



Meet Our President



Dr. Pablo Arenaz is the sixth president of Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) and was affirmed by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents in November 2016.

He holds his Ph.D. in Genetics and Cell Biology from Washington State University and an M.S. in Biology from the University of Nevada at Reno (UNR). His B.S. in Education was also earned at UNR. He conducted postdoctoral research at Temple University's School of Medicine, Fels Research Institute. His academic appointments have included assistant, associate and full professor of Biology.

Prior to joining TAMIU as Provost in 2008, Dr. Arenaz served as Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School at The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). Other UTEP posts included Vice Provost, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Dean for the Colleges of Science and Engineering. His special UTEP appointments included program director for the Minority Biomedical Research Support Program, Alliance for Minority Participation and Border Biomedical Research Center.

He has been active in securing research grants in excess of \$35 million from the Carnegie Corporation of America, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, among others.

The author or co-author of 25+ publications and over 115 abstracts, his research interests have been tightly focused on cell cycle regulation of DNA repair gene expression, with particular interest in the observable physical characteristics associated with the so-called “mutator” phenotype and its relationship to cancer.

He is fascinated by the ever-growing intersections between science and business, and is personally committed to encouraging students of all ages to broaden their STEM experience and take on research opportunities no matter their chosen higher education degree journey.

Originally from Las Vegas, Nevada, Dr. Arenaz’ family traces their ancestry to the Basque Country of northern Spain.

He has been married to Norma Arenaz for 29 years. The couple has four children: Jonathan, Cristina, Rebekah and Pablo III.



A Diverse Forum for Learning

Texas A&M International University is rich in diversity with students and faculty from over 40 different countries... and right around the corner. Our President partners with community leaders to advance this diverse forum for learning.

<http://www.tamui.edu/newsinfo/2016/12/LaredoAsianAssociationGift.shtml>

Our History

In August of 1970, students were accepted at what was then called 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 only junior and senior level course work. This approach provided a local bachelors degree opportunity for area residents. The upper-level University was 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 was named 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 since has permitted the development of doctoral level programs.

1995 was a watershed year for the University as it welcomed its first freshmen and sophomore students, inaugurated a newly constructed 300-acre campus in northeast Laredo and marked its 25th anniversary. 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 Judith Zaffirini Student Success Center was opened in 2012. A new 120,000 square foot Academic Building to house the University’s growing engineering and science programs is now under construction. TAMIU is home to five colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and its Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing, and University College.

Our Mission

Texas A&M International University (TAMIU), a Member of The Texas A&M University System, prepares students for leadership roles in an increasingly complex, culturally diverse state, national, and global society. TAMIU provides a learning environment built on a solid academic foundation in the arts and sciences. The University offers a range of baccalaureate and master's programs and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in International Business Administration. In addition, the University pursues a progressive agenda for global study and understanding across all disciplines.

Through instruction, faculty and student research, and public service, TAMIU improves the quality of lives for citizens of the border region, the State of Texas, and national and international communities.

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Visit our Investiture Site for additional information and photos from today's event at tamiu.edu/investiture

Thanks for making history with us today!

Agenda

Welcome	Dr. Tom Mitchell Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
National Anthem	TAMIU Chamber Singers under the direction of Dana Crabtree, Instructor
Invocation	Jonathan Aragón, United Baptist Church
Remarks	Dr. Tom Mitchell
Musical Interlude	TAMIU Chamber Singers “Laudate Dominum” from <i>Vesperae solennes de confessore</i> W. A. Mozart (1756-1791) Dana Crabtree, Director Dr. Colin Campbell, Organ Assistant Professor
Greetings and Salutations	John Sharp Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System
Investiture Presentation of the Medallion Hooding	John Sharp, Chancellor
Rapsodia	Dr. Colin Campbell, Organ Mariachi Internacional, under the direction of Oswaldo Correa Zapata, Assistant Professor Excerpt and Adaptation from <i>Rapsodia del Río Grande</i>

Investiture Address

Dr. Pablo Arenaz

Alma Mater

TAMIU Chamber Singers

Benediction

Fr. John Michael Paul,
Brothers of St. John

Recessional Music

Dr. Colin Campbell
Toccata from Symphony No. 5 in
F Minor for Organ
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Recessional to
Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library

Led by TAMIU Percussion Ensemble
Dr. James Moyer, Assistant Professor

The Procession

The Academic Procession

This formal processional is similar to a Commencement Exercise and includes the Stage Party, other college and universities' delegates, University faculty and student representatives. All are dressed in full academic regalia.

