The Commencement of the Eighty-Ninth Annual Session
Friday, December 13, 2013 • 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. Jason Kihle, Interim Director of Bands

PROCESSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 by Elgar .........................................................Dr. Kihle
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................................. Katherine Ragan
Senior Vocal Music 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

INTRODUCTIONS ...................................................................................................................... Dr. Steven H. Tallant
President

GREETINGS ..................................................................................................................................... Cathy Smock
Chief Auditor, The Texas A&M University System

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ................................................................................................. State Representative Todd Hunter
District 32

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

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

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

*COMMISSIONING OF ROTC CADET ........................................................................... Lt. Col. Richard P. Spainhour

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

RECESSIONAL Entry March of the Boyares by Johannes Halvorsen ....................................... Dr. Kihle

*4:00 p.m. Ceremony
Todd Hunter was elected to his sixth term in the Texas House of Representatives in 2010. He was first elected to public office in 1988 and retired in 1997 to help raise his three young children with his wife, Alexis. He moved back into public office in 2008 when he was elected as a Republican for District 32, representing Aransas, Calhoun, San Patricio and part of Nueces County. For the 82nd Legislative Session, he serves as chairman of the Calendars Committee and is a member of the Redistricting, Corrections, General Investigating and Ethics and Human Services Committees. He continues to serve as chair of the Select Committee on Elections. Representative Hunter was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Kansas and his law degree from Southern Methodist University. He has lived in Corpus Christi for more than 30 years and is senior partner of Hunter and Handel, P.C.
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

Carvajal-Villarreal, Sasha
Wildlife Science

Cook, Nathan Sean
Wildlife Science

Korn, Jennifer Marie
Wildlife Science

Priesmeyer, Whitney Joy
Wildlife Science

Master of Science

Albert, Cassandra Michelle
Animal Science

Carroll, William Garrison
Range and Wildlife Management

Eversole, Cord Blake
Range and Wildlife Management

Field, Kendall Nicole
Plant and Soil Science

Garza, Matthew Thomas
Animal Science

Gregory, Ashley Haze
Plant and Soil Science

Jenschke, Kristan Elaine
Range and Wildlife Management

Koczur, Lianne Michelle
Range and Wildlife Management

Lott, Cecilia Carlyn Michelle
Plant and Soil Science

Newman, Brent Clayton
Range and Wildlife Management

Perez, Ricardo Gabriel
Agriculture Science

Reyna, Steven Michael
Plant and Soil Science

Reznick, Eryn Marie
Animal Science

Storey, Gabriella Marie
Animal Science

Trewella, Ian Christopher
Range and Wildlife Management

Master of Science in Human Sciences

Bennett, Jessica Lynn
Human Sciences

Ilseng, Amber Sue
Human Sciences

Loredo, Marisol
Human Sciences

Trevino, Alicia Tina
Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Barrera, Brian

Cyphers, Keelan Taylor

Delgadillo, Dante

Draker, John Robert

Friesenhahn, Bethany Ann
Cum Laude

Glover, James Paul

Green, Jaime Michelle

Hackfeld, Kendra Rachelle
Cum Laude

Harris, Robert Mallory IV

Konesheck, Dustin

Kreidel, Paige Nichole

Lambert, James Warren

Lippencott, Kayla Denise

Mays, Dennis Tyler

Mensik, Hayden James

Merritt, Gerard Thomas

Miller, Trevor Jacob
Summa Cum Laude

Perez, Juan Jose

Powell, Jennifer Lynn

Reyna, Eduardo

Roach, Nita Fuqua

Salinas, Amber Leigh

Santana, Mary Lee

Schultz, Cameron Fred

Schwartz, Melinda Chatel

Shipley, Michael William

Sledge, Chad Merida
Cum Laude

Stevens, Johnny Edward Jr
Summa Cum Laude

Valadez, Higinio Guerro

Walker, Stewart Scott

Webel, Haley Nicole

Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences

Alaniz, Natalie Nicole

Kendall, Erika Rance

Nesmith, Melissa Nicole

De La Garza, Bianca

Montalvo, Myranda Lee

Villanueva, Anjelica Nicole
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Amador, Amaree Celeste
Arce, Kayla Christine C.
Arredondo, Diana Elizabeth

Cum Laude

Camarillo, Paul Anthony
Cantu, John Michael

Cum Laude

Covarrubias, Leticia
Dives, Raúl
Esteban, Lizbeth
García, Arnulfo Jr.

