



TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



SPRING 2025

Hooding & Student Success Ceremony

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025
CENTER FOR THE FINE & PERFORMING ARTS RECITAL HALL
2 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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Every success story starts in a classroom. Become a teacher.

WE TEACH LAREDO

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Spring 2025 Graduates

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION

Tanya González

For my parents, Mario and Juany, my siblings, Mario, Edward, Javier, Sasha, and Marlene, and my nephews, Samantha, Alex, Madeline, Mario III, and Mia--I dedicate this achievement to you, my squad. I am eternally grateful for all the laughs, love, and support. Thank you for being my guiding light.

Crystal Martínez

As I close this important chapter, I will take my diploma with me, all the knowledge that I have acquired and learned. I am filled with excitement to see what the future holds. I am eternally grateful for the people who have helped me reach this important milestone. JICE.

Dina Quinteros

I could not have achieved this in one year without my husband's encouragement and unwavering support. Regarding my academic questions and concerns, Dr. Gilda Martinez was the professor I connected with. Her unconditional support even after I was no longer in her class meant the world to me!

Diana Rivera

To my professors, thank you for your wisdom and mentorship. A mi mamá, gracias por todo, me criaste con amor, sacrificio y una fe constante en mí. To my husband, your love and support mean everything. You uplift, encourage, and believe in me always. I'm endlessly grateful for you. That keeps the heart while trimming the words!

Azeneth Treviño

I am truly thankful to my professors, mentors, students, family, and friends for their dedication, guidance, and encouragement throughout my journey. Their support and belief in me have been crucial to my success. This achievement wouldn't have been possible without them, and I'm grateful for the opportunities this program has offered.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Susan Marie Factor

I want to say thank you to my husband and family for their endless support, encouragement, and sacrifices. Your belief in me has been my guiding light.

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Kenia Sheri Hensley

With deep gratitude, I thank my husband and loved ones whose unwavering belief lifted me higher. As a first-generation graduate, this moment stands as a testament to resilience, sacrifice, and grace. With Christ as my guide and your love as my light, the impossible became my reality.

Christine Janel Isaac

Thank you to my husband, children, and family for all your support and encouragement throughout this journey.

Alisa Gabriela Mercado

I would like to thank my amazing parents, family, and friends for all the support that they have given me these last two years within my Masters journey!

Nancy Ramírez

I want to Thank God first of all to allowing me to be reach this milestone, and my family who have always giving me the support to continue my dreams. That is coming true today.

Ricardo Daniel Silva

I want to thank my mom, my dad, my brothers Gabriel and Teddy, and my sister Ana.

I also want to thank all of my friends who have helped me along the way.

Their love and support is more than anyone could ask for, and it's culminated in this moment.

Melissa Michelle Vela

Having reached this significant milestone of completing my master's in education, my heart is overflowing with gratitude for my parents, husband, children and friends. This journey has been challenging, demanding, and incredibly rewarding, and I could not have navigated it without your unwavering support and love.

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Norma Laura Vera

To my family, words cannot express how thankful I am for your unwavering belief in me. Through every challenge, you reminded me of God's promise. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. Thank you for helping me trust in God's plan and for being there every step of the way.

Marissa Iliana Villarreal

I am deeply grateful to my family and friends for their unwavering love, support, patience, and motivation. I also honor the memory of Fernando Villarreal whose love and guidance continue to inspire me. Your presence in my life brings strength and inspiration, and I'm thankful for every moment we share. I truly appreciate each of you more than words can express.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Yomara Arleth Bazan

Gracias a Dios por darme la oportunidad de lograr una meta más. Gracias a mi increíble esposo y a mis hermosas hijas por su apoyo y aliento incondicional. Todo esfuerzo tiene su recompensa!

Vianey Caballero

I will forever appreciate my support system for instilling in me strength, resilience, and love. My accomplishments are meaningful because I get to share them with the most important people in my life. I love you Mom, Dad, and Danny. Thank you for everything!

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Julie Ann Cazares

As I receive my Master's degree, I'd like to thank my parents who guided me through it all. Their support never wavered and continues to lead me on many amazing paths throughout my life. My husband, my son, and daughters are my inspiration to achieve more and be better.

Esmeralda Cortinas

I am deeply grateful to my husband, Ruben and my 3 children, Ruben, Aimee, and Cristian for their love, patience, and the time they gave up so I could pursue this dream. To my parents, thank you for the countless ways you've supported me and inspired me throughout my life. This moment belongs to all of us.

