

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE®



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Commencement

MAY 15, 2026



PROGRAM

The Commencement of the One Hundred and First Annual Session
Friday, May 15, 2026 • 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 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, Presiding Officer, 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 Isabella Quezada (10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.)
Vocal Performance Major
Amylia Saucedo (1:30 p.m.)
Vocal Music Education Major

WELCOME Dr. Palmer

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS College Deans

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

INTRODUCTIONS Dr. Robert H. Vela Jr.
University President

GREETINGS Glenn Hegar, Chancellor
The Texas A&M University System

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS (10:00 a.m.) Sophia Marie Yzaguirre

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS (1:30 p.m.) Katherine Villarreal

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS (4:30 p.m.) Juan Limas

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES. Dr. Palmer

JAVELINA JAHT 7 Bourbon Street Parade/Javelina Victory March 10:00 a.m.

CHOIR The Road Not Taken, by Randall Thompson/Let the River Run, by Carly Simon, arranged by Craig Hella Johnson.... 1:30 p.m.

MARIACHI JAVELINAS El Rey/El Son De La Negra 4:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONING OF ROTC CADETS..... MAJ Deseret Thompson
Assistant Professor of Military Sciences

WELCOME GRADUATES TO THE JAVELINA ALUMNI NETWORK Mr. Morales

ALMA MATER HAIL AMK, arranged by Dr. Greg Sanders, Regents Professor.....Ms. Quezada (10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.)
Ms. Saucedo (1:30 p.m.)

RECESSIONAL Entrance of the Court, from Othello, by Alfred Reed..... Wind Symphony

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Robert H. Vela Jr.	<i>University President</i>
Dr. Glenn Hegar	<i>Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System</i>
Dr. James M. Palmer	<i>Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Dr. Rosalind Alderman.....	<i>Vice President of Enrollment Management</i>
Dr. Robert Ayala.....	<i>Acting Vice President of Student Success</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>
Dr. Kristina Ramirez Wilson.....	<i>Chief of Performance Excellence and Strategy</i>
Michael Salinas	<i>Executive Director of Javelina Athletics</i>
Anne Thurwalker	<i>Acting Vice President of University Advancement and Chief Foundation Officer</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>
Dr. Maria E. Velez-Hernandez	<i>Interim Assistant Provost and Dean, Undergraduate Studies</i>
Christopher Vera	<i>Associate Vice President, Campus Operations</i>

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES

Analiya Fleming	<i>President, Student Government Association</i>
Kim London	<i>President, Staff Council</i>
Dr. Jody Marin	<i>Presiding Officer, Faculty Advisory Council</i>

SPEAKERS

Sophia Marie Yzaguirre

10:00 A.M.

Sophia Marie Yzaguirre, an Alice native and 2022 graduate of St. John Paul II High School, is a third-generation Javelina and daughter of Rene and Edna Lee Yzaguirre. She will graduate summa cum laude from Texas A&M University–Kingsville with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing and a minor in Digital Marketing.

While at TAMUK, Sophia earned honors including Distinguished Graduate for the College of Business, the Student Leadership Award, the NBCUniversal Media Scholar designation, the Emerging Leader Award, and the title of 2023 Homecoming Queen. She also participated in the LEADING Program, a USDA collaboration focused on agricultural marketing content, and has served as a content creator for flagship university social media accounts.

Sophia’s leadership is shown through campus involvement as a Javelina Camp Pack Leader and Javelina Ambassador, assisting incoming students and families. She is also two-time Executive Director of the Campus Activities Board, where she led programs that engaged thousands and enhanced campus life. She also served as President of Beta Gamma Sigma and was a member of the College of Business Student Advisory Board.

Following graduation, she will be pursuing a Master’s of Business Administration at TAMUK and aspires to join H-E-B’s School of Retail Leadership program.

Katherine Villarreal

1:30 P.M.

Katherine Villarreal is a Corpus Christi native graduating with a Master of Science degree in Biology. She earned her bachelor’s degree in medical studies with a minor in psychology from Arizona State University before attending Texas A&M University–Kingsville, where she has combined her passion for science, teaching, and medicine.

Katherine has served as a teaching assistant for Biology 1 laboratories and genetics courses, mentoring undergraduate students and helping foster a strong foundation in the biological sciences. In addition to teaching, Katherine conducts research and studies glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer, in the laboratory of Dr. Chang Sung. Her research focuses on investigating molecular pathways involved in tumor progression and therapeutic resistance, contributing to ongoing efforts to improve treatment strategies for patients.

Throughout her time at TAMUK, Katherine has been actively involved in professional development through the Graduate Biology Student Association in preparation for a career in medicine. This July, Katherine will begin her medical education at the Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Conroe, where she will continue pursuing her goal of becoming a physician dedicated to patient care and service in Texas communities.

SPEAKERS

Juan Limas

4:30 P.M.

Juan Limas is a native of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, and a first-generation college student graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Applied Engineering Technology with a minor in Construction Management and a certificate in Business.

Throughout his college journey, Juan distinguished himself through leadership, academic excellence, and service. He founded and served as president of the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) student chapter, leaving a lasting impact by creating new opportunities for student involvement and growth within his department.

He also served as an Engineering Ambassador, managing events that connected the College of Engineering with prospective students and the community. Juan was a member of the Catholic Student Organization at the Newman Center and part of the Honors College. His academic dedication earned him recognition on both the President's List and Dean's List, along with competitive scholarships including the ACS Scholarship, Honors College Scholarship, and the Romeo René Pérez Academic Achievement Engineering Scholarship.

Juan also conducted research in collaboration with Dow Inc. Looking ahead, Juan is driven to lead with purpose, create opportunities for others, and make a meaningful impact in the world through his work and service.

RECIPIENT OF THE HONORARY DOCTORATE OF LETTERS

Bill C. Colston, Jr.

Bill C. Colston, Jr. is a highly distinguished business leader and philanthropist. In 1937, Mr. Colston's grandparents, Alton B. and Erma Colston, purchased the Riviera Telephone Exchange, which remains family-owned and operated to this day.

