Texas A&M International University

Spring 2007 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Saturday - May 12, 8 P.M.



THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION THE OFFICIAL PARTY

University Mace, Dr. Thomas R. Mitchell, President, Faculty Senate President, Dr. Ray Keck III Chancellor, The Texas A&M University System, Michael D. McKinney, M.D. Senator, District 21, Dr. Judith Zaffirini Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Dan R. Jones Vice President for Finance and Administration, José García Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Candy Hein Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Nasser Momayezi Dean, College of Business Administration, Dr. Jacky So Dean, College of Education, Dr. Humberto González Director, Dr. F.M. Canseco School of Nursing, Dr. Susan Walker Dissertation Committee Chair, Dr. Jacques Verville President, Student Government Association, Sofía Sanmiguel Gutíerrez

Marshalls: Dr. Fernando Quintana, Associate Professor, College of Arts & Sciences Dr. Mary Petron, Assistant Professor, College of Education

College Banners:

College of Arts & Sciences Dr. Tongdan Jin, Assistant Professor

College of Business Administration Mr. Zeeshan Ali, Visiting Assistant Professor

College of Education Dr. Carlo Walker, Assistant Professor

Dr. F.M. Canseco School of Nursing Ms. Rose Saldívar, Assistant Professor

THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

Master of Ceremonies Dr. Dan R. Jones, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Fanfare and Processional	Texas A&M International University Symphonic Band Dr. Michael Stone Conductor	
Opening Declaration	Dr. Dan R. Jones Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs	
Presentation of Colors	Texas A&M International University ROTC Cpt. David R. Ramírez	
National Anthem	Dana Crabtree Instructor of Music Accompanied by TAMIU Symphonic Band	
Keynote Speaker	Michael D. McKinney, M.D. Chancellor, The Texas A&M University System	
Distinguished Student Scholar	Mayra Jannette Pliego Class of 2007	
University Scholar Award	Dr. Dan R. Jones Assisted by Dr. Thomas R. Mitchell, President, Faculty Senate	
University Teacher Award	Dr. Dan R. Jones Dr. Thomas R. Mitchell	
Certification of Candidates for Degrees	Dr. Dan R. Jones	
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Ray M. Keck III President	
Congratulatory Remarks	Dr. Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, District 21	
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees	Mary Treviño Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs	
Alma Mater	Dana Crabtree	
	Accompanied by TAMIU Symphonic Band	
Prayer of Gratitude	Sofía Sanmiguel Gutíerrez President, Student Government Association	
Closing Declaration	Dr. Dan R. Jones	
Recessional March	TAMIU Symphonic Band	



Commencement Speaker: Dr. Michael D. McKinney Chancellor The Texas A&M University System

In November of 2006, Dr. Michael D. McKinney was named Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System. A family physician, Dr. McKinney came to the A&M System from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, where he served as senior executive vice president and chief operating officer since September 2003.

He served in leadership at the UT System since 2002, including as vice chancellor for health affairs at the UT System's Austin administrative offices and as acting dean of the UT Medical School in Houston.

During 2001 and 2002, he served as chief of staff to Governor Rick Perry. From 1995-1998, during former Governor George W. Bush's first term, he was Texas Commissioner of Health and Human Services, overseeing 11 state agencies, a staff of 64,000 and a budget of \$24 billion. He represented Leon, Madison, Grimes, Houston and Montgomery counties in the Texas House of Representatives from 1984 to 1991 and was speaker pro-tempore of the House from 1989 to 1990.

He earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and an M.D. from the U.T. Medical Branch in Galveston. He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical honor society.

Other career experiences include serving as CEO of a Medicaid health care plan and member of the Physician Payment Review Commission in the Federal Office of Technology. For 16 years, he served as a family practitioner in Centerville, Texas.

Among his many honors and achievements are the American Medical Association's 2006 Physician's Recognition Award and the Texas Academy of Family Practice's Presidential Award of Merit for Exemplary Service.

As a state representative, he was recognized as one of the 10 best legislators by *Texas Monthly Magazine* and *The Dallas Morning News*. The Texas Medical Association and the Texas Department of Commerce recognized him as an outstanding legislator.

The A&M System includes nine universities, seven state agencies and a statewide health science center. Combined, the universities have about 103,000 students, including approximately 45,000 at Texas A&M University in College Station, the state's first public institution of higher education and the land-grant university of Texas.

The agencies, all of which perform agriculture and engineering-related research, service and continuing education, serve all parts of Texas and beyond.



