

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



SPRING 2015  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
Friday, May 22, 2015

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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!  
T!...A!...M!...I!...U!...  
TAMIU  
DUSTDEVILS!  
GO...FIGHT!



### 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.

**For more information on TAMIU, visit [tamiu.edu](http://tamiu.edu)**

## Graduation Candidates - May 22, 2015, 6 p.m.

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Bachelor of Science

Jocelin Aguilar  
Cynthia Jacqueline Alvarado  
Gabriela Arellano  
Robert John  
Monserat Edlyn Bedolla  
Ariel Cristin Benavides  
Amanda Marie Benavidez  
Moonique Benavidez  
Viviana Isabel Brizuela  
Laura Dennise Cabello  
Miguel A. Camero  
Damaris N. Cisneros  
Emmanuel Adan Cortina  
Lorena Cruz Samaniego  
Jared Allan Curnel  
Dania Flores  
Maricruz Flores  
Maricna Nichole Gallardo  
Armando Gallegos  
Andy C. Garcia  
Erika Garcia  
Marlayna Brenda Garcia  
Patricia Garcia  
Rene Alfonso Garcia  
Anna Cristina Garza  
Mario A. Giron  
Nina M. Gomez  
Dulce Nohemi González  
Noe Gerardo González  
Omar González Jr  
Rebecca Abby González  
Johnel James Gray  
Sandra E. Hernández  
Pablo Alberto Ibarra  
Malika Shantee Jackson  
Sarah Elisabeth Johnson  
Gabriela Landa  
Griselda Landa  
Jacqueline Y. Lara  
Stephanie Lira  
Natalie Marie López  
Jovany Macias  
Humberto Martínez III  
Anaís Moraida  
Celia Analý Moreno  
Elizabeth Noris  
Steven Olivares  
Leticia Ruby Ortiz  
Lizelle Ortiz  
Abigail Palacios  
Viviana Pérez  
Luis Fernando Ponte  
Franci E. Rábago  
Ana Karen Ramirez  
Laura Lizeth Ramos  
Kyndall Richelle Reaves  
Jessica Annet Rentería  
Christine Janel Requena  
Jesús A. Ríos  
Hector Rivera Jr.

Casey Lea Rodríguez  
Manuel José Rodríguez III  
Marcelo Rodríguez  
Mercedez Yvonne Rosa  
Manuel Ruiz  
Kimberly Lorraine Sánchez  
Celina Lizbeth Sariñana  
Marissa Iliana Serna  
Lizzete Soliz  
Rebecca Ann Tenorio  
J. Samuel Tobias  
Ruben A. Valdez  
Yamily Yvette Vásquez  
Yanely Vásquez  
Clarissa Vázquez  
Vanessa Marie Vicharelli  
Karla Iveth Villarreal

### Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Marylou Abrego  
Luis Felipe Aleman Jr.  
Diana Karina Cabello  
Vanessa Cadena  
Maribel Flores Colchado  
Valeria Dávila  
Stephanie Domínguez González  
Claudia Fragoso  
Dennise Elizabeth Garza  
Carmen Edith González  
Norma A. Hernández  
Myrna I. Ibarra  
Ana Lilia Inocencio  
Deisy Johnson  
Georgina Loredo  
Angela Nishiyama  
Roxana Ochoa  
Verónica C. Pérez-Castaño  
Laura Daniella Rios  
Thania E. Rios  
Dominique Richele Sánchez  
Eleazar Serna  
Diana Lorena Vargas

### COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES

#### Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Diana Patricia Alardín  
Tierney Bannon-Coad  
Tanya Bear  
Gregoria Benavides  
Alexandra Nicole Ciszek  
Priscilla Del Río  
Candace A. Dunford  
Raquel Iridian García  
Gerardo Adalberto Garza  
Katherine N. Garza  
Lysandra Garza  
Ricardo Guarneros  
Echo Elena Guzmán  
Chelsea Elexis Jamagin  
Daniela Michelle Jurado  
Cristina Landa

