

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE®

Commencement

DECEMBER 11, 2020





PROGRAM

The Commencement of the Ninety-Sixth Annual Session
Friday, December 11, 2020 • 12:00 P.M.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

National Anthem <i>Star Spangled Banner</i> by Francis Scott Key	“Robert Ray” Molina Jr. <i>Texas Country Musician and Alumnus-Class of 2017</i>
Elaine Mendoza	<i>Chairman, Board of Regents, The Texas A&M University System</i>
John Sharp.....	<i>Chancellor, The Texas A&M University System</i>
Dr. Mark A. Hussey	<i>President, Texas A&M University-Kingsville</i>
Dr. Lou Reinisch	<i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Texas A&M University-Kingsville</i>
Camille Conception Cavazos	<i>Commencement Address</i>
Jorvis McGee	<i>Vice President, Javelina Alumni Association</i>
Debbie Winslow	<i>President, Javelina Alumni Association</i>
Alma Mater <i>Hail AMK</i> , arranged by Dr. Greg Sanders, Regents Professor	<i>School of Music Concert Choir Dr. Kenneth Williams, Director of Choral Activities</i>

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Mark A. Hussey	<i>President</i>
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Dr. Mohammad Alam.....	<i>Dean, Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering</i>
Antonia Alvarez	<i>Acting Director of Student Affairs</i>
Dr. Shannon Baker	<i>Associate Vice President for Student Success</i>
Dr. Steve F. Bain	<i>Dean, College of Education and Human Performance</i>
Kirsten Compary	<i>Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students</i>
Dr. Natalya Delcoure	<i>Dean, College of Business Administration</i>
Adriana Garza-Flores.....	<i>Director of Marketing and Communications</i>
Dr. Jaya Goswami	<i>Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Dr. Dolores Guerrero	<i>Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</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. Thomas Spencer.....	<i>Dean, Honors College</i>
Steve Roach	<i>Executive Director of Athletics and Campus Recreation</i>

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES

Elisa M. Guerra	<i>President, Staff Council</i>
Lidia Morales	<i>President, Student Government Association</i>
Dr. Arie Sherris	<i>President, Faculty Senate</i>
Debbie Winslow	<i>President, Javelina Alumni Association</i>

SPEAKER

Camille Conception Cavazos

This winter's commencement speaker is a doctoral student Camille Conception Cavazos who will receive her doctorate in educational leadership and her superintendent certification at this virtual commencement ceremony. Cavazos will continue at Texas A&M University-Kingsville till May 2021, when she will receive her doctoral STEM Transcribed Certificate. She has earned all her degrees from Texas A&M-Kingsville, starting with her bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies. She went on to earn her master's in educational administration and her principal certification. Cavazos serves as assistant principal at Judge Oscar De La Fuente Elementary School in the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District. She started at San Benito as the District Instructional Coach for Elementary ELAR. Prior to that, she taught third and fourth grades at Long Elementary and first, second, fourth and fifth grades at Crockett Elementary, both in the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District; and kindergarten and second grades at Pittman Elementary, in the Raymondville Independent School District.

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Vice Chairman

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Cahlen Cheatham
(Student Regent)

TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE REGENTS PROFESSORS

Dr. James R. Norwine - 1997
*Professor in the Department of
Physics and Geosciences (Retired)*

Dr. Paul M. Hageman - 2005
*Professor in the School of
Music*

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

Dr. Leslie G. Hunter - 1998
*Professor in the Department of
History (Retired)*

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

Dr. Karen Sue Bradley - 2014
*Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education (Retired)*

Dr. John C. Perez - 1999
*Professor in the Department of
Biological and Health Sciences (Retired)*

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

Dr. Kim David Jones - 2016
*Professor in the Department of
Environmental Engineering*

Dr. Timothy E. Fulbright - 2000
*Professor in the Department of
Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences*

Dr. David Sabrio - 2009
*Professor in the Department of
Language and Literature (Retired)*

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

Dr. Jacqueline Thomas - 2001
*Professor in the Department of
Language and Literature (Retired)*

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

Dr. Randall H. Williams - 2018
*Piper Professor in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and
Environmental Sciences (Retired)*

Dr. Jo Beran - 2002
*Professor in the Department of
Chemistry (Retired)*

Dr. Kathleen Rees - 2012
*Professor in the Department of
Management, Marketing and Information
Systems*

Dr. Nirmal Goswami - 2019
*Professor in the Department of
History, Political Science and Philosophy*

Dr. Steven D. Lukefahr - 2004
*Professor in the Department of
Animal Science and Veterinary Technology*

CHANCELLOR’S ACADEMY OF TEACHER EDUCATORS

Dr. Karen Sue Bradley 2012-2013
*Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education (Retired)*

Dr. Randall H. Williams 2015-2016
*Piper and Regents Professor in the
Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and
Environmental Sciences (Retired)*

Dr. Marie E. Lassmann 2017-2018
*Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education (Retired)*

Dr. Jack Bradley 2013-2014
*Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education (Retired)*

Dr. Lorraine E. Killion 2016-2017
*Associate Professor in the Department of
Health and Kinesiology*

Dr. La Vonne Fedynich 2018-2019
*Professor in the Department of
Educational Leadership and Counseling*

Dr. Greta Schuster 2014-2015
*Professor in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and
Environmental Sciences*

Dr. Ming Tu 2019-2020
*Associate Professor in the School of
Music*

DECEMBER CANDIDATES

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Doctor of Philosophy

Glasscock, Jessica L.
Wildlife Science

Master of Science

Barrera, Kristine Renae
Agriculture Science
Carter, Shelby Brienne
Range and Wildlife Management
Cortez Jr, Jose Gerardo
Range and Wildlife Management
De Leon, Victoria Soledad
Plant and Soil Science
Garcia, Alvaro
Plant and Soil Science

