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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN™

2008 FALL *Commencement*



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN FALL 2008 GRADUATES

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to the Class of 2008! Today we join family and friends in proudly celebrating your great achievement.

We recognize and applaud the hard work, commitment and perseverance it has taken for you to accomplish your educational goals. With this nation celebrating change and hope, you are poised to make great contributions to this new tomorrow. We have every confidence in your future success.

As you celebrate today, please take a moment to remember those who have paved the way for your success. Civil rights advocates, community leaders, friends and family who fought hard to make sure you had every opportunity to excel. It is my hope that you will one day have a chance to honor those who helped you along the way by reaching out to your Alma Mater and those who may hope to follow in your footsteps. To that end, I welcome and encourage your membership in the UTPA Alumni Association and your support of this university, its programs and, most importantly, its future students.

Again, congratulations and may your future be worthy of all your dreams.

Sincerely,



Blandina Cárdenas
President



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ORDER OF EXERCISES

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS		Dr. Paul Sale, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER		Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, President
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	9 a.m.	Ms. Gilda Romero, Chief Operating Officer South Texas Health System
	1:30 p.m.	Mr. Arturo Rosales, Director, Program Services and Execution Commercial and Civil Programs Boeing Space and Intelligence Systems
	5:30 p.m.	The Honorable J.D. Salinas III, Hidalgo County Judge
INTRODUCTION OF TOP GRADUATE		Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, President
STUDENT ADDRESS	9 a.m.	Ms. Katie Lynn McCarty, College of Arts and Humanities
	1:30 p.m.	Ms. Alejandra Fabre, College of Business Administration
	5:30 p.m.	Ms. Charity Maxine Bowen, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
INTRODUCTION OF ACADEMIC DEANS		Dr. Paul Sale, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
PRESENTATION and HOODING of DOCTORAL DEGREES	1:30 p.m.	Dr. Teofilo Ozuna, Dean, College of Business Administration
	5:30 p.m.	Dr. Salvador Hector Ochoa, Dean, College of Education
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL, MASTER'S and BACCALAUREATE DEGREES:	9 a.m.	Dr. Dahlia Guerra, Dean, College of Arts and Humanities Dr. Bruce J. Reed, Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services
	1:30 p.m.	Dr. Teofilo Ozuna, Dean, College of Business Administration Dr. Edwin LeMaster, Dean, College of Science and Engineering
	5:30 p.m.	Dr. Salvador Hector Ochoa, Dean, College of Education Dr. Van A. Reidhead, Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL, MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES		Dr. Paul Sale, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
AWARDING OF DOCTORAL, MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES		Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, President
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETINGS		Dr. Roland S. Arriola
PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS		Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, President
MUSIC PROVIDED BY		The University of Texas-Pan American Department of Music

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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

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The College of Arts and Humanities includes the Departments of Art, Communication, English, History and Philosophy, Modern Languages and Literature, and Music. The goals of the College of Arts and Humanities are based upon the recognition that a liberal arts education is the foundation for all University studies.



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The College of Science and Engineering includes the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mathematics, Physics and Geology. In addition to the top-notch departments, the college has developed programs for pre-dental, premedical, and pre-optometry students. The college offers bachelor's and master's degrees in each major and has two funded Bridge to the Doctorate programs to assist students to continue their graduate education and complete doctoral degrees at other universities.



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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.



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An Historical Research Study of the Doctoral Dissertations in Education Leadership at The University of Texas-Pan American

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An Examination of Center Learning on Emergent Literacy in Bilingual Early Childhood Classrooms

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Gas-Assisted Powder Injection Molding: A Study on the Effect of Processing Variables on Bubble Formation

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Rhetoric and Propaganda of the White House Press Secretary an Examination and Cluster Criticism of the Language of the White House Press Secretaries of the Presidential Administration of George W. Bush

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One and Two Photon Polymerization of SU8 Based Materials and Analysis of Thermophysical Properties

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Stakeholders' Perceptions of Quality Education for Bilingual Learners in Dual Language Schools

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The Relationship Between Negative Weight-Related Teasing, Low Self-Esteem and Eating Disorder Characteristics Among College Students in Romantic Relationships

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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.

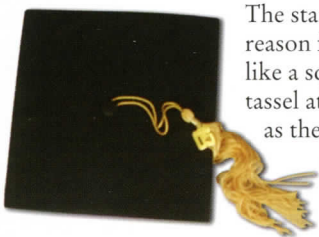
ACADEMIC REGALIA

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.

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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.

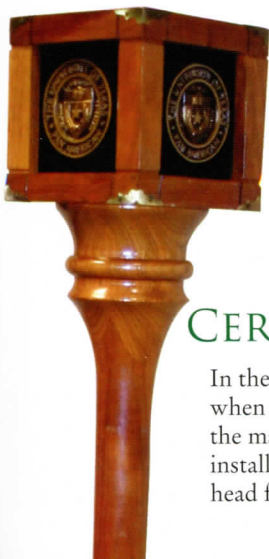
GONFALONS



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
inspiration. Lead us ever to the
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