Magna Cum Laude

Bachelors of Business Administration

García Guerrero, Cynthia
Gibbs, Starlette Rene
Gilbert, Michael Joseph
Gonzalez, Juan Felipe

Cum Laude

Hajek, Amanda Louise
Lambert, Ronald Ryan
Longoria, Monica

Cum Laude

Mares Cuellar, Jonathan David
Ramirez, Amanda

Magna Cum Laude

Master of Science

Baddam, Mounica Reddy
Industrial Management

Baig, Mirza Khaled
Computer Science

Bairapaneni, Praveen
Computer Science

Baiyewu, Oluwakayode Josiah
Natural Gas Engineering

Bajaj, Gourav
Mechanical Engineering

Battula, Ramesh
Computer Science

Bernal, Mai-Theresa
Civil Engineering

Bhimaarapu, Siva Ram
Electrical Engineering

Bhurubokota, Navakanth
Electrical Engineering

Biswas, Arka
Computer Science

Boya, Surya Praveen
Electrical Engineering

Bomma, Revanth Kumar Goud
Electrical Engineering

Bonugu, Venkata Ravi
Mechanical Engineering

Burkul, Vinod Bandu
Industrial Engineering

ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy

Kusek, Shaun Thomas
Environmental Engineering

Santos, Sergio Eliud Saenz
Environmental Engineering

Master of Science

Adabala, Venkata Dhanalakshmi
Electrical Engineering

Adetayo, Adeniyi Adefadima
Environmental Engineering

Ajiboye, Bernard Olajide
Computer Science

Akintonwo, Akinyemi Oluwafemi
Electrical Engineering

Ala, Goutham Krishna
Electrical Engineering

Alla, Sri Charan
Computer Science

Almaraz, Joaquin Jr.
Civil Engineering

Alqahtani, Mashhour Zarih
Electrical Engineering

Amanaganti, Nagashiva Spandanreddy
Computer Science

Ananaba, Ugochukwu Mark
Mechanical Engineering

Anreddy, Sai Prakash Reddy
Computer Science

Appidi, Harshitha
Mechanical Engineering

Armadillo, Tony Michael
Electrical Engineering

Ayenampudi, Venkata Bhargav
Electrical Engineering

Cantu, Raul Cesar Rivas
Environmental Engineering

Gor, Prajay Anil
Environmental Engineering

Santos, Brenda Izamar

Shaw, Devin Lee

Sneed, Nathan Anthony

Soria, Rosalva

Spring, Lindsey Beth

Stanley, Amanda Rose

Cum Laude

Steen, Latisha Victoria

Turner, Miyoko Vittorinini Jr.

Wise, Erin K.

Summa Cum Laude

Burra, Venkata Subramanya

Nrupendra Sai

Chemical Engineering

Daggupati, Panchal Shareesh

Electrical Engineering

Damancharla, Haritha

Computer Science

Daramola, Olalekan Olaboro

Industrial Engineering

Davudov, Davud

Natural Gas Engineering

Deshaboina, Lokendra

Electrical Engineering

Dodoo, Leslie Amondah

Civil Engineering

Dortaj, Ali

Natural Gas Engineering

Fakoya, Jadesola Omobolaji

Mechanical Engineering

Garza, Laura Beth

Industrial Management

Gavara, Sree Harsha

Computer Science

Ginne, Sravya

Electrical Engineering

Goli, Laxmi Shiva Kumar

Computer Science
Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering

Lopez Galvan, Laura Melissa

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Mouhtarova, Veniamina Krassimirova

