PROGRAM

The Commencement of the One Hundredth Annual Session
Friday, December 8, 2023 • 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. • Steinke Physical Education Center

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

PRELUDE ......................................................................................................................................................Wind Symphony
Dr. Colleen Ferguson, Assistant Professor of Music (10:00 a.m.)
Dr. Kenneth Williams, Professor of Music (2:00 p.m.)

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

Audience stands for PROCESSIONAL and RECESSIONAL

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION
The Party of the President, The Party of the Deans, The President of the Faculty Senate, 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 ..................................................................................Destynn Hatcher
Vocal Music Education Major

WELCOME ..............................................................................................................................................................Dr. Palmer

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

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

**PRESENTATION OF CLASS RING .............................................................................................................Ms. Monica Hysquierdo
Alumni Engagement Coordinator

INTRODUCTIONS ..................................................................................................................................................Dr. Vela

GREETINGS ..........................................................................................................................................................The Texas A&M University System

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS (10:00 a.m.) ............................................................................................................Christopher Robert Tijerina

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS (2:00 p.m.) ...........................................................................................................Lauren Myrna-Renee Silva

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES ......................................................................................................................Dr. Palmer

**COMMISSIONING OF ROTC CADETS ................................................................................................LTC Kevin Turnblom
Professor of Military Science

WELCOME GRADUATES TO THE JAVELINA ALUMNI NETWORK ........................................................................Ms. Hysquierdo

ALMA MATER HAIL AMK, arranged by Dr. Greg Sanders, Regents Professor ................................................................................Mr. Hatcher

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

**10:00 a.m.
UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Robert H. Vela Jr. ................................................................................................................................. University President

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

Dr. Rosalind Alderman ................................................................................................................ Vice President of Enrollment Management

Jacob Flournoy ........................................................................................................................ Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Dr. Rito Silva ................................................................................................................................ Vice President of Student Affairs and Community Relations

Bradley A. Walker ....................................................................................................................... Vice President of Institutional Advancement and External Relations

Martin Brittain .............................................................................................................................. Assistant Provost

Henry Burgos ............................................................................................................................... Chief Administrative Officer

Joanne Castro ........................................................................................................................... Associate Vice President of Financial Services

Kirsten Compary ........................................................................................................................ Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Natalya Delcoure ................................................................................................................... Dean, College of Business Administration

John Dove ...................................................................................................................................... Assistant Vice President, Chief Information Officer

Dr. Jose Espiritu ............................................................................................................................. Interim Associate Vice President for Research

Adriana Garza-Flores .................................................................................................................. Chief Marketing and Communications Officer

Dr. Dolores Guerrero .................................................................................................................... Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Darin Hoskisson ......................................................................................................................... Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies

Dr. Maria E. Martinez .................................................................................................................. Associate Vice President for Student Access

Dr. Shad Nelson ................................................................................................................................ Dean, Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Stephen Roach ........................................................................................................................ Executive Director of Athletics and Campus Recreation

Mildred Slaughter ........................................................................................................................ University Registrar

Dr. Thomas Spencer ........................................................................................................................ Dean, Honors College

Dr. Heidi A. Taboada ..................................................................................................................... Dean, Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering

Dr. Maria E. Velez-Hernandez ................................................................................................. Interim Associate Vice President for Student Success

Christopher Vera ........................................................................................................................... Associate Vice President of Campus Operations

Dr. Linda Villarreal ....................................................................................................................... Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Performance

Dr. Kristina Ramirez Wilson ............................................................................................................ Chief of Performance Excellence and Strategy

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES

Mario Hernandez ......................................................................................................................... President, Staff Council

Dr. Michael Houf ......................................................................................................................... President, Faculty Senate

