



TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



FALL 2023

**Hooding & Student
Success Ceremony**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023
CENTER FOR THE FINE & PERFORMING ARTS RECITAL HALL
6 P.M.

Dean's Message



DR. JAMES O'MEARA, ED.D.

Today, we recognize you as one of our outstanding graduates who has achieved success in the face of uncertainty. Today I challenge you to "Go Beyond" and be the change-makers we need to make a world of difference in your schools and the communities they serve.

**¡Lo que bien se aprende,
nunca se pierde!**

Most of you have heard me talk about you as professionals RISE-ing. Tonight I want to remind you that in the College of Education we know that we rise by lifting others.

Each of you have had someone who has given you a hand up when you most need it. I invite you to share your Pin of Gratitude with that special person. If possible, please do so prior to Commencement so they may wear it during your Commencement ceremony.

You may know that in the College of Education, to RISE has a special meaning. Our faculty, staff, and students commit to RISE daily. This means we commit to modeling the code of Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence.

Graduates, as you move into the next phase of your life they will be times of joy and times of fear. In those time when come face to face with FEAR. Remember you always have two choices. You can Face Everything And Run or Face Everything And RISE.

Graduates of the College of Education, as you move onto the next stage of your life I challenge you to RISE!

As a graduate of TAMIU, Be the Dustdevil who Goes Beyond any challenge to help your students, friends and families see what it means to experience the joy of rising to new heights.



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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Summer 2023 Graduates

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Neida Bañuelos
Vanessa Caguicla Bivens
Shirly Kim Garrett Boots
Samantha Isela Carmona
Emma B. Cisneros
Maribel De La Rosa
Jaime Drew
Stephanie Karen Esparza
Sergio Javier Figueroa
Érika Flores
Ashley Walker Gallenkamp
Nelly G. García
Serena Jane García
Verónica García
Kenia Mabel Garza
Ana Karen Granados
Melissa Hebert
Gina R. Homrock-Mahn
Gerardo Xavier Lerma
Clarissa Yvette López
Kiara Dayana López
Priscilla Marie Machado
Caleb J. Magness
Marianna Molina
Celia Lorraine Morquecho
Kassandra Ruby Pérez
Alexis Brianne Rangel
Araceli Yunuán Rentería
Graciela G. Rivas
Ahilyn Helena Robles
Jocelyne Scarlete Rodríguez
Sonia Rubio Rubio
Gloria Eliza Salinas

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Diana E. Trujillo
Katherine Marie Waindel
Tonia Walker
Ariana Janae Wilson

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Ricardo Antonio Aquino
Darlina Marie Brown
Clarissa Cervantes
Chelsea Clemmons
Amy Elizabeth Cook
Richard Gutiérrez
Bridget Kane
Candace Consuela Licht
Rochelle Manz
Thalía Méndez
Tiffany Rae Nickerson
Rachel Sheridan

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

Kassandra Balderas
Benjamin James Bradshaw
Cassandra S. Condado
Analisa Yvette Mercado
Stephanie Ann Mobley
Morgan Mosley
Jessica Ramírez
Mónica Vilma Reyes
Érica G. Uribe

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Fall 2023 Graduates

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Lesley Elaine Dunn

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION

María E. Borin

Sandy De La Rosa

Laura S. Nieto

Stephanie Gabriela Pérez

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Belinda Alaniz

Maryjane J. Andrews

Crystal De La Cruz Babineau

Latoya Bean

Lisa L. Belmonte

Denise Azeneth Cortés

Maya Alexis Coy

Aylín Díaz

Jessica Eichenberger

Penny Kaye Engelking

Yara Guadalupe Flores

Tarica Lynn Ford

Tiffenee Rhea Freeman

Horace Gámez

Reyes García

Elsa Y. Gómez

Kelli Nicole Gotowka

Anadina W. Guzmán

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Eric Michael Harris

Susana Herrera

Teri Nicolle Hopkins

Violeta Ibarra

Amanda Nicole Lara

Roxanna Marie Leal

Karie Ann Livengood

Arlene López

Yaneth Alejandra Murillo

Norma Alicia Nieto

Amy Michell Nowlin

Lorraine García Olguín

Lizbeth Noor Ovando

Sarah Michelle Oviatt

Marcelline Everett Pearson

Lilia Peña

Sylvia Verónica Pérez

Bertha Haydeé Quiroga

Jéssica Aydeé Riojas

Marianne Michele Roberts

David Alejandro Rodríguez

Diana Esther Ruiz

Amanda C. Sandel

Ana Karen Sepúlveda González

Aileen Aracely Sifuentes

Angélica Analee Sifuentes

Ashley Marie Starks

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Fall 2023 Graduates

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Sable Devonn Stephens-Wilson
Stephanie Nicole Tapia
Mary Elizabeth Tobias
Khloe Felisha Torres
Chia Hsueh Tsai
Viviana Andrea Valiente Montecino
Kabrina Louise White
Laura Yates
Kasandra Aileen Zuñiga

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Jessica Marie Braun
Anissa Bravo
Rosalinda De Hoyos
Jennifer Andrea Doss
Araceli Melissa García
Gustavo Garza
Ashley Harris
Jesús Herrera
Casey Alyssa Lawrence
Luis Manuel Muñoz
Judith Rocío Nájera
Meagan Amanda Parker
Nathan Timothy Pope
Netalie Carol Richards
Sandra Elizabeth Sánchez
Ashley Marie Wood-Tyler
Marissa Zavala

