillo, Vanessa  
Special Education
Coop, Brittany Shayne  
Adult Education
Elizondo, Aracely  
Early Childhood
Lazo, Serina  
Early Childhood

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Master of Science

Akula Ramesh, Prathima Pearlin
Kinesiology
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Kinesiology
Cantu, Aissa Naomi
Counseling and Guidance
Castro, Daniel Lee
Educational Administration
Falcon, Leticia A
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Garza, Saul
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Kinesiology
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Educational Administration
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Instructional Technology
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Educational Administration
Prado, Joanna
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Prihoda, Luke Allen
Kinesiology
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Trevino, Katherine
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Bilingual Education
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Educational Administration
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Bachelor of Science

Barrera, Jessica Rochelle*
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Zwiers, Ashlee Danielle

ENGINEERING

Master of Science

Aare, Prithvi Raj
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Dupicherla, Chaitanya Kumar
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Fakoya, Oludare Opeoluwa
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Ghogare, Parikshit Kailash
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Gollapudi, Veera Venkata Rochish
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Govathoti, Immanuel
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Govindu, Venkata Suma
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Gudichuttu, Preetham Chandra
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Gundu, Benarji
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Gutta, Kalyan Vasu
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Joy, Dew
Engineering
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Kalidindi, Mahesh Varma Venkata
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Koganti, Hemanth
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Kokkalla, Sindhra
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Koll, Hitheshbabu
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Engineering
Mamillapalli, Harshavardhan Reddy
Engineering
Marepalli, Venkata S. K. Chiranjeevi
Science
Medikonda, China Venkata Satya
Sai Swaroop
Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering

Valdez, Rodolfo Enrique

Mogiligidda, Rajashekar Reddy
Mechanical Engineering
Mohammed, Danish Ul
Mechanical Engineering
Mohammed, Irfan
Electrical Engineering
Mohammed, Riyaz
Mechanical Engineering
Moturi, Ashwin Kumar
Computer Science
Murakonda, Murali Priya
Electrical Engineering
Mure, Lokesh
Computer Science
Murugesan, Shrish
Computer Science
Nalluri, Leelakrishna
Computer Science
Nath, Fatick
Natural Gas Engineering
Ngabesong, Robert Bate
Electrical Engineering
Okuneye, Michael Adeolu
Industrial Engineering
Padshala, Chetan Hanrajbhai
Electrical Engineering
Paidimarri, Nikhil
Computer Science
Panchal, Jaykumar Jayeshkumar
Mechanical Engineering
Panchal, Jignesh Devchandbhai
Electrical Engineering
Patel, Miteshkumar Jagdishbhai
Electrical Engineering
Pelemo, Abayomi Daniel
Industrial Engineering
Pinnika, Venkata Bala Krishna
Industrial Engineering
Ponnappati, Mallikarjuna Reddy
Mechanical Engineering
Ponnappati, Mohan R. Reddy
Mechanical Engineering
Pothineni, Sai Hasanthi
Electrical Engineering
Pothula, Girikumar
Mechanical Engineering
Prakashah, Hari Nair
Mechanical Engineering
Raavi, Deepthi
Electrical Engineering
Rachakonda, Sai S. Srinivas
Computer Science
Rahman, Md. Yeasir Arif
Environmental Engineering
Rajakumar, Dinesh Prasanna
Electrical Engineering
Ramasamy, Udayappan
Electrical Engineering
Ravikumar, Balaji
Mechanical Engineering
Renukunta, Sudheer
Computer Science
Robertson, Sara Rhea
Industrial Management
Rodriguez, Carlos Dante
Chemical Engineering
Rodriguez, Miguel Jacob
Computer Science
Rongala, Madan Kumar
Mechanical Engineering
Roy, Sujoy
Computer Science
Roy, Tanay Kumar
Computer Science
Sanam, Kasi Vara Prasad
Mechanical Engineering
Santhana M., Purushothkumar
Natural Gas Engineering
Shah, Charit Sanjay Kumar
Electrical Engineering
Shaik, Riyaz Basha
Mechanical Engineering
Shaikh, Nida Nadeem
Environmental Engineering
Siddiqui, Zoya Fatima
Electrical Engineering
Singaram, Kaushal Reddy
Computer Science
Sivakumar, Sariga
Electrical Engineering
Srikakolapu, Kiran Kumar
Mechanical Engineering
Sung, Jonghyun
Industrial Engineering
Suresh, Gokula Krishnan
Mechanical Engineering
Syed, Noman Ahmed
Mechanical Engineering
Syed, Rameez Ahmed Quadri
Electrical Engineering
Taduru, Vinay Kumar Reddy
Industrial Engineering
Takkella, Surya Teja
Electrical Engineering
Thootkur, Dheerajreddy Reddy
Electrical Engineering
Thota, Sai Satyanarayana
Electrical Engineering
Tubati, Niharika
Electrical Engineering
Tummala, Prudhvi Krishna
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Computer Science
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Electrical Engineering
Vaddi, Sai Indra Tej
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Vaitla, Rajeevi
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Chemical Engineering
Vazrekar, Abhishek Vinod
Electrical Engineering
Vodnala, Manoj
Computer Science
Vudayagiri, Sunil Kumar
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Yarlagadda, Goutham Kumar
Mechanical Engineering
Yendru, Ravi Thej
Industrial Engineering