Over the years, Riviera Telephone Company has grown to become a leader in communications technology and broadband, now serving over 1,000 square miles. Under Mr. Colston's leadership as President and General Manager, the company has made a significant and lasting impact on the telecommunications industry in Texas.

Though recently retired, Mr. Colston remains Chairman of the Board of Riviera Telephone Company. A lifelong South Texan, he has dedicated decades to serving his community through both philanthropy and industry leadership. For 32 years, he volunteered as an emergency medical services (EMS) responder, gaining firsthand insight into the challenges faced by EMTs and first responders.

This experience shaped his deep commitment to expanding healthcare access and strengthening emergency medical response efforts across the region. He has been involved in numerous philanthropic efforts, including significant contributions to Christus Spohn Hospital System and Halo-Flight, while also serving on their boards.

In addition to his advocacy in healthcare, Mr. Colston is a steadfast supporter of education, dedicating time and resources to initiatives that improve learning opportunities and outcomes for students. Riviera Independent School District, the Kleberg Kenedy County Junior Livestock Show, and Texas A&M University-Kingsville have all benefited from his dedication.

Bill is married to Judy Colston, and they will celebrate 55 years of marriage this July. They have two children, Marsha Petty and Billy Colston III, and six grandchildren.

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Vitiana Robert *** ^

*Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of
Agriculture and Natural Resources*

Samantha Marie Holly ***

College of Arts and Sciences

Sophia M. Yzaguirre *** ^

College of Business Administration

Liana Anani Herrera * †

College of Education and Human Performance

Gustavo A. Riojas *** ^

Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering

Carla Rios Crocker

College of Graduate Studies

Sarah Jesica Harder-Neely *

Honors College

Leslie Ivette Salazar ***

Undergraduate Studies

PRESIDING OFFICER FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Jody Marin

*Professor in the Department of
Language and Literature and
Director of the University Writing Center*

MARSHALS

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. Greta Schuster

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

COMMISSIONEES

Second Lieutenant, United States Army

Abigail Galindo

Fabiola Joanis

Leonel Eduardo Lopez

Josephine Nansubuga Sanyu

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM REGENTS

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

* Cum Laude

** Magna Cum Laude

*** Summa Cum Laude

† Teacher Certification

^ Presidential Medal

TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE REGENTS PROFESSORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. David Ramirez - 2025
*Chair and Professor in the Department of
Environmental Engineering*

CHANCELLOR'S ACADEMY OF TEACHER EDUCATORS

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

Dr. Lorraine E. Killion 2016-2017
*Associate 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
*Assistant Professor in the Department of
Educational Leadership and Counseling*

Dr. Steven B. Chumbley 2021-2022
*Associate Professor in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and
Environmental Sciences*

Dr. Fernando Hernández 2024-2025
*Associate Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education*

Dr. Cheryl McNair 2024-2025
*Associate Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education*

Dr. Olivia P. Modesto 2024-2025
*Assistant Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education*

Dr. Sonia Perez 2024-2025
*Adjunct in the Department of
Educational Leadership and Counseling*

Dr. Monica Wong-Ratcliff 2024-2025
*Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education*

COLLEGE AWARDS

DICK AND MARY LEWIS KLEBERG COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Senior Teaching Award

Dr. Steven Chumbley
*Professor in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and
Environmental Sciences*

Junior Teaching Award

Dr. Ashley Tanner
*Assistant Professor in the Department of
Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences*

Senior Research Award

Dr. Madhurababu Kunta
*Associate Professor in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and
Environmental Sciences*

Junior Research Award

Dr. Sanku Dattamundi
*Assistant Professor in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and
Environmental Sciences*

Dean's Excellence Award

Dr. Rick Machen
*Endowed Chair and Professor in the
Department of Animal Science and
Veterinary Technology*

ARTS AND SCIENCES

**William J. Hall
Faculty Award**

Dr. John B. Lopez
*Assistant Professor in the
School of Music*

**Dean's Award for
Outstanding Scholarly
and Creative Production**

Dr. Jingbo Liu
*Professor in the Department of
Chemistry*

**Olan Kruse Science
Faculty Award**

Dr. Fang He
*Associate Professor in the
Department of Biological and Health
Sciences*

**Dean's Award for
Outstanding Scholarly
and Creative Production**

Dr. Liz Kim
*Assistant Professor in the Department of
Art, Communication, and Theatre*

**Dean's Award for
Outstanding Leadership**

Kathy Pawelek
Director, John E. Conner Museum

**Dean's Award for
Outstanding Teaching**

Dr. Daniel Arias
*Lecturer in the
Department of Mathematics*

**Dean's Award for
Outstanding Service**

Dr. Michael Houf
*Associate Professor in the Department of
History, Political Science and Philosophy*

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**Distinguished Educator
of the Year**

Harmeet Singh
*Lecturer in the Department of
Accounting and Finance*

**Distinguished Innovator
of the Year**

Dr. Kendra Huff
*Assistant Professor in the Department of
Accounting and Finance*

**Distinguished Researcher
of the Year**

Dr. Ruth Chatelain-Jordon
*Professor in the Department of
Management, Marketing and Information
Systems*

**Distinguished Service
of the Year**

Dr. Jose Luis Daniel
*Associate Professor in the Department of
Management, Marketing and Information Systems*

EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

**Dean's Award for
Excellence in Teaching**

Dr. Amber Shipherd
*Associate Professor in the Department of
Health and Kinesiology*

**Dean's Award for Research/
Scholarly Creative Activity**

Dr. Brian Menaker
*Associate Professor in the Department of
Health and Kinesiology*

**Dean's Award for
Excellence in Service**

Dr. Kelly Hall
*Associate Professor and Chair in the
Department of Educational Leadership
and Counseling*

Dean's Junior Faculty Award

Dr. Jinnelle Powell
*Assistant Professor in the Department of
Educational Leadership and Counseling*

10:00 A.M. CEREMONY

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Doctor of Philosophy

Duffie, Duston Ryan
Wildlife and Rangeland Sciences

Stewart-Murphy, Kristyn Grace
Wildlife and Rangeland Sciences

Master of Science

Allen, Colton Nicholas
Agriculture Science
Bancroft, Kendall
Range and Wildlife Management
Bhattu, Keerthana Daffo
Plant and Soil Science
Chikapalli, Darshan
Plant and Soil Science
Dahl, Mason James
Ranch Management
Escamilla, Faith Elizabeth
Animal Science
Garcia, Aaliyah Nalleli
Animal Science
Garcia, Laila Demara
Environmental Systems Management

