THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION
THE OFFICIAL PARTY

University Mace, John M. Maxstadt, Vice President, Faculty Senate
President, Dr. Ray M. Keck, III
Commencement Speaker, Judith A. Canales
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Interim Dean, College of Education, Dr. Juan Lira
Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Dr. Regina Aune
Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Dr. Jeffrey M. Brown
President, Student Government, Triana González

Marshalls:

9 a.m. Dr. George Clarke
Associate Professor of Economics
Delissa A. Flores, Class of 2011
A.R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business
Dr. Candace K. Baker
Associate Professor of Special Education
Verónica Cruz, Class of 2011
College of Education

8 p.m. Dr. Jaclyn Jeffrey
Associate Professor of Social Sciences
Josefina Gutiérrez, Class of 2011
College of Arts and Sciences
Ms. Carmen Bruni
Assistant Professor of Nursing
Amy Pérez, Class of 2011
College of Nursing and Health Sciences

College Banners:

9 a.m. David A. Chapa, Class of 2011
A.R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business
Diana K. García, Class of 2011
College of Education

8 p.m. Luís Fuentes, Class of 2011
College of Arts and Sciences
Elsa I. Santellano, Class of 2011
College of Nursing and Health Sciences
THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

Master of Ceremonies
Dr. Pablo Arenaz, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Fanfare and Processional  
Texas A&M International University Symphonic Band  
Dr. David García  
Conductor

Opening Declaration  
Dr. Pablo Arenaz  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Presentation of Colors  
Texas A&M International University ROTC  
Captain Marivel Sanson

National Anthem  
9 a.m. Dana Crabtree  
Instructor of Music  
8 p.m. Stephanie Solis-Schnyder  
Class of 2011  
Accompanied by the TAMIU Symphonic Band

Commencement Speaker  
Judith A. Canales  
USDA Administrator for Rural Business and Cooperative Programs

Distinguished Student Scholar  
9 a.m. Alejandra Ávila, Class of 2011  
Manuel Mario Flores, Class of 2011  
8 p.m. Andrea Deyanira Beattie, Class of 2011  
Irma Fabiola Guerra, Class of 2011

University Scholar Award  
Dr. Pablo Arenaz  
Assisted by John M. Maxstadt, Vice President, Faculty Senate

University Teacher Award  
Dr. Pablo Arenaz

Certification of Candidates for Degrees  
Dr. Pablo Arenaz

Conferring of Degrees  
Dr. Ray M. Keck, III  
President

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees  
Mary Treviño  
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Hooding of Doctoral Degrees  
Dr. Pablo Arenaz

Alma Mater  
9 a.m. Dana Crabtree  
8 p.m. Ashley Montemayor  
Class of 2011

Prayer of Gratitude  
Triana González  
President, Student Government

Closing Declaration  
Dr. Pablo Arenaz

Recessional March  
TAMIU Symphonic Band
Named by *Hispanic Business Magazine* as one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the United States in 2010, Judith A. Canales received her second presidential appointment when President Barack Obama named her as the first Hispanic woman to serve as the Administrator for Rural Business and Cooperative Programs in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development program.

As administrator, she is responsible for overseeing the national rural business and cooperative programs portfolio for USDA. Rural Business and Cooperative Programs promote a dynamic business environment in rural America by working in partnership with the private sector, public bodies and community-based organizations.

Canales was previously the executive director for the Maverick County Development Corporation, facilitating economic development for Eagle Pass and Maverick County. She was an adjunct faculty professor for Southwest Texas Junior College and a consultant specializing in government relations, grant writing, and leadership training for nonprofit organizations.

She was the first executive director of the International Hispanic Network, an organization of city managers and professionals. She was the Director of Human Resources for the Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino, Special Projects Director for Sul Ross State University-Rio Grande College and served as the assistant city manager for the City of Eagle Pass.

Her first presidential appointment was by President Bill Clinton as the acting associate administrator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business-Cooperative Service in Washington, D.C. She served as the deputy state director for the USDA Rural Development Texas Office, administering rural housing, utilities, business, and community development programs.

Canales was appointed as the Legislative Officer for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Legislation in Washington, D.C. and served as Legislative Representative in the Washington, D.C. office of New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins. She worked for the Low Income Housing Information Service and the National Council of La Raza. She co-authored the NCLR policy report, “The Hispanic Housing Crisis.”