House, Mikayla Marie
Range and Wildlife Management
Huerta, Javier Omar
Range and Wildlife Management
Johnson, Rashayla Antonette
Agriculture Science
Kodali, Srinadh
Plant and Soil Science
Ramirez, Steven Michael
Plant and Soil Science

Rankins, Seth Tyler
Range and Wildlife Management
Villegas, Cecilia
Plant and Soil Science
Wright, Makenzie Layne
Agriculture Science

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Aguilar, Jasmine Nicole
Barcello, Dalton Blake
Canchola, Leslie Sarai ***
Carter Colunga, Miya Anyi
Cortez, Omar
Cortez, Orlando J.
Covarrubias, Cynthia ***
De Leon Jr., Mario
Fonner, Adam Jamison
Fajkus, Avery Paige
Garza, Sabrina Nicole **
Ginther, William T.
Gomez, Malerie Ann
Gonzales, Clarissa A.
Grady, Cameron Lee
Guthrie, Amanda G.
Gutierrez, Esmeralda

Harris, Sebrina Morganna
Henderson, Kelby Jo
Hernandez, Abigail Elizabeth
Hessek, Kaitlyn Marie ***
Hooker, Autumn Marie
Huber, Joseph Ehren
Koch, Preston Kevin
Kretz, Elaine Nicole
Lozano, Tristan Hunter
Macha, Marissa Marie ***
Mata, Guillermo
McCain, Avery Ellis
Menchaca, Julio Cesar **
Morin, Julie R.
Moyeda, Mariana Alejandra
Natho, Jace August
Nieves Rivera, Daniela Imar

Ochoa Banda, Andres
Odom, Bailey Grace **
Olivarez, Martin Andres
Oyervides, Fabiola Alejandra
Pedraza Moreno, Roberta
Ramirez, Lizzette
Reyes, Stephanie Lynn
Ruiz-Balli, Gertrudis
Sheedy, Autumn Renee
Smith, Kade Ransom
Torres, Bianca Nicole
Turany, Taten Trace
Vazquez, Selena Elizabeth
Ventura, Miranda *
Wolfe, Nickles Steen
Young, Nathan **

Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences

Arredondo, Maria J.

Carrizales, Victoria Lyn *

Moreno, Andrea

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Atkinson, Bethany Ann
Counseling Psychology
Castillo, Ruben
Psychology

Diaz, Courtney Renee
Counseling Psychology
Edmundson, Ashley N.
Counseling Psychology

Gonzalez, Luis Alberto
Sociology
Lister, Alejandra Guadalupe
Psychology

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Master of Science

Bamisile, Toluwalope Ayotunde
Petrophysics
Estrada, Monica M.
Petrophysics
Garza III, Jesus
Chemistry

Olalekan, Hamed Olayinka
Statistical Analytics, Computing and Modeling
Palakurthi, Sushesh Srivatsa
Chemistry
Surovic, Elizabeth Anne
Biology

Uskamalla, Suraj
Biology

Master of Social Work

Carm, Kayla Marie
Social Work

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Jimenez, Anthony Rene *

Lomas, Maria

Bachelor of Arts

Adames, Victor
Alvarez, Jacqueline
Arce, Jasmine Andrea ***
Brooks, Dominick Jamal
Bruce, Juan Luis **
Camarillo, Lauren Rose *
Cano, Saralisa Aide *
Carbajal, Aaron
Cardenas, Lizette
Carrizales, Maricarmen
Castaneda, Mariah Marie
Chapa, Angela Bianca
Clarke, Alixx Jade
Cook, James Wish
Dacke, Nicolette Andrea Bell
Deleon, Siarra Alysse
Deneweth, Jocelin Rene
Deyoung, Declan Bradley
Dumas, Jason A.
Earley, David R.
Estringel, Alexis Renee
Fennell Jr., Thomas Edwin
Flores, Alyssa
Garcia, Arnoldo
Garcia, Marisa Yvette
Garcia, Roger Sanchez **
Garcia, Tricia Nicole

Garza, Nathan Milagro
Glenn, Sierra Aidan Tillman ***
Gomez, Rachel
Gonzalez, Daniel Richard
Gonzalez, Jessica
Guel Jr., Gerardo
Gutierrez, Mark A. **
Gutierrez, Samantha Mae Ellis
Hernandez, Ashley Kei
Hockless, Joshua Wayne
Hornaday, Paul E.
Irby II, Stephen Troy
Jimenez, Timothy Edward
Kral, Kaktys Cearra
Lakers, Madison Victoria
Lazo, Aniza
Lease, Tiffany Marie
Mann, Destinee Renee **
Martinez, Lestly Norely
Martinez, Suzette Renee
Matanic, Alexander Thomas
McClellan, Jodi Lynette
McCracken, Ashley Erin
Melgar, Alondra Lizeth
Menefee, James Alton
Miller, Alexandria Gean **
Mireles, Jesus G.