Jacqueline McClendon .............................................................................................................. President, Student Government Association
Christopher Robert Tijerina was born and raised in Falfurrias. His parents are Marcos and Nakita Tijerina. He has four siblings Sergio, Diego, Sofia, and Anela Tijerina. He graduated from Falfurrias High School in 2019, attended Coastal Bend College in Fall 2019, and transferred to Texas A&M University-Kingsville in Fall 2020. Today, he will receive his bachelor’s degree in biomedical science with a minor in chemistry. He has been awarded many scholarships throughout his academic career, including but not limited to the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Regents Scholarship, the Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Welch Foundation Scholarship, and the Dream Come True Foundation Program. While an undergraduate, Tijerina had the privilege to conduct research for both the Chemistry Department and the Biological and Health Sciences Department. He was honored to assist in teaching General Biology II, Microbiology, and Anatomy and Physiology. Tijerina served in the following positions for his fraternity, Delta Chi: president; vice president; secretary and associate member counselor. He was recognized internationally for being a member of the Delta Chi Law Committee and was named Delta Chi of the Year in Spring 2023. He has held many positions on the Interfraternity Council, including president; secretary and vice president of Judicial Review. He is a member of the Order of Omega, an honor society for Greek Life members. Tijerina served as a Javelina Camp pack leader for two years and served on the executive board for Javelina Camp as the director of Staff Development. He plans to become a Doctor of Pharmacy in order to work as a clinical pharmacist and become a business owner in real estate development.

Lauren Myrna-Renee Silva was born and raised in Corpus Christi and attended school in the Calallen ISD. She enrolled at Texas A&M-Kingsville and received her Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in Spring 2022. As an undergraduate, Silva served as a student worker with the Office of Student Activities, where she organized and co-hosted family orientation for the incoming first-year classes and was a student member of the Family Weekend Committee. She was involved and had leadership positions in several organizations on campus. Silva was the philanthropy and social chair for the Society of Women Engineers; corresponding secretary of the engineering honor society, Tau Beta Pi; secretary of the Engineering Student Council; treasurer of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and corresponding secretary, vice president and current president of IEEE-HKN. Alongside these positions, Silva had the opportunity to be a Javelina Camp leader for five years, was a Student Ambassador for Javelina Nation social media and is a current Sweetheart of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. Throughout her college career, she was listed multiple times on the President’s List, Dean’s List, and Honor Roll and was a recipient of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers-Nueces Chapter Undergraduate Student Scholarship; Hispanic Women’s Network of Texas, Corpus Christi Chapter Scholarship and Romeo Rene Perez Academic Achievement Engineering Scholarship. Silva continued her educational journey and today will receive her master’s degree in Electrical Engineering. She will continue to study at Javelina Nation as she plans to pursue her MBA at Texas A&M-Kingsville beginning next spring. As for Silva’s future plans, she hopes to accept a cybersecurity internship position in San Antonio next summer. After finishing her MBA next fall, her goal is to secure a position at American Electric Power as an electrical engineer.
PRESIDENT, FACULTY SENATE

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

MARTIALS

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

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

Dr. Patricia Huskin
Associate Professor in the Department of
Teacher and Bilingual Education

Dr. Elda Sanchez
Professor in the Department of
Chemistry

Dr. Genevieve L. Scalan
Associate Professor in the Department of
Accounting and Finance

COMMISIONEES

Second Lieutenant, United States Army

Foose, Jayden Kamealoha
Sierra, Cecelyn Arriana
Sosa, Denise Alejandra

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM REGENTS

William “Bill” Mahomes
Chairman

Robert L. “Bob” Albritton
Vice Chairman

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Michael A. “Mike” Hernandez III
Michael J. Plank

Sam Torn
Elizabeth “Annie” Valicek
Student Regent

TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE REGENTS PROFESSORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Steven D. Lukefahr - 2004
Piper Professor in the Department of
Animal Science and Veterinary Technology
(Retired)

Dr. Paul M. Hageman - 2005
Professor in the School of
Music (Retired)

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Kim David Jones - 2016
Professor in the Department of
Environmental Engineering (Retired)

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

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

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

Dr. Susan L. Roberson - 2020
Professor in the Department of
Language and Literature (Retired)

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

Dr. Bart Ballard - 2022
Professor in the Department of
Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences
CHANCELLOR’S ACADEMY OF TEACHER EDUCATORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. LaVonne Fedynich 2018-2019
Professor in the Department of
Educational Leadership and Counseling
(Retired)

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

10:00 A.M. CEREMONY

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Cantu, Stephanie Lee
Cultural Studies

Perez, Ramon
Music

Master of Music

Balavanthula, Sravan Kumar
Chemistry
Bere, Jyostna
Chemistry
Cathey, William Blair
Petrophysics
Cortez, Mario Alberto
Chemistry
Gonzalez, Melissa Yvette
Sociology

