

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!

Binding nations, hearts and visions, aspirations ever new,

Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater!
Hail to Thee, dear TAMIU! ©1996

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



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FIGHT SONG

Go! Dustdevils! South Texas shining pride.
Go! Dustdevils, with spirit from inside!
Fight! Fight! Fight!
Go! Dustdevils, we'll always stand by you.
Let's go Dustdevils, the pride of TAMIU!
Fight! Fight! Fight!
TAMIU!
D! U! S! T! D! E! V! I! L! S!
T! A! M! I! U!

FALL 2014 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014



Graduation Candidates - December 13, 2014, 3:30 p.m.

Master of Science in Education

Elena Chanell Montes
Kemmy Demitchell Burgess
Cesar Calzadiaz
Rebecca Mayeux Foster
Nelda Ana García
Anacesilia Gaytan
Michael Guerra
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The University

Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) is an international University, poised at the Gateway to México. It serves as the cultural and intellectual hub of a vibrant multilingual and multicultural community. A Member of The Texas A&M University System, TAMIU is committed to the preparation of students for leadership roles in their chosen profession in an increasingly complex, culturally diverse state, national and global society. The University provides over 7,500 students with a learning environment anchored by the highest quality programs built on a solid academic foundation in the arts and sciences. To fulfill its mission, the University offers a range of baccalaureate and masters programs and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in International Business. All programs focus on developing undergraduate and graduate offerings with a progressive international agenda for global study and understanding across all disciplines. On average, students come to the University from over 30 different countries each semester, creating a diverse learning and living community.

Our Mission

Through instruction, faculty and student research, TAMIU embodies a strategic point of delivery for well-defined programs and services that improve the quality of life for citizens of the border region, the State of Texas, and national and international communities.

Our History

In August of 1970, students were accepted at what was then Texas A&I University at Laredo. While initially a “center” under then-Texas A&I University, this was the start of a legacy of higher education for South Texas. The focus then was to address a demand in teacher education and business disciplines. Texas A&I University at Laredo was organized under the upper-level concept of higher education, offering junior and senior level course work, providing a local bachelor’s degree opportunity. The upper-level University later expanded to include graduate degree programs. In September 1977, the University became Laredo State University, and its “center” status was officially removed in 1987. As the University grew, its scope widened and an expanded faculty was recruited to deliver new programs. The University became a Member of The Texas A&M University System on September 1, 1989, and its name changed to Texas A&M International University in 1993.

The 74th Texas Legislature approved an expansion to four-year status in the Fall of 1995, further authorizing the University to develop joint degree programs with Mexican and Canadian institutions of higher education. Additional authorization has permitted the development of doctoral level programs. In 1995 the University welcomed its first freshmen and sophomore students, inaugurated a new 300-acre campus in northeast Laredo and marked its 25th anniversary.

TAMIU Today

The campus has completed Phase V of its Master Plan, including the Center for the Fine and Performing Arts’ Theatre and the Kinesiology, Wellness and Recreation Center. The Senator Zaffirini Student Success Center was dedicated in 2013. The campus complex now represents a nearly \$200 million investment in higher education in Laredo. The University completed an expansion of its Student Center. Funded by a fee increase referendum approved by student vote. It focused on a two-story addition that connects the north and south sides of the Student Center across its east end patio and opened in Spring 2014.

Now a regional University of choice, TAMIU is home to four colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences, the A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business, the College of Education and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences with its Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing.

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Graduation Candidates - December 13, 2014, 3:30 p.m.

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science**

Jorge Alfaro
Mayra Arambula
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Maritza Otilia Bustamante
Alyssa Nichole Cantú
Jazmine Ceron
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Yvette Leilani Garza
Carolina González
Esmeralda O. González
Arianna Nallely Guerra
Israel B. Gutiérrez, Jr.
Lizzette Valle
Magdaly Gutiérrez
Linda Cristina Leal
Jeniffer Jenice Light
Luis Rafael Lobo, Jr.
Francisco David López
Lenell Lujan
Lorinda Lynette Harris
Felipe Noe Maldonado
Jessica Mancha
Alexandra Martínez
Krystal Lynette Martínez
Brianna Leigh McCain
Jessica Marie Medrano
Jeanette Elaine Montalvo
Corina Margarita Muñoz
Mónica Musquiz
Robert R. Navarro
Desiree Vanessa Ortíz
Clay Carter Phillips
Oscar Pompa, Jr.
Eric Alfonzo Quevedo
Alejandro Luis Ramírez
Nancy Cruz Ramírez
Tania Judith Ramos
Arturo Ruben Rangel
Elizabeth Rangel

