



SPRING 2016
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Friday, May 20



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. An expansion of the Kinesiology, Wellness and Recreation Center is nearing completion. A new Academic Building housing the University’s growing program offerings in science and engineering is scheduled for groundbreaking in Fall 2017.

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

THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

THE OFFICIAL PARTY

University Mace, Faculty Senate President, Dr. James Norris
President, Ray M. Keck, III
Regent, The Texas A&M University System, Robert L. Albritton
The Texas A&M University System, Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer, Ms. Maria Robinson
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, Rosanne Palacios
Vice President for Student Success, Dr. Minita Ramírez
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Thomas R. Mitchell
Dean, A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business, Dr. Stephen R. Sears
Dean, College of Education, Dr. Catheryn Weitman
Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Dr. Glenda C. Walker
Dean, Office of Graduate Studies and Research, Dr. Jeffrey M. Brown
Dean, University College, Dr. Conchita Hickey
Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Ms. Candy Hein
President, Texas A&M International University Alumni Association, John Alaster Love
Former President, Student Government, Joshua Llamas

Faculty Marshals

Dr. Weam Al-Tameemi	8:30 a.m.	College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Kate Houston	12:30 p.m.	College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Jorge Brusa		A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business
Dr. Hanna Lainas		College of Education
Dr. Julio Lujano		College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Mr. José Gutiérrez		University College

Student Marshals

Melba Gómez-Salinas		College of Arts and Sciences
Gabriel G. Gil		A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business
Mireya F. Montemayor		College of Education
Giovanna P. Favarato		College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Carlos O. Irizarry		University College

College Banners

Kevin Sánchez		College of Arts and Sciences
Jessica I. Prieto		A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business
Alejandra V. Niño		College of Education
Roberto J. Trujillo		College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Carlos O. Irizarry		University College

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. James A. Moyer Conductor
Opening Declaration		Dr. Pablo Arenaz
Presentation of Colors		Texas A&M International University ROTC
National Anthem	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Alexis Reyes, Class of 2016 Claudio Arias, Senior Associate Director of Athletics Vanessa Hernández, Class of 2016
Commencement Speaker		Robert L. Albritton Regent, The Texas A&M University System
Distinguished Student Scholar	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Verónica G. Chavez, Class of 2016 Kiara Elliot, Class of 2016 Alejandra S. Arellano, Class of 2016 Anakaren Galván, Class of 2016
Authorization to Confer Degrees		Ms. Maria Robinson The Texas A&M University System, Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer
Certification of Candidates for Degree		Dr. Pablo Arenaz
Conferring of Degrees		Dr. Ray M. Keck, III President
Presentation of Candidates for Degree		Mary Treviño Program Director
Greetings from Alumni Association		John Alaster Love President, Alumni Association
Alma Mater	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Alexis Reyes, Class of 2016 Claudio Arias, Senior Associate Director of Athletics Luz Ana Chavez, Music Student
Prayer of Gratitude		Joshua Llamas Former President, Student Government
Closing Declaration		Dr. Pablo Arenaz
Recessional March		TAMIU Symphonic Band

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



ROBERT L. ALBRITTON
Regent, The Texas A&M University System

Robert L. Albritton of Fort Worth graduated with honors from Texas A&M University, receiving a double major in Economics and Marketing in 1971. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force.

In 1978, Mr. Albritton joined Texas American Bank as Senior Vice President. Shortly thereafter he formed his first independent company, Albritton Development Company, which became the holding company for various operating entities, i.e., Mayfair Capitol, a merchant banking company with interest in a number of diversified businesses; Albritton Energy, a company involved in natural gas transmission and processing, as well as oil and gas exploration and production; Albritton Partners, a nationally recognized real estate development company; and in 1988, Mr. Albritton formed Mayfair Investments, LLC, a company in which he is still Chairman and CEO.