Govardhana, Srikar
Statistical Analytics, Computing and
Modeling
Imam-Aliagan, Abdulhamid Balarabe
Biology
Jolly, Henry James
Criminology
Lawal, Oluwatosin Adetayo
Statistical Analytics, Computing and
Modeling

Saenz, Paige Nicole
Criminology
Timmons, Kimberly Lynn
Biology

Master of Science

Hernandez, Myra Lee
Social Work

Master of Social Work

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
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Bachelor of Arts

Amador, Darryus J
Baird, Lilly Florence **
Barreiro, Isamara
Burleson, Katherine Elizabeth
Camacho, Nicolas Cole
Cantu, Naythan J
Castaneda, Ciarra Alexandra
Castro, Ariana Rae
Collins, Gabriel Nathaniel
Cornelio, Sierra Marie
Curiel, Rebeca Elyse ***
Curry, Taylor Lynn **
Etuk III, Abanga Shaye
Fields, Brandi Nicole
Flores, James Xavier *
Galaviz Trevino, Carolina *

Garcia, Jessica Merree ***

Baird, Lilly Florence **
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Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Casillas, Brandon Lee **

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Montes, Jerry I

Bachelor of General Studies

Aboytes, Alfredo Sergio
Alaniz, Kristina
Banda, Brianna Aylin
Barrera, Cassandra Lynette
Beltran, Brittany Michelle
Butler, Victoria Ruth
Cavazos, Delia Dennise
Flores, Erika Marissa
Flores, Nadia Ann
Flores, Sari Nicole
Garcia, Isamar
Garcia, Jacqueline Angelic
Garcia, Nersa L. ***
Garcia, Zoe A. **
Garza, Adrienne Marie
Garza, Briana Gonzalez
Garza, Britney Giselle
Garza, Lexy Jeanelle

Garza, Savannah Kathleen
Gomez, Adriana Gisel
Gordillo, Magaly
Guerrero, Francisco Antonio
Gutierrez, Jennifer Silguero
Henderson, Xavier Charels
Hernandez, Alejandra Ruby
Hernandez, Naileen Yasmin
Jaramillo, Kobe Alexander
Jaramillo Mosqueda, Luis Eduardo
Jimenez, Dariana
Leal, Rebecca Nicole
Lindquist, Nocona Urias
Mascorro, Monika
Medrano, Myah Rae
Mendoza, Amanda Lauren
Mendoza, Dianey **
Moreno, Clarissa Yolanda

Noriega, Marco A
Odom, Carl Jarom
Olson, Savannah Lia **
Pena, Victoria Candice
Perez, Gloria Lynn
Pruneda, Gabriel M
Rendon, Stacy Ann
Reyes, Rebecca Ann
Salinas, Lizbeth
Salinas, Rebecca Marie *
Silva, Angelica
Torres, Ada Margarita
Trejo, David Tanner
Vasquez, Daniela Noemi
Vega, Kadesh Gerardo
Vela, Lisa De La Paz
Zarate, Tommie D

Bachelor of Music

Atkinson III, Jesus
Hernandez, Joseph Ryan *

Maldonado, Susana *
Molina, Joshua Anthony

Ramirez, Alexis Nicole
Ward, Bryson Lee *

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*** Summa Cum Laude
Bachelor of Science

Adame Jr., Jose Alejandro **
Alanis, Jackelyn
Alonzo, Valerie Rose
Aranda, Alexandria Alyssa
Bess, Raven Monet
Borah, Taylor Marie ***
Brown, Kwanee Imee Deshaun
Canales, Celinda C ***
Cantu, Veronica Lee
Chapa, Lillian Marie
Chavera, Clarissa
Christian, Robert Duvaun
Colburn, Olivia Grace Eleanor
Fernandez, Jon Anthony
Flores, Nayeli Lizette *
Foose, Jayden Kamealoha
Garcia, Carlo A
Garcia, Jasmine Bramasco
Garcia, Lezlie Marie
Gonzalez, Janelle Marie
Guerra, Roel Junior
Gutierrez, Mariah Jewel

Hefflin, Jacob A. *** (Posthumous)
Hinojosa, Jacob Ryan ***
Hinojosa, Leana Bella
Hook, Alexis ***
Houf, William Philip ***
Howe, Amanda Lisa ***
Kafka, Derek Ernest
Klatt, Colton W
Koep, William Charles **
Le, Tony Quy
Ledesma, Xavier Jay
Liguez, Tomas Gregorio
Longoria, Amy **
Lopez, Angelica Christina
Lopez, Cristy Alice **
Lopez, Shelsy Leann **
Mendez, Melissa Lizett
Montoya, Denise Renee
Munoz, Aaliyah Dolores
Nnadi, Paracleta Chiagozigom ***
Ochoa, Isadarely Leonor
Ortiz, Jeanette Ruby

