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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN *2006*
Commencement





THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN

SPRING 2006 GRADUATES

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of The University of Texas-Pan American, congratulations to the members of the Class of 2006!

Earning a diploma is a significant achievement and today's commencement serves as testament to your dedication and commitment to your educational goals. For many of you, today may have come at great personal and family sacrifice. You have much to be proud of and much to celebrate!

Do not take your education for granted. Educational opportunities have been hard won by your families and many who have come before you. Consider your college education to be an honored gift. I challenge you to make the most of your knowledge. At UTPA you have been well prepared to make contributions to your community. In today's climate, your leadership will be critical for the future of our region, state and the nation.

As the newest alumni, it is my greatest hope that today marks the beginning of a long relationship with the University.

In closing, know that you will forever have a special place in my heart. I feel honored to have been a part of your life and to have shared in this significant milestone.

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



Blandina Cárdenas

President



PLATFORM GUESTS

Dr. Blandina Cárdenas	President, The University of Texas-Pan American
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Dr. Bruce Reed	Interim Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services
Dr. Edwin LeMaster	Dean, College of Science and Engineering
Dr. Van Reidhead	Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Ms. Stacey Michelle Gooden	Top Graduate, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Mr. Robert Lee Salazar	Top Graduate, College of Science and Engineering
Ms. Maria Elizabeth Rincon	Top Graduate, College of Business Administration
Ms. Esmeralda Ortiz	Top Graduate, College of Education
Mr. Antonio O. Garza	Guest Speaker, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico
Ms. Joy L. Bryant	Guest Speaker, Vice President and Program Manager, International Space Station Space Exploration Boeing Integrated Defense Systems
Mr. Michael A. Allen	Guest Speaker, Executive Vice President of External Affairs and Strategic Projects, McAllen Economic Development Corporation
Dr. Sylvia R. Hatton	Guest Speaker, Executive Director, Region One Education Service Center
Mr. Bret L. Mann	President Elect, UTPA Alumni Association (9 a.m. and noon)
Mr. Dale B. Winter	President, UTPA Alumni Association (3 and 6 p.m.)

GRAND MARSHAL

Dr. Ala R. Qubbaj	Faculty Senate Chair
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CLASS MARSHALS

Dr. Mohan P. Rao	College of Business Administration
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ORDER OF EXERCISES

Introduction of Guests	Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, <i>President</i>
Introduction of Speaker	.....	Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, <i>President</i>
Commencement Address	..... 9 a.m.	Mr. Antonio O. Garza, <i>U.S. Ambassador to Mexico</i>
	Noon	Ms. Joy L. Bryant, <i>Vice President and Program Manager, International Space Station Space Exploration, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems</i>
	3 p.m.	Mr. Michael A. Allen, <i>Executive Vice President of External Affairs and Strategic Projects, McAllen Economic Development Corporation</i>
	6 p.m.	Dr. Sylvia R. Hatton, <i>Executive Director, Region One Education Service Center</i>
Introduction of Top Graduate	.....	Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, <i>President</i>
Student Address	..... 9 a.m.	Ms. Stacey Michelle Gooden (<i>College of Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>)
	Noon	Mr. Robert Lee Salazar (<i>College of Science and Engineering</i>)
	3 p.m.	Ms. Maria Elizabeth Rincon (<i>College of Business Administration</i>)
	6 p.m.	Ms. Esmeralda Ortiz (<i>College of Education</i>)
Introduction of Academic Deans	.....	Dr. Ana Maria Rodriguez, <i>Interim Provost/VP for Academic Affairs</i>
Presentation and Hooding of Doctoral Degrees	.....	Dr. John Emery, <i>Dean, College of Business Administration</i>
Presentation of Candidates for Doctoral, Master and Baccalaureate Degrees	..... 9 a.m.	Dr. Bruce Reed, <i>Interim Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services</i> Dr. Van Reidhead, <i>Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>
	Noon	Dr. Edwin LeMaster, <i>Dean, College of Science and Engineering</i>
	3 p.m.	Dr. Wallace Tucker, <i>Interim Dean, College of Arts and Humanities</i> Dr. John Emery, <i>Dean, College of Business Administration</i>
	6 p.m.	Dr. Velma Menchaca Ochoa, <i>Interim Dean, College of Education</i>
Certification of Candidates for Doctoral, Master's and Baccalaureate Degrees	.....	Dr. Ana Maria Rodriguez, <i>Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Awarding of Doctoral, Master's and Baccalaureate Degrees	.....	Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, <i>President</i>
Alumni Association Greetings	.....	Mr. Bret L. Mann, <i>President Elect, Alumni Association (9 a.m. and noon)</i> Mr. Dale B. Winter, <i>President, Alumni Association (3 and 6 p.m.)</i>
President's Comments	.....	Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, <i>President</i>
Music Provided by	.....	<i>The University of Texas-Pan American Department of Music</i> Dr. Dahlia Guerra, <i>Chair</i>
Reception Honoring all Graduates	.....	<i>Immediately following each ceremony a reception honoring all graduates will be held in the Sundial Courtyard.</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 HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES

The College of Health Sciences and Human Services include 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.