In 1994, Mr. Albritton and another individual started Railroad Controls Limited (RCL). Under his leadership RCL became the largest privately owned railroad signaling and communications company in America before its sale in February 2015. Expansion of services to Class I railroads continued with the formation of RCL Wiring, LP in 2005 and RCL Burco, LLC in 2008 of which he is currently Chairman and CEO.

Mr. Albritton has served on numerous boards in both the public and private sector. He remains active in several charitable and community organizations as well. He has also been active with both the United States Golf Association and Southern Golf Association having had the opportunity to qualify for numerous U.S. and British Amateurs.

Mr. Albritton was appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Greg Abbott in 2015. He currently serves as a member of the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant. He serves as a liaison to the Development Foundations of A&M System Members and the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets and System Military Training Programs. His term expires February 1, 2021.

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT SCHOLARS



Veronica G. Chavez
College of Arts and Sciences

Verónica Giselle Chavez is the daughter of Verónica and Luís Chavez. She graduated from John B. Alexander Health and Science Magnet High School in 2012. Today, she graduates Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 GPA, receiving a Bachelor's of Science in Biology, with an Honors Diploma from the TAMIU Honors Program.

At TAMIU, she was a member of the Early Medical School Acceptance Program (EMSAP), Sophomore Leaders Involved in Change (SLiC), Honor Council, Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and Big Brother Big Sister TAMIU. In 2015-2016, she was co-president of TAMIU's American Medical Student Association (AMSA).

A Provost's Scholar and Dean's List student, she received the STARS Scholarship, Top 10% Scholarship, Guadalupe and Lilia B. Martínez Scholarship, International Education Fee Scholarship and STEM Scholarship. She earned all five of the TAMIU Trailblazers Leadership Dimensions, a co-curricular leadership initiative, and studied International Leadership abroad in Ireland.

This Fall, she will attend The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and pursue a degree in medicine. She hopes to become a gastroenterologist and return to serve Laredo.



Kiara Elliot
A. R. Sanchez Jr. School of Business

Originally from Salto, Uruguay, Kiara Elliott is the daughter of Silvana Elliott and José Antonio Rosas and the wife of Oscar Garibay. She was a Top 5% graduate student of United High School in 2012 and a member of the National Honor Society. Today, she earns a Bachelor's in Business Administration with a major in Accounting, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a 3.972 GPA.

While a student at TAMIU, Kiara earned her VITA Certificate, was a member of the ARSSB Accounting Devils, and served on the Texas Community Bank's Honorary Junior Board of Directors.

Upon graduation, Kiara plans to pursue her Masters of Professional Accountancy here at the Sanchez School of Business. She plans to prepare for the CPA exam and serve Laredo.



Alejandra S. Arellano
College of Education

Alejandra Sofia Arellano was born in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, México and immigrated to Laredo at age three. She is the daughter of the late Nina Patricia Arellano Colón, and is proud to have worked two jobs while attending TAMIU to help provide for her siblings. Today, she earns a Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders, graduating Cum Laude with a 3.61 GPA.

As a student, she worked at the Registrar's Office and the Advising & Mentoring Center as a Freshman Mentor. She was a member of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association and Sigma Tau Delta and completed an Asian summer abroad program in China, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Japan.

She plans to obtain a graduate degree in Deaf Education and Hearing Science, and eventually pursue a doctoral degree in Audiology.



Anakaren Galván
College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Anakaren Galván is the daughter of José and Adriana Galván and graduated from J. B. Alexander High School. Today, she earns a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, graduating Magna Cum Laude with a 3.75 GPA.

While a TAMIU student, she was a member of the Student Nurse's Association, and accumulated over 190 service hours. Awarded the Presidential Service Award, she was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society in 2015 and ranked in the top 7.5% of her class.

She looks forward to taking her licensure exam in June to become a Registered Nurse, and will then begin working as a Pediatric Nurse at Doctors Hospital of Laredo. She plans to obtain a graduate degree in Nursing and become a Family Nurse Practitioner.

