



SPRING 2014  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Saturday, May 17, 2014



### **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)**

# THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

University Mace, Dr. Bonnie A. Rudolph, Professor, College of Arts and Sciences  
University Mace, Dr. Alfredo Ramírez Jr., Faculty Senate President  
President, Ray M. Keck, III  
Regent, The Texas A&M University System, Charles W. Schwartz  
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  
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 of Graduate Studies and Research, Dr. Jeffrey M. Brown  
Dean, University College, Dr. Conchita Hickey  
ROTC Commissioning Officer, LTC Richard P. Spainhour  
President, Student Government, Jackelyne Briseño

## Marshalls:

8:30 a.m.

Dr. Stephen M. Duffy  
Associate Professor of History  
Karen De La Garza, Student  
Roy González, Student  
Alvaro Sanchez, Student  
College of Arts and Sciences

11:30 a.m.

Dr. Rohitha Goonatilake  
Professor of Mathematics  
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. George Clarke  
Distinguished Associate Professor of Economics  
Jossie González, Student  
A.R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business

3:00 p.m.

Dr. Miroslava B. Vargas  
Associate Professor  
Mariela Peña, Student  
College of Education

Ms. Rose Saldivar  
Clinical Faculty  
Ana Molina, Student  
College of Nursing and Health Sciences

## College Banners:

8:30 a.m.

Raúl Ramos, Student  
College of Arts and Sciences

11:30 a.m.

Omar S. Ramírez, Student  
College of Arts and Sciences

Deidre García, Student  
A. R. Sanchez, Jr., School of Business

3:00 p.m.

Jessica Rojas, Student  
College of Education

Benjamin Morales, Student  
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. James A. Moyer Conductor
Opening Declaration		Dr. Pablo Arenaz
Presentation of Colors		Texas A&M International University ROTC Cadet Miguel de León
National Anthem	8:30 a.m.	Raquel Gonzalez Class of 2014
	11:30 a.m.	Ms. Dana Crabtree Music Instructor
	3:00 p.m.	Daniel Sanchez Alexis Reyes TAMIU Music Students Accompanied by the TAMIU Symphonic Band
Distinguished Student Scholar	8:30 a.m.	Ignacio Ramón Alaniz, III , Class of 2014 Ricardo Pedraza, Jr., Class of 2014
	11:30 a.m.	Carla Reyes, Class of 2014
	3:00 p.m.	Valerie Garza, Class of 2014 Iris Santos, Class of 2014
University Scholar Award		Dr. Pablo Arenaz Assisted by Dr. Alfredo Ramírez Jr., President, Faculty Senate
University Teacher Award		Dr. Pablo Arenaz
Authorization to Confer Degrees		Charles W. Schwartz Regent The Texas A&M University System
Certification of Candidates for Degrees		Dr. Pablo Arenaz
Conferring of Degrees		Dr. Ray M. Keck, III President
Commissioning of ROTC Cadet		LTC Richard P. Spainhour
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees		Mary Treviño Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Hooding of Doctoral Degrees		Dr. Pablo Arenaz
Alma Mater	8:30 a.m.	Raquel González
	11:30 a.m.	Dana Crabtree
	3:00 p.m.	Daniel Sanchez Alexis Reyes
Prayer of Gratitude		Jackelyne Briseño President, Student Government
Closing Declaration		Pablo Arenaz
Recessional March		TAMIU Symphonic Band

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



**Regent Charles Schwartz**  
The Texas A&M University System

Texas A&M University System Regent Charles Schwartz was appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Rick Perry in 2013. He serves as chair of the Committee on Finance and as a member of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs and Policy Review Committee. He is special liaison to A&M System Research. His term expires February 1, 2019.

Schwartz is a Partner, Houston Office Leader, and Head of Litigation at Skadden, Arps, Slate Meagher & Flom LLP. He graduated from The University of Texas Law School in 1977 and Harvard Law School with an LL.M in 1980.

