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2013 SUMMER *Commencement*

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN SUMMER 2013 GRADUATES



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to the Class of 2013! The entire UTPA family joins me in celebrating the next chapter in your life.

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 to your alma mater. As alumni of The University of Texas-Pan American, the best way to honor those who helped you on your quest for an education is to reach back to help those who will follow in your footsteps. The University and the next generation of Broncs need your support.

Again, you have my sincerest 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 written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert S. Nelsen
President

2013 SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

PLATFORM GUESTS:

Dr. Robert S. Nelsen	President, The University of Texas-Pan American
Dr. Havidán Rodríguez	Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Martin V. Baylor	Vice President for Business Affairs and Acting Vice President for Community Engagement
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Dr. Jeffrey Graham	Vice President for Information Technology
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Dr. Cynthia Brown (Ph.D. '98)	Vice Provost for Graduate Studies, Academic Centers and Continuing Education
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Dr. Dahlia Guerra (BA '76)	Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
Dr. Teofilo Ozuna	Dean, College of Business Administration
Dr. Salvador Hector Ochoa.....	Dean, College of Education
Dr. Miguel A. Gonzalez	Dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science
Dr. John Ronnau	Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services
Dr. Walter Díaz	Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Dr. John M. Trant.....	Dean, College of Science and Mathematics
Mr. Thomas E. Yznaga (BA '81).....	UTPA Alumni Association, Board Member
Dr. Norma V. Cantu (BA '73).....	Guest Speaker

GRAND MARSHAL FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Joel Pagan

CLASS MARSHALS

Dr. Marci McMahon	College of Arts and Humanities
Dr. Linda Matthews	College of Business Administration
Dr. Laura Saenz	College of Education
Dr. Pearl Brazier	College of Engineering and Computer Science
Mr. Keith Sibley	College of Health Sciences and Human Services
Dr. Eleftherios Gkioulekas	College of Science and Mathematics
Dr. Alfonso Mercado	College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

ANNOUNCING THE CANDIDATES

Ms. Adriana Trevino (BA '11)..... 9 a.m.

Marketing Director, McAllen Economic Development Corporation

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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.	Norma V. Cantu (BA '73), <i>Civil Rights Activist & Professor of Law and Education</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. Dahlia Guerra (BA '76), <i>Dean, College of Arts and Humanities</i> Dr. Teofilo Ozuna, <i>Dean, College of Business Administration</i> Dr. Salvador Hector Ochoa, <i>Dean, College of Education</i> Dr. Miguel A. Gonzalez, <i>Dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science</i> Dr. John Ronnau, <i>Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services</i> Dr. John M. Trant, <i>Dean, College of Science and Mathematics</i> Dr. Walter Díaz, <i>Dean, 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		Mr. Thomas E. Yznaga (BA '81), <i>UTPA Alumni Association, Board Member</i>
PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS		Dr. Robert S. Nelsen, <i>President</i>
MUSIC PROVIDED BY		<i>The University of Texas-Pan American Department of Music</i>

2013 SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

The College of Arts and Humanities includes the departments of Art, Communication, English, History and Philosophy, Modern Languages and Literature, and Music and Dance. 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.

MASTER OF ARTS

Roseann Bacha-Garza	Amanda Canales	Helen Martin	Amanda Nicole Sandoval
María Alberta Barrera	Veronica Flores	Marilyn Prado	Rodolfo Trevino
Jesus Briones	Tonya Elisette Juarez	Angela K. Salazar	