Garza II, Andres Alejandro
Agriculture Science
Garza, Sarina A
Animal Science
King, Carson Dean
Ranch Management
Lopez, Jasmine
Animal Science
Lovasik, Kevin Thomas
Range and Wildlife Management
McDaniel, Katherine Grace
Range and Wildlife Management
Rakosky, Harry Michael
Range and Wildlife Management
Rickels, Celine Magali Juliette
Range and Wildlife Management

Rogers, Jessica K
Animal Science
Ruiz, Gabriella
Animal Science
Sadineni, Buddha Mounika
Plant and Soil Science
Salinas, Natalie
Plant and Soil Science
Watts, Allison Nicole
Animal Science
Wurz, Benjamin T
Ranch Management

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Adams, Jillian P
Aguilar, Summer Rose
Alaniz-Brown, Amada Aaron
Alejandro, Ethan Jay
Alejandro, Kathlyn Amber
Alexander, Connor Matthew
Bailey, Kyra Egan
Bastian, Chase Nathan **
Baumgartner, Kerigan Ruth * ^
Besancon, Jacob Quentin
Booth, Sean Demichael
Callan, Chloe Grace ***
Cantu, Jayla Rose *
Cantu, Ximena
Castillo, Vanessa Marie *
Castillo-Salinas, Frandleli * ^
Castro, Haylee Lavonne
Chapman, Regann Alana
Clark, Whitney J *
Compton, Eleecia Monique
Cruz, Dalia ***
Curl, Clayton Eugene *
Delagarza, Joe A

Dugan, Darby Gail *** ^
Dworaczyk, Nadia Danielle *** ^
Eddy, Samuel Damon
Estep, Emma Caroline
Estrada, Monique Alexia **
Falcon, Charis Mia
Finley, Haylee Nicole *** ^
Fisher, Makayla Erin
Flores, Guillermo Ehler
Flores, Micaela ** ^
Fogg, Gabriel Dylan ^
Fraleay, Carson Sheppard
Fuentes, Victoria Rebecca
Garcia, Aliah Alexis
Garza, Kayla
Gibson, Kristen Elizabeth
Gonzales, Ryan Ethan
Gonzalez Lima, Javier Guillermo
Gonzalez, Juan Luis
Guerra, Megan Delaine
Gutierrez, Austin Chanze
Hartwick, Natalie N *** ^
Heimann, Chance Allen

Hernandez IV, Roberto A *
Jeanneret, Jordan Sean
Johnson, Haley Linette
Johnson, Nicole Lynn *
Kaeppel, Teresa Kristine *
Keyes, Hannah Elyse
Korte, Kyle
Kotzur, Emma Lynn ***
Lamprecht, Brooklyn Leigh *
Lopez, Belen
Lopez, Kaylie *
Marbach, Peter Jerome
Martinez, Dianne Margaret **
Martinez, Evie Pro †
McCoy-Matejka, Samantha Lynn *** ^
McCrary, Mireya ***
Mcilwain, Steven Lee
Migura, Wyatt Everett **
Mireles, Clarissa Renee ** ^
Murray, Samuel Garrett
Nussberger, Stormi Linh **
Ojeda, Alexandria
Oliva, Eduardo Andres

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

† Teacher Certification
^ Presidential Medal

Ore, Melissa ***
Palma, Leslie Esmeralda
Papadimitrio, Kara Lina
Pequeno, Marco Antonio
Perales, Adamari ** ^
Perez, Alexandra Sarahi *** ^
Perez, Corey Cheyenne
Perez, Samantha Lizeth
Plowman, Haley Annelise
Porche, John Alexander
Powell, Heather M
Quinones, Serena Monique **
Ramirez, Genoveva

Ramirez, Miranda KayLani
Reaves, Justin Wayne
Reed, Caleb Andrew
Reed, Justice Dnae
Renfrow, Brooke Taylor **
Rivera, Janessa Marie
Robert, Vitiana *** ^
Rodriguez, Rafael
Rodriguez, Wraith Manuel
Rogers, Zenobia Day
Rosa, Emily Denise
Salinas, Adrianna Luisa
Santos, Genesis Moriah

Smart, Ethan Ray ***
Sosa, Angelica Betzabeth
Soto, Camila Samantha
Stang, Justin Wyatt
Swenson, Nicola Jean
Trevino, Vianka Alexandra
Turner, Hunter C
Vasquez, Juliana Pilar *** ^
Vasquez, Kasandra D *** ^
Vazquez, Mireya Clarice
Vela, Deanira
Wilkerson, Jax ***

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Barrera, Brianna L
Business Administration
Cervantes, Virginia
Business Administration
Gamez, Estevan G
Business Administration

Lopez, Carlos A
Business Administration
Luna, Esiquia
Business Administration
Poulson, Carter W
Business Administration

Robledo, Genesis
Business Administration
Wei, Zhubo
Business Administration

Bachelor of Business Administration

Alvarez, Karina I
Asevedo, Ethan R
Barr, Laura A *** ^
Barra, Lesley *
Betsa, Laura **
Cadena Jr, Benjamin
Cisneros, Maria L ** ^
Cruz, Caitlin N ***
Esquivel, Linda E **
Foster, Bryce C **
Galindo, Abigail
Garcia, Mylah C *** ^
Garcia, Nicholas A *
Garza, Gabriel R
Gonzalez III, Armando
Gonzalez, Matthew J ***
Gonzalez, Nathaly R
Guerra, Giovanni M
Joanis, Fabiola **
Lamb, Kera ***
Lebron Figueroa, Frances P *** ^

Lopez, Mark
Lozano, Kyrie E
Luna, Cassandra Y *** ^
Marroquin, Joaquin D
Martinez, Yuliana
Nunez, Kyra E ***
Pena, Bianca I
Pickard, Lainey E
Pillado, Juan M
Presmanes Gárate, Clara ***
Pruett, Carley B *** ^
Ramirez II, Carlos
Ray, Alexis
Reyna, Haylee S * ^
Rising, Sara O
Russell, Jacob W
Sabala, Sofia M
Salazar, Cristian O *** ^
Salinas, Daniel E
Sanchez Penagos, Daniel F *
Sedtal, Teague B