A member of the American Law Institute, he is a former Director of the State Bar of Texas from 2000 to 2004 and served as its Chairman from 2002 to 2003. A Life Benefactor Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, he is a Sustaining Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and Houston Bar Foundation. Schwartz received the Dan Rugeley Price Memorial Award from the Texas Bar Foundation in 2004 and was appointed to the Texas Commission for Lawyer Discipline in 2008.

He has been recognized by numerous publications including Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, 2013 BTI Client Service All-Stars, Best Lawyers in America, and the Texas Lawyer Go-To Guide.

# DISTINGUISHED STUDENT SCHOLARS



## Ignacio Ramón Alaniz, III

The eldest son of Ignacio Ramón Alaniz, Jr. and Lisa Perez Alaniz, Ignacio Ramón Alaniz, III is a native Laredoan and graduate of the Early College High School at Texas A&M International University. He is earning his BS in Biology *Magna Cum Laude* with a 3.8 GPA.

His love of biology and science was first nurtured in TAMIU's TexPREP program from sixth through eighth grade, followed by participation in the Mid-Rio Grande Border Area Health Education Center from his freshman to senior year in high school.

At TAMIU, he has been a D.D. Hachar University Honors Program Presidential Scholar, and part of the University's Early Medical School Acceptance Program with The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

A member of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, he was also an active member of Tri-Beta Biology Club, the American Medical Student Association and a member and presenter at the American Society of Plant Biology. He conducted research on antimicrobial activity in plant extracts with TAMIU's Dr. Ruby Ynalvez.

Alaniz plans to attend medical school, become a cardiologist and return to Laredo.



## Ricardo Pedraza, Jr.

Ricardo Pedraza, Jr. is the son of Ricardo and Imelda Pedraza and a graduate of the J. B. Alexander Health Science Magnet School. He is earning a BA in Biology with a Minor in History and graduating *Summa Cum Laude* with a 4.0 GPA.

A D.D. Hachar Honors Scholar, he has been part of TAMIU's Facilitated Admissions for South Texas Scholars (FASTS) program with The University of Texas Health Science Center School of Medicine, San Antonio.

An active member of Tri-Beta Biology Club and The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, he has participated in medical school prep and clinical partnerships in addition to active TAMIU biology research and work as a student research assistant.

Pedraza has presented research at the Great Plains Honor Conference and the Experimental Biology Conference. He has been accepted to the UT School of Medicine in San Antonio and this Fall will pursue a dual-degree in medicine and public health (MD/MPH).

He plans to return to Laredo and serve his community as a practicing physician.



## Carla Reyes

Carla Reyes is the daughter of Thelma and Juan Carlos Reyes. Born in Santa Ana, California she was raised in Laredo. She is earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance, *Magna Cum Laude*, with a 3.7 GPA.

During her time at TAMIU, she has been a member of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and active in the Association of International Students and its promotion of world culture, awareness and lifetime friendship.

Her community service has included involvement with the award-winning ENACTUS (formerly known as Students in Free Enterprise), and she has served on Texas Community Bank's Honorary Junior Board of Directors.

While pursuing her degree, she has worked as a general manager at a local boutique.

She plans to pursue a Master's degree in Management and her goal is to become a successful entrepreneur and give back to her community by creating a scholarship fund for students in need.



## Valerie Garza

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar and María Elena Garza. Valerie Garza is earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Disorders, *Magna Cum Laude*, with a 3.7 GPA.

Throughout her four years at TAMIU, Garza has worked as a student employee in the Office of Student Affairs and the Advising and Mentoring Center. A part of the University Honors Program, she also served two summers as an Orientation Leader.

A member of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, she has been active in the Freshmen Leadership Organization, Leadership TAMIU, and TOMS Campus Club. She also served as vice-president and president for the NSSLHA TAMIU-Chapter for fall 2013 and spring 2014 respectively.

Garza has been accepted to graduate school at Texas A&M University-Kingsville and will pursue a Masters degree in Communication Disorders this fall.



## Iris A. Santos

Iris Alejandra Santos is the youngest daughter of Ramiro and Clara Santos. She graduated from Martin High School as valedictorian and from the Vidal M. Treviño School of Communications and Fine Arts.