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Contreras, Orlando

Guantos, Jonathan Javier

Summa Cum Laude

Villarreal, Kelsey Mirth
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Garcia, Debbie

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Technology

Baucham, Ken Muhiz
Bridges, William Eric
Carrillo, Adolfo Adam
Carrizales, sean
Castillo, Lucas Homero
Gonzalez, Hector Mario Jr.
Gonzalez, Pedro Louis
Harms, Richard Alexander

Herman, Darren Lamar  
*Magna Cum Laude*
Kubena, Steven Lee Jr.
Lara, Daniel Ceaser
Matus, Jeffrey Alan
Miller, Richard Luthy Jr.  
*Cum Laude*
Rios, Joe Manuel

Robles, Timothy M. III
Rodriguez, Edgar David
Suenz, Keila Priscilla
Suenz, Samuel Jr.
Zavala, Gerardo

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Ballet, Oscar
Benavidez, Paul-Anthony  
*Cum Laude*
Bermudez, Carlos
Busker, Matthew Ross
Chabot, Bradford Paul
Chapa, Joe Larry
Cole, Morgan Addison  
*Summa Cum Laude*
Engel, Trevor Moore  
*Magna Cum Laude*
Fisher, Hannah Nicole

Gollihar, John Michael II
Haliscak, Nicholas Reid
Hempel, Travis Aarvon
Lara, Christopher Brandon  
*Magna Cum Laude*
Maldonado, Joseph Anthony  
*Cum Laude*
Martinez, Antonio De Jesus
McCormick, Robert James Jr.
McElroy, Cody Wade
Mendez, Matthew Lee

Molina, Ruben  
*Magna Cum Laude*
Narvaez, Omar Orlando
Ortegon, Joshua Jordan  
*Summa Cum Laude*
Ortiz, Joshua Jesus
Parra, Yuber Andres
Perez Reyes, Abraham
Ronk, Joshua Patrick
Sepulveda Elizalde, Manuel Angel
Silva, Liza M.

Candidates for Degrees  
4:00 p.m. Ceremony

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Gerd, Deborah Anne  
English
Graves, Michael Isaac  
Psychology
Kemp, David Taylor  
English
Ramirez, Juan Antonio  
History and Politics
Sariñana, Alyssa Yvette  
Spanish
Villarreal, Omar  
English

Master of Science

Atthuluri, Sri Harsha  
Chemistry
Bandla, Ashoka Chakravarthy  
Biology
Bolton, James Coy Jr.  
Biology
Chintalapati, Sameera  
Chemistry
Crocker, Ashton Vern  
Biology
Damaraju, Venkata Surya Aparna  
Chemistry
Flores, Chantiel  
Psychology
Garza, Amanda Diane  
Psychology
Garza, Marissa  
Sociology
Hathorn, Peggy Valenzuela  
Chemistry
Lopez, Kristina  
English
Lopez, Nereo Jr.  
Chemistry
Maganti, Madhuri  
Chemistry
Marroquin, Dalia Neidene  
Sociology
Mosqueda, Antonia Esther  
Sociology
Muellmann, Jacqueline Anne  
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Newberry, Alexis Lindsey  
Chemistry
Posa, Sreevvardhan Reddy  
Chemistry
Rodriguez, Amanda Lucia  
Psychology

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Andrade, Luz Inez
Guerrero, Herminia Irene
Guri, Ermal
Longoria, Christina Ann
Olvera de Castillo, Ana Yesenia

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences
Bachelor of Arts

Acevedo, Christian  
Acuna, Marco Aaron  
Alvarado, Jazmin  
Alvarez, Alexis Amara  
Amador, Francisco Jr.  
Armstrong, Robert A.  
Benavides, Ricky  
Bonitz, Caleb Lee  

Cum Laude  

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Castillo, Daniel D.  
Garcia, Noe III  
Guerrero, Carolina  

Cum Laude  

Bachelor of Music

Mutz, Alexander  
Perez, Jose Raul Jr.  
Posey, Robert Neil  
Rodriguez, Aracely Maria  

Bachelor of Science

Alvarez, Alexis Amara  
Amador, Francisco Jr.  
Baker, Clifford III  
Balderas, Niza Irene  
Barrientes, Mary Alice  
Beltran, Meghan Janae  
Bisch, Steffanni Noelie  

Cum Laude  

Bachelor of Arts

Garcia, John David  

Magna Cum Laude  

Garcia, Veronica Marquez  

Garza, Clarissa Maria  

Gonzalez, Ricardo Jr.  