Solesky, Tyler W *
Stapp, Eric M
Tunchez, Zachary I
Vasquez, Eleazar **
Williams, Devon R
Yzaguirre, Sophia M *** ^

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EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Doctor of Education

Amitrani, Brenda Natasha
Educational Leadership
Barrera, Laura
Educational Leadership
Burgos, Henry
Educational Leadership
Chapa-Arias, Elsie
Educational Leadership
Crocker, Carla Rios
Educational Leadership
De Leon Rodriguez, Yvonne
Educational Leadership

Garza, Adriana
Bilingual Education
Garza, Monica Alicia
Educational Leadership
Gonzalez, Herlinda
Educational Leadership
Hawkins, Alice F
Educational Leadership
Herrera, Connie Calderon
Educational Leadership
Okwechime, Azu Onwe-Azu
Educational Leadership

Ramirez, Leopoldo
Bilingual Education
Reyna, Thelma Abelina
Educational Leadership
Saenz, Mario Alberto
Educational Leadership
Smith, Nora Consuelo
Educational Leadership
Speckman, Elizabeth Lynn
Educational Leadership
Zamilpa, Nidia Edith
Educational Leadership

Master of Education

Azocar, Brenda Jo
Special Education
Guerrero, Tesa Leigh
Special Education

Pena, Josette
Adult and Higher Education
Ramirez, Valerie Lee
Adult and Higher Education

Ramirez, Valerie Marie
Early Childhood
Tijerina, Kayla L
Early Childhood

Master of Science

Alvarado, Nancy Palacios
Instructional Technology
Alvarado, Selina A
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Avalos, Alexia Rose
Kinesiology
Cantu, Marissa R
Counseling and Guidance
Castillo Jr, Carmelino
Instructional Technology
Cavazos, John Jaden
Kinesiology
Delano, Xavier
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Dimas, Dearah
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Ebersole, James Harold
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Fike, Lysie Ann
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Foster, Michelle
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Garcia, Alejandra
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Garcia, Grimaldi
Educational Administration

Garcia, Jennifer
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Gonzalez, Ashley Nicole
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Harris, Cady Layne
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Hill, Ashlynn Nichole
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Joiner, Miranda Conard
Education
Krough, Heather Grace
Education
Kypuros, David Ray
Kinesiology
Lara, Sasha Rochelle
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Lopez, Rachel Norman
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Martinez, Yolanda Oddette
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Mendoza, Carie Alane
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Miller, Hailey A
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Montes, Sarah A
Kinesiology

Pacewicz, Felicia
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Perales, Annalisa Marie
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Perilli, Gaetano
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Perilli, Kirsten Marie
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Placencio, Madelyn Dawn
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Ponce Rodriguez, Celeste
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Rasco, Mccoy Warner
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Sanchez, Elizabeth Gesine
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Sanchez, Mariela Guadalupe
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Sulewski, Lauri C
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Westbrook, Zachary Kendall
Kinesiology
Williams, Precilla Yvette
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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Bachelor of Science

Arredondo, Cirr Anan Leonzo ** ^
Borrego, Marissa
Diaz, Daisy Marie *** †
Dillard, Jenna Nicole
Garcia, Aziel Josiah
Garcia, Nathan Jay
Gomez, Alejandro Sebastian
Gonzales, Benita Beatriz *** ^

Gutierrez Pemelton, Marissa *** †
Henderson, Jordan Alexander
Herrera, Liana Anai * †
Lopez, Jordan Alejhandro
Medrano, Julissa Rae *
Mosqueda, Victoria
Porras, Erik Jon

Ramos, Alyssandra Danielle *** †
Ramsey, Desirae M
Shirah, Aria Grace *** ^ †
Stulting, Matthew W ** †
Tamez, Mia Lauren
Wilson, Daniel Mccall ***
Zepeda, Carina Quintanilla †

1:30 P.M. CEREMONY

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Curiel, Rebeca Elyse
Counseling Psychology
Curry, Taylor Lynn
Counseling Psychology
Deleon, Sarita Anita
Cultural Studies
Galaviz Trevino, Carolina
Counseling Psychology

Gomez, Rachel
Counseling Psychology
Juarez, Roberto
Cultural Studies
Pena, Esteban Daniel
Counseling Psychology
Rodriguez, Sabrina Ann
Counseling Psychology

Taubert, Kendall Arnett
Counseling Psychology
Valdez, Daniela Yajaira
Cultural Studies

Master of Music

Godwin, Deja Sanetta
Music
Martinez, Joshua Matthew
Music

Ward, Bryson Lee
Music

White, Dylan E
Music

Master of Science

Abdul Kapoor, Lathif
Biology
Almaguer, Alesi Monserat
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Barrientos, Martha Anarely
Chemistry
Bastakoti, Yashaswi
Statistical Analytics Computing and
Modeling
Carawan, Hannah Renae
Biology
Chauhan, Ayushi Rajeshbh
Biology
Christiansen, Lane
Statistical Analytics Computing and
Modeling

Colburn, Olivia Grace Eleanor
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Dacula, Leanne Rivera
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Dallacroe, Alexis
Communication Sciences and Disorders
De Leon, Roel Ricardo
Chemistry
Fraire, Cassandra Marie
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Garcia, Angelyssa
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Garcia, Miriam
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Garcia, Raquel
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Gonzalez, Samantha Lynn
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Green, Chisum James
Biology
Hernandez, Caitlin Linsey
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Hinojosa, Teresa Marie
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Johns, Jazmin Nicole
Biology
Lopez, Kayla Renee
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Maisuriya, Kevin Bharatbha
Chemistry
Malempati, Lavanya
Biology

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Martell, Julissa Alexandria
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Martinez, Maria Fernanda
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Martinez, Mayra Azeneth
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Mata, Samantha
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Medina, Cassandra Marie
 Criminology
 Medrano, Lisa Marie
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Moreno, Ethan Ernest
 Communication Sciences and Disorders