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Jannett Pena

MASTER OF MUSIC

Sonya Martinez

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Yazmin Aguilar	Maria Gloria Escamilla CL	Hector Manuel Hinojosa	Mayra A. Ochoa CL	Gabriel A. Salinas
Luis Alaniz Jr. MCL	April Esparza	Frank Javier Ibarra	Abigail S. Ojeda CL	Lizella Salinas
Alex Alejandro CL	Claudia Renee	Lauren Sheyne January	Ciara Breanna Perez	Alyssa P. Sanchez
Alma Delia Artega	Espinosa	Nicole January	Samantha Allyssa	Andrea Elizabeth
Lisa Marie Benavidez	Kristina Danielle	Amparo E. Lara	Portales	Sanchez
Anali Bravo	Espinoza	Erika Conzttanza	Tomas Adrian Quiroga	Eric D. Sanchez
Gilbert Brunnemann	Raul Arnoldo Flores Jr.	Lizcano	Brittany Nicole Ramirez MCL	Cyndy Anabel
Celina Marie Calise	Angely Natalia Florez CL	Ashley Jamee Lopez	Juan Carlos Ramirez	Santana
Kevin Bryan Canales MCL	Cesar Armando Gaitan	Luis A. Lopez	Patrick Richard Ramirez	Jacqueline N. Sifuentes MCL
Yesenia Cano	Victor Galvan	Sandra P. Lopez	Richard Michael	Andrew Robert Smith
Javier Cantu CL	Alejandro Garcia Jr.	Andrew R. Louder	Ramon	Beatriz Soto
Marla Lorena Cantu	Veronica Araceli Garcia	Monica Anahi Lozano	Romeo Rendon III	Gregory Ryan Sparrow CL
Carlos Joel Cardenas	Carlos Garza	Becky A. Maldonado	Priscilla Ivonne	Ignacio Tanguma IV
Andrea Castaneda	Estella Garza	Diana De Lourdes	Renteria	Angelica Maria Torres
Cynthia Castellanos	Jose Alonzo Garza	Maldonado	Claudia U. Rivas	Jessica Rae Torres
Victor Santiago	Joseph Steven Garza	Joshua H. Maldonado	Marybel Rodriguez CL	Zandra Trevino
Castillo	Elia B. Gomez	Annette Martinez	Ruby Ann Rodriguez	Jorge A. Valdez
Alondra Anahi Cecena	Jena Marie Gonzales	April Alma Anne	Sasha A. Rodriguez	Rafael Valdez
Sandra E. Cervantes	Marcela Gonzalez	Martinez	Rebeca Rosario Rubio	Karina Laura Vargas MCL
Jose Francisco Chapa	Rosa Isela Gonzalez	Damaris Inez	Sarah M. Runkle CL	Eric Matthew Vasquez
Abigail Chavarrilla	De Vega	Martinez	Claudia Saenz	Jennifer E. Vasquez
Andres Chavez III	Anna Maria Hernandez	Xavier Martinez	Krystal Alyssa Saenz	Evelyn Villarreal
Maricela De La Cruz	Hector J. Hernandez MCL	Juan Gabriel Matta	Manuel Angel Saenz	Melina Villarreal
Andrea De La Vega CL	Jose Jesus Hernandez Jr. MCL	Pedro Augusto Medina	Somer Nicole Salameh MCL	Leticia Villegas
Monica Laura	Nelly Hernandez	Sonia Miranda	Byanka K. Salce	Victoria Villela
Dominguez	Prisma Hernandez	Yolanda Munoz	Cecilia Lizeth Salinas	Andres Zamora Jr.
Hilary Elizondo CL	Miguel Angel Herrera	Keyla M. Ochoa	Eunice Estefania Salinas MCL	Evana Zamora

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL STUDIES COMPOSITE

Gustavo G. Gutierrez	Adolfo Hernandez	Eduardo A. Lopez	Ricardo Ramos Jr.	Sasha Danielle Suarez
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BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Amanda M. Alejos MCL	Daniel Correa	Joseph D. Hohmann	Margarita Geraldin Mireles
Jared Paul Ballejos	Kelly Felau	Pablo O. Martinez	Abilene Urbina Vargas
Karla Aracely Castillo	Rolando David Garza	Daniela Melhem	Marie Yvette Vilanova

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Juan Manuel Amaro	Victoria R. Cantu	Omar Estrella	Salvador Marmolejo Jr.
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Cum Laude (CL) – 3.5–3.69 grade point average



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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, 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

Paul Gennaro Barretta	Madison Ndi Ngafeeson	Emre Ulusoy
Kenneth Steven Lovell	Huy Tran	Manal Yunis

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Dyanira Adriel Farias	Yangming Kuang	Jorge Salomon Maldonado	Basalisa R. Noyola
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MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Klaus Soenke Beckmann	Jorge Enrique Martinez	Michael T. Nguyen	Phan-An N. Tong
Cassie Contreras	Oscar David Mendoza	Jan Obieray	Francisco Vizcarra
Maria Cristina Lopez	Matthew John Mire	Rene Rolando Salinas Jr.	