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### Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

- Bunn, Jacob Robert***
- March, Kyle Warner**
- Nieto, Deborah Sarai

- Orocio Garcia, Raul Julian
- Redublo, Josh Jeremiah***
- Salazar, Diego

- Umoh, Ndifeke Godfrey
- Villalobos III, Ruben
- Ybarra, Carlos

### Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

- Almutairi, Jarrah S
- Alsafran, Faisal

- Delgado, Linda Paola
- Gusme, Daniel David

- Villavicencio, Joel

### Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

- Ramirez, Nicholas John*

### Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

- Aldohaish, Ahmed Abdullah
- Galvan, Robert Daniel
- Garberding, Matthew Ray*

- Garza, Steven Anthony
- Huerta, Ron James
- McClanahan, Harmon Elisha

- Mendez, Alexander Cruz
- Okafor, Richard Somtochukwu

### Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

- Fielden, Ajia Alexis*

- Walz, William Henry**

### Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Technology

- Briseno, Joseph Alexander

- Diaz, Francisco Brett

- Rooney, Matthew George

### Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

- Asmore, Reshard Montrell
- Cockrell, Cody Bolden*
- Fernandez, Adalberto Carlos

- Hessler, Travis Hunter
- Longoria, Albert Manuel

- Rodriguez Jr., Paul Anthony
- Underbrink, Lawrence Richard

### Bachelor of Science in Natural Gas Engineering

- Corcoran, Zachary John
- Garcia Jr, Jorge Luis
- Hermosillo, Jesse M

- Jovelino, Manuel Gomes Bidi
- Lira, Silvestre Luis*
- Milde, Tonje Slettvoll

- Peña, Noe
- Rodriguez Jr, Eloy*
- Salinas Jr., Artemio

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* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude
GRADUATION WITH HONORS
(FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES ONLY)

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

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

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

DISSEMINATION TITLES

Doctor of Education

Bilingual Education

Montgomery, Sandra Villarreal, B.S., M.S.
“Analysis of University Teacher Preparation Programs in Central and South Texas: A Focus on Early Childhood and Bilingual Education”

Moreno, Hilda Idalia, B.S., M.S.
“Migrant Parents’ Perceptions of their Involvement in Bilingual Education Programs in South Texas”

Educational Leadership

Cardona, Palmira Robles, B.A., M.S.
“A Study of the Impact of Migrancy on Reading for Hispanic Students in Rural South Texas Schools”

Garza, Araceli, B.B.A., M.S.
“A Comparison of the Time to Completion of an Undergraduate Degree of Students with and without Prior College/Advanced Credits”

Lea, Joy Lynn, B.S., M.S.
“Change Effect of School Technology and Readiness on State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness in Texas Middle Schools”

Sugalan, Anacita Noromor, B.S. M.Ed.
“Examining the Relationship of Textbooks and Labs on Student Achievement in Eighth Grade Science”

Ybarra, Anissa, B.A., M.B.A.
“Analysis of Faculty Knowledge of Human Subjects Protections in Research”

Doctor of Philosophy

Hines, Stacey Lynn, B.A., M.S.
“Cattle, Deer, and Nilgai Interactions”
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.