Nuno, Nayeli Lizette
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Paschal, Ashley Lynn
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Phelps, Madeline E
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Puente, Leslie Janeth
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Ramirez, Aileen Marie
 Biology
 Reliford, Ephrain
 Chemistry
 Rubalcaba, Haily Daileen
 Communication Sciences and Disorders

Salazar, Daniela Paloma
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Salinas, Natalie Nicole
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Shifugula, Tresa Kaanankoto
 Petrophysics
 Solis, Sierra Justine
 Criminology
 Thompson, Charles
 Biology
 Vega, Leiby Ruby
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Villarreal, Katherine Rae
 Biology

Master of Social Work

Alvarado, Marcos A
 Social Work
 Benavides, Daniella Amber
 Social Work
 Blanco, Debra Lee
 Social Work
 Cadena, Janessa Renae
 Social Work
 Erpelding, Autumn S
 Social Work
 Garcia, Brenda Ann
 Social Work

Garcia, Karina Aleksandra
 Social Work
 Garcia, Taylor Mckenzie
 Social Work
 Garza, Alexa Danielle
 Social Work
 Garza, Ashly Ann
 Social Work
 Gomez, Monica Yvette
 Social Work
 Gonzalez, Isabel Alicia
 Social Work

Ledesma, Mariela Araceli
 Social Work
 Lerma, Jessica Felicia
 Social Work
 Mendoza, Sabrina Ann
 Social Work
 Montiel, Arthur Jon
 Social Work
 Solis, Lisette Isabel
 Social Work
 Trevino, Denise Nevaeh
 Social Work

Bachelor of Arts

Bah, Yero
 Beish, Kaelub L *
 Beltran, Clarissa I
 Cadavona, Tammy A
 Cadena, Matthew **
 Campos, Jaden D
 Cantu, Julio F
 Caraway, Mikaela E
 Casarez, Mariana Feliciana
 Castillo III, Santos Jesus
 Castro Rivera, Jean Paul
 Chavez, Ross Morgan
 Colmenero, Adizel ***
 Colunga Reyes, Yadira ***
 Deanda, Crystal Amanda ***
 Dowling, Faith Christine
 Espinoza, Israel Raul *
 Flores, Leeya Jeweliana *
 Galvan, Michael Anthony
 Garcia, Sergio Antonio
 Garza, Jose Abel **
 Gomez, Amelia Ann
 Grubb, Dylan Tyler **
 Hercher, Neelie

Harder-Neely, Sarah Jesica *
 Hernandez, Jessica Lynn **
 Holly, Samantha Marie ***
 Hurtado-Gomez, Jennifer Yadira
 Lamadrid, Karina E
 Lazo Jr., Arturo *** ^
 Ledezma, Kayla Alexandra
 Lemus-Vargas, Lorena Elizabeth *** ^
 Martinez, Kierstin Jazlyn *
 Mckellips, William Alexander
 Miller, Jazmine Renae
 Montalbo, Maximus Robert
 Montez, Emma Rae
 Morales, Emmanuel Abel *** ^
 Moreno, Jessie Rudolph
 Munoz, Karla Alessandra **
 Muzik, Madison Rose ***
 Ortiz, Sandra Isela
 Paz, Mark Anthony
 Pena, Isaac D **
 Pena, Liliana Renee
 Perez, Cassandra Anjelika
 Perez, Ruben Enrique
 Perez Jr, Thomas ***

Pollard, Victoria Katherine
 Ramos, Joseph Isaiah
 Reyes Jr, Juan *** ^
 Rios, Reagan
 Roberts, Matthew Conrad ***
 Rodriguez-Padron, Alan Leonardo **
 Ruiz, Dave *** ^
 Ruiz, Marco Alan *** ^
 Saenz, Leah Rae **
 Schicke, Erica Dane *
 Smith, Shannon Marie ***
 Soliz, Maya Summer
 Stulting, Matthew W ** †
 Taylor, Troy William
 Tenery, Jasmine Lane **
 Thomas, Hannah Grace **
 Vega Rodriguez, Jian Nuel
 Vela, Kriselda Estelle
 Vidal, Jacqueline Nicole **
 Villarreal, Lorenzo Andres
 Vinzant, Victoria June
 Zamora, John Albert