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COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences includes the departments of Criminal Justice, Military Science, Political Science, Psychology and Anthropology, Public Administration and Sociology. The mission of the College is to teach the body of knowledge and the critical thinking skills of the

social and behavioral sciences; to add to this base of knowledge and skills through high-quality research; and to utilize the knowledge and skills in service to the local and professional communities of South Texas and the nation as a whole.

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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 from the college to continue their graduate educations to complete doctoral degrees at other universities.

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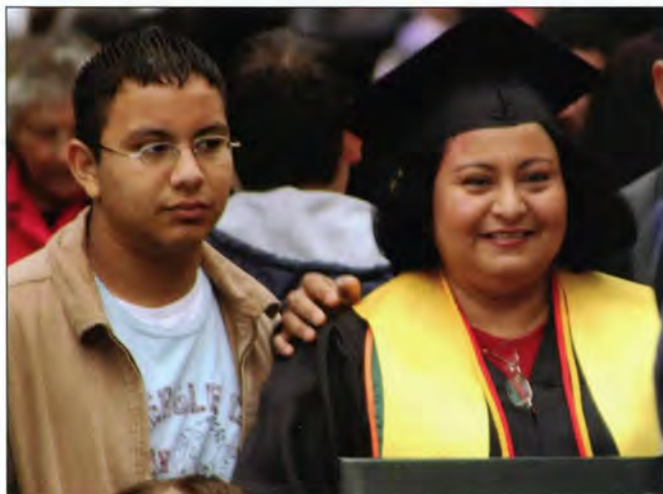
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COSTUMES AND CUSTOMS OF COMMENCEMENT

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:

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

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.

COSTUMES AND CUSTOMS OF COMMENCEMENT

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

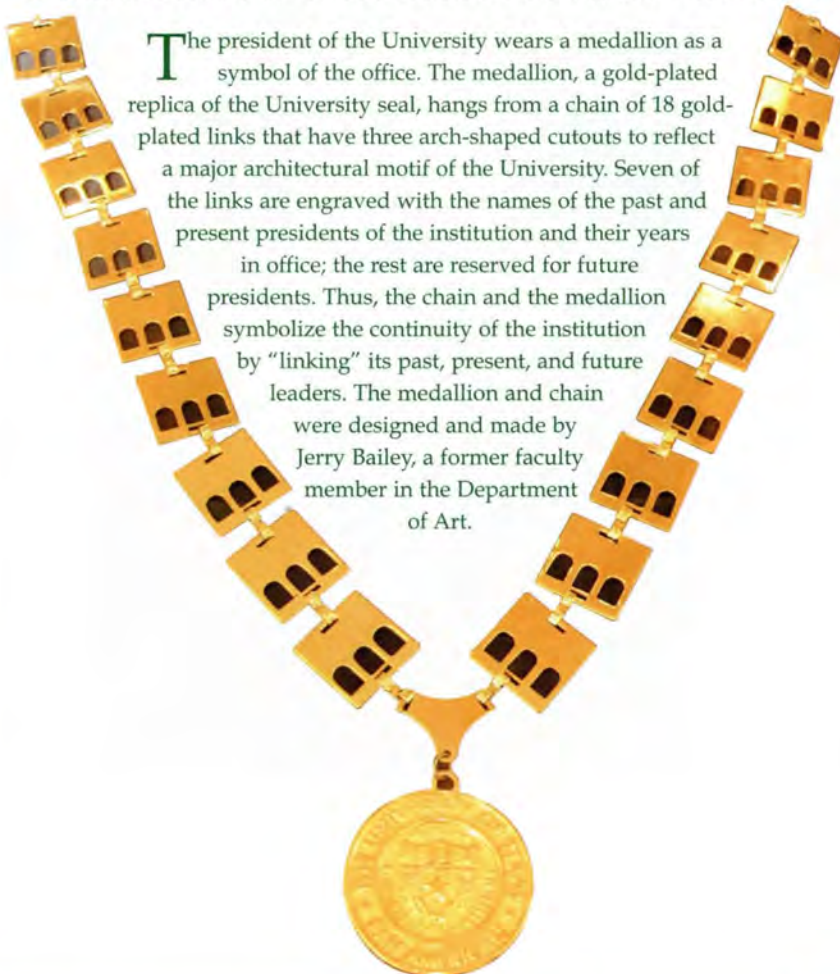
students are graduating at that ceremony. The University gonfalon is present at all ceremonies. UTPA's gonfalons were designed and created by art professor Nancy Moyer, using distinctive images and colors for each college. For example, the College of Education's

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."

- Frederick (Ted) von Ende, Ph.D.
Professor of English

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, President Dr. Blandina Cárdenas initiated the wearing of Memory Stoles at her first commencement ceremony as the institution's leader in fall 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.