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

Chelsea Paola Arellano
Anaís María Barrera
Jennifer Anne Batey
Christopher Terry Bookout
Jessica Cárdenas
Sylvia Alexa Covarrubias
Diane Tyson Drake
Heather Marie Duke
Amanda Estrada
Iliana Farías
Clarisa Kizzee
Lourdes Lizett Melgarejo
Becky Lee Navarro
Bowen Day Perry
Veronica Lynn Powell
Mariza Rebmann
Kimberly Yireh T. Reyes
Yvette Sena
Haley Morgan Thomas
Rina Renee Villanueva
Alexis Wegner

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Alejandra Flores
Jéssica Mendoza
Érika Salinas

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Fall 2023 Undergraduates

BACHELOR OF ARTS (ALL-LEVEL CERTIFICATION)

Haziel Saraí Mota

BACHELOR OF ARTS (SECONDARY CERTIFICATION)

Cristina Marie Alvarado

Saúl Jonathan Cárdenas

Mayra Araceli Carreón

Juan Carlos Chapa

Claudia Mayrelli De Ita Aquino

Yadira García

Malú Garza

Matthew Niño

Paula Graciela Ochoa

Carolina Anahí Rizzi

Jeraldyl Del Sanjuan Saldaña

Noelani Gabrielle Salinas

Samuel Jordan Valdez

Crystal Valverde

Victor Hugo Vargas

BACHELOR OF MUSIC (ALL-LEVEL CERTIFICATION)

Ricardo Hernández

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATION)

Yvette Alysse Ábrego*

Vanessa Lee Aguilar*

Katherine Alemán*

Beatriz Ceniceros**

Renee Nicole Chapa

Kayla Lizette Contreras*

Emma Renee Córdova**

Yliza Alejandra Cuéllar**

Daniela Durán*

Melanie Azenette Espinoza

Joanna Elizabeth García**

Daniela Gutiérrez*

Elda Galilea Guzmán*

Cristina Alejandra Hinojosa

Emily Paola Lujano***

Gabriela Monserrat Morales**

Mónica P. Navarro*

Dulce Maria Olgún*

Alejandra Marlene Orozco*

Leticia Carolina Quintanilla

Cristina Ramón

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Fall 2023 Undergraduates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATION)

Fabiola Adriana Rodríguez*

Shelby V. Rodríguez*

Xenia Nicolle Rodríguez

Kristell Sánchez **

Marisol Sánchez *

Briana Aidee Sepúlveda***

Vanessa Tovar**

Allayza Carolina Ugarte**

Ángela Ramona Vela*

Sydney Viera***

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Meagan Kristine Cantú

Atalía L. Hernández*

Kassandra Yessel Lara

Dania Yaritza López Peña***

Yolanda Margarita Rodríguez*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (SECONDARY CERTIFICATION)

Dania Iveth González

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS

* Cum Laude:

To graduate with this honor, the student will have earned a grade point average of 3.50 or higher, but less than a 3.70.

** Magna Cum Laude:

To graduate with this honor, the student will have earned a grade point average of 3.70 or higher, but less than a 3.90.

*** Summa Cum Laude:

To graduate with this honor, the student will have earned a grade point average of 3.90 or higher.

STOLE OF SUCCESS

Undergraduate students have been awarded a light blue stole to wear with their regalia. Blue is the color of Education, and it is important to celebrate all of our undergraduate rising professionals who have successfully reached the milestone of graduation from our educator preparation program.

DEAN'S CORD

Undergraduate students who receive a blue, white and maroon cord, are students who are one and done with their Texas certification exam and have passed the Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities for four standard teaching certificate (PPR).

V.O.E. CORD

Undergraduate students who receive a red, green and white cord, represents the Ventanilla de Orientación Educativa collaboration with the Consulate General of México in Laredo in which students who went above and beyond in participating in various events and projects throughout their academic years.

PINS OF ACHIEVEMENT

PIN OF GRATITUDE

The Pin of Gratitude provides each graduate with an opportunity to say, "thank you" to someone who helped make their graduation a reality. We invite graduates to share the pin with that special person prior to Commencement so they can wear it during the Commencement ceremony.

PIN OF COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

The Sí Se Puede Pin serves as recognition of your perseverance, adaptability, and commitment to excellence in becoming a new generation of leaders and change-makers in your community.

PIN OF PPR-DISTRICT READY

The PPR-District Ready pin is awarded to serve as recognition of your success in passing the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities for four standard teaching certificate.

PIN OF WE TEACH LAREDO

The We Teach Laredo pin is given to students who meet the accomplishments of passing their certification exams and went above and beyond the standard teaching certificate requirements.

PIN OF VENTANILLA DE ORIENTACIÓN EDUCATIVA

The V.O.E. pin is awarded to those who provided 50 or more hours of significant volunteer service in helping members of Mexican and Hispanic communities navigate the educational systems of the United States and México as part of the Ventanilla de Orientación Educativa program with the Mexican Consulate General in Laredo





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



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