She is the past national president of MANA, a national Latina organization and a graduate of the National Hispana Leadership Institute. She is a recipient of the “Woman of Distinction” award from the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

Ms. Canales is a graduate of Leadership Texas Class of 2001. She received a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government. She also holds a Master of Arts in Urban Studies from Trinity University, a Bachelor of Journalism degree from The University of Texas at Austin and an Associate of Arts degree from Southwest Texas Junior College. She is a native of Uvalde and has most recently lived in Eagle Pass.
Distinguished Student Scholar
Alejandra Ávila

Born in Mexico City, Alejandra Ávila is the oldest daughter of Jorge and Silvia Ávila. She graduated from John B. Alexander High School as a distinguished student, earning a full academic scholarship as a President's Scholar in TAMIU's D.D. Hachar Honors Program.

Today, she earns a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Marketing and a Certification in International Studies from the A.R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business with a 3.936 GPA.

While a student at TAMIU, Alejandra studied abroad in China and France, participated as a member of the Dustdevil Women's Soccer Team and was chosen as a TAMIU delegate for the Harvard World Model United Nations Conference in Singapore. She also served as president of the Association of International Students, and earned several leadership awards, including Freshman of the Year and the Global Citizen Award.

Alejandra will be attending the University of Texas School of Law in Austin in the fall to pursue her J.D.

Distinguished Student Scholar
Manuel Mario Flores III

Manuel Mario Flores III, is a Laredo native and a 2007 graduate of Zapata High School. He is the son of Mario and Christina Flores and is a Fitness and Sports, All-Level certification major, with a minor in Mathematics. He has worked with the University's Intramural Program throughout his TAMIU enrollment.

He graduates today with 3.551 GPA and will soon pursue his Masters in Educational Administration. He also plans to earn an Ed.D. in Educational Administration so that he can teach students as he has been taught.
Distinguished Student Scholar
Andrea Deyanira Beattie

Andrea Deyanira Beattie, originally from Eagle Pass, is an Alexander High School graduate. Today, she graduates summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and a minor in economics with a 3.918 GPA. She also earns the University's honor certificate from the College of Arts and Sciences. Recipient of the Senator Judith Zaffirini Leadership and Scholarship Award, she has conducted research in East Asia and was active in six student organizations. She is part of TAMU's BA/MA program for exceptional undergraduate senior students that affords Masters level class substitution for undergraduate electives for credit in both degrees. Beattie will continue working on her Master of Arts degree in political science at TAMU. She plans to earn a Ph.D. in public policy with a focus on science, technology and international development.

Distinguished Student Scholar
Irma Fabiola Guerra

Irma Fabiola Guerra was born in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, México and came to the United States at age 12 with her parents, Matías and Dora Guerra. She graduated from Laredo's Lyndon B. Johnson High School in 2007.

Today, she receives her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences' Dr. E. M. Canseco School of Nursing, earning a 3.616 GPA.

Throughout her TAMU education, she has been a member of the D. D. Hachar Honors Program and the University Honors Program.

She will soon join Laredo Medical Center's Surgery Department and intends to pursue a Masters in Nursing and become a Certified Nurse Anesthetist.
THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

Tassel
Black or colored to indicate academic discipline. Worn on left side after graduation.

Hood
Designates discipline (see academic colors below).

Robe
Usually black, but sometimes colored to indicate University.

Academic Colors
Maize - Agriculture
White - Arts, Letters, Humanities
Drab - Business Administration
Lilac - Dentistry
Copper - Economics
Light Blue - Education
Brown - Fine Arts
Russet - Forestry
Maroon - Home Economics
Crimson - Journalism
Purple - Law
Lemon - Library Science
Green - Medicine
Pink - Music
Apricot - Nursing
Silver Gray - Speech
Olive Green - Pharmacy
Dark Blue - Philosophy
Sage Green - Physical Education
Peacock Blue - Public Administration
Salmon Pink - Public Health
Gold - Yellow - Science
Citron - Social Science
Scarlet - Theology of Divinity
Gray - Veterinary Science

DOCTOR

MASTER

BACHELOR
Academic Costumes and Regalia: 
A Brief History and Chronology 
By Dr. Stephen Lunce and Dr. Jerry Thompson