She is earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, *Summa Cum Laude*, from the Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing, achieving a 4.0 GPA.

While at TAMIU she has been a member of the D.D. Hachar Honors Program, University Honors Program, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, and the Student Nurses Association.

Active in undergraduate research, she was the 2012 Undergraduate Grand Prize Winner of the Lamar Bruni Vergara & Guillermo Benavides Z. Academic Conference. In 2013, her undergraduate research team participated at The Texas A&M University System's 11th Annual Pathways Student Research Symposium in Kingsville, presenting the findings of a pilot study conducted in Cotulla.

She intends to join the Medical Surgical team of Doctors Hospital of Laredo and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Nursing in the near future.

## BAND MEMBERS

### Piccolo

Benito Rangel

### Flute

Sonia Mares  
Beri González

### Oboe

Robbi Marlett

### Clarinet

Alejandro Mireles  
David Balderas  
Valerie López  
Ángel Ortiz

### Bassoon

Mario Alvarado  
Priscilla Salazar

### Alto Saxophone

Eduardo Lozano

**Tenor Saxophone**  
Rolando Ramírez

### Trumpet

Cesar Casiano  
Daisy Espinoza  
Ricardo Palacios  
Daniel Chapa  
Edgar Morales  
Antonio Resendez  
Michael López

### Horn

Antonio Álvarez  
Luis Martínez  
Alberto Ortiz  
Josué González

### Trombone

Eduardo Morales  
Andrés Perales  
Eduardo Gómez  
Roger Villalpando

### Baritone

Leo Galván

### Percussion

Moises Ruiz  
Ricardo Garza  
Carlos Zamudio  
Miguel Rodríguez  
Miguel Malacara  
Matt McVinnie  
Raymond Martínez  
Alejandra Serna

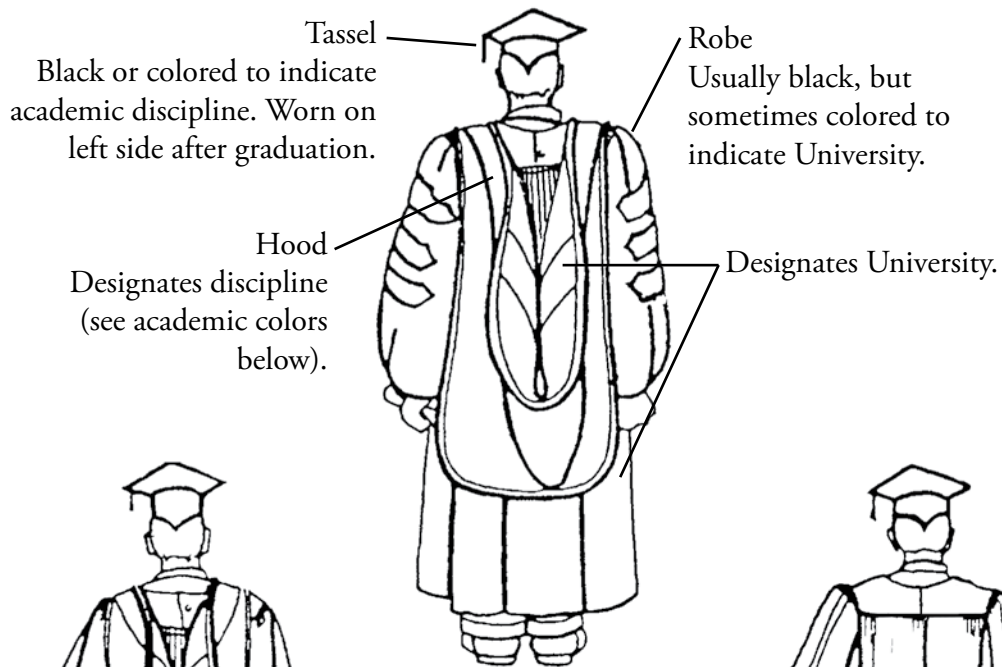
### Baritone Saxophone

Juan Alvarado

### Tuba

José González

# 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 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, Licentiatees 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 Cottrell 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.