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

Alejandra Rubi Santa Ana

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Imanol Chavez Gongora

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Luis Miguel Aguilar	Rolando Flores	Abigail Leyva	Jose Gerardo Perez	Horacio Saenz III CL
Julio Cesar Alanis	Michelle Fuentes	Robert Brian Lozano	Veronica Selina Perez	Alejandra Rubi Santa Ana CL
Edgar C. Alonzo	Ricardo D. Galindo	Sophia Lozano	Adriana Petrides	Marissa Santana
Alberto Anguiano Jr.	Armando Galvan	Julissa Lugo	Abdiel Quiroga	Jorge C. Sierra
Brenda Lee Aviles	Anna Karen Garcia	Daniel R. Maani	Claudia Citlalli Ramirez	Jose L. Silva CL
Edward Anthony Ayala	Genesis A. Garcia	Laura Alyssa Maldonado	Justin R. Ramirez	Roberto Othon Silva Jr.
Ariadne Yurieem Banales de Marquez	Melinda Garcia	Zachary I. Manuel	Neyda S. Ramirez CL	Grace Leticia Suarez
Jennifer Barrera	Christopher Andrew Garza	Jesus Alberto Martinez	Javier Omar Regalado	Bishari D. Swain
Maria D. Canchola	Ricardo Carlos Garza II	Nelson Ramiro Martinez	Aineki Marie Reyes	Alejandro Benjamin Tagle
Melanie Ivonne Cano	Carol Alejandra Gomez Garcia	Joey Martinez-Rios	Cesar G. Reyes	Manuel Alejandro Tamayo
Jaime Cervantes	Daniella Gonzalez	Rachella Mascorro	Marissa Reyes	Edgar Torres
Kathryn Victoria Champion	Luis F. Gonzalez	Pedro Alejandro Matamoros	Alessandra Rios SCL	Mirosalaba Torres
Krystal Stephanie Chaverri	Aileen Gracia	Rosa Dalia Mejia CL	Erika Marlene Rivas Pena	Raul Ugalde
Gilberto Curiel Jr.	Virgilio A. Guajardo	Marissa Miranda	Julissa Edin Rivera	Jose R. Valdez
Zenia A. De Anda	Carlos Guasch CL	Hernan Mireles Jr.	Jose Eduardo Robles	Clarissa M. Vallejo
Raul De Leon MCL	Gerardo Gutierrez	Gabriel Moreno	Lesbia Alejandra Rodriguez	Jose R. Vela
Daniel Diaz Jr.	Israel Gutierrez Jr.	Maribel Moreno	Horacio Saenz III CL	Laura Vanessa Vela
Joe S. Eguia	Blake Stuart Herold	Israel Ocanas	Vanessa Arlene Salinas	Paola Williams
Josue Elizondo	Refugio Hinojosa Jr.	Yolanda Ordonez	Veronica M. Salinas	Sylvia Eleene Williams
Robert Joseph Escamilla	Lizbeth Jimenez	Claudia Berenice Padron	Joanna Sanchez	Dafne G. Woodin
Melody Bahar Faraji	David Juarez	Cinthya N. Pena	Lissibeth Nisdaly Sanchez	Edward M. Wylie
Erick A. Flores	Sarah Elizabeth Kothny	Rene Alejandro Pena	Marshall Oliver Sanchez	
Martha Alicia Flores CL	Jaime Omar Leal	Ignacio Perez III	Armando Sanchez Gonzalez	
	Marco Andres Leal	Janelly Perez	Juan C. Sandoval	

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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND 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, Manufacturing Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and the programs of Engineering Management and Information Technology.