Pastrano, Bailey
Perez, Sarah Marie
Platz, Danielle Corine
Powell, Lacy Jane
Ramirez, Marcus Phillip
Rivera, Bridgett Rubi
Rodriguez, Malory Deandra
Salas, Jacquelin
Saldana, Desire Marie
Semler, William Paul
Shaffer, Miranda Marie *
Smith, Jonathan Andrew
Sosa, Denise Alejandra
Soto, Andrew Michael
Stachowiak, Allison C *
Tijerina, Christopher Robert **
Tijerina, Iliana Gabriella
Vera, Brandy Jo
Villarreal, Sandra N *
Ware, Kamryn Morgan
Watson, Elgon Jer’Mari

EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Doctor of Education

Arizpe Rodriguez, Javier
Bilingual Education
Castillo, Joe Angel
Educational Leadership
Cortez, Yadira
Educational Leadership

Gonzalez, Stacey L
Educational Leadership
Hernandez, Heriberto
Educational Leadership
Valderas, JoAnn
Educational Leadership

Wang, Michael A.
Educational Leadership
Zacarias Jr., Adrian
Educational Leadership

Master of Education

Arclies, Allen Wade
Adult Education
Bedford, Shelby Kaylyn
Early Childhood
Edmondson, Dena Nicole
Adult Education
Garcia, Anysa Lydia
Early Childhood

Garza, Janice Marie
Adult Education
Lemon, Brenna Jean
Adult Education
Longoria, Maria M
Early Childhood

Perez, Ulyssa Yanai
Adult Education
Salazar, Christina Marice
Special Education
Saldana Mora, Monica Michele
Adult Education

Master of Science

Alonzo, Julie Ann Marie
Reading Specialization
Braun, Kasey Nichole
Instructional Technology
Bunch, Brittny Nicole
Educational Administration
Cabral, Selena
Bilingual Education
Cisneros, Adriana
Counseling and Guidance

Farias, Isabella Anis
Educational Administration
Garcia, Felipe
Reading Specialization
Gatica, Vanessa Cruz
Reading Specialization
Guevara, Kourtney Amanda
Instructional Technology
Morales, Mayela Maribel
Bilingual Education

Morreale, Reagan Presley
Educational Administration
Oviedo Jr., Fernando
Educational Administration
Segovia, Amber Nicole
Education
Setamou, Oumoul Hairou
Reading Specialization

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Bachelor of Science

Arevalo, Alexia Rose
Barrera, John Diego
Buhidar, Merc Russell
Cano, Dennis Benjamin
Cardenas, Bianca Alexa
Carr, Breana Janelle
Carter, Christian O’Keith
Chaidez-Torres, Mayeli
Delgado, Ydalith Guadalupe *
Diaz, Ryan Michael
Fairfield, Johanna Christine
Gallegos, Kyrie Y ***
Garcia, Aziel Josiah

Garcia, Gloria Esperanza
Garza, Gabrielle E *
Garza, Janet Marie *
Garza, Nadia Danielle
Garza, Sabrina
Gilpatrick, Lori A
Goss, Germain Laron Jr.
Graveley-Rosado, Christopher Andru
Guerra, Kenneth Etienne
Hernandez, Erica
Jacobs, Isaiah Allen
Lerma, Monique Nayoli
Lopez, Crystal

Luna, Alexa **
Madrid, Christopher Lawrence
Mancilla, Lucia
Medlock, Coby Ryan
Mendez, Mallory Lacy
Mieth, Evan Mitchell
Payne, Cole Ryan
Ramos, Daniella **
Rios, Ana Gabriela
Sanchez, Darien Charles
Sierra, Cecelynn Arriana
Taylor, Colton James

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

2:00 P.M. CEREMONY

Avila Sanchez, Jose Silverio
Wildlife Sciences

Biggs, Katherine Elyssa
Agriculture Science
DeForest, Emily Sue
Agriculture Science
Ellis, Calvin Clay
Range and Wildlife Management
Gajendrula, Sai Varun Teja
Plant and Soil Science
Garkapogula, Kavya
Plant and Soil Science
Gibson II, Karl Richard C
Animal Science

