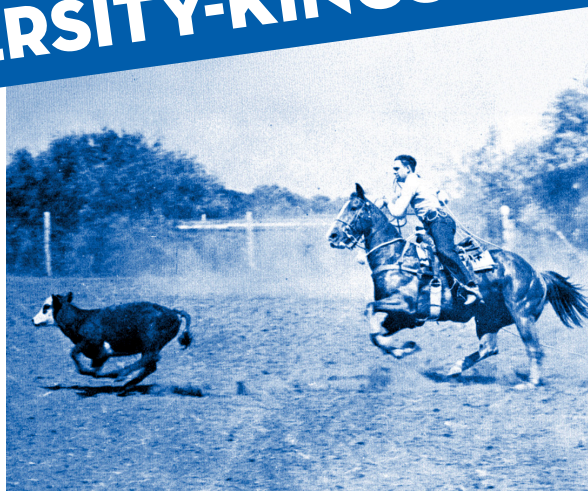


# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE®



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# Commencement

DECEMBER 12, 2025





## PROGRAM

The Commencement of the One Hundred and First Annual Session

Friday, December 12, 2025 • 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. • Steinke Physical Education Center

PRESIDING..... Dr. James M. Palmer  
*Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

PRELUDE..... Wind Symphony  
*Dr. John Lopez, Assistant Professor of Music*

PROCESSIONAL *Pomp and Circumstance No. 1* by Edward Elgar..... Wind Symphony

Audience stands for PROCESSIONAL and RECESSIONAL

### THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The Faculty Advisory Council, The Party of the President, The Party of the Deans, The Regents Professors, The Chancellor's Academy of Teacher Educators, The Faculty of the University, Candidates for Degrees

NATIONAL ANTHEM *Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key..... Deja Goodwin  
*Master of Music*  
*Vocal Performance Major*

WELCOME ..... Dr. Palmer

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS ..... College Deans

PRESENTATION OF CLASS RING ..... Mr. Daniel Morales  
*Javelina Alumni Association President*

PRESENTATION OF PROFESSORS EMERITI ..... Dr. Robert H. Vela Jr.  
*University President*

INTRODUCTIONS ..... Dr. Vela Jr.

GREETINGS ..... Robert L. "Bob" Albritton  
*Chairman, Board of Regents,*  
*The Texas A&M University System*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS (10:00 a.m.) ..... Ms. Emmie Katherine Purdy

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS (2:00 p.m.) ..... Mr. Harley Trest Davis

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES. .... Dr. Palmer

WELCOME GRADUATES TO THE JAVELINA ALUMNI NETWORK. .... Mr. Daniel Morales

ALMA MATER *HAIL AMK*, arranged by Dr. Greg Sanders, Regents Professor..... Ms. Goodwin

RECESSIONAL *Entrance of the Court* by Alfred Reed ..... Wind Symphony

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## UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Robert H. Vela Jr. ....	<i>University President</i>
Dr. James M. Palmer .....	<i>Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Dr. Rosalind Alderman.....	<i>Vice President for Enrollment Management</i>
Henry Burgos .....	<i>Chief Administrative Officer</i>
Dr. Jose Espiritu .....	<i>Vice President for Research and Innovation</i>
Jacob Flournoy .....	<i>Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer</i>
Adriana Garza-Flores .....	<i>Chief Marketing and Communications Officer</i>
Jason Geiken .....	<i>Vice President of University Advancement and Chief Foundation Officer</i>
Dr. Kristina Ramirez Wilson.....	<i>Chief of Performance Excellence and Strategy</i>
Michael Salinas .....	<i>Executive Director of Javelina Athletics</i>
Dr. Rito Silva .....	<i>Vice President of Student Affairs and Community Relations</i>
Dr. Robert Ayala.....	<i>Associate Vice President of Academic Success</i>
Joanne Castro .....	<i>Associate Vice President of Financial Services</i>
Gabriel Cavazos .....	<i>Director of Information Technology Services</i>
Kirsten Company .....	<i>Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students</i>
Dr. Darin Hoskisson .....	<i>Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies</i>
Dr. Scott Jones .....	<i>Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i>
Dr. Brent Kinghorn .....	<i>Interim Dean, College of Business Administration</i>
Evangelina Lopez .....	<i>Associate Vice President of People and Culture</i>
Dr. Kathleen Lynch-Davis .....	<i>Dean, College of Education and Human Performance</i>
Dr. Maria E. Martinez .....	<i>Associate Vice President for Student Access</i>
Dr. Shad Nelson .....	<i>Dean, Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture and Natural Resources</i>
Dr. Cheri Shipman .....	<i>University Registrar</i>
Dr. Heidi A. Taboada.....	<i>Dean, Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering</i>
Anne Thurwalker .....	<i>Associate Vice President for Development</i>
Dr. Maria E. Velez-Hernandez .....	<i>Interim Assistant Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies</i>
Christopher Vera .....	<i>Associate Vice President, Campus Operations</i>

## CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES

Anna Garcia .....	<i>Vice President of Internal Affairs, Student Government Association</i>
Kim London .....	<i>President, Staff Council</i>
Dr. Jody Marin .....	<i>Presiding Officer, Faculty Advisory Council</i>

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## SPEAKERS

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### **Emmie Purdy**

10:00 A.M.

