

# 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.

# 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

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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.
Dr. Kate Houston 12:30 p.m.
Dr. Jorge Brusa

Dr. Hanna Lainas Dr. Julio Lujano Mr. José Gutíerrez College of Arts and Sciences College of Arts and Sciences A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business College of Education College of Nursing and Health Sciences University College

Student Marshals

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

College Banners

Kevin Sánchez Jessica I. Prieto Alejandra V. Niño Roberto J. Trujillo Carlos O. Irizarry

College of Arts and Sciences A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business College of Education College of Nursing and Health Sciences 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. Alexis Reyes, Class of 2016

12:30 p.m. Claudio Arias, Senior Associate Director of Athletics

3:30 p.m. Vanessa Hernández, Class of 2016

Commencement Speaker Robert L. Albritton

Regent, The Texas A&M University System

Distinguished Student Scholar 8:30 a.m. Verónica G. Chavez, Class of 2016

12:30 p.m. Kiara Elliot, Class of 2016 3:30 p.m. 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. Alexis Reyes, Class of 2016

12:30 p.m. Claudio Arias, Senior Associate Director of Athletics

3:30 p.m. 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 (SLIiC), 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 Helath 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**

Luís Gutiérrez

#### **Contra Bass Clarinet**

Jocelyn Fuentes

#### Alto Sax

Victor Espinoza

#### **Tenor Sax**

Norberto Ortiz

#### **Trumpet**

Ricardo Martínez Joseph Filazzola Antonio Resendez Cecilia Garza

#### <u>Horn</u>

Antonio Alvarez Alex Castillo

#### **Trombone**

Roger Villalpando Jacob Ramírez Antonio López Jesús Inguanzo

#### **Euphonium**

Aaron Hinojosa

#### <u>Tuba</u>

José González

#### **Percussion**

James Serna Kevin González Emilio Cruz Homero Veliz Alice Almanza



## **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 accourrements 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.

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

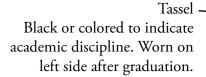
Dating back to medieval times when they were used as weapons of war, maces are now symbols of institutional authority and used on ceremonial occasions.

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.

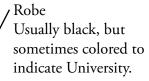
#### Memory Stoles

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



Hood Designates discipline (see academic colors below).



Designates University.





#### **Academic Colors**

Maize - Agriculture White - Arts, Letters, Humanities Drab - Business Administration Lilac - Dentistry Copper - Economics Light Blue - Education

Russet - Forestry

Maroon - Home Economics Crimson - Journalism Purple - Law

Brown - Fine Arts

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



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## **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 Stephanic Alvarado Andrés Álvarez Jorge Luís Álvarez Diana Laura Arellano Rebekah Ann Arenaz Kirby

Emelia Baidoo

Amanda Selena Barrera Rafael Angel Benavides Jr.

Patricia Guadalupe Arriaga

Xavier Benavides Brooke Berrios

Luís 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 Domínguez 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 García Osvaldo T. García

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-Ruíz Erick Rosendo Hernández Maria 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
Maria Guadalupe Leija
Estela Araceli López
Sarahi E. López
José Arnulfo Lozano, Jr.

José Arnullo Lozano, Jr.
José Luís Lozano, Jr.
Angelina Victoria Martinez
Ingrid Idette Martinez
José Roberto Martinez Hdz.
Paula Anahi Martinez
Rochelle R Martinez

Stephanie Yamilett Martinez Thomas Jay Martinez Mary Lisa McKinnon Ana Maria Medina Mariana N. Mendiola Celinda Raquel Mendoza Fernando Tadeo Mendoza Barbara Elizabeth Montova

Izela Marie Mora Jonathan Morales Luisa Fernanda Moreno Janice Alexandra Ochoa Victor Yamil Olague

Daisy Olivas Pamela Denise Omelas Cristina Orozco Angélica Ortega

Daniela Ortegón 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 Ramírez 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 Rodriguez Samantha Jean Rodriguez 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

Alejandra Del Carmen Valenzuela

Karen Annette Vallejo

Carlos Alfredo Valdez

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 Alexandro 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

Griselda Alejandra Gómez-Gil José Enrique Gómez, Jr. Melba Gómez-Salinas Jorge González, Jr. Karla D. González Oscar Daniel González

Elizabeth Courtney JáMae Green Alberto Antonio Gutiérrez, Jr.

Edgar Omar Hemández 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 Såenz Samantha Denise Ugarte Alejandra Valdez Mónica Maryel Vargas Homero Javier Vela-Gómez Agustin Velázquez

Raquel Adriana Yañez

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Joban F. Aguirre Miriam Larissa Aguirre Jorge Alberto Alba Maria Magdalena Alejo Artfred 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
SucEllen Guerrero
Gitzel Gloria Hemández
Blanca M. Hinojosa
Rodrigo Azahel Ibarra
Jonathan William Lafrenz
Gabriela Elizabeth Lara
Brenda Viridiana Leal
Daniel Magallanes
Matthew Mangino

Gustavo Cesar Martinez, Jr. Luis Carlos Martinez

Oscar Martinez

Hector D. Mireles

Chelsea Elizabeth Meador Dinora Yvette Mendiola Sergio Emmanuel Mendiola

Luís Daniel Morales
Edith Alejandra Nuño
Melissa Guadalupe Parra
Diana Yesenia Pérez
Rodolfo Pérez
Abraham Quiroga
Patricia Ramirez
Dayra A. Ramos
Miguel Vicente Rangel
Cynthia Yvette Rodríguez
Karla Kristal Rodríguez
Christian A. Rosales
Ronnica Ann Salazar
Christian Eduardo Salinas
Salvador Alberto Segura

Daniel A. Silva
Garrett Michael Taggart
Ana Karen Vásquez
Andrea Anai Vela
Ricardo Verduzco
Elsa Raquel Villalon
Kristian Y. Villarreal
Juan Antonio Vizcarra, Jr.
Luís Daniel Zavala, Jr.



#### Graduation Candidates - May 20, 2016, 12:30 p.m.

#### A. R. SANCHEZ, JR. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

#### Bachelor of Business Administration

Jessica R. Aguilera Dylan Allen

Priscilla Almanza Maltos

Justin Alvarado Rita Barrera English Hector Andrés Caballero Edgar Raúl Campos Lysa Marie Canales David Canseco Erika Carriedo

Yesenia G. Carrizales Juan Eduardo Castillo Roxanna A. Castillo Jesús Alexandro Cavazos

Rocío Cavazos

Paulette Elizabeth Chavira

Nancy Colchado Mayra Alejandra Cortes Crystal Cristina Cruz

Azalia De La Garza Sánchez

Paola De La Garza Rogelio Adrian De La Garza Stacey Kristel De La Rosa Jeanette Dominguez

Kiara Elliott José Angel Flores Jessica Gaitán Andrea Galván

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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!

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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!
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