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Zhipeng Niu Yuan Xue Xingsi Zhong

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Juan M. Alvarez Eduardo Granados Le Luo Zaday Ramirez Esteban Torres
Lina Lizbeth Chavez Andrew William Leeper Oluwaseun Samuel Oremosu Ruben Suarez Jr.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Fadi A. Damaj Jesse Vicencio Gueco

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Luis Sergio Martinez Paul Rodriguez

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Yasmine Gutierrez Alejandra Longoria Linda Martinez

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

David Omar Cano Amy Gonzalez CL Jack Hudson Jesus Humberto Riojas II Rodrigo Didier Thierry
Alfredo Estrada Reynaldo A. Gonzalez Christopher J. Larson Jose Edgar Segovia Edgar Trevino

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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. 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

Rolando Avila

MASTER OF ARTS

Adriana Carolina Garcia

Juan Manuel Perez

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Marisol Avalos
Maricruz Cantu
Claudia Lee Carr
Esmeralda Delbosque
Michael Daniel Hernandez
Anabel Hinojosa

Hugo E. Leal
Armando Ledesma
Celia Ledesma
Thelma Lerma
Anita Garcia Lugo
Cynthia Madrigal

Tanya Gisela Martinez
Antonio Medina
Juan J. Paredes
Rebecca Ann Quintero
Manuel Ramirez
Lillian Ramos

Sandra Ramos
Cynthia Guadalupe Salinas
Noraliza Sanchez
Crystal Mae Segura
Rachal Lee Valdez

BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Melva Lisa Bernal
Yadira Cardenas **MCL**
Alisha Rose De Leon
Mayra Judith Garza **MCL**

Claudia I. Gomez
Annabel Gonzalez **CL**
Antonio Gutierrez Jr. **CL**
Maria Idalia Lozano

Irene Molina
Ileana Guadalupe
Montalvo
Erika Ozuna

Liza Cecilia Ramirez
Elisa Raquel Rios
Patricia J. Rosales
Maria Cristina Servin

Elaine Marie Vigil

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Gloria A. Alvarez
Gabriela Arellano **CL**
Miguel Angel Ascencio
Alejandra Borrego
Mann H. Carter
Maya Leann Casas

Candelario Garza
Federico Garza Jr. **CL**
Yvonne Garza
Andrew R. Gonzalez
Amanda L. Leal
Bianca Lizette Lopez

Gerardo Medrano Jr.
Priscilla Paz
Ismael O. Reytez
Frank Rene Rios
Adrian Rocha
Alfonso Rodriguez

Marcella Teresa Salinas
David Sanchez
Tommy Cee Tijerina
Thomas Tovar
Ruben Lewis Trevino **CL**
Aaron T. Urbanus

Bianca Renee
Villarreal
Kori M. Waters

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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES

The College of Health Sciences and Human Services includes the departments of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Rehabilitation, Social Work, and the programs of Clinical Laboratory Sciences and Dietetics. 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.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Amber Marie Feist

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Jesus R. Flores	Cindy Noemi Lopez	Ivan Emmanuel Perales	Rey David Rangel	Nikki Trevino
Andrea Hernandez	Karen Maria Lozano	Rodriguez	Iram Solis	

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Maria Guadalupe Bernal	Melissa Garcia	Frank Anthony Patti	Claudia Henet Teer
Diana Vasquez Cantu	Denise Garza	Ruben Perez	Nelda Iris Trevino
Consuelo Carranza	Jessica Renee Garza	Mayra Lizet Quintanilla	Rodolfo Vasquez
Adriana Cruz	Claudia Maldonado	Alexandra Joy Rodriguez	Romelia Vega
Michelle Escamilla	Tania Josephine Martinez	Tina Marie Schiefelbein	Priscilla A. Webber