Karen Rangel
Loralay Ann Rivera
Marcelo A. Rodríguez
Roxana M. Roque
Cassandra M. Martínez-Salas
José Alejandro Salas
Christina Marie Salinas
Sandra Sarabia
Venessa Aide Saucedo
Araceli Soto
Sergio Joel Torres
Emmanuel Treviño
Arienne Villarreal
Rosalia Zapata

**Bachelor of Science in
Interdisciplinary Studies**

Patricia Ileana Barbera Aguilar
Harumi Alejandra Álvarez Yen
Tanairy Benítez
Patricia Boone
Vanessa Michelle Bravo
Abigail Calderón
Adriana R. Covarrubias
Karla I. González
Leydy Nataly Estrada
Laura Ferreyro
Olivia Flores
Gabriela Gallegos
Briselda García
Stephanie Joanne González
Mónica Loraine Juárez
Jessica Irasema Leija
Violeta Y. Menchaca
Claudia I. Molina
Alejandra Ramírez
Diana Elvia Rosales
Magaly P. Ruiz
Violeta Georgina Ruiz
Diana Saiden Núñez
Mónica María Sánchez
Elizabeth Serna
Denize Dyan Solís
Iris Pamela Soto
Wendy Melody Treviño
Briza Griselda Uvalle
Sophia Lorraine Vásquez-Scruggs

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
Master of Arts**

María Del Rosario Benavides
Blanca L. Donovan
Chamois Summer Holschuh
Omar Juárez, Jr.
Edmundo Arcadio Martínez, Jr.
Erick Martínez

**Master of Arts in
Counseling Psychology**

Brenda L. Cantua
Genesis Cardenas
Miguel Angel De Hoyos
María Alicia De Santos
Luciana García
Anna Luisa Guerrero
Alessio Victor López
Alina Martínez
Fernando Navarro
Francheska Bianka Santos
Amanda Verónica Torres Urteaga
Judy Angela Villarreal

Master of Public Administration

Daisy Daniela Avalos
Victor Daniel Chapa
Karina Elizondo
Claudia Gabriela Escalante
Omar García
Andrea Giovanna Garza
Laura Martínez
Anabelly Sánchez

Master of Science

Sonya Anzaldúa
Jeffrey Anthony Castañeda
Laura Alejandra De Llano
Janet Michelle García

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Alejandra Isabel Flores Dennison
Cindy Marie Domínguez - De León
Melinda Lizette Esquivel
Neil Harris
Curtis Ian Schell

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Master of Science**

Barbara Irene Benavides
María del Pilar Douglas
Alexander Troy Duarte
Jennifer González
Ana Priscilla Loya
Gabriela Isabel Medina
María Esther Ramírez
Stephanie Flores Reyner
Erika E. Rojas
Stacey Amanda Snow
Maribel Soliz
Anita Torres
Josefina Zarazua

**THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION
THE OFFICIAL PARTY**

University Mace, Dr. Alfredo Ramírez Jr., Faculty Senate President
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Dr. Jennifer Coronado
Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction
Iris P. Soto, Student
College of Education

College Banners:

Lorena E. Valero, Student
College of Arts and Sciences

Omar Ramírez, Student
College of Arts and Sciences

Miguel A. Benavides, Student
A.R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business

Brianna L. McCain, Student
College of Education

9:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

Graduation Candidates - December 13, 2014, 1 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies

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

Fanfare and Processional		Texas A&M International University Symphonic Band Dr. James A. Moyer Conductor
Opening Declaration		Dr. Pablo Arenaz
Presentation of Colors		Texas A&M International University ROTC Cadet Miguel De León
National Anthem	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Luz Ana Chavez Alexis Reyes Danielle Sánchez TAMIU Music Students Accompanied by the TAMIU Symphonic Band Tano E. Tijerina Webb County Judge-Elect
Commencement Speaker		
Distinguished Student Scholar	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Lorena Zapata, Class of 2014 Priscilla L. Martínez, Class of 2014 Yvette L. Garza, Class of 2014
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	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Luz Ana Chavez Alexis Reyes Daniella Sánchez
Prayer of Gratitude		Jackelyne Briseño President, Student Government
Closing Declaration		Dr. Pablo Arenaz
Recessional March		TAMIU Symphonic Band

A.R. SANCHEZ, JR. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Bachelor of Business Administration

Vanessa Lizette Álvarez
Alejandra Barrios
Miguel A. Benavides
Ted Cardenas
Melissa Liana Cásarez
Christian Cavazos
Raizza J. Cisneros
Ana C. Contreras
Alejandro Cruz
Christy Lowry Dávila
Kesia K. Domínguez
Krystal Lynn Domínguez
Albeza Durán
Gerardo David Espinoza
Erika Estrada
Olga Ernestina Flores
Mario A. Madrigal
Lisett García
Alicia Garza Espinosa
Marco A. Garza
Alexandra Gil
José Angel Gomez
Joseluis González, Jr.
Andrés Guerra González
Paola González
Raúl Humberto Granados
Anali Ines Guajardo
Vianey Guevara
Jorge Alberto Hernández
Ramiro Hernández, Jr.
Thomas Scott Lackey
Mitzi Jocelyn Lara
Enriqueta Benavides-Limón
Erik Noe López
Stephanie López
Alfredo Lozano, Jr.
Alberto Marcos Rodríguez
Gabriela Angelica Martell
Priscilla B. Martínez
Priscilla Lizette Martínez
Eduardo R. Mendoza
Ericka Melissa Mendoza
Ashley Renee Miles
Adalberto Moreno
Gabriel Muñoz
Valeria Mariel Niño López
Anai Nolasco
Valeria Páez
Pedro Miguel Palacios
Adrian Pérez
Leslie D. Pérez
Kathleen Ramírez
Roberto Ramos, Jr.
Michael T. Reed

Juan Manuel Rendón III Hinojosa
Francisco Reyes, Jr.
Victor Reyes III
Lizbeth Rodríguez
Rene Salinas
Heriberto Sánchez
Eduardo Serrano
Kristen Smith
Roberto De Jesús Solís
Jesús Trinidad
Alejandra Trujillo
Priscilla Vázquez Mendoza
Luis Angel Vidaurri Abramo
Michael Villa
Jorge Antonio Zazueta

Master of Business Administration

Carlos Alberto Aldana Ramírez
Alberto Aaron Aldape
Abdiel Amador
Karolina Ayala
Guillermo Bortoni González
René Omar Camporredondo Escamilla
Ernesto De León Pérez
Brenda Yvette Díaz
Alejandro Du Solier Martínez
José Francisco Elizondo
Jennifer Ann Escamilla
Carlos Farias Castan
Edgar Amando Flores López
Cristina I. Gallegos
Emanuel García
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Oscar R. Garza
Daniela Del Socorro Garza Treviño
Mario Gastélum Laborin
Raúl Hernando Gutiérrez Rodríguez
Raúl Carlos Jaramillo González
Elmo Daniel López
Fernando Lozano Barraza
Leopoldo Jesús Martínez Peña
Carlos Gilberto Martínez Tamez
Samuel Mendoza Ponce
Fabiola Asunción Montiel Díaz
Sylvana Elvira Moreno
Jorge Alberto Navarro Becker
Arnoldo Presas Delgado
Belinda Rivera Díaz
Gabriela Robles Contreras
Julio Cesar Rocha Sema
Jessica Rodríguez Medrano
Patricia A. Rodríguez
María Elisa Monserrat Rodríguez Ramírez
Jorge Rubén Salazar Aguirre
Elena Alicia Solano
Brenda Michelle Soltero
Amulfo Treviño, Jr.

