

# Texas A&M International University



**Fall 2008  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

**Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008**

# THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

## THE OFFICIAL PARTY

University Mace, Dr. Robert Haynes, President, Faculty Senate  
President, Dr. Ray M. Keck III  
Chancellor, The Texas A&M University System, Dr. Michael D. McKinney  
U.S. Congressman, Chet Edwards  
Lt. General (Ret.) Ricardo S. Sánchez  
Colonel William Smith, Chief of Staff, Texas Adjutant General  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Pablo Arenaz  
Vice President for Finance and Administration, Juan J. Castillo, Jr.  
Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Candy Hein  
Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Rex Ball  
Dean, A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business, Dr. Jacky So  
Dean, College of Education, Dr. Humberto González  
Interim Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Natalie Burkhalter  
Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Dr. Jeffrey M. Brown  
Dean of Student Success, Dr. Minita Ramírez  
ROTC Battalion Commander, Lt. Colonel Ariel Rodríguez  
President, Student Government, James V. Cortez

### Marshalls:

10:00 a.m.

Dr. John Kilburn  
Associate Professor of Sociology and  
Criminal Justice  
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Alan Seitel  
Clinical Associate Professor of  
Communication Disorders  
College of Education

3:00 p.m.

Dr. Wei-Chih Chiang  
Assistant Professor of Accounting  
A.R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business

Belva González  
Assistant Professor of Nursing  
College of Nursing and Health Sciences

### College Banners:

10:00 a.m.

Deena Lynn Alexander-Garza  
College of Arts and Sciences

Natalia Nieto  
College of Education

3:00 p.m.

Enrique Alvarado  
A.R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business

Nora Palacios  
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. Michael Stone Conductor
Opening Declaration		Dr. Pablo Arenaz Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Presentation of Colors		Texas A&M International University ROTC Captain Martin Longoria
National Anthem	10:00 a.m.	Ashley Montemayor Music Student
	3:00 p.m.	Dana Crabtree Music Instructor Accompanied by TAMIU Symphonic Band
Keynote Speaker	10:00 a.m.	Chet Edwards U.S. Congressman
	3:00 p.m.	Lt. General (Ret.) Ricardo S. Sánchez
Distinguished Student Scholar	10:00 a.m.	Vanessa Belén Cruz Class of 2008
	3:00 p.m.	Eliana Ledesma Class of 2008
Authorization of Degrees		Dr. Michael D. McKinney Chancellor, The Texas A&M University System
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
Commissioning of ROTC Cadets		Lt. General (Ret.) Ricardo S. Sánchez
Alma Mater	10:00 a.m.	Ashley Montemayor
	3:00 p.m.	Dana Crabtree
Prayer of Gratitude		James V. Cortez President, Student Government Association
Closing Declaration		Dr. Pablo Arenaz
Recessional March		TAMIU Symphonic Band



## **Commencement Speaker (10:00 a.m.)**

### **Congressman Chet Edwards**

### **17th Congressional District**

Congressman Chet Edwards proudly represents portions of North Texas, Central Texas and the Brazos Valley in Washington. Since first elected to the United States Congress in 1990, Cong. Edwards has gained seniority and influence and is now one of only eight House members to serve as a senior member on both the powerful House Budget and the Appropriations Committees. He also serves on the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, co-chair of the House Army Caucus, and the USO Congressional Caucus.

As Chairman of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations

Subcommittee, Edwards is known as a national champion for America's veterans, troops, and their families. Since 2007, he has authored an historic \$16.3 billion increase in funding for veterans health care and benefits, the largest increase in veterans funding in the history of the Veterans Administration, and a larger increase in two years than the previous 12 years combined in Congress. This year, both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars recognized Edwards' leadership with national awards given to only one member of Congress.

During his 18-year tenure in Congress, including 11 years of seniority on the powerful Appropriations Committee, Edwards has developed a reputation for working hard and effectively for his Central Texas constituents. This is the result of his commitment to protecting jobs and the local economy by making vital federal investments in key education, health, transportation, and water programs in the 17th District. Securing important federal investments for Fort Hood, the Central Texas Veterans' Health Care System, and university research programs at Baylor and Texas A&M universities are also a primary focus of his work in Washington.

Edwards has also played a major leadership role in support of the U.S. Army, military families, and homeland defense programs. In 2007, he received the Marix Congressional Achievement Award from the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) in recognition of his work. In 2006, Edwards was honored with the Award of Merit, the highest award given by the Military Coalition, which represents 36 military and veteran groups. In 2003, the Association of the U.S. Army gave Edwards its "Legislator of the Year Award." He has been the co-chair of the House Army caucus for over a decade and served on the House Armed Services Committee for six years.