Courtney Marie Mainhart  
Kristian Denise Martínez  
Vivian Marie Martínez  
Ernesto Monsivais  
Anna Maria Peña  
Flor Peredo  
Onilda Mariela Pompa  
Clarissa Marie Porras  
Naomi Jessica Rebeles  
Ivette M. Reyes  
Tamara Isamar Robles  
Andrea Alejandra Rodríguez  
Kristeena Y. Rodríguez  
Manuel Guadalupe Rodríguez  
Tanya A. Sánchez  
Samantha Silva  
Valeria Solís  
Azucena Trevino  
Laura Kathleen Twinem  
Karen Valadez  
Dora Edith Valladolid  
Mayra Cecilia Vázquez  
Hiroshi Wong  
Yoshio Wong

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Master of Science

Linda Lizette Agrahari  
Irma J. Barberena  
Mónica M. Jackson  
Griselda Dozal  
Amanda Flores  
Mayra Alejandra García  
Brenda E. Garza  
Marissa Guevara  
Vanessa Hernández  
Carmen Castro Martínez  
Olga Salinas-Pérez  
Teresita De Jesús Rangel  
Clarissa Contreras  
Diana C. Ramirez

### Master of Science in Education


Norma Díaz Barrera  
Melissa Alicia Carrizales  
Lora A. Castilleja  
Christian F. Gallardo  
Ruth Abigail Garza  
Vania Magallanes Galván  
Ernestina Martínez  
Luis Martínez Jr.  
Steven Anthony Martínez  
Nikki M. Narducci  
Maricela Sánchez  
Leticia Velasquez Tijerina

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**Graduation Candidates - May 22, 2015, 2 p.m.**

Vishnothaj Kandukuru  
 Mónica Prithvi Kalyani Karingula  
 Srikanth Reddy Katta  
 Hursh Vurdn Komireddy  
 Sankcerth Kumar Nagapuri  
 Kapil Chakravarthy Sanubala  
 Sashi Kiran Somanchi  
 Sasi Dhar Reddy Tippireddygar  
 Gorkey Vallala

**THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION  
 THE OFFICIAL PARTY**

University Mace, Dr. George Clarke, Faculty Senate President  
 President, Ray M. Keck, III  
 George N. Ricks, Chair Elect of the Board, Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc.  
 Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Pablo Arenaz  
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 Dean, College of Education, Dr. Catheryn Weitman  
 Representative, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Dr. Belva González  
 Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Dr. Jeffrey M. Brown  
 Dean, University College, Dr. Conchita Hickey  
 ROTC Commissioning Officer, Cpt. Ryan McCormick  
 President, Student Government, Joshua Llamas

**Marshalls:**

10:00 a.m.

Dr. Manuel Broncano  
 Regents Professor of English  
 Kevin G. Hernández, Student  
 College of Arts and Sciences

2:00 p.m.

Dr. Manuel Broncano  
 Regents Professor of English  
 College of Arts and Sciences

6:00 p.m.

Dr. Robert D. Evans  
 Assistant Professor of Marketing  
 Francisco A. Ruiz, Student  
 A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business

Dr. Ramón Alaniz  
 Senior Lecturer  
 Mario A. Giron, Student  
 College of Education

Dr. Julio Lujano  
 Assistant Professor of Nursing  
 Mayra C. Vazquez, Student  
 College of Nursing and Health Sciences

**College Banners:**

10:00 a.m.

Juan J. García,  
 Student  
 College of Arts and Sciences

2:00 p.m.

Kazandra Y. Aleman,  
 Student  
 A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business

6:00 p.m.

Damaris N. Cisneros,  
 Student  
 College of Education

Katherine N. Garza,  
 Student  
 College of Nursing and Health Sciences



# THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

Graduation Candidates – May 22, 2015, 2 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	10:00 a.m.	Ms. Dana Crabtree Music Instructor
	2:00 p.m.	Ms. Danielle Sánchez Music Student
	6:00 p.m.	Patricia García Class of 2015 Accompanied by the TAMIU Symphonic Band
Commencement Speaker	6:00 p.m.	George N. Ricks Chair Elect of the Board Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc.
Distinguished Student Scholar	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	David S. Santos, Class of 2015 Anthony B. Stahl, Class of 2015 Luís F. Ponte, Class of 2015 Chelsei E. Jarnagin, Class of 2015
Certification of Candidates for Degrees		Dr. Pablo Arenaz
Conferring of Degrees		Dr. Ray M. Keck, III President
Commissioning of ROTC Cadets		Cpt. Ryan McCormick
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees		Mary Treviño Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Alma Mater	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Dana Crabtree Danielle Sanchez Patricia Garcia
Prayer of Gratitude		Jackelyne Briseño Outgoing President, Student Government Association  Joshua Llamas President, Student Government Association
Closing Declaration		Dr. Pablo Arenaz
Recessional March		TAMIU Symphonic Band