BAND MEMBERS

Flute

Alejandra Olivares
Melissa Montemayor

Clarinet

Samuel Segueda
Amado Esqueda
Angel Ortiz
David Balderas
María Angeles

Bass Clarinet

Luis Gutiérrez

Contra Bass Clarinet

Jocelyn Fuentes

Alto Sax

Victor Espinoza

Tenor Sax

Norberto Ortiz

Trumpet

Ricardo Martínez
Joseph Filazzola
Antonio Resendez
Cecilia Garza

Horn

Antonio Alvarez
Alex Castillo

Trombone

Roger Villalpando
Jacob Ramírez
Antonio López
Jesús Inguanzo

Euphonium

Aaron Hinojosa

Tuba

José González

Percussion

James Serna
Kevin González
Emilio Cruz
Homero Veliz
Alice Almanza



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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, Licentiatees 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

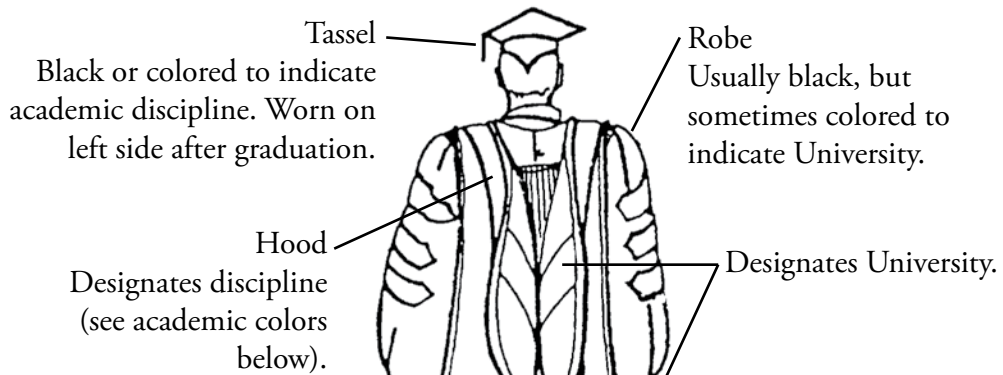
Dating back to medieval times when they were used as weapons of war, maces are now symbols of institutional authority and used on ceremonial occasions.

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.

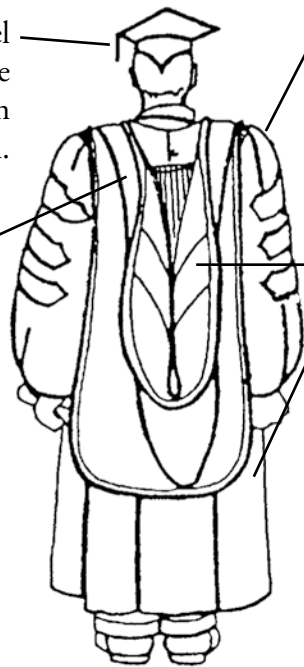
Memory Stoles

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.

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

COUNTRY FLAGS

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

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

HONORS AT GRADUATION

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

D. D. Hachar Honors Program

Students who are members of the D.D. Hachar Honors Program 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.

TAMIU Philanthropy Cord - Symbolizes pride and philanthropic support of TAMIU student scholarships.

TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Graduation Candidates - May 20, 2016 8:30 a.m.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