Originally from Kingsville, Emmie Purdy graduated from Santa Gertrudis Academy High School as the valedictorian of the Class of 2023 and chose to continue her education close to home here at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Today, she is graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Chemistry.

Throughout her time at TAMUK, Purdy was recognized for her academic excellence as a recipient of the John Talmer Peacock Scholarship, the Carl E. and Judy Kreuz Wood Scholarship, the Presidential Scholarship, and the Pre-Medical Association Academic Excellence Award. She also earned a place on the President's List every semester. And the awards haven't stopped. Purdy has been chosen the Distinguished Student for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Purdy served as the Public Relations Officer for the Pre-Medical Association, helping organize events and recruit students interested in healthcare careers. She also worked as a chemistry tutor at the Pathways Academic Assistance Center (PAAC), completing over 450 hours of tutoring in subjects such as Inorganic Chemistry and Biology.

Purdy plans to continue her education and pursue a career in the medical field, with the goal of serving rural and medically underserved communities in South Texas.

### **Harley Davis**

2:00 P.M.

Harley Davis, a first-generation college student, was born in Meridian, Mississippi and moved to Yorktown, Texas at age 13. He is a 2022 graduate of Yorktown High School, where he finished in the top 10% of his class. Today, Davis graduates Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, with a concentration in Sport and Leisure Studies and a minor in Psychology, completing his degree in just three years.

During his time at Texas A&M-Kingsville, Davis has been a dynamic campus leader. He is currently completing his second term as Student Body President, representing thousands of students and leading a 42-member governing body. As President of the Chancellor's Student Advisory Council, he advocates for student voices across the Texas A&M University System. He has also served as Freshman Class Senator and Treasurer in Student Government, earning the Outstanding Freshman Senator Award.

Davis has been deeply involved in campus life. He is a founding Father and former Vice President of Finance for Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. He is also a member of Order of Omega Greek Honor Society; Phi Epsilon Kappa Kinesiology Honor Society, Heath and Kinesiology Club, and the Campus Activities Board, where he served as secretary and won the CAB General Member of the Year in 2023. He also served as Pack Leader and Executive Director for Javelina Freshman Camp, mentoring and welcoming incoming students. Davis was also elected Homecoming King in Fall 2023, reflecting the respect and admiration of his peers.

Davis' dedication to leadership, academics and student success has been recognized through multiple scholarships and awards, including the Academic Excellence, Hugh Porter Mathematics, Bill and Judy Colston, Fred and Peggy Steves Education Scholarship Endowment, and Texas A&I Alumni Scholarships.

He plans to continue his education with a Master of Science in Kinesiology with a concentration in Sports Management and pursue the Texas A&M System Student Regent position, a one-year appointment by the Governor of Texas.

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## DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

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**Molly Marie Rector** \*\*\* ^  
*Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of  
Agriculture and Natural Resources*

**Harley Trest Davis** \*\* ^  
*College of Education and  
Human Performance*

**Jestine Renee Leyba** \*\*\* ^  
*Honors College*

**Emmie Katherine Purdy** \*\*\* ^  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

**Benjamin David Mills** \*\* ^  
*Frank H. Dotterweich College of  
Engineering*

**Cynthia Bustamante** \*  
*Undergraduate Studies*

**Micah Joel Nash** \*\*\* ^  
*College of Business Administration*

**Trinity Celeste Saldivar**  
*College of Graduate Studies*

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## PRESIDING OFFICER, FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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**Dr. Jody Marin**  
*Professor in the Department of  
Language and Literature and  
Director of the Writing Center*

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## MARSHALS

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**Dr. Jason Apple**  
*Professor in the Department of  
Animal Science and Veterinary Technology*

**Dr. Lorraine Killion**  
*Professor in the Department of  
Health and Kinesiology*

**Fulden Şara De Wissinger**  
*Associate Professor in the Department of  
Art, Communication and Theatre*

**Dr. David Cutton**  
*Associate Professor in the Department of  
Health and Kinesiology*

**Dr. Elda Sanchez**  
*Professor in the Department of  
Chemistry*

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## THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM REGENTS

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**Robert L. “Bob” Albritton**  
*Chairman*

**Jay Graham**  
*Vice Chairman*

**David C. Baggett**  
**John W. Bellinger**  
**James R. “Randy” Brooks**

**Michael A. “Mike” Hernandez III**  
**William “Bill” Mahomes**  
**Kelley Sullivan Georgiades**

**Sam Torn**  
**Jaquavous S. Doucette**  
*Student Regent*

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## TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE REGENTS PROFESSORS

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

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

**Dr. Bart Ballard - 2022**  
*Professor and Chair in the Department of  
Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences*

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

**Dr. Gregory Lynn Sanders - 2017**  
*Professor in the School of  
Music*

**Dr. Maribel Gonzalez-Garcia - 2023**  
*Professor in the Department of  
Chemistry*

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

**Dr. Fidel Hernandez - 2021**  
*Professor in the Department of  
Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences*