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Rebbekah Alcazar	Nenci E. Garcia CL	Jennifer Nicole	Bianca Rochelle Ortiz	Reyna M. Salazar
Larah Tracey Alexander SCL	Stacey Garcia	Martinez	Maria Luisa Prieto CL	Joel Walter Salazar CL
Hiram Anzaldua	Monica Yvette Garza MCL	Melissa Marie	Jose Guadalupe	Carla E. Torres
Elizabeth Balderas	Gloria Gonzalez MCL	Martinez	Quintanilla III	Gabriela Adriana Vega
Cristal Barreto	Alejandra Guzman	Selene Jaqueline	Melissa Quintanilla	Victoria Ann Vela MCL
Melanie Cadena MCL	Barrenechea	Martinez	Amy Lyn Quintero SCL	Hortencia Westerman
Brittany Ash Castillo	Camila Hernandez CL	Maria de Rosario Mata	Mariano Resendez Jr.	Sitlalli Yanez
Victoria Rae Chappell	Robert Hernandez Jr.	Lauren Valerie Matthews MCL	Liana Rivera	Jose Miguel Zamora CL
Rosalinda Covarrubia	Saul Sergio	Tomas Medrano	Analee Rodriguez CL	Fernando Zepeda Jr.
Nohemi I. Duarte	Hernandez	Alfred G. Molina	Juan Carlos	
Casas	Kathryn Hinojosa CL	Vanessa J. Moreno CL	Rodriguez	
Javier Orlando Flores	Angela Lara	Isabel Marie Nieto	Mariana Lizeth	
Renee Marie Flores	Emma Magallan MCL	Ronnie Lee Nino	Rodriguez	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Carliza Marie Boncales	Librado Omar Cavazos	Jessica Hernandez
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BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Minerva V. Acosta	Melissa De Los Santos	Pedro Hernandez	Joanna Marie Pina SCL	Lorena Sosa
Veronica Aguilar	Karla K. Dominguez	Sahed Lozano	Ruby Ramos	San Juana Vasquez
Yahaira Alaniz	Robin Lynn Dunn	Yvonne Martinez	Nereyda J. Reyna	
Nadia Alonso	Deyanira Garcia CL	Angeles Teresa	Jennifer Rivera	
Sonia L. Balderas	Viviana Garcia	Noriega	Marina Rodriguez	
Yvette Carpintero	Jose Myrto Garza	Hermelinda Palomin	Adilene Salinas	
Raquel Cruz	Rosa Maria Garza	Elsa Pina	Erica E. Sanchez CL	

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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, Sociology, and Public Administration. 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.

MASTER OF ARTS

Anthony Beltran	Ana Isel Elizondo	Armando Francisco Pena	Ashley Marie Ramos	Iris J. Segundo
Violeta Davila	Dina Leticia Garza	Hector Ramon Pena	Miguel Angel Reyes	Judy Denise Sifonte

MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Orlando Flores	Sarah Jean Segura
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MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Michelle Lee Aldape	Christopher Leroy Cavazos
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MASTER OF SCIENCE

Martina Latters Thomas	Enedina Villarreal
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Guadalupe A. Barrera Daniel	Josue De Hoyos	Laura Nelly Escobedo	Oscar Garza	Roel Zambrano Jr.
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BACHELOR OF ARTS

Philip Sam Abraham	Sahrai Cervantes	Sarahlee Flores	Robert Hinojosa	Roland Domingo
Baldemar Acevedo	Karla Cristina Chavez MCL	Gennifer Galvan	Eder Emmanuel Leal	Ramos
Kirstine Elaine Adames SCL	Maria A. Chavez	Christina Lizette	Raul Lopez III	Alyssa Nicole
Yvette Marie Alaniz SCL	Diana M. De Hoyos	Garcia	Santiago Lazaro	Rodriguez
Rene Alonso	Mirza M. De La Cruz	Elizabeth Garcia CL	Lopez	Estela C. Rodriguez
Sarah Alvarado	Eric De La Torre	Eric Lee Garcia	Rafael Angel Mancillas	Karelyn Flores Rosado
Arnoldo Amador	Bernarda Brenda Diaz	Jeremy John Garcia	Luis Aldo Molano	Alejandra Enid
Ramiro Atilano	Michael Dominguez	Christina M. Garza	Paula Morin	Rosales
Ramon Eduardo Barba	Christopher Lee	Denisee Gomez	Yvette Munoz MCL	Reyna M. Salazar
Gabriela Barrera	Dungan	Adabel Gonzalez	Iliana Balvina Ortiz	Joanna Salinas
Omar Beltran	Larissa Illiana Femat	Alfredo Gonzalez	Yvette Ortiz	Vanessa Marie Trevino
Ana P. Cantu	Anthony L. Flores	Rafael Frausto	Amanda L. Pena	Thelma G. Urbina
April Cantu	Lupe Alberto Flores	Gonzalez	Claudia Carolina Pena	Lisa Marie Vela
Arnoldo Cantu MCL	Renee Flores	Krystal A. Hernandez	Victoria Ivette Perez	Tyler Clayton Wright