Diana Carolina Valdez
Alain Villalonga Gil de Leyva

Master of Professional Accountancy

Guna R. Adhikari
Ernesto Bueno
Sylvia Oralia Delgado
Carla Alexa Durán
Melissa Gamez
Ivette López
Pascal André López
Luis Gerardo Molina Rendón
Nadejda Koleva Nedeva
Andrés Antonio Ponce Sousa e Faro
Laura Adriana Salinas
Alberto Terán Jr. García

Master of Science

Sharath Reddy Addula
Manjula Arudappa
Naveen Kumar Bathula
Deepak Mantripragada
Visakh Mathew Koshy
Mohammed Moiz Ur Rahman
Sandhya R. Nomula
Ojomu Pelumi Hannah
Anna Michelle Holly Romero
Bharath Kumar Shanmugam Saravanabhava
Sandeep Bhardnat Tantravahi
Ana Maria Vargas
Rogelio A. Villanueva

Doctor of Philosophy in International Business Administration

Yundong Huang



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Graduation Candidates - December 13, 2014, 9 a.m.

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Gloria Alonzo
Enrique Álvarez
Miguel Angel Álvarez
Daniel Arce, Jr.
Noemi Arroyo
Hector O. Boone
Stephanie Camacho
Daisy Alejandra Campos
Vernise Carraman
David Cásarez, Jr.
Nancy Berenice De La Torre
America V. De León
Cesar De Los Santos
Cynthia E. Delgado
Valerie Elizondo
Edgar Estrada
Beverly Bobbie Fraga
Rolando Gamez
Laura Janette García
Matthew Castulo García
Ricardo García
Oscar Abel González
Danny Guerrero
Aldo Gabriel Guevara, Jr.
Adrian Gutiérrez
Mónica Lizzette Guzmán
Nikita Hernández
Virginia Juárez
Shantel Diezya Lara
Henselmo Madrigal
Rosalinda Magaña
Brandon Ivan Martínez
Carla Elisa Martínez
Clarisa Monique Martínez
Giovanni Martínez
Kristal Marie Martínez
Melissa Ann Martínez
Mindy Leslie Montemayor
Isaac W. Muñoz
Luis Navarro
Noe Navarro
Yamin Olavarrieta
Karla Oliva
Cesar Augusto Orozco
Selina Ortega
Raymundo Raúl Pereyra, Jr.
Cordelia G. Pérez
Daisy Jannette Pliego
Krystal E. Rabago
José Abraham Ramírez
Victor H. Ramírez Raz
Daniel Ramos
Samantha Rose Rosales
Francisco Javier Ruiz
Kevin Jacob Salazar
José Mario Sánchez, III

Mario Sánchez, Jr.
Rogelio Alfredo Sánchez
Arturo Sanmiguel, IV
Miguel Angel Silva
Brenda Lee Solís
Eduardo Torres
Ricardo Torres, Jr.
Lisa Ivette Trejo
Claudio Treviño, Jr.
Daniel Nathan Treviño
Jeanette Alejandra Trujano López
Jesús A. Valenzuela
Carlos Ivan Velázquez
Vanessa Villarreal
Shelby Angelea Williams
Jordan A. Wise Ruiz

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Amanda Gabriela Garza



Cayetano Eduardo "Tano" Tijerina

Cayetano Eduardo "Tano" Tijerina will take office as the County Judge of Webb County on January 1, 2015. In doing so, he underscores a lifetime commitment to hard work and community service modeled for him by a family of longtime civil servants.

Born in Laredo, he graduated from J. W. Nixon High School in 1992 and attended Navarro College in Corsicana, TX. In 1993, he was drafted in the eighth round and played minor league baseball for four years as a pitcher with the Milwaukee Brewers and others.

After retiring from baseball, he reaffirmed his personal commitment to higher education, graduating from TAMU in 2002, earning a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

He has maintained business interests in oil and gas, ranching, rodeo stock management, investments and trucking. Tijerina has served on the South Texas Food Bank Board and supports numerous local and international non-profits.

As executive vice president of Precept Ministries' Spanish Board, he oversaw directorship, funding and staffing in 20 Spanish-speaking countries.