**Dr. Jieming Chen - 2024**  
*Professor in the Department of  
Psychology and Sociology*

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## CHANCELLOR'S ACADEMY OF TEACHER EDUCATORS

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**Dr. Greta Schuster 2014-2015**

*Professor in the Department of  
Agriculture, Agribusiness and  
Environmental Sciences*

**Dr. Lorraine E. Killion 2016-2017**

*Professor in the Department of  
Health and Kinesiology*

**Dr. Ming Tu 2019-2020**

*Associate Professor in the School of  
Music*

**Dr. Daniella Varela 2020-2021**

*Associate Professor in the Department of  
Educational Leadership and Counseling*

**Dr. Steven B. Chumbley 2021-2022**

*Professor in the Department of  
Agriculture, Agribusiness and  
Environmental Sciences*

**Dr. Cheryl McNair 2024-2025**

*Associate Professor in the Department of  
Teacher and Bilingual Education*

**Dr. Sonia Perez 2024-2025**

*Adjunct in the Department of  
Educational Leadership and Counseling*

**Dr. Fernando Hernández 2024-2025**

*Associate Professor in the Department of  
Agriculture, Agribusiness and  
Teacher and Bilingual Education*

**Dr. Olivia P. Modesto 2024-2025**

*Associate Professor in the Department of  
Teacher and Bilingual Education*

**Dr. Monica Wong-Ratcliff 2024-2025**

*Professor in the Department of  
Teacher and Bilingual Education*

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## 10:00 A.M. CEREMONY

### AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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#### Master of Science

Arumalla, Venkata Sai Sravani  
Plant and Soil Science  
Bourjolly, Ghislaine  
Plant and Soil Science  
Briseno, Britnie Briseyda  
Animal Science  
Cobarrubias, Miguel Angel  
Animal Science  
Escamilla, Faith Elizabeth  
Animal Science  
Fay, Forrest Carlyle  
Range and Wildlife Management  
Hiott, Alexandria  
Range and Wildlife Management

Janga, Anil Kumar  
Animal Science  
Locke, Victoria Lynn  
Range and Wildlife Management  
McDaniel, Katherine Grace  
Range and Wildlife Management  
Puig II, Jeffrey Gerard  
Animal Science  
Rogers, Jessica K  
Animal Science  
Salinas, Natalie  
Plant and Soil Science  
Santana, Yulisa Nicole  
Animal Science

Trifiletti, Parker Charles  
Range and Wildlife Management  
Walters, Rachel  
Range and Wildlife Management  
Watts, Allison Nicole  
Animal Science  
Weber, Emma Ruth  
Range and Wildlife Management  
West, Halie Elizabeth  
Animal Science  
Williams, Taylor Desiree  
Animal Science

#### Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Alvarado, Jesse Guadalupe  
Applewhite, Natalie Taylor  
Applewhite, Ryan Clay  
Armenta, Ashley Monique  
Bolivar, Alexa Daniela  
Bordovsky, Kurt Benjamin

Borrego, Tanesha Elaine  
Bourque, James Daniel  
Castellanos Jr, Rigoberto S  
Castillo, Rita Nicole  
Chapa, Edward Joseph  
Coleman, Jadyn Gabrielle \*\*

Currie, Kade Alexander  
Curry, Tanner Luke  
Davidson, Dylan Jesse  
De Vries, Louis Clayton  
Esparza, Jasmin Lynn  
Garcia, Kayleen Deandra Marie

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## Cont. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Garza, Juan Lino  
Gilbert, Trent Monroe \*\* ^  
Golden, Clayton Wayne  
Griffin, Riley A  
Guel, Lidio  
Guerra, Jesus  
Guillen, Dante A  
Haines, Analeigh B \*\*\*  
Hair, Paxton Blake  
Haven, Rachael Marie  
Ingram, Amanda Marie \*  
Kluck, Dakota  
Landry, Jakari Decharles  
Liesman, Logan Andrew  
Martinez, Angel Mikaela

McClellen, Torri R \*  
Mccants, Kaiger Saye-Joy  
Mendiola, Andrew Joshua \*  
Montalvo, Zara \*\*  
Montoya, Amy Gracie  
Moreno III, Amado  
Morris, Kamden Robert  
Munoz, Irma Naylea  
Navarro, Ana Christine  
Nichols, Abigail Michelle \*\*\* ^  
Oliva, Eduardo Andres  
Payne, Jessalyn Claire  
Pelayo, Erika Ann  
Rector, Molly Marie \*\*\* ^  
Rosales, Desiree Eileen \*

Rose, Caitlin Lea  
Rotondi, Carli Anne  
Ruiz, Elyana V  
Samaniego, Remberto A \*  
Smith, Reilly Josephine \*\*  
Terrell, Reid Jackson  
Tinsley, Willis Brandt \*\* ^  
Trejo Jr, Jose Arturo  
Trichel, Grant  
Wallace, Madelyn Irene \*\*\* ^  
Wallace, Mia Rynn  
Whitesides, William Barret-Kirkley  
Wilburn, Aubrey Alexis  
Williams Jr, Jeffery Frank