Early in congressional career, Edwards became known as a leader in the fight against nuclear terrorism, and in 2001, strongly opposed cuts of \$100 million to the nuclear non-proliferation budget proposed by the Bush Administration. Serving as a member on the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, Edwards helps to oversee key homeland defense and university research programs to protect Americans from nuclear terrorism. To inspect more cargo coming into U.S. seaports, he supported the implementation of the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission and, in 2003, helped secure \$84 million to the budget to install radiological detectors at the busiest foreign ports, so nuclear materials can be detected overseas before terrorists can get them to targets in America.

Edwards is known as a fiscal conservative who believes massive federal deficits and the \$9 trillion national debt are harmful to the nation's economy and morally wrong to pass on to its children and grandchildren. The non-partisan Concord Coalition has given him its "Deficit Hawk" Award. The U.S Chamber of Commerce awarded him the "Spirit of Enterprise" Award for the fifth year in a row for his support of business. Edwards has also been recognized for his innovative, cooperative approaches to protecting private property rights and the environment.

A lifelong person of faith, he has been honored by the Baptist Joint Committee and earned the Walter Cronkite Award from the Interfaith Alliance for his principled fight to keep government funding and regulations out of churches and houses of worship. Edwards has been honored with the T.B. Maston Christian Ethics Award.

Upon graduation from Texas A&M University in 1974, Edwards received the Earl Rudder Award, given to two outstanding seniors. He then worked for three years for Congressman Olin E. "Tiger" Teague before earning an MBA from the Harvard Business School.

In the 1980's, Edwards worked at the Trammell Crow Company in commercial real estate and owned and was President of Edwards Communications, a rural radio station. From 1983 to 1989, he served in the Texas Senate. As a Member of the Senate Education Committee, he played an active role in reducing class sizes in Texas' public schools and was named one of "Ten Outstanding Legislators" by *Texas Monthly* magazine.

Congressman Edwards and wife, Lea Ann, along with their sons, J.T. (12) and Garrison (11) attend Waco's Calvary Baptist Church.

**Commencement Speaker (3:00 p.m.)**  
**Lieutenant General (Ret.)**  
**Ricardo S. Sánchez**



Lieutenant General (Ret.) Ricardo S. Sánchez is a native of Rio Grande City.

As a distinguished military graduate of then-Texas A&I University, Kingsville, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of armor in the Regular Army in 1973. His initial assignment was to the 4th Battalion (Light Airborne), 68th Armor, 82nd Airborne Division, where he served as platoon leader, company executive officer, and assistant logistics officer and operations officer.

He later served as Aide-De-Camp to the Assistant Division Commander (Support), 82nd Airborne Division. In June 1977, he returned to command Company C, 4th Battalion, 68th Armor. He was then assigned as an action control officer in the office of the Secretary of the Joint Staff, US Forces Korea/Eighth U.S. Army.

Lt. Gen. Sánchez attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA., and was subsequently assigned to the U.S. Army Armor Center, Fort Knox, KY., where he served as the Chief, Analysis Branch for the Future Armored Combat System Task Force and the Armor Investment Strategy Study Group.

He was also a special projects officer in the Directorate of Combat Developments at the Armor Center. At his next assignment, Lt. Gen. Sánchez served as Operations Officer, and then Executive Officer for the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry, 3rd Armored Division, Gelnhausen, Germany, followed by assignment as Deputy Operations Officer, 3rd Armored Division, Frankfurt, Germany.

Upon returning to the US, Lt. Gen. Sánchez assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor, 197th (Separate) Infantry Brigade, Fort Benning, GA, and deployed the battalion to combat for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Kuwait and Iraq. Upon redeployment, the brigade transitioned to the 3rd Brigade, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized).

After relinquishing command, he served as an investigator in the Office of the Inspector General Agency, Washington, D.C. In July 1994, Lt. Gen. Sánchez assumed command of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized) (later 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division), Fort Riley, KS. Following his brigade command tour, he reported to Headquarters, US Southern Command, Panama where he served as Deputy Chief of Staff, and later as Director of Operations and Director of Strategy, Policy and Plans (J-3/J-5), USSOUTHCOM, Miami, FL.

Lt. Gen. Sánchez was then assigned as the Assistant Division Commander - Support for the 1st Infantry Division. In Dec. 1999, he assumed duties as Commander, Multi-National Brigade (East), KFOR, Kosovo. Lt. Gen. Sánchez was then selected to serve as Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations at Headquarters, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army in Heidelberg, Germany.