In 2004, he was inducted into the Laredo Latin American International Sports Hall of Fame.

He has been married to Kimberly Tijerina for 20 years. The couple has four children.



DISTINGUISHED STUDENT SCHOLARS

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Graduation Candidates - December 13, 2014, 9 a.m.



Lorena Zapata

Lorena Zapata is the daughter of Mauro and Dora Elia Zapata. She graduated from Lyndon B. Johnson High School in 2011 and was a member of the National Honor Society and graduating class salutatorian. Today, she earns a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Political Science, graduating *summa cum laude* with a GPA of 3.972.

While attending TAMIU, Lorena was part of the D. D. Hachar Honors Program and an active honor society member of Phi Kappa Phi and Pi Sigma Alpha. She also served on the Honor Council and was selected to participate in the Harvard University Latino Leadership Initiative. Upon graduation, Lorena will continue to work on a Masters degree at TAMIU and graduate next December. She plans to attend law school, focusing on community development and non-profit law.

Priscilla Lizette Martínez

The eldest daughter of Brenda Lee Martínez, Priscilla Lizette Martínez was a Top 5 graduate of Laredo's J. W. Nixon High School and the Vidal M. Treviño School of Fine Arts. Today, she earns a Bachelor's in Business Administration with a major in Accounting, graduating *summa cum laude* with a 3.974 GPA.

Last May, Martínez was part of the first cohort of students to receive the A.R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business' Oil and Gas Accounting Certificate and chosen as student respondent. While a student at TAMIU, she has been a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and served on Texas Community Bank's Honorary Junior Board of Directors.

Throughout her degree pursuit, she has been a student employee in the Dean's Office of the Sanchez School of Business. This past year, she was promoted twice within the School. Currently, she is a staff assistant for the Center for the Study of Western Hemispheric Trade.

Martínez has been accepted to the graduate school at the Sanchez School of Business. She plans to pursue her Master's of Professional Accountancy.

Yvette Leilani Garza

Originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, Yvette Leilani Garza is the daughter of Amelia and Albert D. Garza. Today, she earns her Bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders, with a 3.935 GPA, *summa cum laude*.

While at TAMIU, Yvette was active in Kappa Delta Chi, The National Student Speech and Hearing Language Association- TAMIU Chapter, and Phi Kappa Phi, participating in multiple community service events. Her research was presented at The Texas A&M University System's 11th Annual Pathways Student Research Symposium, the 2014 Lamar Bruni Vergara Conference, and the Texas Speech-Hearing Association's Convention. For her Asia study abroad program she provided Auditory-Verbal therapy to deaf Chinese children and presented her research project at the National University of Singapore.

Yvette will pursue a doctoral degree in Audiology and continue her research. She plans to return to Laredo to provide services to those in need.



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Angelita Aceves
Ana Lee Aguillon
Ediza I. Aguirre
Jennifer Alejandro
Jaime Leonel Álvarez
Marissa Denise Arce
Iris Abigail Arista
Mark Edward Arredondo
Antonio Arriaga
Marlowe Dean Bigler
Sandra Denise Botello
Sara Alicia Duarte-Buentello
Kristine Cadena
Kayla Cassandra Canales-Cruz
Juanita Rena Cannon
Brenda Marybel Carrera
Verónica Isabel Carrizales
Mónica Castellanos
Erick Contreras
Christella Vanice Cruz
Jill Davidson
Amber De La Fuente
Marina Burciaga De Los Reyes
Estefania Delgado
Julio Ivan Delgado Helbert
Joel Domínguez
Kati Graciela Eakin
Selinda Adelaida Flores
Martín Gallegos
Ariana Cecilia García
Jeremías G. García
Mauricio García
Tanya Jacqueline García
Ana Citlaly Garza Salazar
Emma Garza
Grecia Zuleyca Garza
Anthony James González
Michelle González
Sherry González
Claudia Samantha Guajardo
Christina Guerrero
Cynthia Guevara
Lelilah Lee Guevara
Aliza R. Gutiérrez
Jonathan David Gutiérrez
Kristina Nicole Gutiérrez
Rene Alonso Gutiérrez
Samantha Lee Hawkins
Robert Philip Henry II
Adam R. Hernández
Alba Daniela Hernández
Ilian Hernández Juárez
Jaclyn Salinas Hernández
Tanya Alejandra Herrera Lara