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## ARTS AND SCIENCES

### Master of Arts

Alvarado, Alexandro  
Counseling Psychology  
Gomez, Rachel  
Counseling Psychology

Tinajero, Sara Catarina  
Counseling Psychology  
Valdez, Daniela Yajaira  
Cultural Studies

### Master of Science

Aguirre-Hamilton, Ricardo  
Criminology  
Alegria, Madison Falicity  
Biology  
Diaz Pinzon, Jaime Alberto  
Petrophysics  
Gokapai, Vanajakshi  
Chemistry

Jaramillo Mosqueda, Luis Eduardo  
Criminology  
Jasso, Alina Marie  
Criminology  
Johns, Jazmin Nicole  
Biology  
Katikala, Sweetie Rani R  
Biology

Lopez, Laura  
Biology  
Rodriguez, Malory Deandra  
Biology  
Saldivar, Trinity Celeste  
Biology  
Trevino, Stephanie Marie  
Criminology

### Bachelor of Arts

Allen, Mckinna Nicole  
Arredondo, Danielle  
Arredondo, Hailey Jenel  
Atieh, Pierre \*\*\*  
Avalos, Briana Annette  
Burgos, Hannah Gabriela  
Cabello, Tommy Elijah  
Cavazos, Ethan Sean

Charles, Sean S \*\*  
Chavez, Iliana Nicole  
Daniels, Jacob Matthew \*\*\*  
Davies, Taylor \*  
De La Rosa, Jeannie Marie \*\*  
Del Villar, Celeste Aranda  
Diaz, Alyssa Nicole  
Doty, Matthew Caelan

Dry, Grace Nichole  
Duong, Lindsey Jade  
Enriquez, Armando Abisai  
Galvan, Michael Anthony  
Garza, Miguel Andres \*\*  
Gonzales, Christian Anthony \*  
Gonzales, Gabriella Nicole \*  
Guajardo, Isaac Manuel

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## Cont. Bachelor of Arts

Hernandez, Jessica \*  
Herrera IV, Juan  
Ibrahim Martinez, Audrey  
Joslin, Allyson Marie  
Juarez, Erika  
Kyle, Claudia Michele  
Letke, Emma Marie  
Leyba, Jestine Renee \*\*\* ^  
Luna, Vanessa  
Macareno, Jonathen Isiah  
Mcminn, Kelly Diana

Mendoza, Devon J  
Nguyen, Andre  
Oliver, Amariss Nicole  
Perez, Cassandra Anjelika  
Perez III, Jose Oscar  
Quinones, Nathaniel Rey \*\* ^  
Rawlings, Jena Jarie  
Reyna, MelodyJoe  
Rivera, Sacred Nicole  
Salinas, Jakob Nathaniel  
Sanchez, Abraham William \*\*\* ^

Sanchez, Lauren Ashley  
Sanchez-Lozano, Aida \*\*  
Sauceda, Saleem  
Sifuentes, Mateo Eden \*  
Taylor, Troy William  
Thomas, Roshuan  
Torres, Raymond Isaac  
Trevino-Barrera, Ximena  
Verdin, Victoria Carolina \*\*\* ^  
Wilkinson, Kristi Ann  
Zavala, Kelly Elizabeth

## Bachelor of Fine Arts

Alamillo, Kassandra Lynn \*\*  
Cruz, Cassie Ann \*\*\*

Figueroa-Villarreal, Rubi G \*\*  
Longoria, Matthew James

Meza-Briones, Hector G \*\*  
Tyra, Kaylie Regan

## Bachelor of Music

Cantu, Oscar \* ^  
Diaz-Cintron, Fabiola Andrea †  
Garcia, Araci Rae †  
Garza, Jacob Preston  
Lopez, Aleksander Jay

Mendez, Cristobal †  
Meneses, Monserrat  
Montoya, Alejandro †  
Olivares, Edith Hilary †  
Olvera, Alfredo

Ortiz, Crystal Janette †  
Renteria, Alexandro Giovanni  
Rivera, Eduardo \* †  
Tapia, Amanda Elizabeth \* †  
Torres, Jesaiah

## Bachelor of Science

Alaniz III, Juan Arturo  
Barmore, Sydney Laine \*  
Bates Sr, Anthony Darnell  
Benavides, Kamyrlye Fayth  
Carmona, Gemina Fae  
Chapa, Mary K \*\*  
Chavez, Anakaren  
Cuellar, Savannah Elaine  
Davila, Makaylee Gabrielle  
De La Cruz, Valeria \*\*\* ^  
Delacruz, Jacobie Madison  
Fidencio Sanchez, Denny  
Priscila \*\*\* ^  
Fischer, Courtney Elizabeth \*  
Franklin, Taylor Nicole  
Galvan, Alexis Marie \*  
Garcia, Emily Alyssa  
Garrido, Aliyah Kristine \*  
Gomez, Nyla Ariel \*\*  
Gonzales, Anna Maria \*\*