Gonzalez Nolan, Yirla Rubi  

Griggs, Rodney Wayne Jr.  

Grullon, Karina  

Hernandez, Lauren Marie  

Izaguirre, Michelle Lee  

Latigo, Benito Jr.  

Lee, Clyde R. III  

Lowen, Kaitlyn Madden  

Magna Cum Laude  

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Bachelor of Fine Arts

Alaniz, Virginia  
Banuelos, America  

Summa Cum Laude  

Bachelor of Music

Muñoz, Tracy Lynn  

Cum Laude  

Bachelor of Science

Heuston, Selina Senaida  
Hofstetter, Amanda Lee  
Hunter, Morgan Elaine  

Magna Cum Laude  

Kawamura, Christopher Michael  

Kawamura, Mireya  

Lara, Katherine Marie  

Cum Laude  

Lathon, Ebonnie Persha  

Latimer, Jacob Lee  

Lincoln, Maria Fernanda  

Litton, Kyla Dee  

Longoria, Cassandra Nicole  

Lopez, Clarissa Elizabeth  

Lopez, Roberto  

Lopez, Ruben  

Mancha, Siena Valencia  

Martinez, Adriana  

Cum Laude  

Martinez, Angela Aide  

Martinez, Sarah Elizabeth
EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Doctor of Education

- Garcia, Esequiel Jr.
  Educational Leadership
- Guzman, Jorge Eduardo
  Educational Leadership
- Kent, Jennifer Lynn
  Educational Leadership
- Martinez-Perez, Frances Ann
  Educational Leadership

Master of Education

- Alvarado, Cynthia Denise
  Bilingual Education
- Chen, Hung-Chie
  Bilingual Education
- Daniels, Christopher Lee
  Educational Leadership

- Chávez, Guadalupe
  Adult Education
- De Leon, Yvette
  Adult Education
- Gould, Kathy L.
  Adult Education
- Juarez, Gaynell Diane
  Early Childhood
- Kolahdouz, Ali
  Adult Education

Master of Science

- Adebayo, Oluwarotimi Adeyemi
  Kinesiology
- Alegria, Desiree Kristen Gutierrez
  Educational Administration
- Arredondo, Roxanna Silguero
  Counseling and Guidance
- Benavides, Isabel Aide Sanchez
  Counseling and Guidance
- Bishop, Rebecca Evelyn
  Kinesiology
- Boles, Katherine Enith
  Reading Specialization
- Chason, Kimberly Darley
  Instructional Technology

- De La Mora, Mary Eugenia
  Bilingual Education
- Espinoza, Juliissa
  Counseling and Guidance
- Flores-Contreras, Breanne Nichole
  Counseling and Guidance
- Gutierrez, Adriana
  Counseling and Guidance
- Hill, John Roger
  Educational Administration
- Mireles, Sandra V.
  Bilingual Education
- Morgan, Michael Anthony
  Educational Administration
- Park, Desiré Yavonne
  Reading Specialization
Bachelor of Science

Alfaro, Jose Oscar
Anciso, Juanita Belen
Arce, Stephanie Paige
Arnold, Denise Kathryn
Belton, Chivas Chevalier
Boyle, Paul Joseph
Braun, Kasey Nichole
Brown, Zane Lamar
  magna cum laude
Canizalez, Isamari
Cantu, Ingrida Sativie
  magna cum laude
Cavazos, Sarah Ann
Flores, Jeremy
Garcia, Briana Nicole
Gloria, Samuel
Gomez, Michelle Raé
Gonzalez, Jessica
Gonzalez, Kimberly A.
Hinojosa, Christina Marie
Jeter, Samantha