Yazmin S. González-Ijeoma
Alejandra Isabel Iñiguez
Eduardo Alejandro Jiménez
Rebecca Jean Kunkel
Mónica Cristina Limón
Ashley Marie Longoria
David López
Jennifer López
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Saul Jonathan López
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Ricardo Jesús Meza
Rachel Reneé Morales
Sindy Morales
Emmanuel Moreno
Jocelyn Múñiz
José Celedonio Narváez
Kristina Ortiz
Roxanne Yvonne Padilla
Alejandro Cristobal Palacios
Angie Rose Pedraza
Yvette Kristin Peña
Ana Cristina Perales Padilla
Linda Yvette Pérez
Sergio A. Pérez
Jimena Pérez Leañós
Kevin Philippe
Gabriella Adrianna Polka-Incer
Cynthia Jeanette Ramírez
María D. Ramírez
María Antonia Ramos
DeLorean Silhouette Reese-Aceves
Sarah E. Rigal
Yzamar Rivera
Clarissa Y. Rodríguez
Denise D. Rodríguez
Karla Isabel Rodríguez
Mariana Rodríguez
Sara L. Rodriguez
Roberto Daniel Romano González
Nicole Marie Romanos
Beatriz Saldaña
Elizabeth Rubi Sanmiguel Cantú
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Wendy San Miguel
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Lylia Santana
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Patricia Siklo
Cristina Vanessa Silva
Mónica Solís
Conrado Sosa
Nydia Lizette Talamantes
Roberto Enrique Tellez
Gloria Alizbell Treviño
Alfonso Valdez
Clarissa Ann Valdez
Claudia Valdez
Lorena Estefania Valero González
Belinda Vásquez
Victoria Zulema Vásquez
Linda Jo Vela
Misha Vela
Omar Villarreal
Jeffrey W. Westbury
Lorena Zapata

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Sergio De León, Jr.
Fernando Laurel
Jimmy C. Wise

Bachelor of Music

Leonardo Francisco Galván Juárez
Rolando Ramírez, Jr.
Enrique Rodríguez, Jr.
Ruben Guillermo Ulloa

Bachelor of Science

Ileana Ruby Alvarado
Viridiana Ivette Alvarado
Rosario Stephanie Álvarez
Eduardo Ulysses Anaya
Janell R. Cottle
Sabrina Berenice Espinoza
Gabriela García
Alejandra Gomez
Sheila González
Jessel Jaye Gutiérrez
Mónica Martínez
Sandra Martínez
†Ricardo Antonio Ramírez
Jimena Guadalupe Reyes
Jonathan Romero
Daniel Rosas
Mychelle Renee Scott
Elizabeth Cristine Vásquez
John Ian Witt

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

BAND MEMBERS

Flute
Beri González
Alejandra Olivares

Oboe
Robbi Marlett

Clarinet
Alejandro Mireles
David Balderas
Osvaldo García

Alto Saxophone
Juan Alvarado

Tenor Saxophone
Tracy Medina

Trumpet
Daniel Chapa
Ricardo Palacios
Antonio Resendez
Joseph Filazzola

Horn
Joe Riley
Luís Martínez
Antonio Álvarez

Trombone
Eduardo Morales
Jesus Inguanzo

Baritone
Aaron Hinojosa

Percussion
Miguel Rodríguez
Homer Veliz
José Aguilar
Kevin González
Juan Vallejo
Miguel Malacara

Tuba
Enrique Gloria

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 are 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