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

Karentha Noel Aueron  
Carolina Andrea Medina  
Francisco River Jr.  
Diana Escobedo  
Steven Robert Castano  
Giancarlo Colorado  
Diana D. Campuzano  
Giselda Leticia Cepeda  
Gloria Elizabeth Conde Alfo  
Luz Maria Cortinas  
Angelica Uscor Borfiaz  
Rocío S. Tardío  
Luz Fabiola Herrera  
Norma Brito  
Michelle Gabriela Espinoza  
Luzka Gabriela Latorre Negrete  
María Elisa Carroza  
Cristal Flores  
Henry George  
Valerian García Jr.  
Pali Garcia  
Dante Amador Gomez  
Marco A. Garcia  
Felipe Aragón  
Nicolás G. Carrizo Acosta  
Eduardo Gomez  
David Alberto Carrillo  
Miguel Valenzuela Carrillo  
Nilda M. Gonzalez  
Reagan Annika González Jr.  
Luz Gabriela Gonzalez Jr.  
Ingrid Mayana  
Carli Alejandra Quiroga  
Luz Gabriela Carrillo  
Elyssa K. Acosta  
Daniel F. Jimenez  
Priscilla Pamela Pineda  
Michael William Lewis  
Maura Allison Lane  
Norma Leahy Clark  
Amber Renee Lopez  
Juan Gabriel Lopez Jr.  
Miguel Antonio Lopez  
Sofia Lopez  
Amanda Teresa Jr.  
Alexandra Jimenez  
Maira L. Martin  
Alicia Yelina Martinez  
Miguel Martinez Jr.  
Rebeca Adriana Martinez  
Fernanda Mata  
Ana Victoria Mendez Torres  
Daniel Muñoz  
Alejandra Munoz  
Sofía Yvonne  
Cecilia Inka Mariscal  
Rianna Mison  
Jose A. Nova III  
Eduardo Nolasco  
Felicia Patricia

Araceli María Padilla  
Lidia Patricia Perez  
Leticia Pizarro  
Nadja María Pizarro  
Felisa Terrey Quiroga  
Doreen Ramirez LI  
Miriam G. Ramirez  
Meyra Alejandra Ramos  
Francis Rojas Jr.  
Ingrid Lucero Romo  
Fernando Alejandro Rivas  
Regina Sandoz  
Luis Salazar Jr.  
Doriel Thomas Sarmiento  
Zaira Elizabeth Sepveda  
Inaquel Salas Jr.  
Anthony Paul Stahl Jr.  
Rosa Maria Telle  
Jose R. Torres  
Regina Andrea Tron  
Dante Torres  
Karina Vidal  
Susan Anthony Wilkins  
Doreen Lucia Villa  
Diego Zamora Jr.  
Cristobal Zavala

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES Master of Arts

Ernie Carr  
James Levan Conzales  
Wanda Carolina Garcia  
Marta Cecilia Treviño  
Ileana Yvonne Noriega  
Giselda Guzman  
Alicia Duran  
Norma Teresita Lopez  
Maria Guadalupe Macias  
Manuel Jose Mendez  
Luzmila Cecilia Rojas  
Daniela Rodriguez Medina

## Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology

Auli Garcia  
Mauritio Medina  
Elizabeth R. Ramirez de la Cruz

## Master of Public Administration

Maria Teal Medina  
Robert Lee Jarama

## Master of Science

Kassandra Louisa Ourgain  
Dana S. Garcia  
Amy Gutierrez  
Pablo Villalobos  
Alison Yvonne Waters

## Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Amber Renee Adams

Eduardo Hernandez, Jr.  
Araceli Gonzalez Jr.  
Leticia Lopez  
Melissa Pamela Maguire

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

Daniel Arturo Acosta  
Arturo Alvarado  
Eduardo Casanova-Rojas  
Robert Christopher Chisholm  
Helia Solis  
Sofia Jimenez Escobar  
Irene Victoria Ferrer Jr.  
José Alberto Flores  
María A. Gloria Flores  
Cynthia Denise Garcia  
Mina Munguía Gomez  
Juan Alberto Guzmán Benavides  
Jose Luis Hernandez  
Felipe Hernandez  
Camelina Riquelme  
Alberto Roberto Salazar  
Luzmila Sandoval  
Julian Hernandez

Luzmila Amador  
Eduardo Castellanos  
Carmen Silvia Mendez  
Sandra Isela Navarro Rojas  
Nidia Y. Ortiz  
Yvonne Cecilia Solis Treviño  
Paula Lucia Padilla  
Kendall Anneta Pineda  
Georgina Pineda Trujillo  
Matthew L. Pineda  
Eduardo Ramirez Jr.  
Diana Yvonne Ramos  
Alicia Judith Rueda  
Jose Cecilio Sanchez Jr.  
Nikolai O. Savel  
Felisa Cristina Solis  
Jose Antonio Treviño Aguilar  
Alicia Yelina Valenzuela Espinoza  
Felix Carlos Villarreal Solis  
Thomas Michael Webb Jr.

## Master of Professional Accountancy

Suzanna Garcia  
Marta Lina Garcia  
Adrian Alejandro Hernandez  
Humberto Lopez IV  
Melissa Sarah Maria Guadalupe  
Pablo Rojas Jr.  
Valentina Rodriguez  
William Frederick Wozniak

## Master of Science

Sofia Valenzuela  
Kendall Solis



# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

## Graduation Candidates - May 22, 2015, 10 a.m.

Erika Medina  
Dagoberto Melero  
Salvador Méndez  
Kayla Pineda  
Sophia Beatriz Quiñones  
Cesar A. Rivera Medina  
Domingo A. Rodarte  
Hevony Rodríguez  
Sandra Lizbeth Rodríguez  
Cynthia Sáenz  
Travis Anthony Salinas  
Cesar Serna  
Alejandro Torres  
David Vázquez  
Jesús Arnulfo Vázquez González  
Melissa Elizabeth Villarreal Camacho  
Lyzette Y. Zapata Deveze

### Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Erika Alejandra Alvarado  
Daniel Arce Jr.  
Jazmine Arredondo  
David Ivan Carmona  
Osmond Uriel Castillo  
Priscilla Lizbeth Castillo  
Violeta Cassandra Cavazos  
Edna Chalate  
Brenda Yvette Charles  
Dino Bruno Cristiani  
Itzamara De La Cruz  
Daniela Delilah De León  
Miguel S. De León  
Elsa María De León Solís  
James C. Deliganis  
Alexis Díaz De León  
Vicente Donjuan Jr  
Cynthia Karyna Espinoza  
Kristy Nicole Evans  
Denise Juanita Gallegos  
Chelsea Renee García  
José Luis García  
Norberto Gael García  
Ramses Garza  
Rogelio Garza Jr.  
Alexandra Gil  
Alexia Georgette González  
Evelyn González  
Angelica M. Gutiérrez  
Elizabeth Gutiérrez  
Anthony William Hernández  
José Daniel Hernández  
Wendy Johana Hernández  
Arturo Ildefonso Ibarra  
Kevin O'Brien Jefferson Jr.  
Stephanie Ann Juárez  
Diana Alexandra Lizcano  
Angela Karina López  
Destiny Denise López  
Zenovio López Jr  
María Fernanda Martínez González  
Sol Medina  
Cesar Andrés Merla