On 10 July 2001, Lt. Gen. Sánchez became Commanding General of the 1st Armored Division, America's Tank Division, in Wiesbaden, Germany, and held that position for nearly two years, deploying the division to combat for Operation Iraqi Freedom I in April and May 2003. On 14 June 2003, following nomination to Lieutenant General, he assumed command in Baghdad, Iraq, of the Army's Fifth Corps and simultaneously, became the Commander of Combined joint Task Force 7, responsible for one of the largest combat forces deployed in US military history.

During his command of CJTF-7, Lt. Gen. Sánchez led the coalition military mission in support of the Coalition Provisional Authority responsible for restoring and reconstructing Iraq's infrastructure and security forces. This allowed the interim Iraqi government to re-establish sovereignty on 28 June 2004. Upon the reorganization of command and control structures in Iraq, he commanded Headquarters, Multi-National Forces (Iraq) from 14 May 2004 to 1 July 2004.

He returned to Germany where he continued as CG, V Corps until 6 September 2006. He was the longest serving Corps Commander in V Corps history. Lt. Gen. Sánchez retired on 1 November 2006 after 33 years of service.

Lt. Gen. Sánchez' professional education includes the Armor Officer basic and advanced courses, the Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and history from the then-Texas A&I University (now Texas A&M University-Kingsville) and a master's degree in operations research and systems analysis engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School.

His awards and badges include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak Leaf clusters, the Joint Service commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal with two service stars, the Southwest Asia Campaign Medal, the Liberation of Kuwait Medals (Saudi Arabia and Kuwait), the NATO medal and the Master Parachutist Badge.



## **Distinguished Student Scholar (10:00 a.m.)**

### **Vanessa Belén Cruz**

Vanessa Belén Cruz is the daughter of Manuel and Hulda Cruz Jr. She is a May 2003 Top Ten honors graduate of Hebronville High School in its Distinguished Academic Plan.

She began her higher education program at TAMIU, and enrolled at the University in the fall of 2003. Today, she receives a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a major in Early Childhood Education and is a six-time Honor Roll student.

Vanessa affirms that she chose education simply for her love of children and her desire to make a difference in their lives. While she admits that education was not her first choice, it has become her biggest passion in life. She eagerly looks forward to growing as an educator and to learning side by side with the children she is privileged to work with.

In addition to her TAMIU studies, Vanessa has participated in golf, cheerleading, and folkloric dancing. She played Dustdevil Golf for '04 and '05 golf seasons, was a cheerleader for the '04 TAMIU basketball teams and participated in dance for three years.

Vanessa hopes to attend the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio to work towards a Masters degree in Deaf Education and Hearing Science.



## **Distinguished Student Scholar (3:00 p.m.)**

### **Eliana Ledesma**

Eliana Ledesma is the daughter of Javier and Maria Ledesma and graduated from Carrizo Springs High School in 2005 in the top 10 percent of her class.

Today, she receives a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. She chose this major after a long-running affiliation with Business Professionals of America that dates from her high school years. Eliana hopes to join the ranks of Latina women moving into higher business executive positions nationwide.

A Sanchez Scholarship recipient, she has been active in the TAMIU Sigma Nu Delta Multi-cultural Co-educational Society Inc, and acquired over 40 community service hours annually. Also a student employee in the University's Athletics Department for the past two years, she has helped Sigma Tau Delta receive awards for the most active student organization and most community service hours (both 2008), in addition to her being nominated as a 2008 student employee of the year.

Eliana plans to pursue a Masters degree in Finance at the University of Texas at San Antonio and hopes to one day become an intelligence analyst with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

# TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FLAGS

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

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

*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

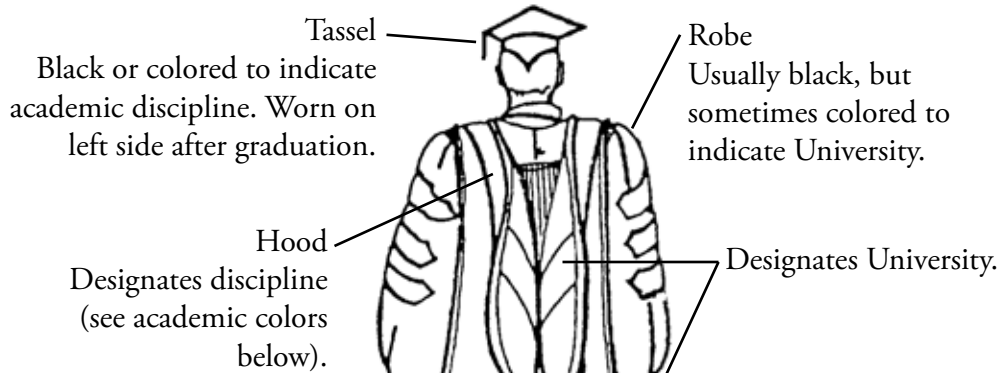
*Pi Sigma Alpha* - National Political Science Honor Society