The President wears the regalia of the University. A Medallion of Office will be presented during the Ceremony by the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, and the University Mace will be featured.

The Symbols

The Mace

Another academic tradition with medieval origins, the mace, once a weapon of war, is now a symbol of institutional authority. The University 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.

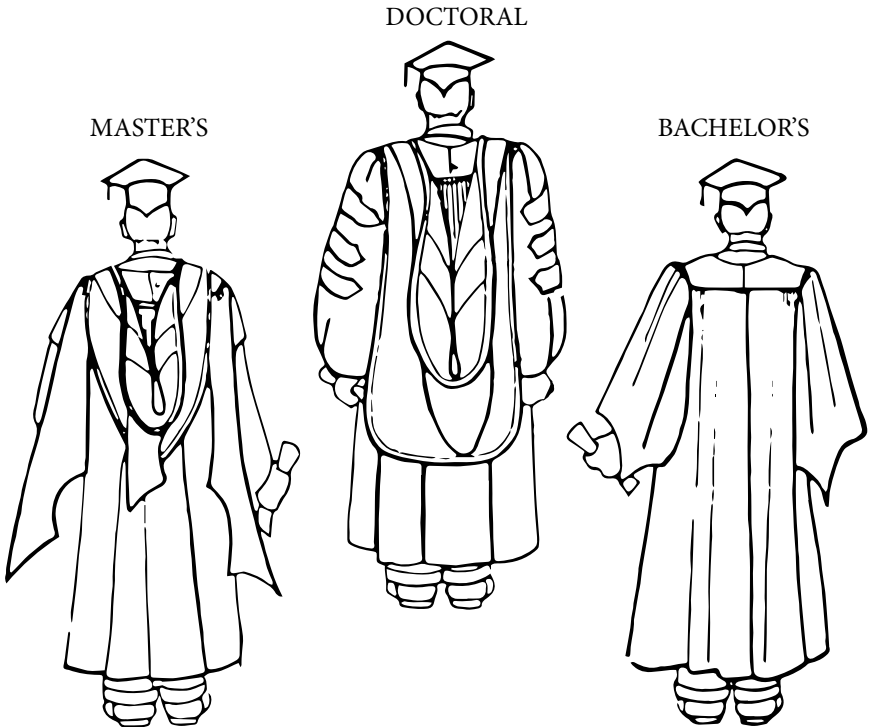
The President's Medallion

The Texas A&M International University Medallion is crafted of bronze and bears the University's seal. It is reserved for formal occasions, such as convocations, commencements, and, of course, investitures.

The Regalia

The use of academic regalia (robes) dates back to the 12th Century and includes three components: Cap, Gown and Hood. Each Gown identifies the wearer's degree of education. And so, the Bachelor's gown is black with long, pointed, open sleeves. A Master's gown closes the sleeve below the elbow. The Doctoral gown sleeve will bear three bars of velvet. All degrees include a mortarboard (Cap) and for Doctors, may be a velvet tam. A tassel of gold or other color indicates the field of study.

An academic hood length also gives clue to the degree type. A Master's hood is 3.5 feet long; a Doctoral, four feet. The hood's lining indicates the college or university awarding the degree, while the color of velvet on Master's hoods is the field of study. On Doctoral hoods, the velvet can be fields of study or a traditional royal blue. Most commonly used colors are: white for Arts; yellow for Science; blue for Philosophy; pink for Music; light blue for Education; orange for Engineering; light blue for Education; brown for Business; turquoise for Continuing Studies; apricot for Nursing and gray for General Studies.



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