Morales, Carlos Xavier
Morin, Clarissa D.
Myers, Jessica Lacy
Olivarez, Erika Marie *
Peebles, Lori Pauline
Ramirez, Erika Leigh
Ramon, Alexandra *
Reed, Monica Gaddis
Riojas, Brenda Elaine **
Rivera, Kennedy Mariah
Rodriguez, Evangelina
Rodriguez, Lauren Kaylee
Sacurom, Katrina Althea Joyce Cabiten
Salcedo, Camila ***
Sandoval, Rebecca
Schroeder, George Trent
Solis, Manuel Albert *
Soliz, Johnathan Lee
Summers, Rosa Gabriela
Valdez Jr., Mario
Valerio, Victoria Ilene **
Villarreal, Brandy
Yuraitis, Amanda Fay ***
Zavala, Carla Christine
Zents, Levi Ryan

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Campbell, Elisabeth Anne

Salinas Jr., Richard Roger

Bachelor of Music

Beirne, Alisha Michelle *
Chavez, Eduardo L.
Dabbs, Sara Ariel **
De La Rosa, Olivia Jo **
Diaz, Marlen *
Falcon, Caitlin Andreah *

Garcia-Garcia, Javier Adan
Hernandez, Gerardo Antonio
Lopez, Ismael
Najera, Raelynn *
Perez, Anthony Ricardo ***
Reyes, Isaias D.

Salinas, Daniel
Saucedo, Seth Andrew *
Sparks, Yohei Oda
Torres, Cecilia
Vasquez, Shane Alexander **

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science

Alba, Efren
Arellano, Sabrina R.
Arriaga, Amber Yvette
Balderas, Joseph Alejandro ***
Barrera, Emily Rita ***
Bruce, Juan Luis **
Campos, Cecilia Fabiola
Carrillo, Kassandra Nahyeli
Cortez, Annabel *
Diehl, Shae Nicole
Dyer, Elton Rashaud
Edwards, Aleah Nicole
Flores, Desirae Casey
Folk, Logan Cheyenne
Galloway, Fernanda M.
Galvan, Karolina
Garcia, Jasmine Bramasco
Garcia, Roger Sanchez **
Garcia, Victoria *
Gawlik, Emma Lee
Gonzalez, Alejandro Javier ***
Gonzalez, Carlos Alberto **
Gonzalez, Natasha Angie
Guillen, Sarai Alejandra ***
Guiral Lafita, Lidia ***

Hernandez, Kristina Amanda
Hertel, Brent John
Hinojosa, Iliana I.
Hoyer, Maryann Clark
Irving, Christiano Bryce ***
Isibor, Peter Nosakhare
Jones, Alisa Leann
Lazo, Aniza
Leon, Elizabeth
Lewis, Jessica Leigh
Macias, Nathalie
Martinez, Bradley Lyle **
Martinez, Fidencio
Martinez, Miriam ***
Meador, Danielle Simone **
Mendez, Alexis Ariel
Miller, Alexandria Gean **
Morin, Sean Elijah **
Ortega, Valerie Ann
Ortiz, Matthew Alexander
Palmer, Taylor L.
Paul, Chinonso Lloyd
Pedraza, Carla Francisca
Pena, Chelsi Yvette
Perez, Diane

Perez, Joshua Christopher ***
Perez, Pamela M.
Reyes, Jennifer Nicole **
Rios, Fernando
Rios, Francisco
Rivera, Brianna Janel *
Roberson, Taylor Monae ***
Rodriguez, Brenda
Rodriguez, Javier Roel
Rodriguez, Kassandra Mercedes
Rodriguez, Luis Angel
Salcedo, Camila ***
Salinas, Yvonne ***
Shin, Alice Kim *
Straube, Carle Jordan
Tamez, Brittany Renee *
Torres, Kathryn Nicole
Tyler, Kendra Ann
Vargas, Erik
Vazquez, Yerendira Viviana
Vega, Esmeralda
Villarreal, Pete
Yanez, Monica Denise

Bachelor of Social Work

Garcia, Julianna Alexandra

Soliz, Alexander Sydney-Roberts

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Avila, Paul Anthony
Business Administration
Carvajal, Lisa Michelle
Business Administration
Davis, Jimmar Deontai
Business Administration
Greco-Vagnino, Gina Ann
Business Administration
Guerra, John
Business Administration
Hanks, Caleb John
Business Administration
Hernandez, Araceli
Business Administration

Hosey, Tyler J.
Business Administration
Lopez, Joe A.
Business Administration
Lopez, Victoria Lynn
Business Administration
Molina, Isaul Benjamin
Business Administration
Morales-Trevino, Joe Anthony
Business Administration
Moreno, Karina Yvette
Business Administration
Mose, Caren
Business Administration

Mosharraf, Arash
Business Administration
Pena, Elizabeth Sanchez
Business Administration
Ramirez, Aubry Regine
Business Administration
Rodriguez, Areli Noemi
Business Administration
Shafer, Ashley E.
Business Administration
Tutt, Tre Michael Tyrik
Business Administration
Villarreal, Christian
Business Administration

Bachelor of Business Administration

Aguilar, Tai Jabriel
Alarcon, Kevin Erik
Alcocer, Luis Alfredo
Alshammeri, Talal Hamed
Anderson, Quintella Nicole ***

Arvizu, Andres Jesus
Balderas, Crystal Lee
Barrera, Cristina Danielle
Barrera, Janelle Clari *
Barrera, Ruben A.

Canche, Sophia Marina ***
Carston, Elisabeth Joan ***
Castro Jr., Arnulfo
Cavazos, Raquel Marie
Chavez, Michael Anthony ***

* Cum Laude
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*** Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Business Administration (Cont'd.)