Distinguished Student Scholar: Mayra Jannette Pliego

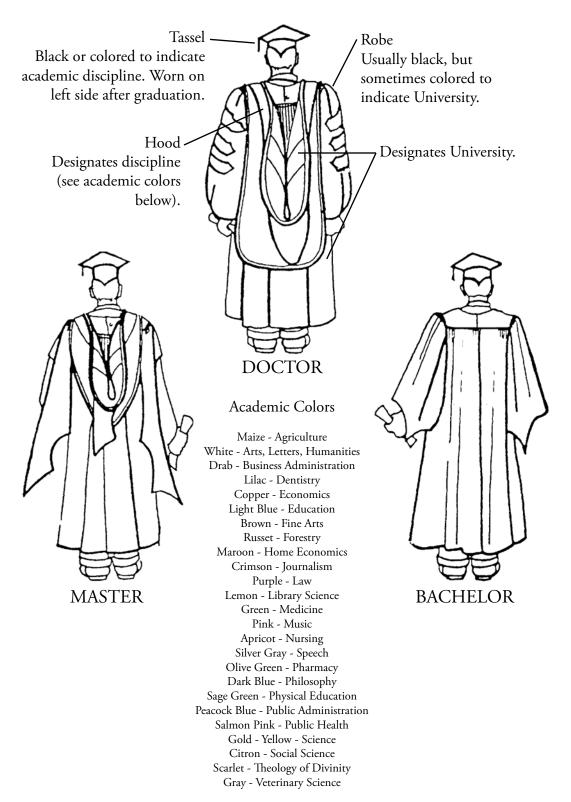
Mayra Jannette Pliego is the daughter of Agripina G. Pliego and Roberto Pliego Jr. and the youngest of five children. Pliego graduated from Martin High School with highest honors. She obtained an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing, magna cum laude, from Laredo Community College. At the age of 21, she became a registered nurse in the State of Texas.

As a registered nurse, she has worked in various departments including: endoscopics, interventional radiology, home health, pediatrics, and the intensive care unit (ICU). She is currently a full-time employee in the ICU at Laredo Medical Center and a part-time employee at Doctor's Hospital in pediatrics.

Today, she graduates with a 3.896 GPA, Summa Cum Laude, with a major in Nursing.

She has a particular interest in nurse anesthesia and plans to continue graduate study at The University of Kansas.

THE ACADEMIC REGALIA



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 Colónial 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."

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FLAGS

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

Albania	Eritrea	Lebanon	Sierra Leon
Algeria	Ethiopia	Liberia	Singapore
Bahrain	Finland	Libya	South Africa
Bangladesh	France	Malaysia	South Korea
Belize	Gambia	México	Spain
Bolivia	Germany	Morocco	Sri Lanka
Brazil	Ghana	Nepal	Suriname
Bulgaria	Greece	Netherlands	Sweden
Cambodia	Guam	Netherlands Antilles	Switzerland
Cameroon	Guyana	Nicaragua	Thailand
Canada	Honduras	Nigeria	Turkey
Chile	Hong Kong	Norway	Uganda
China, People's Republic	India	Pakistan	Ukraine
China, Republic of Taiwan	Indonesia	Panama	United Arab Emirates
Colombia	Iran	Paraguay	United Kingdom
Costa Rica	Ireland	Peru	United States of America
Cuba	Israel	Philippines	Uzbekistan
Cyprus	Italy	Puerto Rico	Venezuela
Czech Republic	Ivory Coast	Republic of Georgia	Virgin Islands
Dominican Republic	Japan	Romania	Zambia
Ecuador	Jordan	Russia	
El Salvador	Kenya	Rwanda	

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. Their members are presented certificates at a special ceremony and may wear cords of the color indicated below or a lapel pin at Commencement:

Alpha Kappa Delta - International Sociology Honor Society
Kappa Delta Pi - International Honor Society in Education (purple and green cords)
Phi Kappa Phi - All-Discipline Honor Society (gold and royal blue)
Pi Sigma Alpha - National Political Science Honor Society (red, black and white cords)
Psi Chi - National Society in Psychology (blue and yellow cords)
Sigma Delta Pi - National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society (gold and red cords)
Sigma Tau Delta - National Honor Society in English (red and black cords).

