

Spring 2008

## **UTPA Commencement – Spring 2008**

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN  
2008 SPRING  
COMMENCEMENT



CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE





# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN SPRING 2008 GRADUATES

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to the Class of 2008! You have reached your achievement as The University of Texas-Pan American celebrates a special anniversary – 80 Years of Excellence!

Today's commencement serves as testament to UTPA's commitment to the students of South Texas. It is a time of celebration for our family and for yours. Together we have reached another life milestone.

As we celebrate, I ask you to take a moment to remember those upon whose shoulders you stand today. Family, friends, community leaders and civil rights advocates who fought hard for opportunities bestowed upon you and who paved the way for your success.

You will have the opportunity to honor those who helped you by reaching out to others who may follow in your footsteps as alumni of this University. With the face of the nation changing, your leadership will be critical to this region, state and nation.

We have every expectation that when The University of Texas-Pan American reaches its' 100th anniversary you will each have already celebrated many of your own personal and professional accomplishments.

Again, congratulations, I am honored to share this special day with you!

With pride and admiration,



Blandina Cárdenas  
President



# 2008 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

## PLATFORM GUESTS:

Dr. Blandina Cárdenas	.....	President, The University of Texas-Pan American
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Ms. Isabella Garcia	.....	Top Graduate, College of Science and Engineering
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Dr. Philip Ethridge	.....	College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Thomas White	.....	College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

# 2008 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

## ORDER OF EXERCISES

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS		Dr. Paul Sale, <i>Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER		Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, <i>President</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS:	9 a.m.	Mr. Joe B. Riley, <i>Chief Executive Officer, McAllen Medical Center</i>
	1:30 p.m.	Mr. John A. Johnson, <i>Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI McAllen Resident Agency</i>
	5:30 p.m.	Mr. M. Olaf Frandsen, <i>Regional Vice President, Freedom Communications Inc. and Publisher, The Monitor and La Frontera</i>
INTRODUCTION OF TOP GRADUATE		Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, <i>President</i>
STUDENT ADDRESS:	9 a.m.	Ms. Marisol Prado, <i>College of Health Sciences and Human Services</i>
	1:30 p.m.	Ms. Victoria Marie Ibanez, <i>College of Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>
	5:30 p.m.	Ms. Isabella Garcia, <i>College of Science and Engineering</i>
INTRODUCTION OF ACADEMIC DEAN		Dr. Paul Sale, <i>Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
PRESENTATION and HOODING of DOCTORAL DEGREES:	1:30 p.m.	Dr. Salvador Hector Ochoa, <i>Dean, College of Education</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL, MASTER'S and BACCALAUREATE DEGREES:	9 a.m.	Dr. Teofilo Ozuna, <i>Dean, College of Business Administration</i> Dr. Bruce J. Reed, <i>Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services</i>
	1:30 p.m.	Dr. Salvador Hector Ochoa, <i>Dean, College of Education</i> Dr. Van A. Reidhead, <i>Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>
	5:30 p.m.	Dr. Dahlia Guerra, <i>Dean, College of Arts and Humanitie</i> Dr. Edwin LeMaster, <i>Dean, College of Science and Engineering</i>
CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL, MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES		Dr. Paul Sale, <i>Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
AWARDING OF DOCTORAL, MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES		Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, <i>President</i>
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETINGS:	9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.	Austin Alumni Chapter Ms. Carmen Guerra, <i>President of the UTPA</i>
PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS		Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, <i>President</i>
MUSIC PROVIDED BY		<i>The University of Texas-Pan American Department of Music</i>

### Graduating with Honors

Honor graduates are baccalaureate candidates completing degrees with superior overall academic records. Candidates graduating with highest honors:

Summa Cum Laude (SCL) – 3.9-4.0 grade point average • Magna Cum Laude (MCL) – 3.7-3.89 grade point average  
Cum Laude (CL) – 3.5-3.69 grade point average





## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The College of Business Administration is organized into four departments: Accounting and Business Law, Computer Information Systems and Quantitative Methods, Economics and Finance, and Management, Marketing and International Business. The mission of the College of Business Administration is to develop business and academic leaders who are qualified and committed to the improvement of society; produce scholarly research relevant to domestic and global businesses; and support professional, community and University activities that contribute to economic progress, social improvement and intellectual development.