Gonzalez, Amy  
Gonzalez, Emily Erika \*  
Gonzalez Jr, Mark Adrian  
Gonzalez Jr, Pedro \*\*  
Gonzalez, Sofia E  
Hernandez, Alinah Evian  
Hernandez, Aryana Marie  
Hewitt, Mikaela Andrea  
Jasso, Nyto Christian  
Litsey, Micaela D  
Longoria, Justin Jose \*\*\* ^  
Lowe, Lidia Star  
Mcneal, Cori Denae  
Mellor, Hannah Jean  
Migura, Cameron Staehr  
Munoz, Emily Nicole \*\*\*  
Ojuade, Samuel J \*  
Perez, Daniella Lenae \*  
Perez, Matthew Jace  
Purdy, Emmie Katherine \*\*\* ^

Ramirez, Abel  
Reyes, Marisa Michelle \*\* ^  
Rodriguez, Ruben Damian  
Saenz, Catherine Rachel  
Salinas, Samantha Janelle  
Sanchez, Seven  
Steelhammer, Rhianna Star \*\*  
Trevino, Leslie Marie \*  
Wetegrove, Mia Celeste

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## UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

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### Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Fanning, Ann Marie \*\*\*

Garcia, Bianca Alejandra \*\*\*

Rios, Abbey Marie \*

### Bachelor of General Studies

Armendarez, ZaRaivion Jamar  
Benavidez, Valeria Anahi  
Bustamante, Cynthia \*  
Castillo, Cielo Estrella  
Catache, Austin Xavier  
Flores, Michael James  
Garcia, Hayley Ellen  
Garcia, Ryan Pena  
Gomez IV, Santos  
Harris, Jasmine Jone

Hernandez, Christopher Daylyn  
Hoggatt-Robertson, Ja Stephon  
Logan, Jacory L  
Martinez, Britney  
Pamplin, Darrius Rashaan  
Pina, Vanessa Monique  
Reta, Estefana Nicole  
Robles, Steve Alejandro  
Rodriguez, Claudia D  
Rogers, Lukas Ethan

Samihamba, Michael  
Samuel, Gabriela Nohemi  
Skinner, Jessica  
Soliz, Anna Lisa  
Starks, Lawrence Alan  
Tupuola, Daniel  
Valdez, Valerie Ann \*\*\*  
Villegas, Jonathan Gerrard  
White, Keeymon  
Ybanez, Alicia Alejandra

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## 2:00 P.M. CEREMONY

### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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#### Master of Business Administration

Aderinto, Rhoda Folashade  
Business Administration  
Alvarez, Elsa A  
Business Administration  
Barron III, Javier  
Business Administration  
Bazaldua, Araceli Alejandra  
Business Administration  
Burnett, Eric Bryant  
Business Administration  
Chavez, Delray Aaron  
Business Administration

Cobos, Celia Krystal  
Business Administration  
Guerra, Melina Edleen  
Business Administration  
Hinojosa, Adalyssa Jordan  
Business Administration  
Kaspar, Karch Lee  
Business Administration  
Kephart, Docian Allison  
Business Administration  
Ray, Jazmin Paige  
Business Administration

Rios, Jorge Luis  
Business Administration  
Tijerina, David Abelardo  
Business Administration  
Valero, Julieanna  
Business Administration  
Visser, Arysta Jackeline  
Business Administration  
Young, Michelle Renee  
Business Administration

#### Bachelor of Business Administration

Amaro, Derick  
Barriga, Joseph Marcos  
Blair, Madison Katrina  
Brown, Jalen Falis  
Campos, Ethan

Carreon, Damian Marcelo  
Cavazos, Kelsey \*  
Colunga, Selina N  
Deleon, Destiny Elena  
Garza, Devyn Jay

Gonzales, Diana  
Guerra, Saria Monique  
Harrington, Kendall Cason \*\*\*  
Howton, Rylee Jean  
Jimenez, Diego L \*\*\*

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### Cont. Bachelor of Business Administration

Lopez, Brandi Michele *** ^	Rodriguez Castillo, Aldo	Singleton, Trevor Dean
Lozano, Jorge Rene	Saldana, Melissa Gonzalez	Suarez, Mia Lorraine
Nash, Micah Joel *** ^	Salinas, Daniel Eluid	Thurman, Kaden Gage
Navarrete Jr, Dublin Adrian	Sanabria, Kaisha Lynn	West, Ja'Von Louis
Ramirez, Liliana **	Sanchez, Vincent Cruz	Whiting, Langston Alexander
Ray, Shelby Lynn	Schie, Mia J'nea	
Rodriguez, Brenda Rachell	Sedtal, Teague Beckham	

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### EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

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#### Doctor of Education

Hawkins, Alice F	Salazar, Shelly	Utey, Loida Gonzalez
Educational Leadership	Educational Leadership	Educational Leadership
Rodriguez, Brenda Ileana	Sepulveda Rodriguez, Mario	
Educational Leadership	Alberto	
Rodriguez Galvan, Patricia	Bilingual Education	
Educational Leadership	Smith, Bailey Reagan	
	Educational Leadership	

#### Master of Arts

Silva, Kassondra Renee  
Bilingual Education

#### Master of Education

Beadle, Blanca	Ortiz, Veronica
Early Childhood	Early Childhood
Gonzalez, Juanita	Pena, Abbi Lyn
Early Childhood	Adult and Higher Education