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY Graduation Candidates - May 12, 2007

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Doctor of Philosophy in International Business Administration Christine Bernadas

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Ramiro Aguilar Hilda Elena Cavazos Rosa Cavazos-López José Daniel Covarrubias Melyssa Michelle Galindo Joe Lee Herrera Brenda G. Hoffman Roxana Johnston Blanca Moreno Naudín Elva Graciela Rodríguez

Master of Arts in

Counseling Psychology Sara Cristabel Luna-Rodríguez

Master of Public Administration

Michael Joseph Dole Adrian Domínguez Rolando Gallegos Juancarlo Rendón Cordelia Rodríguez

Master of Science in Criminal Justice José René Ríos Jr.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration Martín Rafael Alcalá Garza Ma. Angelica Hular Angco Mario Alberto Arevalo Vega Adrian Eugenio Cantú-Garza Humberto Luis Colón Tomas Contreras Elva Nelly Cuencar José Roberto Díaz Samuel Mauricio Díaz Prado Juliet Diong Eli Erasmo Guadiana Esquivel Circe Peregrina Flores Juan Gilberto García Jr. Jorge Leal García Timothy Joe Mata Ciro Alberto Ochoa Alfaro Stanley David Pearson II Juan Plascencia De La Garza Pedro Gabriel Reyes Toriz Noe Alejandro Rodríguez Carlos Saldaña Navarro David Oscar Sepulveda Roman Skopal Nazim Taskin Noel Antonio Vazquez Benavides Paijit Wongprayuk

Jaime Alberto Yenny González Cristabell Zamora Cabrera Ivan Omar Zapata De Santiago Mariano Zúñiga Montoya

Master of Professional Accountancy

Mariela Arlette Arizola Guadalupe García Laura Edith García Nelso A. Molina Gilberto Requena Victor Salinas IV David Sánchez

Master of Science

Gerardo Botello Luis Carlos González Mohamed M. Haddad Preethi R. Kasam Koti Vara Prasad Maddala Nava Leelakrishna Nadella Cynthia Verónica Vela-Galván Rajesh Yadlapati

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Science José Leonel Arreguin Ana María Cavazos Nelda Aide Ceballos Sylvia E. Solís Domínguez Criselda Adrianna Flores Mayra González Rebecca González Roberto Oscar González III Clarinda Aide Guillén-Escobedo Marty L. Jones Svlvia M. Lara Melissa Leal Patricia Verónica Moctezuma Gina Yvonne Morales Ramiro Peña Jr. Larissa Cabello Perusquia Socorro Reyes Jessica Rose Rodríguez

Master of Science in Education

Gloria A. Ayala-Solís Irma Guadalupe Castro-Carrillo Lvdia Estela Gilbert Castro Rebecca Coss-Morales Jessica Cruz Rosalinda Curiel-Escamilla Laura P. González de los Santos Cynthia Margarita York Garza SanJuana Elisa Garza Teresa Gloria Claudia Carolina González Benita González-Gutiérrez Laura Lorraine Hovel Lydia Marie Johnson Noralva Johnson Yesenia Luna Mancha Cecilia Marchan-González

JoAnn Navarro Claudia Margarita Neira Cordelia Eliza Nieto Susan Rivera Barrientos Herma C. Sánchez Izzamary Cisneros Torres Jevony Jeannine Vacca Elenisa Cisneros Vásquez Sara Alicia Vazquez-Hinojosa Debra De la Rosa Weikel

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts Anna M. Aguiar Amber Mireille Almanza Nydia Noemi Amesquita María Eugenia Arellano-Figueroa Ricardo Arias Christina Arriaga Lisa Mayela Barrera Cynthia Aydee Dougherty Bernal Adriana Michelle Botello Sandra Lorena Cardenas René Jacob Castillo Mónica Michele Castro-Jackson Gretchen Arlene Esparza David Jamar Crawford Amanda Michelle Cruz Amanda Rae Cruz Silvia Elizabeth De La Peña Bernardo Díaz Karen Lizeth Escobedo Julia Isabel Esquinca Diana Esquivel Saul Fernández Jr. Denise Fuentes Annallie Ada Galindo Christina Alicia García Cynthia Griselda García Mariano David García Verónica García Ruth Abigail Garza Alberto González Jr. Belinda González Jacqueline González Sandra González Adriana Aliza Gutíerrez Juan Francisco Heredia María Isabel Ibarra Sarah Ann Jenkins Mary Elizabeth Koch Isis Jeanette Kouba Leonardo Limón Karla Liñero Eduardo Enrique López Angelica Martínez Cristina Erika Martínez Erika Martínez Limbania Verónica Martínez Fernández Rebecca Lyn Massey Jennifer Yvonne Medina Lucero Méndez Erica M. Morales Miguel Alberto Moreno Kristine Louise Newman