*Psi Chi* - National Society in Psychology

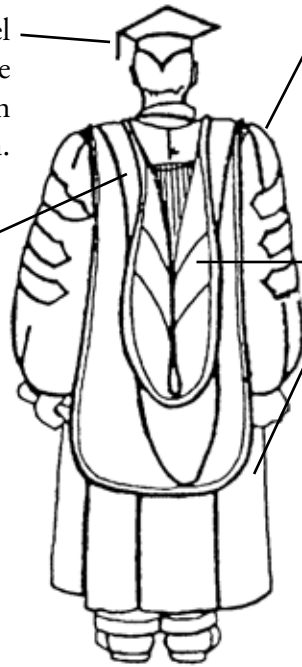
*Sigma Delta Pi* - National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society

*Sigma Tau Delta* - National Honor Society in English.

# THE ACADEMIC REGALIA



MASTER



DOCTOR



BACHELOR

## 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



# 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 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> 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."

14<sup>th</sup> 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.

19<sup>th</sup> 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.

# TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

## Graduation Candidates - December 13, 2008

### College of Arts and Sciences

#### Bachelor of Arts

\*Ruben Barberena  
James E. Bravo III  
Blanca G. Briseño  
Cindy Carrillo  
\*Mildred Denede Carrillo  
\*Antonio Castillo III  
Gilberto A. Castillo  
\*John Anthony Castro  
Alaina Marie Cavazos  
Jorge Alberto Cavazos  
Ana Paola Comejo De la Peña  
Alicia Margarita Cruz  
Sylvia Ivonne Flores  
\*Joseph Michael Gangi II  
Linda Lizette García  
María Guadalupe García  
Omar García  
Cynthia E. Garza  
Deena Lynn Alexander-Garza  
Andrea Dávila González  
Sandra González  
Teresa Verónica González  
Angela María Guerra  
\*Dagoberto Guerrero, Jr.  
Jorge A. Gutiérrez  
Sandra Alicia Hernández  
\*Claudia Stella Herrera  
Joseph Leo Holland  
\*María Isabel Ibarra  
\*Carla Negrete Gordon  
Andrea López  
Priscilla M. López  
\*Daniel Maldonado Jr.  
\*Tina Kish Mansinghani  
Manuel Alejandro Márquez  
Mayra Marissa Márquez De León  
Alejandro Martínez  
Cynthia Martínez  
Mario A. Martínez  
Naely Martínez  
Tania Josephine Martínez  
Erica Valeria Matos  
Ana L. Medina  
Briseida Mendoza  
Selina Grissel Mendoza  
Rodolfo Morales III  
Verónica Morales  
Jessicka Thelma Morán  
Ivan A. Morua  
Manuel Moya  
Edgar Murillo  
David Lee Núñez  
Patricia Carretero De Orduña  
\*María Guadalupe Palacios  
Gladys J. Peña  
\*María Nelly Pérez  
\*Jesús Felipe Ramírez

Lorraine Ramírez  
Luis Alberto Ramírez  
Mario Alberto Ramírez  
Christopher Adam Rea  
Lilia Resendez  
\*Judith Rigal  
Alberto Robles Contreras  
Clara Erika Rodríguez González  
Kristina Ann Rodríguez  
Christian Alfonso Rubio  
Mónica C. Santos  
Cinthia L. Sierra  
Angela C. Tellez  
Edward Teniente  
\*Sonia Valenzuela  
\*Denise E. Vega  
Jared W. Vercher  
Arianna Elizabeth Villarreal Quevedo  
Melissa Michelle Ybarra

#### Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Jessica Garza  
Martha Elia Maldonado

#### Bachelor of Music

Salvador S. Arredondo  
\*José Angel Calderón  
Michael Guzmán  
Myrna B. Saldaña  
Jesús Vázquez

#### Bachelor of Science

Maxine Caballero  
Emmanuel Andrés Domínguez  
Mario Ricardo Juárez  
Verónica Marie Khan  
Erika Concepción Peña  
\*Jacquelyn Marie Pérez  
Erika B. Ramón  
Michael Ray Salas  
David J. Segovia  
Leslie Esperanza Solís

#### Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Susana Acosta  
\*Marissa Marisol Arredondo  
Hector S. Basoria  
\*Viridiana Elizondo  
Moses Ely Espinoza  
Armando García  
\*Anthony González  
Christina Renee González  
Edgar González  
Ismael Guevara  
Daniel Ibarra  
Joel Jacobo  
Patricia Leija  
Xareny Giovanna León  
\*Denise López  
Hugo Ernesto López  
\*Mayra Karina Lozano  
Oscar Luna

\*Carlos Hector Maldonado III  
Blas Alberto Martínez Jr.  
Danny Rubio Martínez  
\*José Manuel Martínez  
Trinidad Martínez III  
Esmeralda Meléndez  
Stephanie Yvette Mireles  
Verónica R. Molina  
Elsa Elizabeth Moreno  
Alberto Narváez  
\*Cassandra Jo Nieto  
María Ana Ortiz  
Citlaly Berenice Palau  
Elizabeth Portales  
Cristina Quintanilla  
Angie Ramírez  
Carlos D. Romero  
\*Simón Efrain Sánchez  
Ana E. Sandoval  
\*Lucía Karina Sandoval  
José Lorenzo Treviño III  
Rocío Vela  
Tomas Zapata

#### Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Brenda Esmeralda Contreras  
Elsa B. Garza  
\*Gabriela Alexis Garza  
Marissa Guevara  
Cindy Marlene Lugo  
\*Santos Arturo Ortiz Jr.  
Irene Quilantán Salas  
Michelle Saucedá

#### Bachelor of Social Work

Heriberto Peña Jr.

#### College of Education Bachelor of Science

\*Claudine M. Alfaro  
José Fernando Arreola  
Daisy Arteaga  
Selina Castillo  
René Chapa  
\*Jesús Chavez  
\*Micheal S. Equigua  
René Flores  
Anna Laura González  
José Luis González  
\*Gustavo A. Guerrero  
Teodora Hernández  
David O. Ibarra  
René Daniel Maldonado  
Justin Scott Meza  
Mayra Elizabeth Montes  
Jennifer Loanne Moore  
Cynthia Elissa Mosqueda  
\*Melissa Ollervides  
\*Luis Roberto Peña  
Carlos Javier Puente Jr.

\*Sergio Rodríguez  
April Serna  
Megan Marie Socia  
Esteban Teniente Jr.  
Genovevo Antero Tenorio  
Fermín Torres  
Trinidad M. Treviño  
Samantha Vásquez  
Alberto Vela

### **Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies**

Miriam Sánchez Aco  
Melissa Areli Aguillon  
Leticia Alfaro  
Abigail Almaguer  
Olga Anderson  
Jessica Y. Arellano  
\*Karina Arispe  
\*Rosa Elva Arreola  
\*Lyzette Arriaga  
\*Stephanie Pauline Atwell  
Sandra Bedarte  
Rosa Alicia Benavides  
\*Angelina Plaza Bondoc  
Melissa Buitrón  
\*Emmeline Denisse Caballero  
Katya Janeth Carpenter  
Jessica Carrillo Guerra  
Jacqueline Contreras  
Verónica Contreras  
Vanessa B. Cruz  
\*Marlene De Hoyos  
Roxana Araiza Domínguez  
Sary Pamela Espinosa Rojas  
Melissa Esmeralda Estevis  
María Elena Estrada  
Juanita H. Flores  
Miguel A. Flores  
María S. Galindo  
Sonia Gamez  
\*Gladys Aide García  
Priscilla García  
Rosa María García  
\*Sonia Giselle García  
Margaret Ann Garza  
\*Nancy Margarita Garza  
Brenda Garza Mosqueda  
María Eva González  
Maryela González  
Martha Alicia Guajardo  
Elizabeth Guerra  
Mayra Patricia Guerra  
\*Sara Lilia Flores de Guzmán  
Julia Cathleen Stephens Hannigan  
Adriana Hernández Arenas  
Christina Hernández  
Diana Rosario Hernández  
Martha Lizeth Hernández Rodríguez  
Patricia Hernández  
\*Linda Lee Hinojosa  
Guadalupe Jaramillo  
\*Mariza López  
Sarah R. Luan  
Jessica Marie Maldonado

\*Velma Carrizales Marín  
Alina Janneth Mejía  
\*Claudia Araceli Medina  
María de los Angeles Molina  
\*April Monciváis  
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