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2011 SPRING
Commencement

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN SPRING 2011 GRADUATES



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to the Class of 2011! The entire UTPA family joins me in celebrating your new beginning.

As we acknowledge your great accomplishment in this time-honored tradition, I want to urge you to do three things. Number one and most importantly, stay true to the values of hard work, determination and focus that bring you to this day. Dare to be a leader, make change, serve the community and create a better world. Do not compromise your values and traditions in the process.

Secondly, show gratitude. We recognize that for most of you individual achievement has come at great collective sacrifice. So I also urge you to thank all those who have helped you make it to this day. Be it your parents who supported you (financially or otherwise), children who inspired you, friends who encouraged you or professors who challenged you.

Finally, stay connected. Because of your support group, you are now part of a very exclusive membership – alumni of The University of Texas-Pan American. I would encourage you to honor those who helped you on your quest for an education by reaching back to help those who will follow in your footsteps.

Again, sincere congratulations! I am confident that today's success is just a small measure of all the success that yet awaits you.

With pride and admiration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert S. Nelsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert S. Nelsen
President

2011 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

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Dr. Beatriz Bautista	College of Health Sciences and Human Services
Dr. Frank Dirrigl	College of Science and Mathematics
Dr. William Turk	College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

ANNOUNCING THE CANDIDATES

9 a.m.	Mr. Polo Sandoval KRGV-TV Channel 5 News Reporter and Weekend Morning Anchor
1 p.m.	Ms. Marcy Martinez KGBT-TV Channel 4 News Anchor
4:30 p.m.	Mr. Ray Pedraza McAllen Cable Network Anchor and Reporter

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ORDER OF EXERCISES

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS		Dr. Havidán Rodríguez, <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER		Dr. Robert S. Nelsen, <i>President</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	9 a.m. & 1 p.m.	Steve Robinson, <i>Special Assistant for the White House Domestic Policy Council</i>
	4:30 p.m.	The Honorable Ramon Garcia, <i>Hidalgo County Judge</i>
INTRODUCTION OF ACADEMIC DEANS		Dr. Havidán Rodríguez, <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL, MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES	9 a.m.	Dr. Teofilo Ozuna, <i>Dean,</i> <i>College of Business Administration</i>
		Dr. David H. Allen, <i>Dean,</i> <i>College of Engineering and Computer Science</i>
		Dr. John Miller Trant, <i>Dean,</i> <i>College of Science and Mathematics</i>
	1 p.m.	Dr. Salvador Hector Ochoa, <i>Dean,</i> <i>College of Education</i>
		Dr. Bruce J. Reed, <i>Dean,</i> <i>College of Health Sciences and Human Services</i>
	4:30 p.m.	Dr. Dahlia Guerra, <i>Dean,</i> <i>College of Arts and Humanities</i>
		Dr. Kristin Croyle, <i>Interim Dean,</i> <i>College of Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>
CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL, MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES		Dr. Havidán Rodríguez, <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
AWARDING OF DOCTORAL, MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES		Dr. Robert S. Nelsen, <i>President</i>
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETINGS	9 a.m.	Mr. Bret L. Mann, <i>UTPA Alumni Association</i>
	1 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.	Mr. Thomas Yznaga, <i>Vice President,</i> <i>UTPA Alumni Association</i>
PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS		Dr. Robert S. Nelsen, <i>President</i>
MUSIC PROVIDED BY		The University of Texas-Pan American Department of Music

Baccalaureate candidates graduating with highest honors have completed degrees with superior overall academic records.
 Summa Cum Laude (SCL) – 3.9-4.0 grade point average • Magna Cum Laude (MCL) – 3.7-3.89 grade point average
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2011 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The College of Business Administration is organized into five departments: Accounting and Business Law, Computer Information Systems and Quantitative Methods, Economics and Finance, and Management and Marketing. 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.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Bernardo Diaz Ronald Dean Hurst Cynthia Rios

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Edy Z. Duran	Fabiola Garza	Michael W. Miller	Deanna E. Schneyer	
Alberto Manuel Espino	Roland M. Gonzalez	Saralyn Howell Morris	Jesus Adrian Solis	
Zachary C. Foughty	Katrin Haarer	Eliane Munoz	Leonardo Zapata Flores	

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Nicholas Carpenter	Jasmine Garza	Emma Thelma Jaramillo	Anabel Pina	Adam Solis
Carlos M. Carrera	Joel Garza CL	John M. Jett	Ernesto Azahel Ramos	Michael Lee Sosa
Nigel Charles Carter	Laura Esmeralda Garza	Christopher Jimenez	Francisco M. Rangel	Victor Alfonso Sustaita
Alicia Ahime Cespedes SCL	Graciela Gomez	Sara Maria Juarez CL	Ruby Aimee Rendon	Laura Tamez
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Itzel Giovanna Cruz	Aaron B. Gonzalez CL	Michael G. Lankford	Daisy J. Reyna	Marcos G. Trevino
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2011 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE

The College of Engineering and Computer Science is devoted to providing a high quality education to transform students into professionals who contribute to the advancement of technological knowledge and progress. The college consists of the departments of Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Management Program, Information Technology Program, Manufacturing Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Hari Krishna Chikkepalli Craig Michael Franke Luis R. Gonzalez	Victor M. Gonzalez Duane Rex Guzman Andrii Kashliev	Gerardo Morales Ana Rocio Pena Rodolfo Roman	Aijaz Ahmed Shareef Laxman Thapa Peter J. Vasquez	Qing Wang
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Juan M. Alvarez Pradyumn Anirudha Jose Abraham Dantes Hernandez Francisco A. Espinoza	Nagarjuna Gaddipati Yangyang Long Jonathan Lopez Hernandez Sreenath Kodedala Jazmin Ley	Rajesh Yadav Mendey Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mullapudi Eloy Olivo Jose Sanchez	Charles K. Speck Diego Suarez del Real Shawn Brandon Swanberg Esteban Torres Jesus Angel Torres	Andrei Vaipan Naveen Reddy Vangeti Daniel Varela Jesus Fernando Vazquez
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Jacobo Hernandez	Max Reed Magee
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Daniel Carrion	Juan Antonio Guerrero Jr. CL	Jorge Luis Sanchez Ramos	Mariel Berenice Torres CL
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Marlize Cantu James M. Duran MCL	Alejandra Garcia Gracia Aldo Alejandro Jefferson	Julio Johnson Servando Montenegro	Jesus Rivera SCL Ubaldo Villarreal
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

The College of Science and Mathematics strives to provide an environment of academic freedom and a strong scientific and technical foundation for all students. The college offers a solid research program involving undergraduate and graduate students in all areas of science and mathematics, and a strong teacher preparation program in science, mathematics, and technology. Undergraduate and graduate degrees are offered in biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics and geology.

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Brenda Seelene Benavides	Rodolfo Deleon	Marilee Hinojosa	Thanh Ngoc Nguyen	Victor Manuel Vizcaino
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Homero Colunga Jr.	Vanessa Gallegos	Mayra Ofelia Martinez*	Mardonnia Silva	Abel Zamora Jr.
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Jing Cui	Juan Manuel Gonzalez	Teresa Nhuy Nguyen	Joni Rose Villarreal	Yvonne Zuniga

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Jessica Garcia Badillo	Ramiro Garcia	Alyssa Sanchez
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Alma Patricia Delarosa	Cynthia Yaneth Gonzalez	Bayyinah Michel	Sandra Rodriguez CL	
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Mellina Delgado MCL	Vicente Jesus Gonzalez MCL	Jorge Humberto Moncivais	Alison Leigh Saenz SCL	

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College of Education includes the departments of Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Psychology, Health and Kinesiology, and Educational Leadership. Its mission 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

Emily Calderon Galdeano Antonio Elizondo Jr. Erica B. Guerra Manuel Ochoa

MASTER OF ARTS

Ubaldo Cirlos Jr. Diana I. Guajardo Amy L. Perez

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Yvonne Ayala	Leticia Flores	Mariela Vasquez Herrera	Juan P. Nevarez	Oneida Castillo Saldana
Jill Renee Badiozamani	Janet Gaona	Belinda Hinojosa	Alma Niccum	Ruben Salinas
Orlando Buentello	Christian S. Garcia	Mercedes Huerta	Juan Jose Olvera	Christian Sanchez
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Lucia Yvette Castaneda	Gregorio Garza	Jessica Romae Luna	Patricia Reyes	Linda Esmeralda Soto
Ramiro Castillo Jr.	Aracely Erika Gonzalez	Claudia Patricia Mata	Elizabeth Rios	Homero Tijerina
Lisa A. Castro	David Gonzalez	Jesus Ramon Mata	Gilda Rios	Mirella Trevino
Roldan Castro	Eduardo A. Gonzalez	Kimberly Ann Maville	Nazaria Marlen Rios	Monica I. Trevino
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Velma Cisneros	Jose Carlos Gonzalez	Juan Mendez	Elma Rivera	Angelina Valdez
Maira L. Cruz	Malgorzata Grabowski	Manuel Montemayor Jr.	Eliud Rodriguez Jr.	Gabriela Velasquez
Larry De la Fuente	Jessica Guerra	Dayanara Montes	Liliana Rodriguez	Liza Yvonne Villarreal
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Jessica Paola Estringel	Eugenia M. Hernandez	Yvonne Morales	Paola Rubio	Anita Jessica Yanez
Beula Flores	Iliana Marina Hernandez	Fabiola I. Moreno	Nereyda Ruiz	Jo Ann Garza Zamora

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Tamura Marie Hurst

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James Hayden Daugherty **MCL**
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Baltazar Flores II

Gilbert Flores Jr.
Karla Garcia
Marco Antonio Garcia
Nidia Garcia **MCL**
Jose L. Garza
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Dulce Maria Guevara
Jose Hernandez
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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>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>	<i>Peacock Blue</i>	<i>Public Administration</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fine Arts</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.