#### Master of Science

Aza, Ninfa	Flaherty, Victoria Mary	Kelley, Elizabeth Trevino
Kinesiology	Counseling and Guidance	Educational Administration
Baeza, Cindy Quintela	Garcia, Alberto Mc Rae	Leal, Maria Elena
Instructional Technology	Educational Administration	Reading Specialization
Candanoza, Brenda Lee	Garcia, Ashley	Martin, Matilde M
Counseling and Guidance	Reading Specialization	Bilingual Education
Dominguez, Julysa Maria	Garcia, Carlos Gerardo	Martinez, Brenda Anahid
Clinical Mental Health	Bilingual Education	Bilingual Education
Counseling	Garcia, Lucila M	Martinez Jr, Martin
Doughtie, Allysa Yvonne	Education	Educational Administration
Clinical Mental Health	Jaramillo, Bryanna Mia	Olivarez, Lizanne Marie
Counseling	Educational Administration	Education

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### Cont. Master of Science

Perez, Kathy Jo  
Educational Administration  
Ramirez, Ana Maria  
Educational Administration  
Ramirez, Elizabeth  
Counseling and Guidance  
Ramirez, Karen Edith  
Bilingual Education  
Ramirez, Nailea  
Bilingual Education

Reyna, Evelyn  
Educational Administration  
Saldivar, Mark Anthony  
Educational Administration  
Salinas, Michael J  
Educational Administration  
Salinas, Monica Jo  
Counseling and Guidance  
Santana, Claudia  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling

Silva, Samantha Kelley  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling  
Slayton, Randy Lee  
Educational Administration  
Spaw, Mary Frances  
Counseling and Guidance  
Valerio Jr, David  
Educational Administration

### Bachelor of Science

Bowden, Nathan D  
Burkett, Bryce Adam  
Campos, Mia G  
Carli, Elisa \*\*\* ^  
Crisp, Jaycee Syree  
Davis, Harley Trest \*\* ^  
Gonzalez, Mia Kiveli

Hernandez, Maeyllie Nicole \* †  
Martinez, Alexandria Victoria \*  
Martinez, Eric  
Martinez, Maya Marie \*\*\* ^ †  
Mayberry, Amelia Grace \*\*\* †  
Maywald, Jonathan Tanner  
Nevares, Alondra \*

Schie, Taylor Elisa Marie  
Stiefer, Meghan  
Tarvin, Joe Duane \*\*\* ^  
Torres, Azusena Susie \*\* †  
Villarreal, Mireya Gloria †  
Wade, Natalie Jo \*\*\* †

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## ENGINEERING

### Doctor of Philosophy

Inamdar, Amol Ashok  
Environmental Engineering

Oginni, Olubayo Olukayode  
Environmental Engineering

Olagunju, Esther Olajumoke  
Environmental Engineering

### Master of Science

Ajith Babu, Nelaballi  
Civil Engineering  
Akinyemi, Akinlolu Daniel  
Mechanical Engineering  
Aluru, Venkata Sai Krishna  
Computer Science  
Arowolo, Babatunde Toluwase  
Computer Science  
Badejo, Damilola Chukwudy  
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Bathula, Manideep Reddy  
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Bhatiya, Khyati Prakashkumar  
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Cathey, William Blair  
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Chaganti, Manju Nadha Reddy  
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Cherupally, Prem Kumar  
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Chilumula, Chetan Reddy  
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Chunduru, Lavanya  
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Daggupati, Venkat Varun  
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De Leon, Orlando  
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Dubasi, Divya  
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Erugu, Hemanth Kumar  
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Escamilla, Nicole Marie  
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Fasina, Fiyinfoluwa Deborah  
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Gillela, Ruthwik Reddy  
Computer Science  
Gillepally, Shiva Ram  
Computer Science  
Gonzalez, Juan Carlos  
Industrial Management  
Gorikapudi, Harish Babu  
Civil Engineering  
Goriparthi, Sri Jyothi  
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Guillen, Tamara Denise  
Environmental Engineering  
Guntu, Sohith Sai  
Computer Science  
Haces-Garcia, Joaquin  
Industrial Engineering  
Hemanthkumar, Somesh Kumar  
Srihari  
Computer Science  
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Kaluri, Venkata Surya Teja  
Computer Science  
Kattel, Pratik  
Civil Engineering  
Keshetty, Sai Prasanna  
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Kolb, Bailey Shane  
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Kommina, Jahnavi  
Computer Science  
Kondapalli, Keerthi  
Computer Science  
Korapati, Sai Yoshitha  
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Kotamurthi, Venkata Lakshmi  
Bhavana  
Computer Science  
Kothakapu, Anupriya  
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Krishna, Krupa Gowda  
Electrical Engineering  
Kuku, Ayomiposi  
Industrial Engineering  
Kuntumala, Chandra Kiran  
Computer Science  
Maddineni, Dinesh  
Computer Science  
Maganti, Bavan  
Computer Science  
Mandepudi, Harshitha Chowdary  
Computer Science  
Mannava, Bhaskar Charan  
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Medisetty, Abhishek  
Computer Science  
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Computer Science  
Melam, Jhansi  
Electrical Engineering  
Mirampalle, Rohit Venkata  
Chenna Kesava  
Civil Engineering  
Mohammad, Abdul Sami  
Electrical Engineering  
Mohammad, Mastan Javeed  
Civil Engineering  
Mohammed, Abdul Ayub  
Electrical Engineering  
Mohammed, Abdul Shoaib Ahmed  
Electrical Engineering  
Mohammed, Abdul Wasay  
Civil Engineering  
Mohammed, Fawaz Ali  
Computer Science  
Mohammed, Sameeruddin  
Mechanical Engineering  
Muchintala, Manikanta  
Mechanical Engineering  
Muppidi, Shashi Kumar  
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Nagaraj, Harshitha  
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Naseer, Syed Anas  
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Nerella, Sravani  
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Nino, Emma Roseanne  
Civil Engineering  
Nukala, Tejaswi  
Computer Science  
Padmanabhuni, Naga Venkata  
Dedeepya  
Computer Science  
Papasani, Narendra  
Computer Science  
Patel, Darshan Pankajkumar  
Electrical Engineering  
Paul, Sayantan  
Computer Science  
Pedapudi, Kusuma Lakshmi Tulasi  
Computer Science  
Pendyala, Ajay Lucky  
Computer Science  
Perez, Monica Jazmin  
Industrial Engineering  
Pilla, Achsa Aparanji  
Computer Science  
Pochaboyina, Bhavani  
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Rachamalla, Abhinav  
Electrical Engineering  
Reddy, Chamala Tharun  
Computer Science  
Rony, Pritam Karmakar  
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Salazar, Jorge M  
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Smith, Kaitlyn Nicole  
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Solis, Luis Miguel  
Computer Science  
Tavares-Venegas, Hugo Daniel  
Computer Science  
Unnam, Ajay Chowdary  
Industrial Engineering