Clarkson, Jacob Yuri
Crayton, Christian Patrick
Flores, Sebastian
Frakes, Kaitlin Danielle ***
Goff, Justin Matthew
Gomez, Eric Michael
Gonzales, Victoria Danielle ***
Hernandez, Andrea Imelda
Hughes, Elijah Blue
James, Ethan Scout **
Kingman, Matthew Harry

Manning, Jerry Wayne
Medrano, Arianna Danielle *
Mendez, Alexander Thomas
Montano, Leeandra Janine
Nevarez, Steven Michael **
Ortiz, Jasmin **
Padilla, Michelle ***
Parrimore, Terry Lavaughn
Perez, Dakota Markus
Rivera, Tommi Lynn
Rubio, Abraham Christopher

Silguero, Jose De Jesus
Smallwood, Dakota Ray
Starnes, Calvin Walker
Stevenson, Robert Chase
Taylor, Vaughn Dylan
Thomas, Greta Lynn
Turner, Cameron Douglas
Vasquez, Bethany Rae ***
Villarreal, Rina J.
Wagner, Tahj Amaan
Williams, Christen Jynise

EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Doctor of Education

Barrera, Amanda
Educational Leadership
Cantu, Nereyda
Educational Leadership
Cavazos, Camille Conception
Educational Leadership
Covarrubia, Erika Lee
Educational Leadership
De Leon, Joel Bustos
Educational Leadership
Garza Rodriguez, Nallely
Bilingual Education

Layton Jr., Antonio
Educational Leadership
Liu, Li
Bilingual Education
Mendoza, Ana Margarita
Educational Leadership
Salazar, Cynthia
Educational Leadership
Salinas-Vasquez, Laura A.
Educational Leadership
Schumann, James Elton
Educational Leadership

Sepulveda Rodriguez, Andres
Bilingual Education
Tien, Yi-Ju
Bilingual Education
Tobias Rincon, Mario Alberto
Bilingual Education
Villarreal, Magda
Educational Leadership

Master of Arts

Candanoza, Bianca
Bilingual Education

Master of Education

Clapper, Catherine Marie
Special Education
Dominguez, Kim Renee
Special Education

Gonzalez, Evelina Renee
Special Education

Lopez, Maria B.
Adult Education

Master of Science

Acevedo, Monica Alicia
Educational Administration
Anaya, Dalia
Educational Administration
Blanco, Meagan Nicole
Counseling and Guidance
Cabrera, Bianca Lynette
Counseling and Guidance
Carnahan, Gracie
Educational Administration
Castaneda, Maricella V.
Educational Administration
Castillo, April M.
Educational Administration

Cavazos, Rebecca Lynn
Reading Specialization
Crosby, Chad Stanton
Counseling and Guidance
Cuadra, Gabrielle
Counseling and Guidance
Esparza, Martha Patricia
Education
Grounds, Mason Blasdel
Education
Hermes, Aleksandra
Counseling and Guidance
Hill, Shianne Bailey
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Hope, Deon Raschad
Bilingual Education
Housler, Cynthia Alvarado
Instructional Technology
Huang, Yijing
Bilingual Education
Lovelady, Nicole Stacy
Educational Administration
McGee, Jorvis Daray
Education
Pena, Dominique Herrera
Counseling and Guidance
Pena, Omar Javier
Counseling and Guidance

* Cum Laude
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*** Summa Cum Laude

Master of Science (Cont'd.)

Pressey, Paul Matthew
Educational Administration
Rios, Abraham
Counseling and Guidance

Rodriguez, Selina
Education
Salinsky, Danielle Leigh
Kinesiology

Suarez, Iliana Jenell
Counseling and Guidance
Trevino, Abigail
Educational Administration

Bachelor of Science

Acosta-Cantu, Arabella Mercedes
Anderson, Abigael Joyce
Arellano, Kassandra Rebeca
Barrientos, Dolores Amabely *
Barrios, Andres Arturo
Benavides, Kayla R.
Block, Kyren M.
Bohanan, Kierstin Jean
Bowen, Amonte Bruce
Bowie, Marco Tobias
Bradley, Jamell Devaughn
Briceno Jr., Roberto
Cabrera, Rebecca E. ***
Canales, Daniela ***
Cantu, Ashley Anahi ***
Cardoza, Adrian
Casares, Clarissa Marie **
Castillo, Adriana Celeste ***
Cordero, Joseph Cody
Davila, Jonathan Alexander
Dominguez, Kimberly Nadine **
Engelhardt, Kristena Ann
Escalon, Monique ***
Escobar, Tyler D.
Espinoza, Sabrina Aylin **
Garcia, Dalia Sotelo ***
Garcia, Jaqueline ***
Garcia, Maria A.
Garcia, Maria Irene ***
Garcia, Maricela Alexis
Garcia, Melissa ***

Garza, Adriana
Garza, Cynthia Marisa
Garza, Michelle Lee
Gillam, Jessica Linn
Gonzales, Christopher Omar **
Gonzalez, Dora Elia **
Gonzalez, Leslie Vanessa ***
Griffith, Shelby Dae
Guerra, Paul
Gutierrez, Isela G.
Hernandez, Samantha Edith
Hinojosa, Angela Maria ***
Hinojosa, Roman Augustine
Holguin, Tami Caitlyn Sky
Jaramillo, Sarah
Leal, Alejandra **
Leal Jr., Trinidad
Locher, Michelle Diane *
Lopez Jr., Roberto Moreno
Maldonado, Teresa ***
Martinez, Jessica L. ***
Martinez, Ryan Matthew
Medrano, Ricardo J.
Membrere, Aleksa Catindig
Mendez, John Wayne
Mendoza, Marivel
Mijares, Jake Ryan
Neal, Christopher Ryan **
Olivares, Jennifer Nicole
Orozco, Alfredo
Pena, Erika Janeth *

Perales, Vanessa Marie
Prepejchal, Aaron Anthony
Rama, Dharti
Rangel, Celeste ***
Rendon, Yadira Jazmin ***
Rios, Audrey Justyne
Rivas, Alexandra T. ***
Robles, Mariel Guadalupe ***
Rodriguez, Joshua G.
Rodriguez, Rene
Rodriguez, Vanessa Leigh **
Ruiz, Hector
Saenz-Melendez, Heidi Michelle *
Salazar, Brittany Nicole
San Miguel, Gabriella Lyzzette
Sandoz, Eric Michael
Santos, Daniella Alissa
Schmidt, Jeremiah J.
Thompson, Brynae Lashayl
Torres, Clarissa Y.
Tovar Gerragauch, Patricia
Troia, Bonita G.
Tullos, Robert
Valdez, Victoria Michelle **
Vargas, Brenda
Vasquez, Amanda T. **
Vasquez, Nichole Danielle
Whiddon, Olivia Grace ***
Wilson, Tyler O.

ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy

Alam, Taufiqul
Environmental Engineering

Ghahremani, Nima
Environmental Engineering

Haynes IV, Lewis Lester
Environmental Engineering

Master of Science

Adegbesan, Babatope Ebenezer
Mechanical Engineering
Aiao, Ademola Abiodun
Industrial Engineering
Anagondi, Nikhileswar
Computer Science
Arapally, Lydia Sravanthi
Computer Science

Awofeso, Olumide Ayomipo Samuel
Natural Gas Engineering
Bachina, Vineeth Babu
Computer Science
Balar, Rohan Kishorekumar
Electrical Engineering
Barot, Kaushal Bankimchandra
Mechanical Engineering

Bhargave, Viraj Rajendra
Industrial Engineering
Boddu, Sharon Shalem Raju
Computer Science
Borra, Varun Shashank Reddy
Computer Science
Briant, Jasmine Jade
Chemical Engineering

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** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Master of Science (Cont'd.)

Chandrasekaran, Akshay Sekar Computer Science	Khandavally, Srikanth Computer Science	Ogunlana, Anthony Oluwarotimi Industrial Engineering
Chinnareddy, Vikas Electrical Engineering	Kundyolanda Muthappa, Chengappa Mechanical Engineering	Oladele, Kehinde Adetutu Industrial Management
Cruz Mendoza, Mariee Fernanda Industrial Engineering	Kupparapu, Himaja Electrical Engineering	Onyedirim, Onyedikachi Natural Gas Engineering
Dasari, Dhanush Yadav Computer Science	Lakavath, Sandeep Naik Computer Science	Parmar, Bhunikababen Jashvantbhai Civil Engineering
Dhon, Saurabh Annaso Civil Engineering	Laxmiahgari, Vinayprasanarao Computer Science	Parthiban, Bharath Steven Industrial Engineering
Ezenduka, Chioma Epiphania Industrial Management	Mandadi, Prasanth Electrical Engineering	Patel, Akshat Vinodchandra Electrical Engineering
Feyintola, Itunu Oluwaseun Industrial Engineering	Mandala, Pruthviraj Computer Science	Patel, Krutikkumar Thakorbbhai Environmental Engineering
Gajjarapu, Prudhvi Computer Science	Marella, Raghava Reddy Computer Science	Prajapati, Nisarg Namankitkumar Mechanical Engineering
Gajulapally, Sainath Reddy Computer Science	Martinez, Hugo Daniel Chemical Engineering	Rao, Chinthala Ankit Computer Science
Goel, Akshay Computer Science	Meadows, Taylor Ardean Electrical Engineering	Rathina Sabapathy, Muthu Sellve Computer Science
Gopalakrishnan, Logesh Industrial Engineering	Mevawala, Aakash Nitin Civil Engineering	Ravipati, Subbarayudu Computer Science
Grandhi, Manikanta Mechanical Engineering	Mohammed, Khurram Yasar Environmental Engineering	Rios, Josie Environmental Engineering
Gutierrez, Rogelio Industrial Engineering	Mohsin, Yusuf Mohammad M. Electrical Engineering	Rony, S. M. Shaheeq Mahmood Environmental Engineering
Kallam, Raghu Veera Reddy Mechanical Engineering	Mora, Tereso Peralta Civil Engineering	Shekar, Samhith Mechanical Engineering
Kalluri, Venkata Vinay Trinath Industrial Engineering	Musani, Muralidhar Reddy Computer Science	Srinivasa, Santhosh Mechanical Engineering
Kalsaria, Dishit Mahendra Industrial Engineering	Nagam, Sriram Reddy Mechanical Engineering	Sutariya, Yashkumar Rameshbhai Mechanical Engineering
Kandibanda, Manisha Civil Engineering	Namalayapally, Sankeerth Reddy R. Computer Science	Tekumal, Sai Krishna Computer Science
Karnati, Manikumar Computer Science	Narvik, Azman Sadeque Computer Science	Thota, Varsha Sree Chemical Engineering
Kasaraneni, Dheeraj Computer Science	Nenavath, Priyanka Electrical Engineering	Vemuri, Ram Narasimha Tarun Computer Science
Kasaraneni, Priyanka Mechanical Engineering	Nwatu, Tobechukwu John Electrical Engineering	Xavier, Melvin Savio Industrial Engineering
Kaveti, Bharath Computer Science	Nyaynite, Sanket Sanjay Computer Science	Yalmalli, Basavraj Suresh Mechanical Engineering
Khan, Kamran Ahmed Electrical Engineering	Obembe, Olufemi Industrial Engineering	Yannamani, Kasi Viswanath Chemical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering

Farias, Joshua M.	Payne, Nicholas Hubert	Vasquez, Nicholas Matthew
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Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Aparicio Guzman, Laura Alejandra ** Cuellar, Paola	Garcia, Eric Ivan Hinojosa, Marcos G.	Pearl, Hunter Allen Robles, Yulissa Lynette
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Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Alazemi, Rashed M. Alenezi, Abdullah Alenezi, Sultan M. N. Kh. N.	Aloqab, Othman J. E. T. Kh. Alrashidi, Nawaf H. A. H. M. A. Alsaleh, Yousef	Alshammari, Abdullah F. Alshammari, Ali Shaker ** Alshammari, Sabah
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* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (Cont'd.)