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Jaqueline Aide Moreno  
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Araceli Maria Navarro  
Paola Nino  
Eva L. Nunez  
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Nilda Palomo  
Nancy Marina Pardo  
Betancourt  
Aida Patino  
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Heather Nicole Trevino  
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## 2008 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

### COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES

The College of Health Sciences and Human Services includes the Departments of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Dietetics, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Rehabilitation, and Social Work. The college also has a Cooperative Pharmacy Program with The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. The college recognizes the need for the University to take a leading role in the education of health care and human service professionals with the assistance and cooperation of the regional facilities. The college is dedicated to providing educational programs necessary to meet the needs for competent health and human service professionals in the Rio Grande Valley and Texas.



#### MASTER OF ARTS

Mary Ellen Garcia

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

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## COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College of Education ranks first in the number of bilingual education graduates in the nation, and ranks second in the number of teacher graduates in Texas. The college includes the Departments of Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Psychology, Health and Kinesiology, and Educational Leadership. The mission of the College of Education is to continually improve the educational process in the college and the community through teaching, research, and service. The college values the rich cultural and linguistic history of the international border area and directs its program and course offerings toward the preparation of professionals for an increasingly diverse population of learners.



### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Jesus Abrego	Norma Linda Gallegos	Jose Antonio Gonzalez	Fernando Valle
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### MASTER OF ARTS

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Juan Cantu	Perla L. DelAngel	Denise Krissy Gudino	Ana Karla Martinez
Aracely Cavazos	Leila Lorena Flores	Darla Renee Jackson	

### MASTER OF EDUCATION

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Maricela Almanza	Darcia Garza Cuellar	Velma Ruth	Aminta Hinojosa Limas	Patricia Palomo
Gloria E. Alonzo	Aissa Isela De La Garza	Palacios Garza	Leticia Lopez	Stephanie Dianne Parry
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## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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### COSTUMES AND CUSTOMS OF COMMENCEMENT

The colorful costumes and traditional customs of college commencement ceremonies trace their beginnings back to the origins of the modern university in medieval Europe. Modern American colleges and universities carry on many traditions that began at Oxford and Cambridge to demonstrate the continuity of learning over the centuries and to emphasize the importance attached to commencement exercises.

#### ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia refers to the distinctive attire worn by students, faculty, and other University officials at commencement. This attire shares some characteristics of religious vestments, reflecting the origins of the universities within the general jurisdiction of the medieval church. The colors, shapes, and sizes of the various elements all carry meaning regarding the rank and status of the wearers. Today, this regalia is largely ceremonial, but in the past such garments were the regular attire of those involved in the higher education experience and some of the features had both symbolic and practical applications. Gowns, hoods, caps, and additional ornaments are the four main categories of academic regalia.

#### GOWNS

The gown is the basic element of academic regalia. American practice has adopted certain standards that distinguish the gowns worn by those with various degrees. Most gowns are black, but some universities have adopted distinctive colors. A bachelor's gown is the plainest, with a closed front and long pointed sleeves. A master's gown is similar, except that the sleeves have a closed extension originally used as a place to carry books and other materials. The doctoral gown is the most distinctive with large bell-shaped sleeves. Velvet panels down the front and around the neck and three velvet bars on each sleeve often signify the academic field of the wearer.

#### CAPS



The standard commencement headwear is the Oxford cap, a skullcap topped by a square cloth-covered board, the reason for its "mortarboard" nickname. Some faculty members wear a softer Cambridge version of the cap that is like a square velvet tam o'shanter. Usually, the color of the cap matches the color of the gown. Most caps have a tassel attached to a button on the top to hang down over the edge of the top; it is usually black (or the same color as the cap), but some tassels indicate the field of the degree the recipient is getting. Doctoral caps frequently have a tassel of gold braid. Many graduates like to move the tassel from the right front to the left front when they receive their degrees to signify their newly graduated status.