Gonzalez, Marissa
Plant and Soil Science
Herschberger, John E
Range and Wildlife Management
House, Mikayla Marie
Range and Wildlife Management
O’Brien, Molly Elizabeth
Range and Wildlife Management
Pydi, Vamsi
Plant and Soil Science
Rangel, Evan Drake
Range and Wildlife Management
Rodkey, Tara Lafabregue
Range and Wildlife Management
Rodriguez, Horacio Erasmo
Plant and Soil Science
Russell, James Chance
Agriculture Science
Talluri, Akhil Chowdary Chowdary
Plant and Soil Science

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Alaniz, Ana Maria
Almanza Jr., Raoul
Alvarado Jr., Juan G
Anderson, Meghan Elizabeth
Anzak, Rachel Marie
Arozla, Elizabeth Marie
Bars, Elissa Rose
Beach, Kristin Nicole
Briseno, Britnie Briseyda *
Burnett, Travis Henry
Castillo, Cathryne Nineth
Cavazos, Daniel B
Clipson, Carlie Patrice
Cortez, America Citally
Cortez, Elias
Cruz, Criselda Celeste
Daniels, Ashelin Annette ***
De La Garza-Oberhuber, Cecilia **

Escamilla, Faith Elizabeth
 Faulstich, Lathan Michael ***
 Flores, Jannet
 Galindo, Viana Marie
 Gonzalez, Brianna Lynn
 Gonzalez, Francisco
 Guerra, Andrew Jacob
 Guerrero, Delilah R
 Guerrero, Jimena C
 Hernandez, Emmanuel
 Herrera, Rene Angel
 Johnson, Stephen Troy Yarbrey ***
 Jones, Crisanta Marie
 Katsuta, Akari
 Kennemer, Austin Levi
 King, Victor Ryan *
 Kramer, Chase Aaron ***
 Lazusky, Anthony E

Leal, Julianna *
Longoria, Alma Lizbet
Lopez, Breanna Laura
Lopez-Washburn, Krystal Nicole **
Maze, Weston Bradley Becker *
Mendoza, Jessica Faithe
Nelson, Taylor Catherine *
Nuno, Andy
Ovdina, Rosemarie Amber *
Oetken, Cody Wayne *
Pate, Sydney Elizabeth *
Payne, Savannah Eryn Gwynn
Pena, Ariana Sarith
Penny, Morgan Grace ***
Perez, Alegandra Iliana
Perez, Ariel Elizabeth **
Rey, Katysell
Reyes Jr., Armando

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Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (Cont’d.)

Rodriguez, Rubi
Salce, Juliet Flower ***
Salinas, Carolina Amanda
Salinas, Natalie
Santos, Anthony Brian
Sepulveda Jr., Robert
Sewall, Shelby Lynn **
Sjolander Clark, Katie E
Snelsen, Emma Elida
Villarreal, Clarissa L **
Zometa, Zuleyma Elizabeth ***

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Bailey, Cleveland Jacoby
Business Administration
Belwal, Chaitanya
Business Administration
Bowman, Leslie Marie
Business Administration
Carroll, Jack
Business Administration
Ceballos, Maricela Rosalinda
Business Administration
Cerda, Michael
Business Administration
Fails, Hayden Daniel
Business Administration
Flores, Joshlynn Michelli
Business Administration
Godfrey, Kymberly Loraine
Business Administration
Gonzales, Lue L
Business Administration
Gutierrez, Israel Eliseo Jr.
Business Administration
Jaimez, Olivia Ann
Business Administration
LaRue, Samantha Nicole
Business Administration
Martinez, Omar Jerardo
Business Administration
Raffety, Taggart Nathan
Business Administration
Rigsby, Madison Danielle
Business Administration
Rivera, Francisco
Business Administration
Rosales, Iliana Marie
Business Administration
Rubio, Rachael R
Business Administration
Sanchez, Armando Ethan
Business Administration
Sanchez, Troy
Business Administration
Scott, Trevor John
Business Administration
Trevino, Claudia Isabel
Business Administration
Truesdale, Sean
Business Administration
Tulloch, Jasmyn Renee
Business Administration
Vela, Phyllis Rosie
Business Administration
Wessels, Aleigh Marie
Business Administration
Gonzales, Clarissa Ann
Taxation
Murff, Nicole Marie
Taxation
Petersen, Amaura Mccole
Taxation