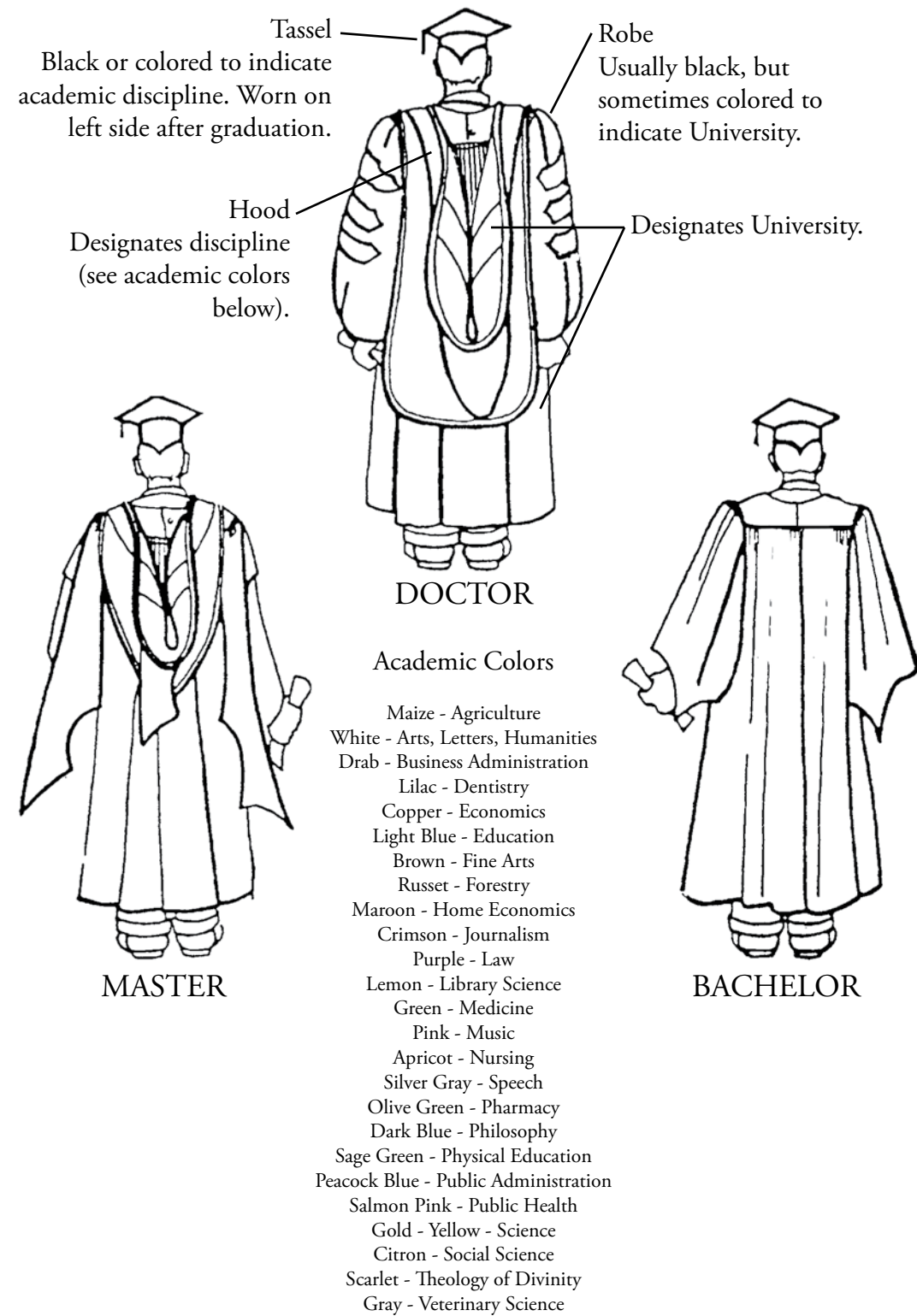
The following honor societies are represented on campus.
Alpha Kappa Delta - International Sociology Honor Society
Alpha Phi Sigma - National Criminal Justice Honor Society
Beta Beta Beta - National Biological Honor Society
Kappa Delta Pi - International Honor Society in Education
National Society of Leadership and Success
Phi Kappa Phi - All-Discipline Honor Society
Pi Sigma Alpha - National Political Science Honor Society
Psi Chi - National Society in Psychology
Sigma Delta Pi - National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society
Sigma Tau Delta - National Honor Society in English.

TAMIU Trailblazers - Co-curricular Leadership Initiative designated by completion patches.



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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 became 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 ceremonial 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.