José Manuel Acosta
Jazmin Berenice Alonzo
Stephanie Alvarado
Andrés Álvarez
Jorge Luis Álvarez
Diana Laura Arellano
Rebekah Ann Arenaz Kirby
Patricia Guadalupe Arriaga
Emelia Baidoo
Amanda Selena Barrera
Rafael Angel Benavides Jr.
Xavier Benavides
Brooke Berrios
Luis Ignacio Berumen Álvarez
Eduardo Bunn
Andrés Bustamante
Celeste Cantú Guerra
Valerie Carrillo
Gabriella Nanette Castillo
Selina Michelle Cervantes
Martha Laura Chapa
Kelly Cisneros
Mariana Clark
Lucia Cristina Cortes
Thait Cortes
Reba Marie Cortéz
Dulce Y. Cruz
Elizabeth Cuapio-Mendoza
Dario R. Delgado
Itzel Aracely Delgado
Jennifer Dominguez
Melinda Lee Downie
Arlene Durán
Anna Esteves
Melissa Facundo
Fabiola Isabel Fernández- García
Stephanie Fimbres
Jesús Alfredo Flores
Julian Antonio Flores
Miguel Eduardo Flores
Mónica Gabriela Fuentes
Hannah Gazelle Gabelman
Roxana Malou Galindo
Joaquin Isaias Gallegos
Christopher J. Garcia
Gracie Renee Garcia
Irene Garcia
Lia Nabil García Guerrero
Nikki Corinne Garcia
Osvaldo T. Garcia
Keila Garibay-Harris
Diana Garro
Emmanuel Garza
Patricia Garza
Alexandra Gómez
Carolina Jacqueline Gómez
Alma Annette González

Brenda González
Christina Margarita González
Jesús Manuel González III
Jonathan Aaron González
Lory Michelle González
Mónica Raquel González
Randy González
Stephanie A. González
Hector Guillermo González Cantú
Daniella Guerrero
Ana Karen Gutiérrez
Jacqueline Aimee Gutiérrez
Jorge Alberto Gutiérrez
Tiffany Ann Hale
Juan Antonio Hermosillo, Jr.
Dulce Hernández-Ruiz
Erick Rosendo Hernández
María Del Rosario Herrera
Ashley Nicole Hight
David Jon Horst, Jr.
Karla Alexia Ibarra
Mario V. Jarero
Aleyda Francelli Jauregue
Brandi Leigh King
Berenice Alejandra Lara
Esperanza Lara
José Albino Larrazolo
Jasmin Arlette Lazo
Melissa Raquel Leal
María Guadalupe Leija
Estela Araceli López
Sarahi E. López
José Arnulfo Lozano, Jr.
José Luis Lozano, Jr.
Angelina Victoria Martínez
Ingrid Idette Martínez
José Roberto Martínez Hdz.
Paula Anahí Martínez
Rochelle R Martínez
Stephanie Yamilett Martínez
Thomas Jay Martínez
Mary Lisa McKinnon
Ana Maria Medina
Mariana N. Mendiola
Celinda Raquel Mendoza
Fernando Tadeo Mendoza
Barbara Elizabeth Montoya
Izela Marie Mora
Jonathan Morales
Luisa Fernanda Moreno
Janice Alexandra Ochoa
Victor Yamil Olague
Daisy Olivas
Pamela Denise Ornelas
Cristina Orozco
Angélica Ortega
Daniela Ortégón
Shari Ovalle
Victoria Palacios
Nydia Krizzel Peña
Victoria I. Peña

Juan Francisco Peñaloza, III
Kassandra Ruby Pérez
María Elena Pérez
Perla M. Pérez
Venessa Prince
Claudia Ramirez Pérez
Aiden Edwin Rendón
Sandra Mónica Reyes
Kiara Janylet Riojas
Alejandro Rocha
Cesar Ines Rodríguez
Cristell P. Rodríguez
Eunice Abigail Rodríguez
Gerardo Guadalupe Rodríguez, Jr.
María Luisa Rodríguez
Ricardo Raúl Rodríguez
Samantha Jean Rodríguez
Sylvia Annette Romero
Jessica Rosales
Erika Salazar
Leticia Salazar
Zulema Bernadette Salazar
Alejandra Salinas
Daniela Salinas
Mikayla Amber Luna Samiano
Miguel San Miguel
Kevin Sánchez
Abril A. Santos
Eduardo Santos
Amanda Irene Sarmiento
Brenda A. Servin
Nydia Solis
Alberto Soliz, Jr.
Claudia Yasmin Terrazas
Geraldine Tienda
Stephanie Ann Torres
Carlos Alfredo Valdez
Alejandra Del Carmen Valenzuela
Karen Annette Vallejo
Iris Gabriela Vásquez Guerrero
Ana M. Vela
Lionel Omar Vela
Paola Teresa Velázquez
Anakaren Vergara Salinas
Genaro Villalobos, III
Dinorah Villarreal Alanis
Kathryne Elyse Williams
Gustavo Guadalupe Zavala

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Maricella V. Cadena
Alberto González
Ricardo Guerrero
Adam Leigh Jefferson

Bachelor of Music

Ricardo Alejandro Garza
Alejandro Mireles
Alexis Reyes
Adan Villanueva

Graduation Candidates - May 20, 2016, 8:30 a.m.