Alshemeri, Abdulaziz H. M. B. S.
Ayar, Salvador Federico
De Hoyos, Pablo
Garza III, Roberto

Hernandez III, Andres
Hernandez, Ayra
Mejia, Steve
Noga, Taylorlynn P.

Recio, Vito Garcia
Reyna, David Abel
Serna, Justin Matthew

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Valdez, Jose Manuel

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Alsawagh, Mohammad

Alvarez, Javier Ivan

Leal, Philip Omar **

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Garcia Ramirez, Olivia

Martinez, Arlin A.

Mehmood Rana, Tahir *

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Applied Engineering Technology

Aldape, Juan Carlos
Cerde, Oscar Eduardo **
Espinoza, Eric Andres
Garcia, Jose Alejandro
Garza, Justo
Gendron, Forrest Lee
Kinyo, Kyle David **
Licona, Thomas Raymond
Loera, Amy ***

Medina, Jose Danniell
Monteverde, Andrew
Morante, Alejandro Alberto
Mungia, David Lee
Pardo, John H.
Patton, Kristy J.
Rios, Jorge Luis
Robertson, Brian C.
Rodriguez, Victor Andres

Salazar, Judith Marie
Salla, Fatou Marietou
Sandoval, Jerik Roland
Thomas, Rashon Donye'
Vaughns, Phillip Eric
Villasenor, Jessica Janell
Willemin, Dennis Garrett

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Alajmi, Ibrahim Fahid
Alfouzan, Zaid
Alshehri, Fayez S. D. Gh.
Arciba, Jordan C.
Barton, Kyle Eugene **
Beltran, Stephen-Ray
Brown, Colton B.
Castillo, Diego Andres

Cholico, Juan Alberto
De Luna, Diego
Gaona, Daniel Ray
Garcia, Jairo Santiago
Gomez, Maclovio Heraclio
Gonzales, Alec John
Hinojosa, Rosemberth Romeo
Molina, Jorge Luis

Morales, Ricardo Noe
Pena, Joshue
Ramirez, Evan Eden
Ramos, Veronica
Salazar, Joshua Cyle *
Sarmiento, April
Sauceda, David Fernando
Schulz, Cale Brandt *

Bachelor of Science in Natural Gas Engineering

Benitez, Ares

Garza, Jesus Homero

Umurisa, Justine

MAY GRADUATES

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Doctor of Philosophy

Lombardi, Jason Vincent
Wildlife Science

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Master of Science

Srirampuram, Ganga Manoj
Plant and Soil Science

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Amar, Jacob E.
Benys, Benjamin Augustus
Blezinger, Bailey Ann **
Camacho, Annalysa Marie *
Etzler, Madison Avery
Farias, Isabella Anis
Garcia, Brenda

Garcia, Ruben
Gonzales, Karina Rae **
Gonzalez, Ydanissa Aralee
Hernandez, Alicia Grace
Lara, Gabriela Inez *
Lopez, Ashley Monique
McKinney, Taylor Dawn

Mendez, Amber L.
Moeller, Christin A.
Morin, Leanna Sarah
Paloma, Elisha
Rodriguez, Erika Lynn

Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences

Bahr, Caitlin Elizabeth Rose

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Science

Cantu, Erica
Criminology
Chothani, Pooja Jitendra
Biology
Jenkins, Shelby E.
Criminology

Leyja, Robert Joseph
Criminology
Lucero, Alexia
Criminology
McClurg, Molly Cathleen
Biology

Smith, Morgan Douglas
Criminology

Bachelor of Arts

Aleman, Elena Rae
Alfaro, Brenda Denisse ***
Amador, Andrea Victoria ***
Bennett, Sarah Elizabeth
Cruz, Alberto Ernesto
Fernandez, Islla Santanna *
Garcia, Zariah Nadine **

Gonzales, Lue L.
Gonzalez, Javier
Gonzalez, Marco Antonio
Machuca, Robin Melendy
Ortega, Madison Marie ***
Quintero III, Baldemar
Real, Amy A.

Regalado, Francis Grace
Tapia, Alyssa Nicole *
Trevino, Clarissa Elydia
Yaklin, Margarita
Zamora, Dagoberto

Bachelor of Science

Alegria, Christen Gabrielle
Alfaro, Elizabeth Marie
Botello, Laritza Itzel *
Cantu, Emily Kim
Cruz, Ariana M.

Davis, Megan ***
Delgado, Lilia Larissa
Enz, Andrea Nicole
Esqueda, Lauren Alexandria ***
Gonzalez, Delisa Monique ***

Herrera, Maegan Alexis ***
Moeller, Haley Brooke **
Sandoval, Amanda R.

Bachelor of Social Work

Almaguer, Veronica Anna
Mireles, Elijah Augustine

Sanchez, Carolina

Suazo, Olga Lydia **

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Edwards, Sarah Lucille
Business Administration

Bachelor of Business Administration

Barrera, Melissa G. ***
Castillo, Francisco Thomas *

Gamez, Jessica
Lara, Sabrina Marie

Lee, Joey Diamond
Paramo, Brenda

EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Doctor of Education

Cantu-Lee, Aleyda Jeanette
Educational Leadership

Renteria, Apolonia Marquez
Educational Leadership

Bachelor of Science

Arvizu, Kristy Lee
Canul, Alejandro Francisco
Coleman, Troi C.
Espinosa, Bertha Helena *
Garcia, Yvette Amanda **
Garza Moreno, Cady A.
Gunn, Valerie D.