Juan Antonio Morales Jr  
José Alberto Muñoz  
Alexandra Sarai Najera  
Leonel Dario Nuñez  
Izamar Ochoa  
Jeffrey William Ojeda  
Fabian Enrique Palacios  
Israel Palencia  
Virginia Pavon  
Daniel George Pietrzak  
Adolfo Prieto Jr.  
Christian Eduardo Rocha  
Janet Rodríguez  
Karen Rodríguez  
Sandra P. Rodríguez  
Verónica Marie Rodríguez  
Zitlali Guadalupe Rodríguez  
Araceli Salinas  
Rolando Salinas  
Brandy Lynn Taboada  
Albert Brian Tellez  
Aileen Terrazas  
Alejandra Ruby Trujillo  
Ariana Velázquez  
Javier Vera Jr.  
Viviana Vidal  
Carlos Alfredo Villa  
Jaime Andrés Villagran

## George N. Ricks Chair Elect of the Board Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc.



A successful businessman and civic duty enthusiast, George N. Ricks has lived in the San Antonio area the past 30 years. He is Vice President, Technology Services for a statewide office equipment company with multiple locations.

A veteran of the United States Navy and graduate of Sam Houston State University, he was elected to the Schertz Cibolo Universal City Independent School District Board in 1999. He served as its President for many years and continues to serve on the Board.

In 2006 he was elected to the all-volunteer Board of Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. (MHM). George has served on numerous committees and is Chair Elect of the Board. Since 1995, MHM has shared an equal joint ownership of the Methodist Healthcare System of San Antonio with Hospital Corporation of America (HCA).

As part of the agreement, MHM provides local governance to ensure the Methodist Healthcare System continues to be a benefit to the community by providing quality care to all and charitable care when needed, and it provides revenue to MHM for its programs.

Earlier this month, MHM, now the largest private, faith-based funding source for healthcare services in South Texas and a grantee of the Social Innovation Fund, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, announced a \$13 million investment in South Texas' health care delivery system.

This is part of its Sí Texas Project: Social Innovation for a Healthy South Texas. Texas A&M International University joins seven organizations from the Rio Grande Valley and Coastal Bend as the inaugural cohort of sub-grantees.

The federal funding targets three problem areas in Laredo: depression, diabetes and obesity. The sub-grants' funding will explore integrated behavioral health models that are effectively improving health outcomes in communities with high rates of poverty, depression, diabetes, obesity and associated risk factors.

George and his wife Barbara are active members of the Schertz United Methodist Church. Their son, Michael, is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin.



# DISTINGUISHED STUDENT SCHOLARS



**David S. Santos**  
College of Arts and Sciences

David S. Santos is the son of José and Mayla Santos. He graduated from Laredo's United High School as class Salutatorian in 2011. Today, he earns his Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in Business Management, *Summa Cum Laude*.

At TAMIU, he has been a part of the D. D. Hachar Honors Program and a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Chapter 296, the nation's oldest and largest all-disciplinary honor society. He has also served on the Honor Council, Student Government, and was a writing consultant for TAMIU's Writing Center.

David plans to continue his education by earning a Master's degree at TAMIU and attend Law School thereafter. He hopes to specialize in Employment and Labor Law.



**Anthony B. Stahl**  
A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business

Anthony B. Stahl is the son of Marta and Anthony Stahl and a graduate of Laredo's J. B. Alexander High School. Today he receives his BBA in Accounting, graduating with a 3.92 GPA.

While at TAMIU, he was a Sanchez Scholar and Dean's List student and a member of the Student Advisory Council for Business School, Student Government, Honor Council, Phi Kappa Phi and the Texas Community Bank Advisory Board. An active member of Leadership TAMIU, he was named Mr. TAMIU in 2014 and was the recipient of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants' Accounting Excellence Award.

He worked on campus in the University's Office of Information Technology and Office of Student Recruitment and also completed two Study Abroad experiences in China and the Netherlands. He interned at the corporate headquarters for Church's Chicken in Atlanta, Ga., and the "Big 4" accounting firm of Deloitte and Touche, LLP in Dallas.

This Fall, he will attend The University of Texas at Austin to pursue his Masters in Professional Accounting. Upon completion, he will work with Deloitte & Touche, LLP's Audit Service, and hopes to obtain his CPA.