Master of Science

Adkins, Tanner Davis
Alvarado, Adam Lee **
Amador, Kristian Wesley
Amador, Ramsey ***
Andrade, Pedro Daniel
Becker, Shelby Tylar **
Campos Reyes, Alejandra Anais
Cardona-Longoria, Maria Rosa
Castillo, Mauricio **
Cavazos, Lucas A **
Charles, Nicholas Christiano **
De La Garza, Antonio Jesus
Elizondo, Ashley Marie
Gonzalez, Alexandria
Gonzalez, Jacob Douglas ***
Hite II, Kenneth Larman
King, John Eryk **
Kloesel, Hunter Wayne *
Lara, Alyssa Michelle
Mahon, Alexander Patrick
McFall, Meredith Elizabeth ***
Mireles, Araceli *
Najera, Rolando Esteban
Oliveira, Kevin Michael
Payne, Trenton A **
Ramirez, Andrew John *
Rangel, Jasmine Marie
Ravell, Larissa Madison ***
Rodriguez, Courtney Taylor
Sanchez, Valentin
Thomas, Caleb Aaron
Valencia, Jose A **
Villarreal, Clarissa L **
Zometa, Zuleyma Elizabeth ***
Master of Science

Adediwura, Oreoluwa Adedeji  
Mechanical Engineering  
Al Bustanji, Yahya  
Industrial Engineering  
Aldawsari, Saleh Mubarak D  
Environmental Engineering  
Atoyebi, Atilade Samuel  
Industrial Engineering  
Azayzeh, Mohammad Omar  
Environmental Engineering  
Bankole, Folake Esther  
Industrial Management  
Bolisetty, Datta  
Industrial Management  
Carrion, Kasey Marie  
Civil Engineering  
Chandni, Ashma Akter  
Environmental Engineering  
Changalasetty, Venkata Ramanarayana  
Sai Deekshith  
Civil Engineering  
Chilukuri, Ravi Teja  
Computer Science  
Esobi, Chijindu Jeffery  
Industrial Management  
Esobi, Bolatito Omojibola  
Industrial Management  
Fetuata, Oluwaseun Rilwan  
Mechanical Engineering  
Hernandez, Kristen Amber  
Environmental Engineering  
Hernandez Garcia, Luis Arturo  
Mechatronics Engineering  
Hinmikaiye, Oluwaseyi Rachael  
Industrial Management  
Inukollu, Manoj Kumar  
Mechanical Engineering  
Jasti, Yashawsi Poorna Chandra  
Civil Engineering  
Jiang, Mengxiang  
Computer Science  
Kotte, Manoj Kumar  
Mechanical Engineering  
LNU, Syed Farhan Hussaini Syed  
Samiullah  
Mechanical Engineering  
Loera-Stringer, Bryan James  
Industrial Engineering  
Lopez, Daniela Ruth  
Computer Science  
Mahammed, Jani Reshma Taj  
Computer Science  
Mohammad, Muzakkir Hussain  
Civil Engineering  
Momani, Ahmad Tawfiq Ahmad  
Computer Science  
Nakramoni, Ayyanna  
Chemical Engineering  
Neravati, Naga Sai Swaroopa  
Computer Science  
Nwaizu, Pascal Chinedu  
Computer Science  
Ogungbeje, Olusola  
Industrial Engineering  
Onwuachumba, Nora Chinemye  
Industrial Management  
Onwuachumba, Uchechukwu Cornelius  
Industrial Engineering  
Osiberu, Oreoluwa Adeniyi  
Environmental Engineering  
Otoki, Oluwadamilola Temitope  
Environmental Engineering  
Palakkal, Mohamed Ansar  
Environmental Engineering  
Patlolla, Yeshwanth Reddy  
Computer Science  
Pennnam, Vynshnavi  
Computer Science  
Ravella, Sai Ram  
Mechanical Engineering  
Rubio, Luis Alonso  
Industrial Engineering  
Sajjad, Muhammad Asad  
Electrical Engineering  
Sarikonda, Murali Sai  
Industrial Management  
Shamshabad, Shashikanth Reddy  
Civil Engineering  
Shilam, Rahul Prasad  
Computer Science  
Siddiqui, Mohammed Abdul Mojiz  
Mechanical Engineering  
Silva, Lauren Myrna-Renee  
Electrical Engineering  
Singh, Lovekesh  
Mechanical Engineering  
Singleton, Ruben  
Civil Engineering  
Sirumalla, Ajay Kumar  
Computer Science  
Sivarapu, Aditya Krishna  
Mechanical Engineering  
Somala, Chandra Vardhan Naidu  
Computer Science  
Sudireddy, Sudheer Kumar Reddy  
Computer Science  
Syed, Khaja Jaffer Mohi Uddin Hussaini  
Mechanical Engineering  
Syed Israr, Syed Faeque  
Chemical Engineering  
Tadapaneni, Gopi Krishna  
Computer Science  
Tadvi, Alpeshkumar Santoshkumar  
Civil Engineering  
Vangala, Praneeth Acharya  
Electrical Engineering  
Vankudothu, Swetha  
Computer Science  
Vavilala, Sai Vardhan Sagar  
Computer Science  
Vemula, Vivekananda Rao  
Civil Engineering  
Vera, Adrian  
Industrial Engineering  