Academic costumes of today have a history of nearly eight hundred years. In Medieval Europe men and women typically wore gowns or robes. There was a great deal of variety in color and material, depending upon the position and wealth of the wearer. Gradually there developed distinctive gowns for various professions, trades and religious orders. Students and teachers in many medieval universities such as Paris, Oxford and Cambridge organized themselves into guilds. Gradually the academic costume become distinctive for Bachelors of Arts (the apprentices), Masters of Arts (the teachers), and Doctors (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies). Most of the distinctive characteristics appeared in the hood, which was originally a practical element of dress, but which evolved into a separate and purely ornamental article, draped over the shoulder and down the back. The academic cap was a later development. It was first conferred as a symbol of the M. A. Degree. Some of these Master's caps were stiff, some soft, some square, some round with a tuft in the center. Today's tassel is an elaboration of the tuft. Although round caps are still used at some universities, Oxford University's "mortar board" style is more common. The dress worn by faculty and graduates during Commencement ceremonies is based upon costumes used in 14th and 15th century universities, particularly Oxford and Cambridge in England. This style of academic dress and accoutrements has been used in the United States from colonial times, and it was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895. Like the military of medieval times with its pages, squires, and knights, the academic world has long recognized three basic levels of dignity and achievement; these are: undergraduates, bachelors, and masters. The distinction between masters and doctors is a relatively recent phenomenon; both masters and doctors levels of achievement imply the right to teach. The variety of styles and colors seen in a faculty procession reflects the fact that each university retains its own distinguishing customs as especially revealed by the design of its doctoral robes. When a university is granted the right to confer doctoral degrees, one of the privileges that accompanies that right is the opportunity to design unique and distinctive regalia for its graduates.

12th/13th Centuries: Origin of academic dress – the dress of the scholar (student or teacher) is the dress of a cleric. Long robes are needed for warmth in unheated buildings; likewise, the hood provided warmth for the tonsured head. Eventually, a skullcap replaces the hood, 1321. University of Colombia stipulates that all “Doctors, Licentiates and Bachelors' wear robes.”

14th Century: Regulations of certain colleges in England forbid “excess in apparel” and prescribed a long gown for all scholars. Oxford and Cambridge prescribe a definite academic dress and exercise university control over all details.

19th Century (late): Assignment of specific colors to signify certain faculties is standardized in the United States.

1887: Gardner Cotrell Leonard’s designed gowns adopted by Williams College. The standardization of American system of academic dress has begun.

1895: Representatives of leading institutions, including Leonard, meeting as the Intercollegiate Commission, define a system of academic apparel. In the meeting, held at Columbia University, the first academic costume code for different disciplines is established.

1932: American Council on Education approves the costume code established by the Intercollegiate Commission.

1959: Academic costume code is updated.

1986: The American Council on Education committee adds the following sentence to the code to clarify the use of dark blue for the Ph.D. Degree. “In the case of the Doctor of Philosophy Degree, the dark blue color is used to represent the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field that is attested to by the awarding of this degree and is not intended to represent the field of philosophy.”

Ceremonial Mace

Dating back to medieval times when they were used as weapons of war, maces are now symbols of institutional authority and used on ceremominal occasions. The TAMIU Mace is a wood staff crowned with laurel leaves and anchored by a series of silver bands naming the University's presidents. It signifies the University's power to protect knowledge against those seeking to undermine or exploit it, while also representing TAMIU's commitment to intellectual honesty and integrity and the civic trust acknowledged with its display and use.

Memory Stoles

Memory Stoles, worn around the neck throughout the graduation ceremony, are a way for graduates to share this memorable occasion with a special person. Wear it with pride and give the Memory Stole to someone who helped you in your personal quest for knowledge.
## COUNTRY FLAGS

These flags represent countries or territories of current students and alumni of the University.

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## Honors at Graduation

Graduates receiving honors or distinction are acknowledged in the following manner:

**D.D. Hachar Honors Program**

Students who are members of the D.D. Hachar Honors Program will be designated by the silver medallion they wear during Commencement.

**University Honors**

Each year at Commencement, Texas A&M International University recognizes outstanding graduates based on grade point average with University Honors. These students are designated by gold cords worn at Commencement and their honors are announced as follows:

- *Cum Laude* – with honors
- *Magna Cum Laude* – with high honors
- *Summa Cum Laude* – with highest honors

## Honor Societies

The following honor societies are represented on campus:

- **Alpha Kappa Delta** - International Sociology Honor Society
- **Beta Beta Beta** - National Biological Honor Society
- **Kappa Delta Pi** - International Honor Society in Education
- **Phi Kappa Phi** - All-Discipline Honor Society
- **Pi Sigma Alpha** - National Political Science Honor Society
- **Pi Chi** - National Society in Psychology
- **Sigma Delta Pi** - National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society
- **Sigma Tau Delta** - National Honor Society in English.
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Graduation Candidates - May 14, 2011, 9 a.m.