**Luis F. Ponte**  
College of Education

Luis F. Ponte is the son of Jorge and Marina Ponte. Originally from Margarita Island, Venezuela, he and his family immigrated to Australia. Luis is a graduate of Great Lakes Senior Campus in Forster, New South Wales, Australia.

While a student at TAMIU, he was a member of TAMIU's Dustdevil Soccer team and a research assistant in kinesiology. A Dean's List student and member of the Student Wall of Success, he worked with TAMIU associate professor Dr. Kyung-Shin Park on a research project for publication.

Today, he receives a Bachelor of Science in Fitness and Sports with a 3.778 GPA.

Luis plans to pursue a graduate degree in Counseling Psychology or Psychology. He hopes to eventually earn his doctorate in Psychology, work as a licensed counselor in his own clinic or become a college professor.



**Chelsei E. Jarnagin**  
College of Nursing and Health Sciences,  
Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing

Chelsei E. Jarnagin is the daughter of Priscilla Van Norman and Alfred Herbst and attended Laredo's John B. Alexander Magnet for Health and Science High School. While in high school, she was a member of varsity soccer and track teams, and participated in science fairs and volunteer work.

As a TAMIU student, Chelsei worked as a student employee, mentor, and lifeguard. She was nursing class of 2015 class representative, a Phi Kappa Phi member, and a member of the Student Nurses Association.

Today, she is graduating from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing, with 3.5 GPA.

She plans to become a neonatal intensive care nurse and after a few years of work, continue her education to better her patient care, eventually becoming a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) floor manager.

# TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Graduation Candidates - May 22, 2015, 10 a.m.

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Bachelor of Arts

Francisco Javier Adame Jr.  
Jeannette Amber Aguilar  
Elcie Carolina Aguilera  
Cristina Aguirre  
Mariela Elizabeth Álvarez  
Vanessa Michelle Álvarez  
Jocelyn Gabriela Anaya  
Stephanie Arizpe  
Armando S. Baldazo Jr.  
Jeanette Michelle Barrera  
Amber Taylor Benavides  
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Morganlafay Tomaschow  
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Gabriela Geraldine Treviño  
Jasmina E. González  
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Krista Marie Vidaurri  
Jesús Emmanuel Vigil  
Daniel Villalobos  
Rita Alyssa Villalon  
Alejandro Villarreal  
Celia Patricia Villarreal  
Doris D. Villarreal  
Victor Hugo Villarreal Jr.  
Ivette M. Zapata  
Cynthia Jacqueline Zavala

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Eric Lagunes  
Roberto Mandujano Jr.

## Bachelor of Music

Raymond Martínez

## Bachelor of Science

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Nataleé Jacqueline Arredondo  
Alfredo Enós Barrera English  
Armando Barrera  
Alex Jacob Cavazos  
Brandon Pierce Charlton  
Rene Rolando Compean II  
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Janet Michelle Haverkamp  
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Ira Chase Jarman  
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Anaissa Ariana Leal  
Hector Benjamin Lozano  
Matthew Jesse Martin  
Cristian Alejandro Medina

## COUNTRY FLAGS

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

Albania	El Salvador	Kazakhstan	Russia
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**  
Benito Rangel  
Stephenie González  
Cynthia Gutiérrez