Vaddi, Nikesh  
Computer Science  
Vadranam, Danny Victor Joshi  
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Valluri, Venkata Saikumar  
Civil Engineering  
Veerni, Bala Chandra Mouleeswar  
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### **Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering**

Burrows, Jimmy Dillon \* ^  
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Hernandez, Edna \*\*\* ^  
Jaques, Blake Allen

Loeza, Jhovanni Gus \*\*\*  
Martinez, Ava Olivia \*  
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Panchal, Shashvat Prashant

Ramey, Dajohn Devante  
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### **Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Applied Engineering Technology**

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De Leon, Michael Jay  
Hinojosa, Coleman Rene

Huffman, Elijah Bryan  
Medrano, Abraham Aaron  
Mendez Jr, Juan Pedro \*\*\*  
Nieto Ocampo, Jose Tomas

Olagunju, Regina  
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Power, Trevor Alan  
Verrett, Dcambren Jajuan

### **Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering**

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Castellanos, Luke Anthony  
Davis, Kyleigh Danielle \*\*\* ^  
Doria Jr, Martin \*  
Gonzalez, Diego Antonio \*  
Gonzalez, Hector Julian \*  
Guerra Jr, Luis Eden \*\* ^  
Guerrero, Ezekiel  
Gutierrez, Dax A \*\*\*

Guevara, Ricardo Jesus  
Hernandez, Alan Mauricio  
Hernandez, Bryan Yamil  
Kopp, Hailey Madison  
Lazo, Silas Quin  
Lopez Castillo, Brandon Enrique \*\*\*  
Lozano-Cantu, Juan R  
Mills, Benjamin David \*\* ^  
Neatherlin, Triston Alton \*

Oboh, Ehizefua Elizabeth  
Perez, Alberto  
Ramirez, Kevin Ruben  
Soto, Lauro Humberto  
Toren, Joseph Adrian  
Torres, Nicolas Joseph \*\*\* ^  
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# 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.

### **Presidential Medal**

Awarded to students who earn a GPA of 3.65 or higher on all coursework in at least 4 semesters while at the university, each with a minimum 13 credit hours.

## DISSERTATION TITLES

### **Doctor of Education**

#### *Bilingual Education*

**Sepulveda Rodriguez, Mario Alberto, B.S., M.Ed.**

"The Use of Translation in Foreign Language Classrooms in a Mexican University: A Case Study"

#### *Educational Leadership*

**Hawkins, Alice F., B.S., M.A.**

"Parent and Teacher Perceptions of Screen Time Among Children Six Months to Six Years Old"

**Rodriguez Galvan, Patricia, B.A., M. Ed.**

"Exploring Leisure Reading Among Young Adults: A Phenomenological Study"

**Rodriguez, Brenda Ileana, B.A., M. Ed.**

"Understanding the Impact of Teacher Training on Early Literacy: A Study of HB 3 Academies and TPRI Outcomes"

**Salazar, Shelly, B.S., M. Ed.**

"Crossing the Threshold: Student and Faculty Perspectives on the Transition from Early College High School to University"

**Smith, Bailey Reagan, B.A., M.B.A.**

"Refocusing the Lens: Capturing Belonging of First-Gen Minority Students at an HSI"