David Ojeda Jr. Erika Patricia Ordoñez Alberto Pérez Francisco Gerardo Pérez Itzamara Pérez Nereida G. Pizano Cristina Frances Ramírez Aldo Luis Retamozo Jennifer Lynn Reyes María Rosa Reyna Alberto Robles Lisa Ann Rodríguez Viridiana Rodríguez María De La Luz Romero Alfonso Santos II Jacqueline Yvette Santos Ariel Ali Sauceda Adriana Alicia Silva Alejandra Solís Gary R. Tijerina Annette R. Ugalde June Allison Ureste Jodie Marie Valls Javier F. Vásquez Toni Lynette Vela Pedro Villanueva Roberto José Villegas

Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences

María Del Carmen Peña Celinda Carolina Salazar Sarabia Noemi Sifuentes

Bachelor of Music

Idalia De Hoyos

Bachelor of Science

Juan José Arellano Jr. Blanca Aurora Calzado Liliana Patricia Castillo Yesica Chapa Juan Angel Dávila Gilbert Sabas Duarte Roberto Flores Martínez Ashley Gamez Paloma Celeste Guel Raymundo Guzmán María Guadalupe Hernández Juan Carlos Jaime Kyle Randall Kippenbrock Rebeka Alina Longoria Priscilla Mae Martínez Vanessa Lizette Murillo Juan Pedro Orozco Audrey Diane Ortega Gabriela Pérez Isela Marie Ramírez Alberto Resendez Thao Thanh Vu

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Gladys J. Baldazo Juan F. Beltrán María C. Calzada Patricia Castillo Arnulfo Castro Jr. Gabriela Chapa Ludim Guerrero Jr. Edgar J. Hernández James Michael Hutcheon Lucia Elizabeth Juárez Gustavo Leal Elizabeth Marie Limón Elva Andrea Martínez Gabriela Osoria Jesús L. Ramírez Lorena Gonzales Robles Rolando Rodríguez Gabriel Ruiz Marco Antonio Samaniego Adela Sánchez Marlene Terrazas Jermina Irvette Tomlinson Imelda Irasema Tovar Adrian Uvaldo Valdez Lucio Antonio Valencia Judy Angela Villarreal

Bachelor of Science in

Interdisciplinary Studies Adriana U. Piña Emanuel Sánchez

Bachelor of Social Work

Ambar Lizzette Bautista Ana Laura Castillo Cynthia Ann Garces Victoria González Clifford Childs Green Nora S. Hernández Edith Larralde Karen Rubio Magdalena Solano Juan J. Valdez Jr. Jessica Palacios Villarreal

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bachelor of Business Administration Xochitl Aguilar Jorge Valentín Aguiñaga Egboaka Chinonyelu Aluka Ingrid Arandia Liza Araceli Arredondo Sylvia Leonor Arredondo Virgilio Ayala Jr. Carlos Bella Jr. Sara Alicia Benavides Hector Miguel Cantú Nancy G. Castillo Diamantina Cavazos Carlos A. De La Garza Odette Domínguez Elvia Patricia Esquivel Elizabeth Estrada Dawn Renée Ferrer Amanda Eliza Flores Francisco Javier Flores Gloria Alicia Gamez Michelle García Liza Ann Garza Mónica Garza Juan David González Vanessa Joann González José Luis Guillén José Guzmán Jr. Melissa Lissett Guzmán Jamaal Rashad Harmon Melissa Renée Herrera Avery Glen Jackson Jaime Lara Christie V. López Lucia Idolina Maldonado Briseño Roberto Manzo Jr. Amy I. Johnson Marshall

Cynthia Dinorah Martínez Gustavo Glenn Martínez José Efren Martínez Jr. María Luisa Martínez Rodolfo Martínez Jr. Rosalycia Martínez Mark Anthony Miller Carlos R. Mojica Yolanda R. Molina Lorraine Muñoz Martín Miguel Murillo Jr. Leiza Nochebuena Fernando Ollivier Oechler Yrasema Orenday Debbie Ornelas Marco Antonio Pacheco Viridiana Verenice Paramo Christian Karina Parra Juan Luis Pérez Jr. Oscar C. Pérez Sandra L. Ramírez Hector Eduardo Ramos Mayra Alejandra Regalado Richard Daniel Rendón Jr. Cesar Reyes Macias Adriana Reyna Christina Marie Rodríguez Claudia Mónica Rodríguez José Rodríguez David A. Romero Marianita Rosales María Cristina Saenz María Gloria Salazar Alejandra Saldaña Pedro A. Salinas Karlo Eloy Salinas José Guadalupe Sánchez Vanessa Selina Sánchez Sofia Sanmiguel Gutíerrez Shaun Colin William Sexton Rajendra K. Shewakramani Michael A. Starks Jr. Luis Miguel Torres Brenda Janet Tristan Christine Marie True Joel Antonio Vazquez José Francisco Vela Jr. Donaciano Villarreal Lynn Marie Williams