Tamara Cruise

This dream is ours—a shared journey made possible by your love and belief in me. Thank you, Rob for your unwavering support, Reagan for inspiring me daily, Gracie for being my loudest cheerleader, and RJ for reminding me why learning matters. To the “Original Five”—thank you for lifting me.

Analaura Martínez

To my incredible family, words can't truly express how much I appreciate everything you've done for me. Your unwavering love, encouragement, and belief in me have been the bedrock of my journey, and I couldn't have reached this milestone without you.

Yaneht Valeria Sánchez

I am deeply grateful to my parents for their unconditional love, wisdom, and support that have shaped my life. To my husband and children, thank you for filling my heart with joy and inspiration. Your love and energy motivate me every day. I am truly blessed to have you all.

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Spring 2025 Graduates

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

Alejandra Domínguez

I would like to thank my amazing parents, family, and friends for all the support that they have given me these last two years within my Masters journey!

Ithzel García

I am deeply grateful for my family, my two amazing sons, and my wonderful husband for their unwavering support during my journey to earn my master's degree in school counseling. Your love, patience, and encouragement made all the difference, and I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you!

Griselda Madrigal Saucedo

Thank you, Mom and Dad, Carlos, Jazzy, and everyone who supported me throughout this journey. As a first-generation graduate, each challenge strengthened my determination to keep going. Your constant belief and encouragement made this achievement possible—it is as much yours as it is mine. I am forever grateful.

Jessica Marie Salazar

With immense gratitude to my husband Mark, children, mom, and friends, I celebrate earning my master's degree. As a first-generation graduate, this milestone is profound—breaking barriers for future generations. It symbolizes dedication, perseverance, and the support that made it possible. A moment of triumph and hope for what's ahead!

Jeannette Terrones

I am deeply grateful to my husband, children, and parents for their unwavering love, support, and encouragement. This degree is not mine alone—it belongs to all of us. Thank you for your sacrifices, belief in me, and support throughout this incredible journey. I love you endlessly.

Dana Gale Wheeler

I express deep gratitude to my family members, friends, teachers and mentors whose consistent support helped me navigate this journey. My counselor aspirations emerged through your guidance and the confidence you showed in me. Your inspiration has motivated me to create impactful connections with students.

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Spring 2025 Graduates

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Maria Del Rosario Herrera

I am deeply grateful for the many people and experiences that have helped me reach this milestone in my personal and professional career. Most importantly for my children--you are my greatest inspiration. Lastly, I am especially grateful for the children with special needs I have had the privilege to know and learn perseverance from.

Tayannia Kerr

I am deeply rooted in an attitude of gratitude and to focus and flourish on all of my dreams.

Alicia Mathewson

Today, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to my family for their unwavering support and encouragement. Your belief in me has been my greatest motivation.

I also want to thank my mentors for their knowledge, guidance, and inspiration.

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Spring 2025 Undergraduates

BACHELOR OF ARTS (SECONDARY CERTIFICATION)

Katherine González
Cecilia Moreno
Daniela Moreno
Kristina Alexis Serna
Camila Alejandra Treviño

BACHELOR OF MUSIC (ALL-LEVEL CERTIFICATION)

Paulina Deleon

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ALL-LEVEL CERTIFICATION)

Elian Miguel Borjas*
Olga María Flores***
Stephanie Samantha González
Jessie Enid Mena*
John Michael Rocha

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATION)

Alexa Michelle Alonso *
Jacqueline Guadalupe Avina
Isabel Blanco*
Jessica Calderon*
Kassandra Denise Cantú**
Ximena Castellano*
Abigail Jocabed Colunga**
Dannica Denise De La Rosa***
Ashley Marie Fernández
Giselle Gamboa
Alondra García
Angelica García*
Caylin García*
Victoria Hernández
Vanessa Jasso
Katherine Márquez
Janie Martínez**
Barbara Vanessa Morales*
Karen Alexa Orozco*
Jasmine Renee Rendón
Esmeralda Rodríguez**
Jaqueline Salinas***

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Spring 2025 Undergraduates

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Olga Carrillo

Alejandra Yadira Espinoza**

Jemima Baca Garza***

Rebeca Zoe Hernández Rodríguez**

Kayla Aisha Palacios

Klarissa Trejo**

Jessica Vela**

Jimena Vela**

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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