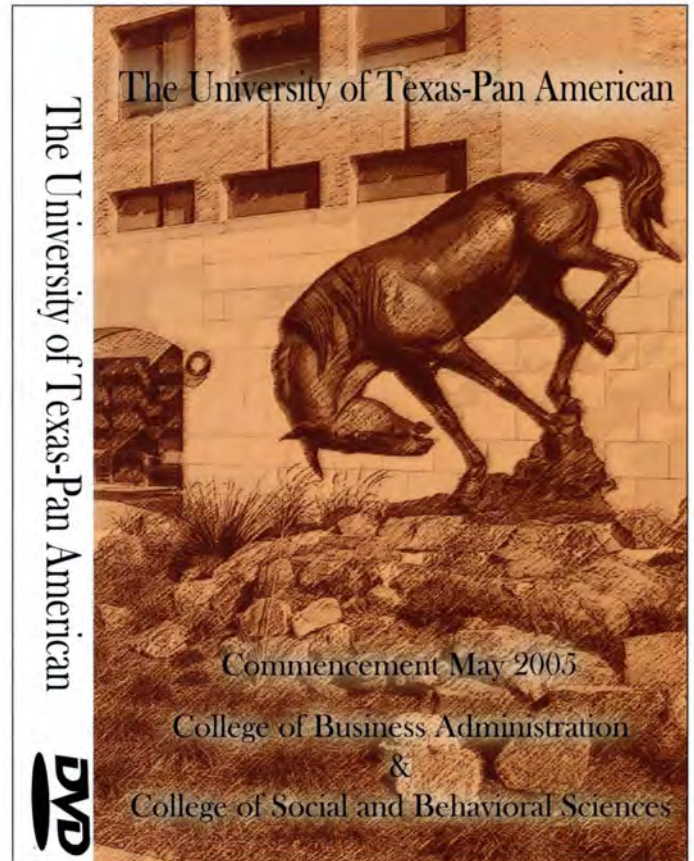
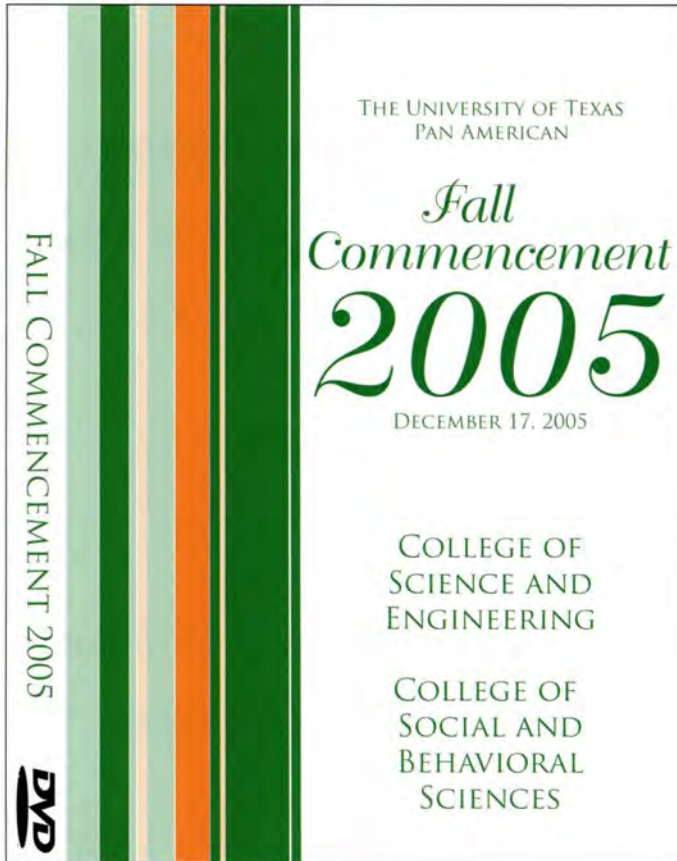
Candidates wear the stoles around their necks throughout the graduation ceremonies and then afterwards are encouraged to present the stole to a special person in an expression of gratitude. The treasured stole could be given to mom, dad, spouse, educator or a friend who most inspired, mentored or helped 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 Stoles with pride!



CONGRATULATIONS 2006 UTPA GRADUATES!



The University of Texas-Pan American is proud to offer you a special memento of your graduation day – a Commencement Video. The video will capture all the highlights of the spring 2006 ceremonies including the procession, speakers, graduates receiving their diplomas, and the excitement of families and loved ones as they celebrate your accomplishment.

The videos will be sold in a DVD format at the University

Bookstore located on the corner of University Drive and Miguel A. Nevárez Drive. Orders are currently being taken and a payment is required in advance to reserve your keepsake video. The price for the Commencement Video is \$21.50. The University Bookstore will contact you when the videos are ready to be picked up.

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Hail to thee, our Alma Mater!

True and loyal, we will be.

This our song,

"Forever Onward!"

With our colors, green

and white,

May you be our inspiration,

Lead us ever to the light.

To our dear old Alma Mater

To the name of UTPA

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