**Utley, Loida González, B.A., M.A.**

"Bridging the Transfer Gap: Perception from Community College Professionals in Texas on Students Who Intend to Transfer but Do Not"

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## **Doctor of Philosophy**

### *Environmental Engineering*

**Inamdar, Amol Ashook, B.E., M.S.**

“Understanding the Transport Mechanisms of Rare Earth Elements in the Process of Electrodialysis Metathesis (EDM)”

**Oginni, Olubayo Oginni, B.S., M.S.**

“Investigating the Mechanisms for Ion Selectivity in Produced Water Treated by Direct Contact Membrane Distillation Using Synthesized Go-Based Mixed Matrix Membranes”

**Olagunju, Esther O, B.Tech, M. Tech**

“Sustainable and Cost-Effective Method for Removing Pharmaceutical Emerging Contaminants Ibuprofen and Ciprofloxacin from Drinking Water: Integrating Advanced Oxidation and Adsorption Technologies”



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## ACADEMIC REGALIA

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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.

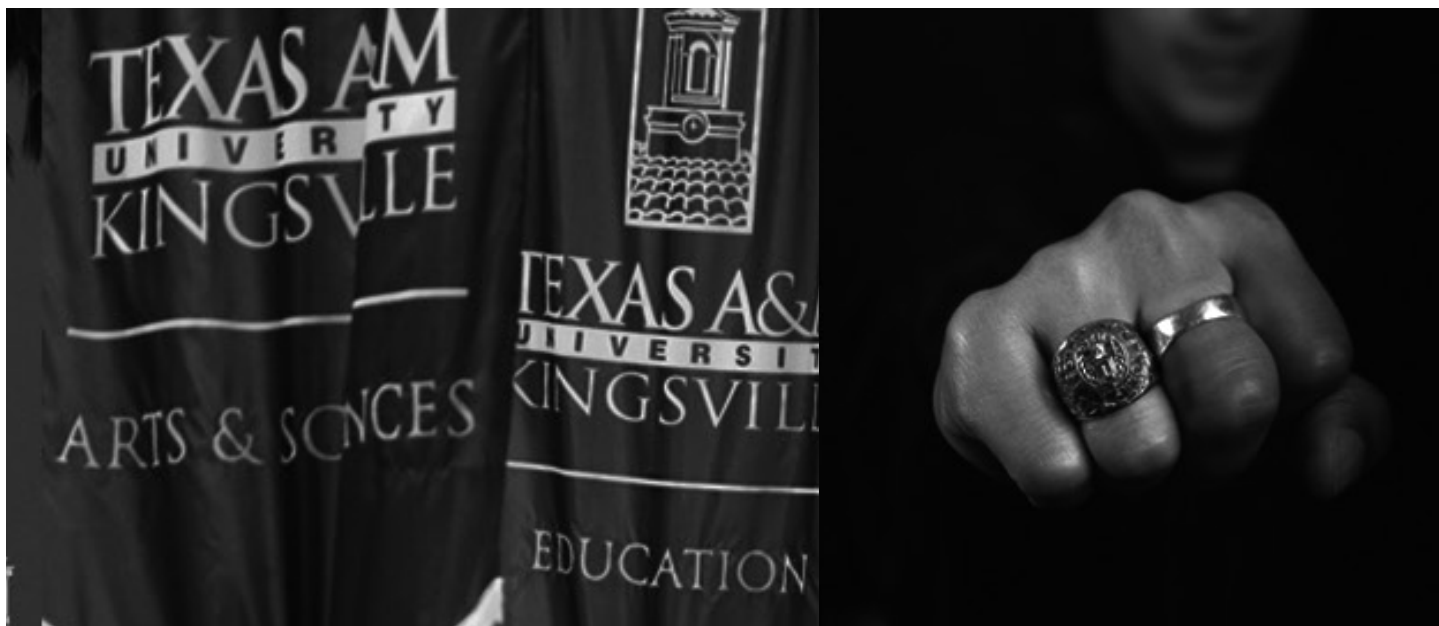
The color of the facing of the hood denotes the type of degree, and doctors' gowns may also be trimmed in the same color. Examples are as follows: *Arts and Letters* - white, *Commerce and Accounting* - drab, *Economics* - copper, *Library Science* - lemon, *Music* - pink, *Education* - light blue, *Pharmacy* - 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.

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## THE TOWER CHIMES

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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. The chimes celebrate Javelina pride throughout the day, ringing out "Hail AMK" and "Jalisco."



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## THE UNIVERSITY BANNERS

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Eight banners signify the university and its academic areas: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Arts and Sciences; Business Administration; Education and Human Performance; Engineering; Graduate Studies and Honors College. One banner represents the Student Government Association. 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 iconic 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.

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## THE UNIVERSITY MACE

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A representation 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. A newly crafted mace made from hand-crafted walnut featuring brass accents and topped with a replica of the University Seal debuted during the Fall 2023 commencement ceremonies. The presiding officer of the Faculty Advisory Council leads the University's esteemed faculty and staff during each commencement ceremony procession, carrying the mace as a symbol of academic excellence and integrity.

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## THE UNIVERSITY RING

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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.





## ALMA MATER

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*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.*