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ENGINEERING

Master of Science

Ailuri, Naga Venu Reddy Computer Science	Jampani, Jayasai Sree Li Computer Science	Odom, Wyatt Zane Industrial Management
Ajith Babu, Nelaballi Civil Engineering	Jasti, Janaki Lakshmi Computer Science	Ogedegbe, Mary Ebelosele Civil Engineering
Anilkumar Ragi, Agith Environmental Engineering	Jerripothula, Bhavana Goud Computer Science	Parepalli, Jaswanth Industrial Engineering
Anumolu, Venkata Sai Ris Computer Science	K, Vishnu Vardhan Electrical Engineering	Patel, Darshan Pankajk Electrical Engineering
Badejo, Damilola Chukwudy Industrial Management	Kakarla, Rohith Satya Sa Civil Engineering	Patel, Ronak Shaileshb Computer Science
Bari, Srikanth Computer Science	Kasam, Ruthik Reddy Computer Science	Pathak, Ishan Prashant Computer Science
Bisa, Varsha Computer Science	Katamreddy, Sai Santhosh Re Computer Science	Peketi, Prasanth Reddy Industrial Engineering
Bobolu, Bhavya Sri Computer Science	Konaparthi, Gopichand Computer Science	Peram, Koushik Reddy Industrial Engineering
Boga, Devdath Electrical Engineering	Kothi, Harshith Reddy Mechanical Engineering	Polanco, Seth Lee Civil Engineering
Bollu, Venu Computer Science	Manda, Rudra Kanth Computer Science	Rajanala, Vamshi Krishna Electrical Engineering
Cathey, William Blair Civil Engineering	Mantada, Tharun Sai Computer Science	Rajanala, Varun Karteek Computer Science
Coronado, Marilyn Gailene Industrial Engineering	Mantena, Manoj Varma Industrial Engineering	Rasapu, Satya Sai Bhavy Bhavani Computer Science
De Leon, Orlando Industrial Engineering	Marujodu, Mahesh Electrical Engineering	Rosas, Andrew Computer Science
Dhormare, Aishwarya Ganga Computer Science	Mirampalle, Rohit Venkata Chenna Kesava Civil Engineering	Saluvadhi, Bhanu Prasad Civil Engineering
Doddi, Yatiesh Computer Science	Mohammad, Mastan Javeed Civil Engineering	Sanchez, Jade Nicole Chemical Engineering
Duku, Anyik Alexander Computer Science	Mohammed, Abdul Wasay Civil Engineering	Shah, Darshan Snehal Mechanical Engineering
Garcia, Victor Gabriel Environmental Engineering	Mohammed, Ghouse Mohiuddi Civil Engineering	Shah, Meet Vinaykumar Chemical Engineering
Ghadshi, Aditya Ramakant Computer Science	Mohammed, Hamaad Khan Computer Science	Sharma, Hemantbhai Chandrakant Computer Science
Gochipathala, Prasad Civil Engineering	Mohammed, Khaja Naveedudd Electrical Engineering	Smith, Kaitlyn Nicole Chemical Engineering
Gunna, Vaishnavi Reddy Computer Science	Mohammed, Minhaj Uddin Mechanical Engineering	Talafha, Omar Hussein Environmental Engineering
Haq, Muhammad Armugh Electrical Engineering	Mokkapati, Laahiri Computer Science	Thakur, Akshay Singh Mechanical Engineering
Heivilin, Jason Augustus Civil Engineering	Moparthi, Yaseswani Computer Science	Varupula, Hemanth Computer Science
Hernandez, David Anthony Natural Gas Engineering	Muchintala, Manikanta Mechanical Engineering	Vemula, Sai Deepika Industrial Engineering
Islam, Nuheen Electrical Engineering	Murugan, Harish Electrical Engineering	Walke, Akanksha Shankarrao Computer Science
Iyyalasomayajula, Havish Industrial Engineering	Namburi, Sravan Kumar Computer Science	Yeruvasu, Akhila Computer Science
James, Binchu Mol Civil Engineering	Nuthalapati, Ganesh Computer Science	

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Aguirre, Cecilia Dominique
Canchola, Eduardo Alejandro
Chavez, Noah M
Fernandez, Odette *
Flores, Guillermo **
Fuchs, Tiffany Michelle
Galvan, Christopher Peter
Gaona, Joe Ryan
Garces, Humberto
Gone, Daniel ** ^
Gonzales, Melania Azucena ***
Guerra, Larizza Mariel ** ^
Harris, Destinaya Geneiva

Henderson, Caitlyn Brooke *
Hernandez, Pandora Myra Rivas
Jimenez, Alonso *
Lozano-Cantu, Josue Rodrigo
Mendoza, Angel Gabriel **
Modeste Jr., Octavian Keith
Nava, Lucio
Noriega, Dayton Alijah
Ortiz, Carla Elizabeth
Peal, Shelbie Jamiesen **
Pena, Sarena Lamar
Richards, Makayla Lanae
Sierra, Elias M *

Stevens, Ramey Jane
Vargas Jr, Jesus
Vasquez, Brianda
Whitmire, Sydney Ashton

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Barrera, Alejandro
Beck, Nathanael M
Beltran, Flor L **
Boussoualim, Millissa ***
Calderon, Justin Daniel
Cisneros III, Jesus F
Claudio, Katherine Elisa
Duncan, Isabella Simone **
Farias, Sergio Jose *
Gomez, Ivan
Guajardo, Joshua J
Hinojosa, Jose Andres

Jones, Troy Daniel *** ^
Majek, Jonathan David *
Maldonado, Dylan Diego *
Perez, Donovan B
Prause, Brett Allan
Riojas, Gustavo Antonio *** ^
Rios, Adrian Eden
Rodriguez, Audrey Nicole *
Salazar, Francisco Guadalupe
Shearer, Parker Allen
Slusher, Zoe
Taylor, Ryan Wade

Torres, Celeste Alicia *** ^
Trevino, Daniel
Venable, Austin Xavier *** ^

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Alazemi, Abdallah Kh Kh J
Alghanem, Saud
Almegrin, Abdulrahman Obaid
Ashour, Farris Kamal
Borgstedte, Jeffrey Russell *** ^
Cervantes, Claudia D *
Co, Amy Bambi
Comin, Gannon Riley
Dancause, Edward Sebastian *** ^
Elissetche, Angel Garabitt
Gaddy, Jason Hurd ***
Garcia, Yasmin

Garza, Daniel Rolando *** ^
Gonzales, Lucas Miguel **
Gutierrez, Jazmin Joanna
Jimenez, Emmanuel
Mabile, Jaxon Blayne ***
Moreno Jr, Mark
Muschalek, Caleb Martin **
Palma, Denise Annabel Callejas
Pena, Abelardo
Perez, Eduardo ** ^
Say, Ehklo Kwai **
Sepulveda, Adrian ** ^

Shilling, Jayden William ** ^
Solis, Ryan Matthew
Villarreal, David
Willie, Alessia Paige

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Cuellar, Ethan L
Franco, Aaron N

Gallegos, Claudio S
Odvina, Anthony J *

Rodriguez, Brian Q

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Arredondo, Damian C
Conde, Robert C
Contreras, Devanie D
Cortes, Emily E *
Figueroa, Luis A *
Gamez, Nathan S
Garcia, Taylor N *
Garza, Jake R *

Gutierrez, Christian F
Gutierrez, Elyan **
Keller, Jared A *
Maravilla, Xitlalli A
Morales, Nicholas V
Nansubuga Sanyu, Josephine
Olanrewaju, Tomiwa A *** ^
Reyes, Jose M

Reyes, Ricardo
Rodriguez, Julian
Vazquez, Nicolas G **

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Campion, Tristan C
Christopher, Sydney M *
Dunlap, Matthew W
Garcia, Joseph A
Gordon, Craig M *
Handke, Nathaniel R
Hernandez, Aaron I
Joyce, Brendan
Le, Huu Loc

Loeza, Jhovanni G ***
Lopez, Cristofer R
Martinez, Jorge
Moore IV, Charles S
Mounce, Brittany A **
Ortiz, David M *
Rios, Onesimo ** ^
Roach, Dawson *
Rosa, Isaac L *** ^