UT PAN AMERICAN MEMORY STOLES



Hoping to inspire a new tradition at The University of Texas-Pan American, Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, former president, initiated the wearing of Memory Stoles at her first commencement ceremony as the institution's leader in 2004. The stoles, in the school colors of green and orange, are emblazoned with the UTPA official seal and make a bright and fashionable addition to the all-black graduation gown. Candidates wear the stoles around their necks throughout the graduation ceremonies and then afterwards are encouraged to present the stole to a special person in an expression of gratitude. The treasured stole could be given to mom, dad, spouse, educator or a friend who most inspired, mentored or helped in your personal quest for knowledge. At UTPA, a campus community that places great importance on cherishing family and friends, Memory Stoles are a tradition that will undoubtedly withstand the test of time.

Graduates, may you wear your Memory Stole with pride!



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
inspiration. Lead us ever to the
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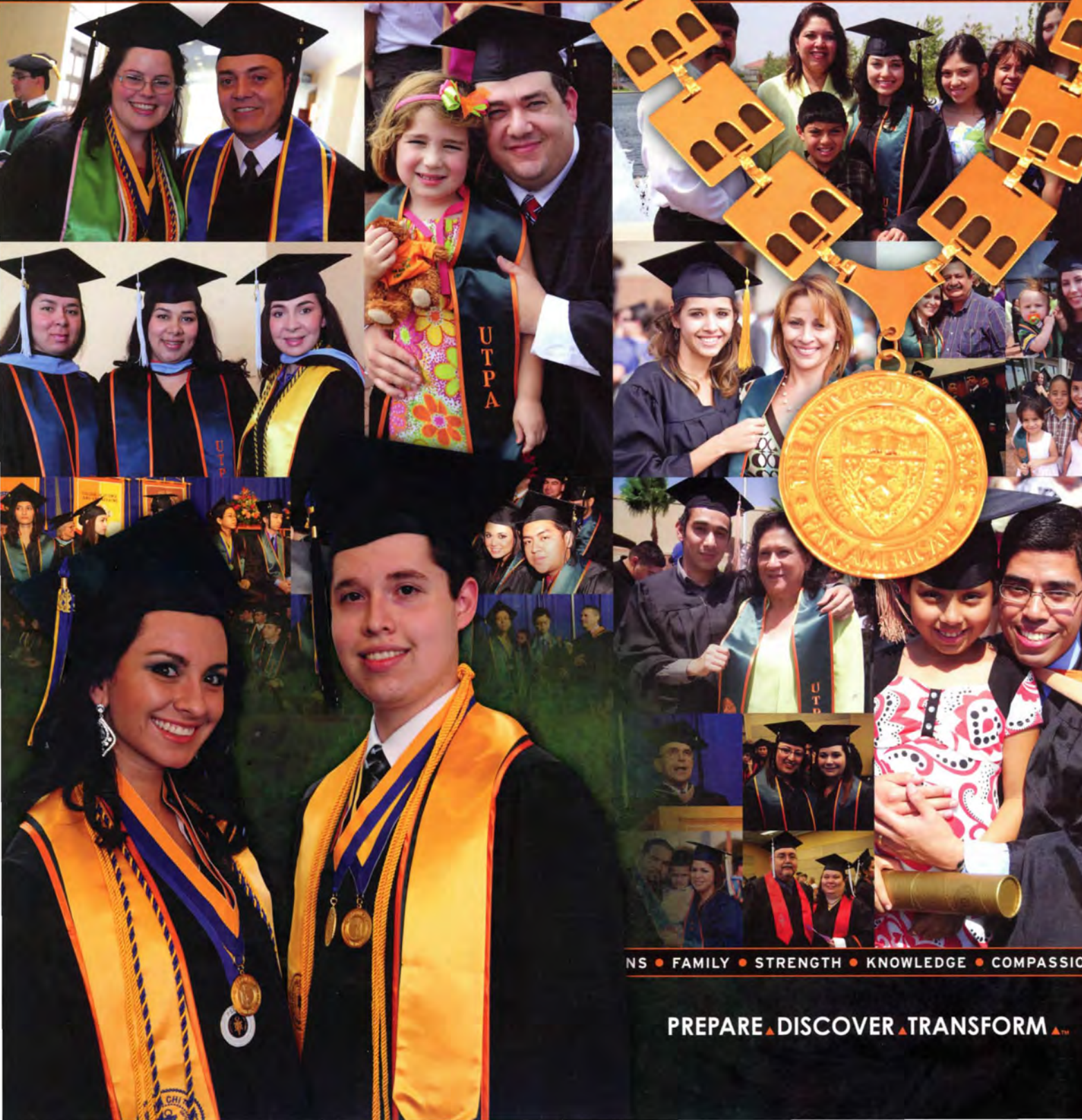
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