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
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
Josie 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
8:30 a.m. Raquel González
Dana Crabtree
Daniel Sanchez
Alexis Reyes
11:30 a.m. Jackelyne Briseño
President, Student Government
3:00 p.m. Pablo Arenaz

Prayer of Gratitude

Closing Declaration

Recessional March
TAMIU Symphonic Band
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.
**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.

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**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.

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**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, *Summa 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 Álvarado
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
Luís Martínez
Alberto Ortiz
Josué González

**Trombone**
Eduardo Morales
Andrés Perales
Eduardo Gómez
Roger Villalpando

**Baritone Saxophone**
Juan Álvarado

**Tuba**
José González

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

**Baritone**
Leo Galván
THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

Tassel
Black or colored to indicate academic discipline. Worn on left side after graduation.

Hood
Designates discipline (see academic colors below).

Robe
Usually black, but sometimes colored to indicate University.

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

DOCTOR

MASTER

BACHELOR
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, Licentiates 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.

1885: 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.

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### 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

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

Bryant Adams
Catalina Alexis Agüero
Alejandra Orlita Aguilar Faz
Melissa Ann Aguirre
Alejandra Alcántar
Michael Eddie Alejandro
Annette Alonso
Arnoldo Arturo Alonso
Jeanet J. Alvado
Ana Luisa Alvarez Ríos
Joanna Aryanne Amaya
Iliana Guadalupe Arambula
Marín I. Arellano
Joséomar Arnold
Aurora Estemalda Arredondo
Irma Ayala
Leonna Carolina Barrera
Jennifer Tamelle Barkelang
Educal Bernal
Andrea E. Betance
Cynthia Bolanos
Jonathan Samuel Birseno
Araceli Biseno
Ismael Borrero
Marina Suray Brizzuela
Jonathan Andrew Brosig
Krystyna Rae Cabellón
Alfonso Callejas
Princess Campos
Elizabeth Cardenas
Gilberto Cardenas
Ruben Rene Cardenas Jr.
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Miriam Vianey Castro
Rachel C. Centeno
Alfredo Cepeda Jr.
Rene Chapa
Sonia Alcide Chapin
Alfredo Collazo
Gladys Contreras Carrasco
Leslie Ann Cortez
Oscar Cortez Jr.
Ana Romina De Hoyos
Olivia Marie De La Garza
Karen Marcela Del Río Zapata
Juan Abraham Del Bosque
Ruth Duarte
Carla Graciela Echevarría
Armado Elizondo III
Diana M. Escobedo
Alyssa V. Esparza
Joseph Matthew Farnes
Liben Fisher
Carmen Julia Flores
Denise A. Flores
Erika Flores
Maritza Flores Varváez
Michael Flores
Paula Leidy Galván
Ana María Garcia
Ashley Gwen García
Ashley Marie Garcia
Jocelyn Lizette Garcia
Maria Antonieta Garcia
Miguel Ángel García
Victoria García
Amanda Michelle Garza
Bevery Lee Garza
Inna Yvette Garza
Monica Garza
Alejandra Gomez
Diana G. Gómez-Añón
Yessiella Gómez
Roy John González, Jr.
Félix I. González
Gerardo A. González
Lorena González
María González
Miriam G. González
Michal Guenther
Ricardo A. Guerro III
Elva Maria Gutiérrez
Carlos R. Hernández
Maria Elena Hernández
Carolina Herrera
Yoanice Lyubart Herrera
Katherine Denise Hill
Elva Hinojosa
Katelin Andrea Jennings
Jessica Retrac Kippenbrock
Andrew Joseph Knapp
Jesús Ángel Ledezma
Daniela Lucia Leyendecker
Eric Steven Lomelin
Ingrid Viridiana López
Marco A. López
Mónica López
Nadja Inatana López
Tomas López
Sergio Alejandro Luna
Amelia Silvanes Martinez
Diana Marcela Martínez
José Adrián Martínez
Laura Marina Martinez
Oscar Leonel Martinez
Tessa Lee Martinez
Timothy James McLaughlin
Iris Alexandra Mendoza
Suyyep Nothemi Venelota Banda
Olga Angelica Mendoza
Re'Nika Meshack
Darrell Patrick Mills
Ana Laura Miranda
Armando Molina Jr.
Margaret Amanda Morenais
Maxima D. Montano
Ashley Genevive Morales
Juan J. Morales
Necmi Morales
Graciela M. Moreno Manchala
Israel Muñoz
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Patricia J. Rincón
Kevin Rios
Alejandra Del Rosario Rivas
Hugo Gerardo Rivera Jr.
Jessica Frances Rodriguez
Jessica Rodríguez
Lorena Rodríguez
Jorge Alberto Rosales
Isamar Abigail Ruiz
Vicente Osvaldo Ruiz III
Raúl Zachary Salazar
Alvaro Sánchez, Jr.
Christina Dalene Sanchez
Christian Anthony Santos
Rosa Adriana Santos
Misty Segovia Garcia
Vanessa Genoveve Silva
Jessica J. Bright Silva
Rebecca Renee Soto
Cecilia Y. Souza
Abigail Grace Stinson
Jenny Irene Torres
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