# 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

## 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.

**TAMU Trailblazers** - Co-curricular Leadership Initiative 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 TAMU's pride and gratitude for our veteran graduates' service and sacrifice for our nation.

# TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

## Graduation Candidates - May 17, 2014 8:30 a.m.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

#### Bachelor of Arts

Bryancy Adams  
Catalina Alexis Agüero  
Alejandra Oralia Aguilar Faz  
Melissa Ann Aguilar  
Alejandra Alcaraz  
Michael Eddie Alejandro  
Annette Alonso  
Arnoldo Arturo Alonso  
Jeanet J. Alvarado  
Ana Luisa Álvarez Ríos  
Joanna Aryanne Amaya  
Iliana Guadalupe Arambula  
María I. Arellano  
Joachim Arnold  
Azucena Esmeralda Arredondo  
Irma Ávila  
Leanna Carmela Barrera  
Jennifer Janelle Berlanga  
Ediel Bernal  
Andrea E. Betance  
Cynthia Bolaños  
Jonathan Samuel Briseño  
Marcela Briseno  
Marina Saray Brizuela  
Jonathan Andrew Brosig  
Krystyna Rae Cabello  
Alfonso Cadena  
Princess Campos  
Elizabeth Cardenas  
Gilberto Cardenas  
Ruben Rene Cardenas Jr.  
Verónica Cárdenas  
Eduardo Castillo Jr.  
Juan Manuel Castillo Guerrero  
Miriam Vianey Castro  
Rachel C. Centeno  
Alfredo Cepeda Jr.  
Rene Chapa  
Sonia Aidee Chapa  
Aldo Rene Collazo  
Gladys Contreras Carrazo  
Leslie Ann Cortéz  
Oscar Cortéz Jr.  
Ana Romina De Hoyos  
Olivia Marie De La Garza  
Karen Marcela De La Rosa Zapata  
Juan Abraham Del Bosque  
Ruth Duarte  
Carla Graciela Echavarría  
Armando Elizondo III  
Diana M. Escobedo  
Alyssa V. Esparza  
Joseph Matthew Farias  
Liben Fisher  
Carmen Julia Flores  
Denise A. Flores  
Erika Flores  
Maritza Flores Narváez  
Michael Flores  
Paulette Lizette Galván  
Amanda Garcia  
Ashley Gwen García  
Ashley Marie García  
Jocelyn Lizette García

María Antonieta García  
Miguel Angel García  
Victoria García  
Amanda Michelle Garza  
Beverly Yarenis Garza  
Irma Yvette Garza  
Monico Garza  
Alejandra Gomez  
Diane G. Gómez León  
Yessenia Gomez  
Roy John Gonzales, Jr.  
Beatriz González  
Gerardo A. González  
Lorenzo González  
Martin González  
Miriam G. González  
Michael Guantos  
Ricardo A. Guerrero III  
Elva María Gutierrez  
Carlos R. Hernández  
María Elena Hernández  
Carolina Herrera  
Yvonne Lybiet Herrera  
Katherine Denise Hill  
Elva Hinojosa  
Katelin Andrina Jennings  
Jessica Renae Kippenbrock  
Andrew Joseph Knapp  
Jesús Angel Ledezma  
Daniela Lucia Leyendecker  
Erie Steven Lomelin  
Ingrid Viridiana López  
Marco A. López  
Mónica López  
Nadja Tatiana López  
Tómas López  
Sergio Alessandro Luna  
Amelia Siboney Martínez  
Diana Marcela Martínez  
José Adrian Martínez  
Laura Annaly Martínez  
Oscar Leonel Martínez  
Tessa Lee Martínez  
Timothy James McHugh  
Iris Alexandra Méndez  
Sugey Nohemi Mendiola Banda  
Olga Angelida Merino  
Re'Nikia Meshack  
Darrell Patrick Mills  
Ana Laura Miranda  
Armando Molina, Jr.  
Margaret Amanda Moncivais  
Maxima D. Montano  
Ashley Genevieve Morales  
Juan J. Morales  
Noemi Morales  
Graciela M. Moreno Marichalar  
Israel Muñiz  
Christian Nhu Nguyen  
Julio Cesar Obscura Alonso  
Claudia Garza Torres  
Mónica Isabel Ortíz  
Pricilla Stephanie Ortíz  
María Partida  
Jonathan Pedraja