* Cum Laude  
** Magna Cum Laude  
*** Summa Cum Laude
Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering
Houf, William Philip ***
Lopez, Tera Elizabeth
Rivera Jr., Salvador
Silerio, Briana Arelia
Taliaferro, Gabriel Lloyd *

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Abdulrazzaq, Mariam O J H
Alazemi, Saood A S M
Alenezi, Nour Khaled
Alhubaidah, Yousiff
Alkandari, Bader M
Alkandari, Mohammad A M Y
Almulla, Sheikh Hani
Alsahaf, Mohammad
Alwasmi, Wsmy
Awwad, Ali
Bullion, Michael Alexander **
Chavarria, Omar
Hamad, Shreem A A A
Hayat, Ahmad Hma
Luna, Christian Jude
Sesatty, Carlos Enrique

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Alvarez, Jorge H
Mclver, Jackson Powell

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering
Guzzetta, Grant James

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Applied Engineering Technology
Alsip, David Keith Jr.
Baez, Andres
Charles, Carlos Isaiah
Taylor, Caden Ryan *
Villarreal, Faith Luisa
Wolff, Nicholas Martin

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Bowers, Quinton ***
Cantu, Jaime Bartolome
Carballo, Brandin Troy **
Chavana, Joshua
De La Rosa, Antonio Javier
Garcia, Jonathan
Hodge, John Robert
Hunter, Zachary Michael
Jacobs, Alexis N *
Lozano Jr., Jaime Emilio
Pelagio-Robles, Eric Gabriel
Vela, Eric Anthony

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.
Dissertation Titles

Doctor of Education

Bilingual Education

Arizpe Rodriguez, Javier, B.S., M.S.
“University EFL Students’ Preferences Toward Native and Non-Native English Speaking Teachers”

Educational Leadership

Castillo, Joe Angel, B.A., M.S.
“Teachers with Identified High Trait Emotional Intelligence and Their Perceived Influence on Pedagogy and Resilience”

Cortez, Yadira, B.S., M.S.
“College Students’ Perceptions of the Impact of Dual Credit Classes on their College Experience”

Gonzalez, Stacey L, B.S., M.Ed., M.A.
“Teachers’ Perceptions of a 2+2 Teacher Preparation Program Training Experience”

Hernandez, Heriberto, B.B.A., M.B.A.
“The Effects of Course Scheduling Options on CTE Courses in the South Texas Region”

Valderas, JoAnn, A.S., B.S.
“Teacher Perceptions of the Evaluation System Including Walkthroughs and Administrator Feedback in Rural South Texas School Districts”

Wang, Michael A., B.S., M.S.
“A Meta-Analysis of the Effectiveness of MyMathlab in College Algebra”

Zacarias Jr., Adrian, B.S., M.S.
“Parental Involvement Impact on Student Achievement in an Elementary Setting with Low-Socioeconomic Status”

Doctor of Philosophy

Wildlife Science

Avila-Sanchez, Jose Silverio, B.S., M.S.
“Assessing Fine-scale Vegetation Structure in a Proper Grazing Management System in South 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, Natural Resources and Human Sciences; 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 is making its debut during the Fall 2023 commencement ceremonies. The president of the Faculty Senate 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.
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.