A.R. SANCHEZ, JR. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Bachelor of Business Administration
Daniel A. Álvarez
Evan Joseph Arciniega
Hedei Luann Arias
Alejandra Ávila
Alfonso F. Benavides
Oscar Manuel Bravo
Anna Buentello
Cecilia Cabrera
Melissa Elizabeth Cárdenas Domínguez
Ignacio Carranza Morales
Opus Claudia Carreto
Dimas Eduardo Chacón Sosa
David Alejandro Chapa
Humberto A. Cortés
Miguel Angel Cuenca
Daniel Dávila García
Katherine Alice De Hoyos
Maria G. De Los Reyes
Luís Alberto Delgado Loera
Kevin Patrick Dunn
Aldo Allende Espejel
Román Espinosa Gutiérrez
Nelson José Figueroa
Delissa Ariana Flores
Karla Alejandra Galván
Mario Alejandro Galván
César García
Christina L. García
Victor H. Garza
José Martín Garza Serna
Jaime González Jr.
Jesús F. González
Doreen Hanke
Dairis M. Hernández
Luís Antuan Hinojosa
Carolina Jaimes-González
Erika Lerma
Héctor J. Longoria
Ivette López
Brenda Yvette Lozano
Fernando Lozano
Ariadne C. Márquez
José Francisco Martínez
José Manuel Martínez
Rebeca I. Medellín Duarte
Clarissa Monciváis
Misael Montalvo
Rubén S. Muñoz
Yazbeth Narváez
Niria Y. Neri
Claudia Y. Olivares
J. D. Olivarres
Jessica Lizbeth Ortega
Jorge Ortega
Clarissa Ozorio
José L. Palos Jr.
Lissete Partida
Norma Edith Pecina
José Fernando Preciado Jr.
Ricardo Daniel Ramos
Brittany Renae Rendón
Jorge Alejandro Reyes
Rafael Reyes
Cynthia A. Reyna
Mary Elena Rodríguez
Nelson A. Rodríguez
Ovidio René Narváez Rodríguez
San Juanita Lillian Rodríguez
Myriam Selene Lara Ruiz
Gilberto Salinas Jr.
Kristin Kate Salinas
Alan A. Sánchez
José Ignacio Santos
Marta Inez Castañeda Serna
Karlos Ray Solis
José Soto Jr.
José Gerónimo Treviño Jr.
Adriana Vázquez Reséndez
Rogelio A Villanueva Jr.
Mark Villarreal
William Frederick Weber
Matthew Henry Winter

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science
Liza Elizabeth Acosta
Alicia Alvarado
Annabel Ayala
Michael Leroy Ayala
Valerie Anaí Bautista
Victoria Avalos Beltrán
Jacqueline Benavides
Rachel Carranza
Erica Lee Cervantes
Verónica Cruz
Sue Ellen De La Cruz-Flores
Triana Yvonne De La Garza
David De La O
Miriam Alejandra Elizondo
Zunny A. Escobar
Manuel Mario Flores III
Barbara P. García
Diana Karen García
Samantha Lynn García
Samuel Lee García
Selina Liza García
Pamela García Lomeli
Perla Ines Garza
Alberto González III
Samanda Alany González
Lauro Alberto Guerra
Rosa Elia Guerrero
Stephanie Marie Hernández
Susana Elizabeth Hernández
Bertha Leticia Losoya
Melissa Lozano
Tatiann Lozano
Joe Iván Lucío
Myra Alejandra Márquez
Rubén Marroquin
Araceli Yvonne Martínez
Mónica Lamar Mendiola
Angélica Montejano
Yanira Morales
Mónica Ann Narváez
Diana I. Ortiz
Alberto O. Pérez Jr.
Elias Pérez Jr.
Sylvia Andrea Pérez
Denisse A. Ramírez
Genesis Ramírez
Rebecca Herminía Ramírez
René Ramírez
Victor Eduardo Ramírez
Dennise Ruiz
Erica Saavedra
Jamie R. Salinas
Hugo Sánchez
Ezequiel Sosa
Analee Torres
Lycia Y. Torres
Anna Cecilia Treviño
Christina Dolores Tristán
Valerie Cassandra Vásquez
José A. Villarreal Jr.
María Fernanda Zárate
Kristina R. Zepeda
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
Laura Virginia Aguilar
Agustina Aguirre
Adriana Alvarado
Rocio Arriaga
Claudia S. Ávila
Ana L. Castañeda
Marissa Cerrillo
Elizabeth Cruz
Jessica Cruz-Cerna
Mónica G. De La Garza
Diana Laura Escobedo
Myrna Estala
Deyanira C. Fernández
Margie Flores
Nora Alejandra Flores Pérez
Beatriz Adriana García
Leslie Ann García
Annais Garza
Maribel Gaytán
Cristina González
Mónica S. González
Carla J. González-Tovar
Angela Hoguet
Cinthya Yaredith Jiménez
Larissa Jevony Juárez
Lizeth López Lozano
María Dolores López
María Guadalupe Macías
Jennifer Elizabeth Martínez
Laura Martínez
María G. Martínez
Marisa Y. Martínez
Maritza Lisseth Martínez
Jessica Lizbeth Medina Palomez
Mariza Mendoza
Dora Nelia Ortega
Diane Pacho
Araceli Paredes
Carla Yvonne Pineda
Edith Quiróz
Luís E. Rangel
Ann Margaret Reyna
Gabriela Reyna
Jessica Ivette Reynaga
Lilliana Rivera
Celina Dyane Rodríguez
Elizabeth Rodríguez
María Teresa Rodríguez
Elizabeth Ann Rollins
Jessica Sáenz
Esther Celeste Salazar
Rebecca Salazar
María de Jesús Saldaña
Gloria Alicia Sandoval
Olinda Santos
Rosita C. Torres
Melissa Urteaga
Roberto Valdés Jr.
Delia Vásquez
Noemi Vázquez
Jacqueline Viladrosa
Jeanette Viladrosa
Camelia C. Villanueva
Olga A. Zacate
Abby Zarrón
Marisa Gamez Zepeda
Brenda Lee Zúñiga