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science Jessica Berenice Espinosa Melissa Michelle Fonseca Enrique García David E. Gutíerrez José Eric Guzmán Teresa Trinedad Hernández Juan Alberto Ibarra Jr. Nancy Aurora Lara José Öscar Luan Yanira Lucio José Antonio Mendoza Kyle Dennis Neenan Heather Marie Pace Jacqueline K. Peña Luis Roberto Peña María Eliza Reeves Cynthia Yanet Resendez Ignacio Valdez Jr. Bonnie Jo Villarreal Carlos Aurelio Villarreal Jr. Seymour Walker Jr.

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies Liliana Eloiza Aguilar San Juanita E. Aguirre Adriana Alcaraz Tanya Arlenne Almazan Brenda Erika Ambuehl Mayra Arriaga-Martínez Iris Irene Ávila Patsy Ávila Alma Nelly C. Barrera Santa R. Camacho Exie E. Chavarría Larisel Yvette Collazo Lizette Cortez-Martínez Delfina De La Cruz Martha Elizabeth De La Paz Janice Marie De La Viña Ana Flor Delgado Cheryl R. Deutschman Crystal Ann Elizalde Diana Julietta Flores Escamilla Claudia Esquivel Adriana Galván Ari García Brenda Ariana García Frances Dávila García Adriana González Trujano Karina A. González Lissett González Salinas Diana Alicia Guerra Patricia Jennifer Guerrero Brenda Lizzette Hernández Sarai Hernández Grisel Adanari Herrada Mayra Leticia Herrera Yvette Hinojosa Carolina Isaac Connie Lyzzette Juarez Diana Elizabeth Laurel Ana Lilia Lucio Elizabeth Martínez Diana Mata Thelma Vega Mendoza Sanjuana Claudia Montemayor Celina Ivetth Morales María Isabel Mosqueda Susana Peña Brenda P. Pérez Elda Ivette Piña Karla M. Ramírez Guajardo Suzanne Ramos María Elena Rentería-Domínguez Cindy Rodríguez Mónica Ann Rodríguez Shirley Rodríguez Susan Marie Rodríguez Yolanda Rodríguez Audrey Ann Romo Lupe M. Saldívar Griselda Sánchez Mónica M. Serna Fabiola Gabriela Solís Herrera Erika Soliz Jessica Yvette Treviño Stacey Joann Trujillo Gabriela Villa Echavarría

Irene T. Zamarripa Adriana A. Zamora Alma Delia Zamora

DR. F.M. CANSECO SCHOOL OF NURSING

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Lucy Agredano Margarita Alejandra Brizuela Celeste A. Bryand Adriana A. Cabello Ana Laura Cantú Leonardo Javier De la Garza Valerie Marie De La Paz Patricia Ann Díaz Diana Sujey Flores Betsabe Gallardo Luis Rolando García José González Leticia González Cruz Hernández Rosa Isela Herrera Rhianna Michelle Hinojosa-González Cynthia Graciela Kawas Zhe Li Konstance Crystal Mackie Maricela Edith Martínez Valerie Nicole Martínez Isela Elina Navarro Gloria M. Ntakirutimana Felix Francisco Peña Mayra Jannette Pliego Tania Sánchez Jorge Raúl Sandoval Yvette S. Smith Michael Anthony Tijerina Jennifer Vela Eva M. Villarreal Carla Isabel Zamarripa



Our Alma Mater

SUNG TO THE THEME FROM THE FOURTH MOVEMENT OF BEETHOVEN'S NINTH SYMPHONY

A Song for Texas A&M International University

Near to Rio Grande's waters, stately towers above the plain, Stands our noble Alma Mater, wisdom raised for all to gain.

Binding nations, hearts and visions, aspirations ever new,

Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater! Hail to Thee, dear TAMIU!

Here, 'neath sun and gentle breezes, dove and deer lodge safely by, May Thy children, safe in wisdom, flourish ever 'neath Thy sky. Pledge we faith and homage ever, joined in our diversity, May time ne'er efface the memory of our University! ©1996

> Lyrics by Ray M. Keck III, Ph.D. President, Professor of Spanish

2007 Commencement Committee

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