Laso, Kristella Monique
  magna cum laude
Lerma, David
Martinez, Maria Rebecca
Martinez, Marlene Nichole
  magna cum laude
Medrano, Abigail
Munoz, Steven Craig
Nwachukwu, Uzoamaka Adaeze
Palacios, Andrea Marie
Patterson, Abby Margaret
Piña, Margarita De Jesus
Pressley, Katheryne R.
  cum laude
Rangel, Marina Abigail
  cum laude
Resendez, Nelda San Juana
  magna cum laude
Riggs, Elisabeth Marianna
  magna cum laude
Robles, April Marie

Rosales, Melissa A.
Roth, Whitney Layne
Saenz, Marissa Lizette
Sauceda, Amanda Jo
  magna cum laude
Schubert, Alfred W. IV
  cum laude
Siagan, Darrick Brewster
Singer, Devon James
Teniente, Jaime Leonel
Treviño, Aurora Annabelle
Treviño, Rowena Lorene
Underwood, Aaron James
Wagner, Trent S.
Zapata, Alberto M.

DISSEMINATION TITLES

Doctor of Education

Bilingual Education

Alvarado, Cynthia Denise, B.A., M.S.
“A Narrative Study of Teacher and Student Perceptions of Corrective Feedback on the Speech Production in English”

Chen, Hung-Che, B.A., M.S.
“The Impact of the Use of Synchronous and Asynchronous Wiki Technology on Chinese Language Reading and Writing Skills of High School Students in South Texas”

Educational Leadership

Alfaro, Veronica De Leon, B.S., M.S.
“The Relationship between Teacher Knowledge and Skills and Teacher Attitude towards Students with Disabilities among Elementary, Middle and High School Teachers in Rural Texas School Districts”

Daniels, Christopher Lee, B.A., M.S.
“A Case Study: Comparing Hispanic Serving Schools on Leadership Styles”

Garcia, Esequiel Jr., B.S., M.S., M.Ed.
“Rural South Texas Principals’ Perceptions about the Use and Effectiveness of Formative Assessment by Teachers”

Guzman, Jorge Eduardo, B.Ed., M.Ed.
“The Effects of Small Learning Communities on Ninth Grade Student Academic Progress”
Kent, Jennifer Lynn, B.A., M.Ed.
“Exploring Contributing Factors Leading to the Decision to Drop Out of School by Hispanic Males”

Martinez-Perez, Frances Ann, B.S., M.Ed.
“The Impact of Socioeconomic Status on Elementary Student Achievement in Rural South Texas Schools”

McCoy, Mary Camille, B.A.A.S., M.A.
“Rural High Needs School Board Members’ Perceptions of Their Roles”

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”

Wells, Caprica Lynn, B.A., M.S.
“The Balance of Two Worlds: A Study of the Perceptions of African American Female School Leaders”

Doctor of Philosophy

Environmental Engineering

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

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”

Kusek, Shaun Thomas, B.S., M.S.
“Elucidation of SGDs-Submarine Groundwater Discharges in a Semi-Arid Region of South Texas”

Santos, Sergio Eliud Saenz, B.S., M.S.
“Treatment and Modeling of VOC Bioreactor Landfill Emissions Utilizing Biologically Active Cover Material”

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

Wildlife Science

Carvajal-Villarreal, Sasha, B.S., M.S.
“Selected Ecological Patterns and Distribution of Five Sympatric Felids in Northeast Mexico”

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

Korn, Jennifer Marie, B.S., M.S.
“Spatial Response of Bobcats to Prescribed Fire”

Priesmeyer, Whitney Joy, B.S., M.S.
“Effects of Supplemental Feeding and White-Tailed Deer Density on Vegetation Dynamics”
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.

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 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.