## HOODS

The hood derives from the cowls worn by clerics in the middle ages to stay warm, but today it is totally symbolic and worn hanging down the back. Hoods are authorized for all three levels of degrees, but most institutions forego the hood at the baccalaureate level. Master's hoods are three-and-a-half feet in length and have a velvet trim along the edge. Doctoral hoods are four feet in length and have a wider velvet trim. The satin lining of the hood, worn so that it can be seen, reflects the colors of the degree-granting institution. The hoods worn by master's and doctoral graduates from The University of Texas-Pan American have a burnt orange and white lining since those are the official colors of all institutions in The University of Texas System. The color of the velvet trim signifies the academic discipline of the wearer's degree. As codified by the American

Council on Education, some of the official colors associated with the various degrees and disciplines are:

<i>White</i>	<i>Arts and Letters</i>	<i>Apricot</i>	<i>Nursing</i>
<i>Drab</i>	<i>Business/Accounting</i>	<i>Olive Green</i>	<i>Pharmacy</i>
<i>Light Blue</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Dark Blue</i>	<i>Philosophy</i>
<i>Orange</i>	<i>Engineering</i>	<i>Sage Green</i>	<i>Physical Education</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fine Arts</i>	<i>Peacock Blue</i>	<i>Public Administration</i>
<i>Purple</i>	<i>Law</i>	<i>Salmon Pink</i>	<i>Public Health</i>
<i>Lemon</i>	<i>Library Science</i>	<i>Golden Yellow</i>	<i>Science</i>
<i>Green</i>	<i>Medicine</i>	<i>Citron</i>	<i>Social Work</i>
<i>Pink</i>	<i>Music</i>		

In the case of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree, the dark blue color represents the mastery of learning and scholarship in any field (English, history, mathematics, etc.) not just the field of philosophy.

## ADDITIONAL ORNAMENTS

Some participants in the commencement ceremony will wear additional ornaments such as colored cords, medallions, stoles, or sashes. These ornaments signify the wearer's membership in some honor society or special group. For instance, members of the honor society Phi Kappa Phi wear gold cords or a medallion on a blue ribbon, while members of Lambda Alpha, the anthropology honor society, wear a gold or white stole embroidered with the Greek letters LA.

## GONFALONS



Gonfalons are ceremonial flags or banners designed to hang from a horizontal crossbar that originated in medieval Italy where they were used to represent different cities or officials. At UTPA, gonfalons are used to represent the six colleges plus the institution as a whole. The gonfalons on the platform at any ceremony represent the colleges whose students are graduating at that ceremony. The University gonfalon is present at all ceremonies. UTPA's gonfalons were designed and created by art professor Nancy Moyer, using distinctive images and colors for each college. For example, the College of Education's gonfalon features a lamp, symbolizing the light provided by education, on a field of blue, along with the slogan "Learning for a Better Tomorrow." The University's own gonfalon has the university seal against a background of burnt orange and white. The seal presents a shield on a blue background, with an open book on a field of white, while below are the wreath and star of the seal of the state of Texas on a field of burnt orange. The seal also contains the

motto of The University of Texas System — *Disciplina Praesidium Civitatis* — a Latin rendering of Republic of Texas President Mirabeau B. Lamar's quotation about the value of education, "A cultivated mind is the guardian genius of democracy."

## PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION AND CHAIN

The president of the University wears a medallion as a symbol of the office. The medallion, a gold-plated replica of the University seal, hangs from a chain of 18 gold-plated links that have three arch-shaped cutouts to reflect a major architectural motif of the University. Seven of the links are engraved with the names of the past and present presidents of the institution and their years in office; the rest are reserved for future presidents. Thus, the chain and the medallion symbolize the continuity of the institution by "linking" its past, present, and future leaders. The medallion and chain were designed and made by Jerry Bailey, a former faculty member in the Department of Art.



## CEREMONIAL MACE

In the medieval times, a mace was a symbol of authority and was carried before or set near a high official when official ceremonies or sessions were being conducted. Today, the chair of the Faculty Senate carries the mace to lead the academic procession at commencement and other special ceremonies, such as the installation of the president. UTPA's walnut mace measures five feet in length. The four vertical faces of the head frame brass replicas of the University seal set on a velvet background of dark green.