Hernandez, Stephanie Amber
Martinez, Alicia Rae
Martinez, Jose L.
Morales, Aracely
Nicholas, Todd Everton
Olivarez, Joseph N.
Perez, Ashley M.

Quintanilla, Miranda Alexis
Trevino, Therese Angel
Vela, Janet **
Vela, Vianka Edysa *
Villarreal, Jaime
Williamson, Ellyson C.

ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy

Bani Salim, Muath Naser Ali
Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering

Hadi, Abdullah Al
Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering

Master of Science

Adame, Lucia Norma
Civil Engineering
Adusumalli, Gopimanoj
Computer Science
Akanbi, Oyewole Saheed
Industrial Engineering
Akinro, Oluwatosin Akinlabi
Industrial Engineering
Beerreddy, Sunnyhith Reddy
Computer Science
Begum, Irfana
Biology
Behata, Harshitha
Computer Science
Bhaskar, Jyotsna Anjali
Electrical Engineering

Bodke, Hemanth Kumar
Computer Science
Dhawan, Gaurick
Computer Science
Durishetti, Santhosh Kumar
Computer Science
Ghattamaneni, Nikhilesh
Computer Science
Julakanti, Himavarsha
Computer Science
Kandadi, Roopavani
Computer Science
Katakam, Varun
Computer Science
Kothapalli, Anusha
Computer Science

Kudur Bharthish, Pradeep
Electrical Engineering
Kurapati, Suhasini Lincoln
Electrical Engineering
Lade, Vishnu Sai
Computer Science
Maddirala, Naga Venkata Sai
Computer Science
Narayan Babu, Mohitha
Computer Science
Narisimsetti, Jaishik
Computer Science
Panchal, Bhavik Bharatkumar
Industrial Management
Patil, Monika Pramod
Industrial Management

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Master of Science (Cont'd.)

Peddi, Sai Phanindra Computer Science	FNU Shafikhur Rehamaan Khaan Electrical Engineering	Undhad, Jenish Dineshbhai Civil Engineering
Polati, Shirisha Computer Science	Shah, Harshilkumar Rajeshbhai Computer Science	Uyyala, Sowjanya Computer Science
Prabhakar, Pooja Varuni Computer Science	Sheri, Yamini Kanth Computer Science	Vadnerkar, Soumitra Mangesh Mechanical Engineering
Purohit, Prashantkumar Nileshkumar Electrical Engineering	Singireddy, Kalyan Srinivasreddy Electrical Engineering	Vattem, Krishna Sai Abhishek Computer Science
Rama Murthy, Goutham Computer Science	Tanikella, Sai Shanmukha Lakshmi Ramya Civil Engineering	Venkatesan Baskar, Sangeeth Kumaar Industrial Management
Sama, Manvitha Reddy Computer Science	Thangeda, Dheeraj Rao Computer Science	Vonteddu, Manideep Reddy Computer Science

Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering

Adame, Dinora Denise Cantu, Francisco Antonio	Gallegos, Georgiana Marie * Graveley, Priscilla	Vital, Dana Nicole
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Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Arce, Yazmine ** Elizondo, Alexandra Danielle Flores, Claudia Marie ***	Garcia, Anthony Raul *** Gonzalez, Clarissa Alexandra Mena, Alejandra	Samuels, Braden Bryce Sanchez, Daniella Celine Trevino, Amaris Celeste **
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Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Cruz, Lydia C. Flores, Edgar R.	Garibay, Veronica Sosa, Carlos Aberto	Torres, A's Jonathan Vazquez Chavez, Priscila De Jesus *
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Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Munoz, Saul Enrique

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Garcia III, Hilario Haces-Garcia, Arturo **	Lara, Oscar Ross, Stephen Lee	Salinas Jr., Mario Alberto
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Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Buse, Katelyn Nicole Hernandez, Analyssa Esperanza ***	Moz, Alejandra Maribel	Villarreal, Mary Katherine
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Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Applied Engineering Technology

Baerman, Stephanie Celeste * Herrera, Briana Mercedes **	Jaime, Victoria Clarissa	Reyes, Rolando Jesus
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Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Atkinson, Daniel * Bast, Matthew Edward Bernier-Vega, Agustin Andres Carrillo, Jose Alberto Garza, Vicente David **	Medrano, Martin Matthew Ordenez, Joshua Samuel * Perez, Ivan Alejandro Ramos, Jose Cruz Segura, Eduardo	Tandy, Charles Riley Uresti, Matthew Brian *** Velasquez Martinez, Fernando Antonio *
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** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Natural Gas Engineering

Perez, Jacob A.

AUGUST GRADUATES

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Master of Science

Puente, Cynthia
Plant and Soil Science

Master of Science in Human Sciences

Cook, Shelby Erin
Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Carrillo, Nora I. **

Salmon, Denise

Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences

Peralez, Chelsea Ann

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Science

Gracia, Luis Fernando
Criminology

Bachelor of Arts

Barrera, Sirena M.

Moreno, Alondra

Valadez, Julio Cesar **

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Barnes, Kristen T.
Business Administration
Beltran, Madison Katie
Business Administration

Ibarra IV, Daniel F.
Business Administration

Rodriguez, Briana N.
Business Administration

Bachelor of Business Administration

Brown, Lydia Marie

Romero, Aaron Robert

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Doctor of Education

Paxton, Angelita M.
Educational Leadership

Ramos, Eddika C.
Educational Leadership

Saldivar, Alexandra
Educational Leadership

Bachelor of Science

Salas, Alejo Javier

ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy

Bashetty, Srikanth
Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering

Master of Science

Akula, Sai Kiran
Computer Science
Asfaw, Yilma
Industrial Engineering

Jasti, Sri Sai Teja
Computer Science
Kalam, Nikitha
Computer Science

Nadiminti, Vivek Babu
Computer Science
Panuganti, Naresh
Computer Science

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Garcia, Irvin Ezequiel

Zelaya, Elenilson Nathan

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Dominguez, James

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Applied Engineering Technology

Arnold IV, William Louis

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.