**Oboe**  
Analyssa Ayala  
Mariana Mendiola

**Clarinet**  
Angel Ortiz  
Valerie López  
Andrea Wilkinson  
Francisco Vera

**Alto Saxophone**  
Norberto Ortiz

**Tenor Saxophone**  
Kassandra López

**Baritone Sax**  
Eduardo Lozano

**Trumpet**  
Ricardo Martínez  
Javier Andrade  
Jorge Castillo

**Horn**  
Alberto Ortiz  
Alex Castillo

**Trombone**  
Roger Villalpando

**Tuba**  
José González

**Percussion**  
Ricardo Garza  
Marcus Fernández  
Diana Garro  
José Jara  
Leo Olivares

## 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.

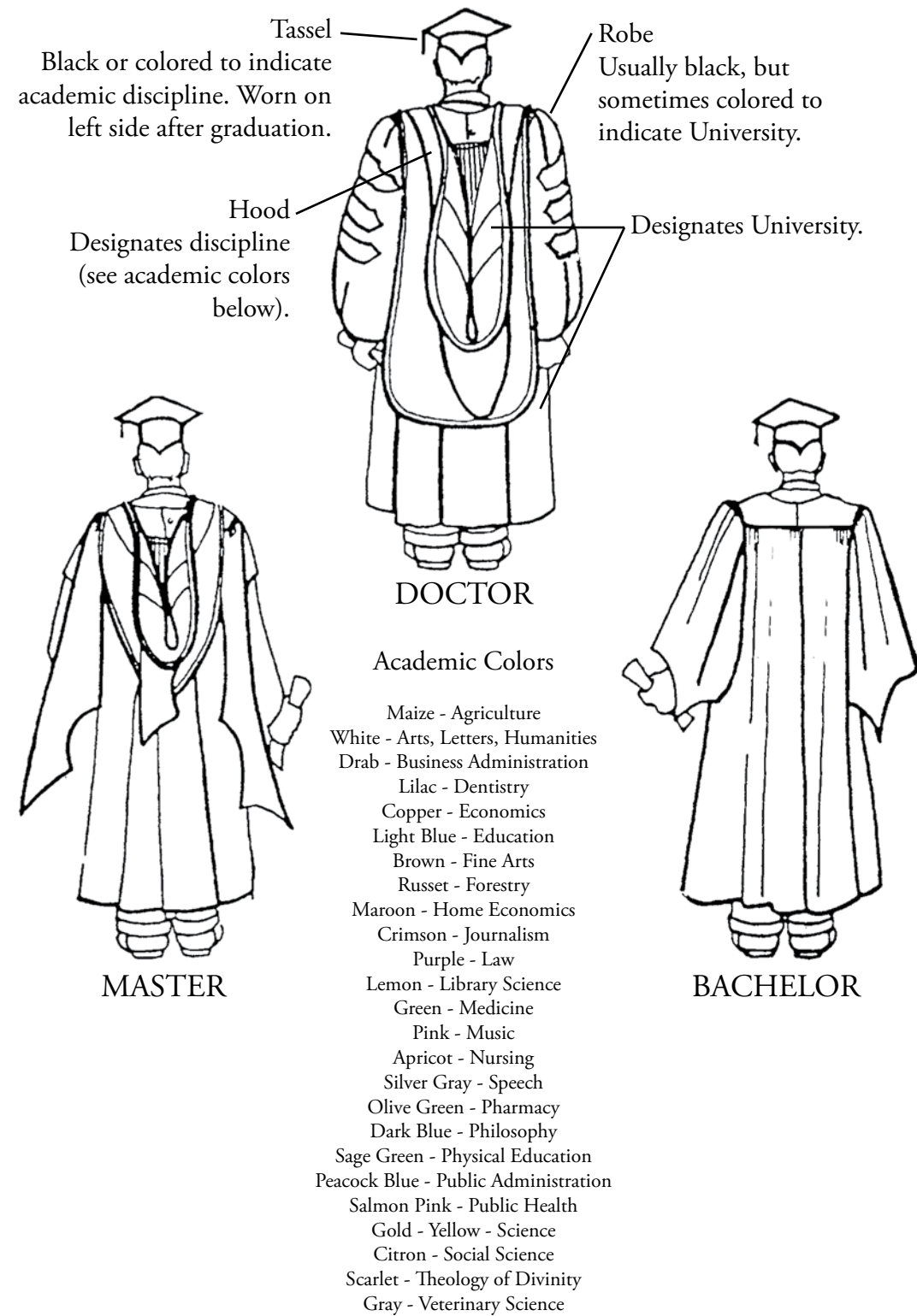
**TAMIU Trailblazers** - Co-curricular Leadership Initiative designated by completion patches.  
**U.S. Presidential Volunteer Service Award** – Higher Education Community Service Award  
**FOSS Leadership** – Leadership Initiative for Transfer Students designated by completion patches.

Texas A&M International University recognizes all U.S. military veteran graduates who have served honorably. These graduates are distinguished by a red, white and blue cord providing special recognition for their service. This cord symbolizes TAMIU's pride and gratitude for our veteran graduates' service and sacrifice for our nation.



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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 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.