Ricardo Pedraza Jr.  
Alejandro X. Peña  
Daniel A. Pérez  
Jesús H. Pérez  
Nataly Pérez  
Giselle Pescador  
Cruz Pizano Jr.  
Miranda Jane Pratt  
Enrique Ramírez  
Yessenia Ramírez  
Raúl Arturo Ramos Jr.  
Daniela Rendón  
Diana Elizabeth Reyes  
Samantha L. Richter  
Patricia J. Rincon  
Kevin Ríos  
Alejandra Del Rosario Rivas  
Hugo Gerardo Rivera Jr.  
Jessica Frances Rodríguez  
Jessica Rodríguez  
Lorena Rodríguez  
Jorge Alberto Rosales  
Isamar Abigail Ruiz  
Vicente Osvaldo Ruiz III  
Raúl Zachary Salazar  
Alvaro Sánchez, Jr.  
Christina Darlene Sánchez  
Christian Anthony Santos  
Rosa Adriana Santos  
Misty Segovia - Garcia  
Vanessa Genevieve Silva  
Jessica Lizette Sosa  
Rebecca Renée Soto  
Grecia Y. Souza  
Abigael Grace Suneson  
Jenny Irene Torres  
Jesús Raúl Torres  
Mariam E. Treviño  
Isamar Urbano Barea  
Raquel Urrutia Reynoso  
Jacqueline Rochelle Verastigui  
Cindy Villarreal  
Jessica Iris Villarreal  
María Eva Villarreal  
Marissa Alys Villarreal  
Timothy Daniel Wilson  
Ana Daniela Zamora

#### Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Gabriela I. Garza De Calderón  
Marcos H. Gomez

#### Bachelor of Music

Enrique Álvarez Jr.  
Amelia Noemi Amaya  
Cesar Edgardo Casiano  
Marisela González  
Raquel González  
Mark Andrew Martínez  
José A. Sánchez  
Marissa Treviño

# Graduation Candidates - May 17, 2014 8:30 a.m.

## **Bachelor of Science**

Ignacio Ramón Alaniz, III  
Paulina Castillo  
Cassandra Lee Cruz  
Bryant J. De Jesús  
Karen Cristina de la Garza  
Ericka De La Torre  
Sandra E. Falcón Park  
Victor A. García Jr.  
Elizabeth Gomez  
José Angel Gutierrez Jr.  
Libia Gabriela Lee Pruneda  
Emmanuel Lucio  
Irma Andrea Maldonado Montemayor  
Eileen Mary Martínez  
María Andrea Martínez  
Lorena Medina  
Fredo Rodríguez Sosa  
Luz Aurora Rodríguez  
Manuel Romo Jr.  
Valencia M. Roy  
Melissa Saucedo  
Belinda Lisa Sotelo  
Grabiél Valdez Jr.  
Edgar H. Vallarta  
Luis Alberto Vela  
Ricardo Vela Jr.

## **Master of Arts**

Vanessa Lynn Almaraz  
María Eugenia Arellano-Figueroa  
Anibal Jiménez  
Kimberly Hernández Jiménez  
Erica Lizette López  
Erick Martínez  
Elizabeth Suzanne Mata  
Maritza Villarreal  
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## **Master of Science**

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## **Doctor of Philosophy in International Business Administration**

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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.

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Hail to Thee, dear TAMIU!

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May Thy children, safe in wisdom, flourish ever 'neath Thy sky.  
Pledge we faith and homage ever, joined in our diversity,  
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Go! Dustdevils, we'll always stand by you.  
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