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

DISSERTATION TITLES

Doctor of Education

Bilingual Education

Garza Rodriguez, Nallely, B.A., M.S.

“Narratives of EFL Pre-Service Teachers’ Professional Identity Development in Northern Mexico”

Liu, Li, B.A., M.A.

“The Role of Chinese Immigrant Parents’ Capital in the Development of their Children’s Chinese Heritage Language”

Sepulveda Rodriguez, Andres, B.A. M.Ed.

“The Facilitation of Task-Based Language Teaching for the Written Expression Competency in Mexico’s Secondary English Program”

Tien, Yi-Ju, B.A., M.S.

“Third Language Acquisition: Motivation and Purposes of Hispanic College Students Learning Chinese in South and East Texas”

Tobias Rincon, Mario Alberto, B.A., M.Ed.

“Bilingual Teachers’ Beliefs of their Preparedness to Teach STEM to English Language Learners (ELLS) in a Mexican Context”

Educational Leadership

Barrera, Amanda, B.B.A., M.Ed.

“Early College High School: Perceptions of Administrators and Teachers in Region 2 of South Texas on Closing the Achievement Gap for Latino Students”

Cantu, Nereyda, B.I.S., M.Ed.

“Factors That Influence School Choice: A Look at Parent and School Leader Perception”

Cavazos, Camille Conception, B.S., M.Ed.

“The Perceptions of Teachers and Administrators on PBIS Pre and Post Implementation”

Covarrubia, Erika Lee, B.I.S., M.Ed.

“The Experience of First-Year Principals in a Title I School”

De Leon, Joel Bustos, B.A., M.S.

“The Impact of Imagine Math on Student Progress in STAAR Math”

Layton Jr., Antonio, B.S., M.S.

“Comparison of Two Texas Accountability Rating Systems for Effect on Economically Disadvantaged Students”

Mendoza, Ana Margarita, B.A., M.Ed.

“Teachers’ and Principals’ Perceptions of Factors that Contribute to the Success of Blue-Ribbon Schools Culture”

Salazar, Cynthia, B.A., M.Ed.

“Impact of Texas Title One Priority Schools (TTIPS) Grant Funding on Student Achievement”

Salinas-Vasquez, Laura A., B.S., M.S.

“A Comparative Study of the 21st Century Afterschool Center on Education in Elementary Schools in South Texas”

Schumann, James Elton, B.S., M.S.

“District Financial Accountability Compared to Closing Performance Gap and Postsecondary Readiness in Texas Schools”

Villarreal, Magda, B.I.S., M.Ed.

“The Impact of Curriculum and Instruction Personnel on Leadership and School Performance”

Doctor of Philosophy

Environmental Engineering

Alam, Taufiqul, B.S., M.S.

“Evaluation and Design Improvement of Permeable Pavement and Bioretention Practices in the Semi-Arid Lower Rio Grande Valley of South Texas”

Ghahremani, Nima, B.S., M.S.

“Assessment of Chemistry and Geochemical Reactions for Alternative Hydraulic Fracturing Water Supplies and Produced Waters”

Haynes IV, Lewis Lester, B.A., B.S., M.S.

“The In Situ Bioremediation of an In Situ Recovery Mining Site for the Reduction/Immobilization of Uranium Utilizing Gaseous Hydrogen”

Wildlife Science

Glasscock, Jessica L., B.S., M.Ag.

“Evaluation of a Natural Browse Fiber Source in Spanish × Boer Kid Goat Diets and Supplemental Pellets for White-tailed Deer”

MAY GRADUATE DISSERTATION TITLES

Doctor of Educational Leadership

Cantu-Lee, Aleyda Jeanette, B.A., M.S.

“The Transformation of a Higher Education Change Agent: Women in Digital Administration”

Renteria, Apolonia Marquez, B.A., M.S.

“Predictive Validity of the Texas Success Initiative Assessment for High School Student Success in Dual-Enrollment Courses”

Doctor of Philosophy

Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering

Bani Salim, Muath Naser Ali, B.S., M.S.

“Novel Acceptor Materials Design for Bulk Heterojunction Organic Solar Cells Applications”

Hadi, Abdullah Al, B.S., M.S.

“Design and Control of Multilevel Converter for Grid-Connected Renewable Energy Source”

Wildlife Science

Lombardi, Jason Vincent, B.S., M.S.

“Factors of Ocelot Occupancy in South Texas”

AUGUST GRADUATE DISSERTATION TITLES

Doctor of Education

Educational Leadership

Paxton, Angelita Marie, B.A., M.Ed.

“Experiences of First-Generation Latinas in Education Doctoral Programs in South Texas”

Ramos, Eddika Cristina, B.S., M.Ed.

“The Perceptions of Early Childhood Teachers and the Impact of STAAR on School Readiness”

Saldivar, Alexandra, B.A., M.S.

“Perceptions of First-Generation College Sophomores on Dual Enrollment”

Doctor of Philosophy

Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering

Bashetty, Srikanth, B.Tech, M.Tech.

“Dynamics of a Semi-Submersible Offshore Floating Multi-Wind Turbine Platform”



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 doctoral 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 doctoral 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.*