Schmitt, Martin E **
Torres, Kody H
Trevino, Sebastian E ***
Wong, Isabell G

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Bravo, Maria Maisa *
Fenwick, Serenity Anne
Fountain, Cody Courtland

John, Katelyn Nicole *
Reyna, Jacklyn Marie
Rivera, Julian Alexander

Tocci, Guadalupe ***
Trevino, Kristin Leane
Utlej, Elissa Nicole

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering

Atherton, Ella Marie

Reyna III, Hector Hunter

Ruiz, Carlos

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Applied Engineering Technology

Brice, Richard Jose
De Leon, Michael Jay
Edghill, Ethan Michael
Garcia, Isaac
Gonzalez, Micaela L
Guajardo, Nadia
Guerra, Emily Leann

Lebron, Juan Manuel ***
Limas Rodriguez, Juan Humberto ***
Muzquiz, Melanie Samantha
North Jr, Kerry Lee
Power, Trevor Alan
Ramirez III, Leonel
Reyna II, Arturo

Villarreal, Lino **
Vrana Jr., Mark Anthony

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Andersen, Conor Dane *
Calvillo Jr, David *
Cavazos, Gabriel Lee *
Cavazos, Kyle C
Davis, Zachary Michael
Estrada, Noah Luke **
Garcia, Johnathan **
Garza, Audrey Lynn ** ^
Garza, Gerardo C
Gonzalez, Luis Ronaldo
Guevara, Ricardo Jesus

Hudspeth, William Gage
Kawamura, Nicholas John *
Martinez, Marcus
Mcbrayer, William Garrett *
Nash, Kristina Lyn ***
Nesmith, Sarena *
Olivares, Lucas Joseph *
Regalado, Diego Rey
Rodriguez, Jaime A
Rodriguez, James Ryan
Saldivar, Josue *

Salinas, David Anthony
Solis, Thomas Abel *
Tonche, Joseph Jesus **
Torres Jr, Jose
Walker, Tyler Wyatt

Bachelor of Science in Natural Gas Engineering

Brown, Isiah Michael

Shepherd, Karson A

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Bachelor of General Studies

Aguilar III, Luis Isaiah
Alvarado, Mariana Elena ** ^
Anderson, Deundria J
Balboa, Ariana Issamar
Burkett, Robert Tyler **
Cantu Jr., Ricardo Daniel
Cook, William Bryce *
Faragoza, Belinda
Flores, Laura Lydia **
Garcia Paige
Garcia, Ryan P
Garcia, Stelia
Garza, Araylie Davan
Griffith, Hannah Annette *
Guzman, Gabriela
Hernandez, Christopher Daylyn
Hornsby, Denise
Leo, Kara Kelissa

Loera, Brigitte Nicole
Luke, Nathaniel U
Norman, Jamir Amiel
Pena Jr, Gilbert
Price, Crayton Wade
Ramirez, Cecily ***
Ramos, Lisa Lissett
Ramos, Zoe Katelyn
Roberts, Chase Christopher
Robles, Steve A
Rodriguez, Mercedes Nikole
Rubalcaba, Gabrielle Aliette
Salazar, Leslie Ivette ***
Santos, Brianna Lee
Scrimgeour, Mia Skyla Tawharu
Segovia, Django Manuel ***
Torres De Leon, Fernanda J
Trevino, Samantha *

Trevino, Valeria Yamileth ***
Usini, Owen Fili
Varela, Destiniy L *
Vela, Bianca Marie ***
Weaver, Jonathon David *

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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

Garza, Adriana, B.A., MEd.

"Bilingualism: The Bridge to Stem Success — Exploring First-Generation Bilinguals' Academic Performance in College"

Ramirez, Leopoldo, B.A., MEd.

"Additive vs Subtractive Bilingual Programs: Impact on Language, Academics, and Identity in South Texas"

Educational Leadership

Amitrani, Brenda Natasha, B.S., E.E., M.Ed

"School-Level Predictors of CCMR Outcomes for English Learners in South Texas High Schools"

Barrera, Laura, B.S., M.S.

"The Principals' and Teachers' Perceptions of the Effectiveness of the Evaluation Process in "A" Rated Elementary Schools"

Burgos, Henry, B.B.A., M.S.

"Exploring the Role of Academic Chairs in South Texas Higher Education Institutions"

Chapa-Arias, Elsie, B.S., M.B.A.

"Exploring Faculty Perceptions of Learner Engagement Through Makerspace Integration: A Case Study"

Crocker, Carla Rios, B.S., M.S.

"Predictors of Export Control Awareness Among Personnel at Institutions of Higher Education"

De Leon Rodriguez, Yvonne, B.S., M.S.

"CTE Teachers' Perceptions Regarding Education Through the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a Transformative Tool for Preparing Students for the Workforce"

Garza, Monica Alicia, B.F.A., M.S.

"Examining the Perceptions of Dual-Enrollment Directors"

Educational Leadership Cont.

Gonzalez, Herlinda, B.S., M.P.A.

“Artificial Intelligence in Special Education: Middle School Social Studies Teachers’ Perspectives on Enhancing Learning for Students with Learning Disabilities”

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

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

Herrera, Connie Calderon, B.S., M.Ed.

“Description of Unexpected Challenges and their Resolutions among First-Year Principals in Texas”

Okwechime, Azu Onwe-Azu, B.S., M.Ed., M.A.

“Comparison of Two Adaptive Learnings Platforms: An Artificial Intelligence with Non-Artificial Intelligence used in College Mathematics Courses”

Reyna, Thelma Abelina, B.A., M.S.

“Fifth Grade Student TELPAS Performance and Its Relationship to STAAR Reading Results”

Saenz, Mario Alberto, B.A., M.A.

“Student Mothers’ Perceptions of Non-Academic Barriers and Institutional Support Systems at Four-Year Institutions of Higher Education in South Texas”

Smith, Nora Consuelo, B.A., M.Ed.

“Middle School Teachers’ Perceptions of Behavior Interventions for Students Diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder”

Speckman, Elizabeth Lynn, B.B.A., M.S.