Bachelor of Science

Victoria Esther Alexander
Andrés Aranguren Barrado
Marlene Briseño
Karla Melissa Calderón Garza
Mitzi Ileana Cantú
Mario Gerardo Casillas, Jr.
Karla M. Castillo
Janie Janel Castro
Cristian Cavazos
Anacristina Chapa
Verónica Giselle Chavez
Aracely Abigail De La Torre
Marisol De León
Gabriel Flores
Georgette Galván
Alan García
Gríselda Alejandra Gómez-Gil
José Enrique Gómez, Jr.
Melba Gómez-Salinas
Jorge González, Jr.
Karla D. González
Oscar Daniel González
Elizabeth Courtney JáMac Green
Alberto Antonio Gutiérrez, Jr.
Edgar Omar Hernández
Roger Hernández
José Anastacio Ledesma
Erick Daniel López
Roxana López Vila
Jessica Ysabel Lozano
Maritza Anabel Lozano
José Luis Mata, Jr.
Alejandra Méndez
Erika Stephanie Montemayor
Edgar Alexis Morales
Hector Jesús Moreno
Chelsey Brooke Nielsen
Michelle Núñez
Vanessa Loralie Nuñez
Esteban Otero, Jr.
Jesús Gerardo Pérez Rodríguez
Sergio Pérez, Jr.
Elizabeth Nicole Prieto
Alberto Gerardo Ramírez, Jr.
Victoria Ramírez
EmmaJo Asusa Robledo
Adrian Robles-Arenas
José Humberto Rodríguez, Jr.
Marisol Rodríguez Mendoza
Yuridia Rodríguez
Guillermo Saúl Romero
Jorge Alfonso Rullán
Jesús Saldaña Marin
Guillermina Sánchez
Mario Santos, IV
Adalberto Serna
Sergio Ricardo Sifuentes, Jr.
Stephanie Krystel Spring
Roberto Torres Sáenz
Samantha Denise Ugarte
Alejandra Valdez

Mónica Maryel Vargas
Homero Javier Vela-Gómez
Agustín Velázquez
Raquel Adriana Yañez

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Joban F. Aguirre
Miriam Larissa Aguirre
Jorge Alberto Alba
María Magdalena Alejo
Artífred Álvarez
David Reyes Ávila
Deleiny Bautista
Mercedes Hortencia Camacho
Beverly Anne Carrillo
Rosa I. Chaires
Orlando Contreras
Cosme Geraldo Cortéz
Jon Keith Cox, II
Edgar Esquivel
Karina Michelle Estrada
Estrella Laura Galván
Charles Austin Garay, Jr.
Alejandra Izamar Daniela García
Brenda García
Elizabeth Marie García
Lia Nabil García Guerrero
Manuel Alejandro Garza
Roberto Garza-Sáenz
Dora Elia González
Rafael González Rodríguez
Vanessa Guel
SueEllen Guerrero
Gitzel Gloria Hernández
Blanca M. Hinojosa
Rodrigo Azahel Ibarra
Jonathan William Lafrenz
Gabriela Elizabeth Lara
Brenda Viridiana Leal
Daniel Magallanes
Matthew Mangino
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Rogelio Adrian De La Garza
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Kiara Elliott
José Angel Flores
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Jonathan Treviño

Master of Public Administration

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Master of Science

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Hongsong Feng
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Master of Science in Criminal Justice

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A Song for
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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!

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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!...
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GO...FIGHT!