A.R. SANCHEZ, JR. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Master of Business Administration
Carlos Bella Jr.
Héctor Miguel Cantú
Liliana Patricia Castillo Borrero
Lesly Elizabeth Cedillo
Xochitl Chávez Govea
Ana Laura De La Garza
Carlos R. Flores
Spencer Jamal Foreman
Marcos Enrique García Bernal
Pedro Luis García Salas
Baldemar Garza Rodríguez
Anissa Yvonne Gonzáles
Nancy González-Romero
Amanda Leigh Gutiérrez
Javier Guzmán
Sylvia Melissa Hinojosa
Daniel Rory King
Arshad N. Madhani
Christy Lynn Martínez
Gloria Annalie Miravete
Glafiro Eusebio Montemayor Castagné
Pedro Muñoz Jr.
Amelia Palacios
Mónica Gabriela Partida Flores
Carlos Marcelo Ramírez
Martín Arturo Ramírez
Roberto Anthony Ramírez
Araceli Magdalena Ramos
Juan Angel Ríos García
Verónica Rodríguez
Francisco Emmanuel Ruiz
Juan Diego Serna Torres
Luís Carlos Soto
Manuel Vela III

Master of Professional Accountancy
Mitzi Edelia Bella
David Cuéllar
Rocio Gutiérrez
José L. Ramírez Jr.
Sergio G. Ramírez
Rosalinda Vásquez

Master of Science
Venkatesh Reddy Akkuluri
Rama Lakshmi Kolusu
Jayadev Maradana
Nandit Reddy Nallavelli
Julio César Peña Jr.
Vinay Kumar Pinnamaneni
Abhilash Puppala
Anand Puppala

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Science
Nydia Noemi Amequita
Araceli Arrambide-Magaña

Humberto Cárdenas Jr.
Cynthia Chávez
Christine A. Dickey
Kwangseok Hong
Karla Linero
Aide Guadalupe Martínez
Sandra Monciváis
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Angélica Treviño
Dora Evanna Treviño
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Cynthia Ann Vichareli-Castelláno
Virginia D. Watkins
Paula Magdalena Rendón

Master of Science in Education
Jessica Bravo-Bañuelos
Jessica Garcia
Roberto González
Tommy Guerrero
Jacqueline Renee Hammond
Claudia Magaly López
Ida López
Madison Leigh Mojica
Cristina Palomares
Griselda Reyes-Sandoval
Judith Lynn Valles
Javier F. Vásquez
Nidia Edith Zamilpa

A.R. SANCHEZ, JR. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Doctor of Philosophy in International Business Administration
Vanessa Garza González
Da Huo
Graduation Candidates - May 14, 2011, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Bachelor of Arts
Jorge Antonio Aguilar
Victor Jonathan Almanza
Alexa Denise Alvarado
Sonya Anzaldua
Carolina Domínguez Arias
Hope Ellen Bailey
Andrea D. Beattie
Alexandra Brewster
Krystle Lea Brito
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Casandra Canales
Magda Yolanda Cárdenas
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Jessica Marie Cavazos
Alexia Dinah Chávez
Alicia Coronado
Stephanie Ashley Cortez
Amanda Dee Cuéllar
Alyssa Nicole De León
Kristelle Sophia De Los Santos
Christina Marie De Luna
Diego Alberto Díaz
Wendy Leticia Estrada
Adriana Melissa García Ramos
Ana Teresa García
Andy García
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Nancy Sarahit Garcia
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Joseph Andre Garza
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