## *Alma Mater*

*Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,  
True and loyal, we will be.  
To our dear old Alma Mater,  
Pan American of U.T.*

*This our song,  
"Forever Onward!"  
With our colors, green  
and white. May you be our  
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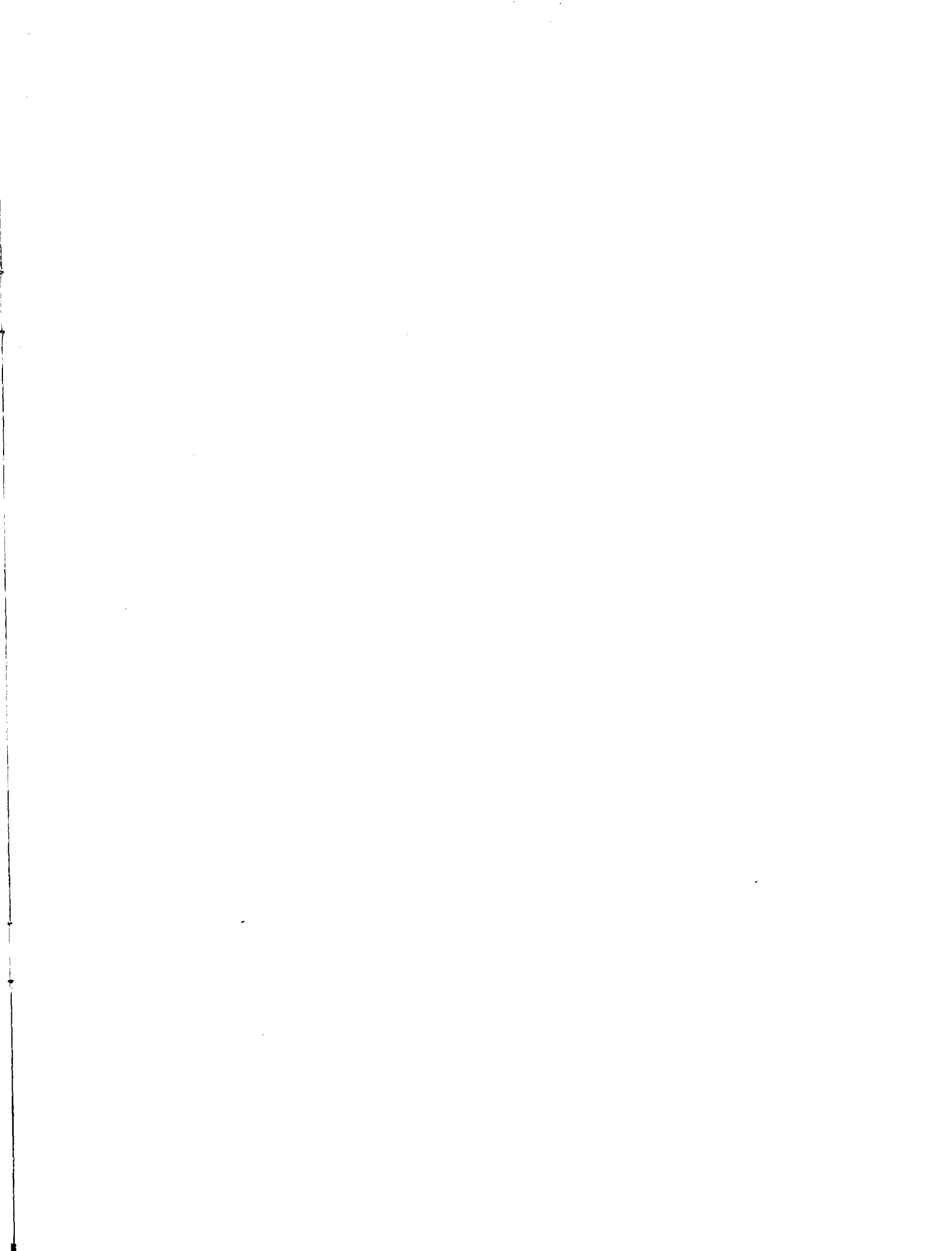
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