“Statistical Analysis of Female Faculty Representation and Student Retention in U.S. Public Universities”

Zamilpa, Nidia Edith, B.Ed., M.Ed.

“Adapting to Innovation: 5th -Grade Science Teachers’ Mindsets Amidst Instructional Change”

Doctor of Philosophy

Wildlife Science

Duffie, Duston Ryan, B.S., M.S.

“Influence of Invasive Vegetation on Mammalian and Herpetofauna Communities across a South Texas Landscape”

Stewart-Murphy, Kristyn Grace, B.S., M.S.

“A Social-Ecological Evaluation of the Quail Decline in Texas”



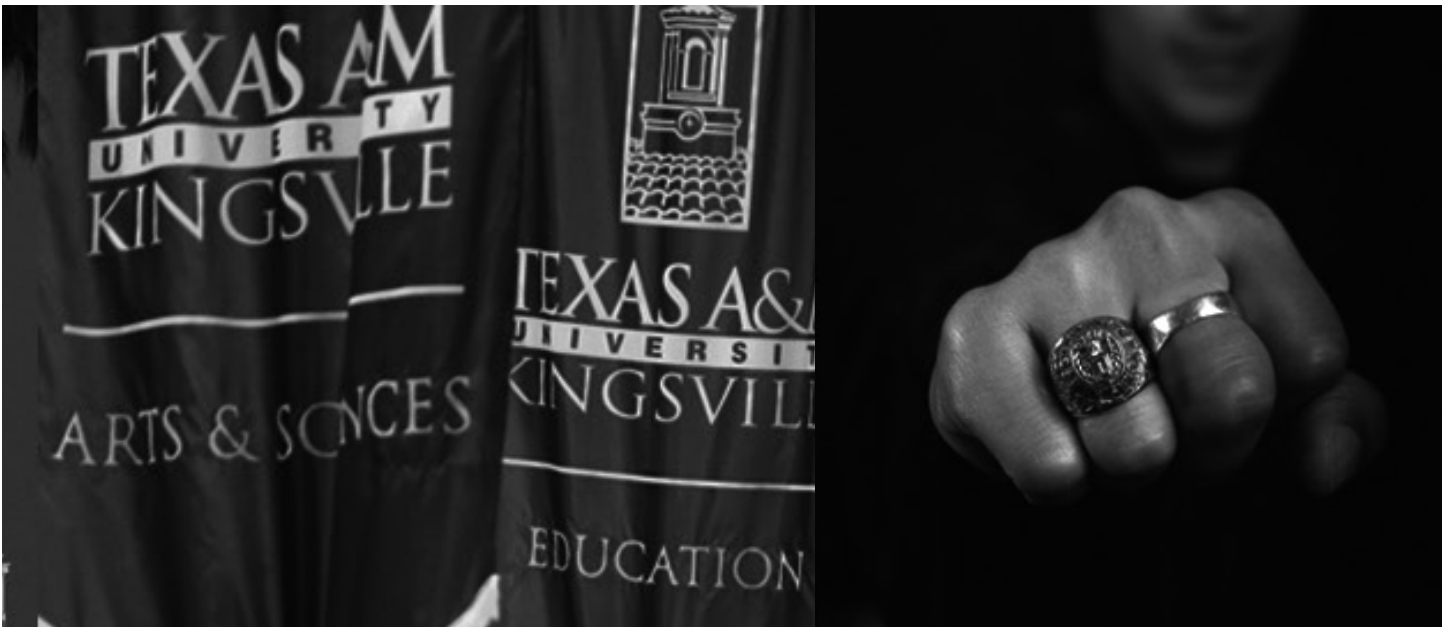
ACADEMIC REGALIA

The origin of academic gowns, caps and hoods is a matter of speculation. Unheated buildings may have necessitated the gowns. The remaining regalia might reflect the influence of the clergy during medieval times. The hoods, for example, might have served as head-coverings before skull caps were adopted. In any case, when American schools decided to adopt academic dress, they agreed, through a series of meetings and conferences, on some standard designs and colors. The gown design becomes more intricate with advanced degrees. Velvet trim, for instance, is reserved for doctors' gowns. The hoods, too, become longer as one proceeds from the bachelor's to the master's to the doctor's degree. The cap is plain for both bachelor's and master's. Velvet is reserved for the doctorate. The tassel on the cap may be black or the color appropriate for the major field of study. A doctor's tassel, however, may be made of gold thread.

The color of the facing of the hood denotes the type of degree, and doctors' gowns may also be trimmed in the same color. Examples are as follows: *Arts and Letters* - white, *Commerce and Accounting* - drab, *Economics* - copper, *Library Science* - lemon, *Music* - pink, *Education* - light blue, *Pharmacy* - olive, *Fine Arts and Architecture* - brown, *Humanities* - dark crimson, *Law* - purple, *Engineering* - orange, *Philosophy* - dark blue, *Physical Education* - sage green, *Science* - golden yellow. The color of the lining of the hood denotes the university or college granting the degree. Texas A&M University-Kingsville's colors are blue and gold. Students wearing the blue and green or gold honor cords are members of national honor societies. The honors presented during this ceremony are calculated on the student's cumulative grade point average for the semester prior. Official honors designation, which includes the calculation of the current semester's grades, will be indicated on the final transcript and diploma.

THE TOWER CHIMES

Striking on the hour and every quarter hour, the "Westminster" chimes of the College Hall tower were played for the first time in March 1999 for the inauguration of President Marc Cisneros. The chimes celebrate Javelina pride throughout the day, ringing out "Hail AMK" and "Jalisco."



THE UNIVERSITY BANNERS

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.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

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 processional, carrying the mace as a symbol of academic excellence and integrity.

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.



ALMA MATER

*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.*

CHOIR ARRANGEMENT

The Road Not Taken

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

Let the River Run

*We're running on the water, come!
Let the river run, let all the dreamers wake the nation.
Come, the new Jerusalem.
Silver cities rise; the morning lights the streets that meet
them. And sirens call them on with a song. It's asking for
the taking, trembling, shaking. Oh, my heart is aching.
We're coming to the edge, running on the water, coming
through the fog, yours sons and daughters*