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BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Karina Margarita Arteaga	Serge Forcier Jr.	Jasmine S. Gordon	Leslie Anne Martinez	Veronica Perez
Dina Marie Cano	Gilbert A. Gamez II	Maria Elena Guel	Colby Hunter Mccasland	Renan Rodriguez
Sotero Chapa	Orlando Fidel Garcia	Jenai Katherine Guerra	Cassandra Lawanda Moody	Christian Torres
Yvette Cruz	Clarissa Garza	Kevin B. Kirakossian	Johnondra W. Patterson	
Jesus Manuel Delgado Jr.	Jonathan Gonzalez	Aleida Leal	Eric Lee Pena	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Jesse Acosta CL	Samiha Cruz	Crystal Ibarra	Mariza R. Reyes	Maria Isabel Venegas
Laura E. Aranda	Emmanuel Fernando Culebro	Prakhar Jain	Lana Alexandra Rodriguez	Yadira Estella Zamora
Vanessa Joanna Arita	Fabiola Garcia	Melissa R. Martinez	Leticia Gualadupe Rosales	
Elisa Ayala	Karina K. Garcia	Laura Christine Ocanas	Keith A. Rufo	
Estrella Cameron	Sarahi Garcia	Roel Olson III	Jessica Silva	
Brittany Lee Castro	Audrey Gonzalez	Jose Martin Ortegon	San Juanita Trevino	
Valerie Clarke	Annacarina Gutierrez CL	Pamela M. Ramos	Christian Miguel Velazquez	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Karen Daniela Alvarado	Casey Faires	Howard Humberto	Jaime A. Olavarrieta	Perla Z. Segovia
Crucito Barcenas	Eduardo Fernandez	Hinojosa	Esteban Ozuna	Zuhey Sifuentes
Karla Maritza Barcenas	Margarita Fernandez	Pamela Yanel Hinojosa	Adrian Padron	Zayra Belen Solis
Seila Barraza	Aldo Flores	Ximena Guadalupe	Gilberto Pena CL	Sara Tijerina
Guadalupe A. Barrera	Rosaisaura Flores	Jones	Lisa Pena	Matthew A. Torres
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Rolando Avila

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Miguel A. Nevárez: A Life History of Educational Leadership
Committee Chair: Dr. Anita Pankake

Paul Gennaro Barretta

College of Business Administration
Perceived Creative Partnership: A Consequence of Music's Social Use
Committee Chair: Dr. Fuat Firat

Amber Marie Feist

College of Health Sciences and Human Services
Factors Contributing to Successful Employment Outcomes for Hispanic Women Who are Deaf: Utilization of Chi-Squared Automatic Interaction Detector and Logistic Regression Analysis
Committee Chair: Dr. Shawn Saladin

GRADUATE THESES

Andrew O. Alaniz

Department of Mathematics
On Cubic Multisections

Roseann Bacha-Garza

Department of History and Philosophy
San Juan and Its Role in the Transformation of the Greater Rio Grande Valley

Jesus Briones

Department of Communication
Generations Apart: Exploring the Generation Gap in Theatre

Amanda Canales

Department of History and Philosophy
Everybody Loves Jazz...Don't They?

Jose Luis Cantu

Department of English
The Soul of Man Under Capitalism

Jose Manuel Cantu

Department of Biology
*Effects of Habitat Enrichment on the Stress Levels of the Sit-and-Wait Predator Sand Boa (*Gongylophis Colubrinus*)*

Yiwen Cao

Department of Mathematics
Examine Participant Dropout, Undiagnosed Diabetes and Undiagnosed Prediabetes in a Chronic Disease Prevention Education Program

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Department of Mathematics
Synthetic Aperture Radar with Compressed Sensing

Ana Teresita Castillo Rivas

Department of Mathematics
An Application of the Generalization of the 2x2 Zakharov-Shabat Scattering Problem to the Discrete Case of Ablowitz-Ladik Schrödinger Scattering Problem and its Relationship to the Toda Lattice

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Department of Mathematics
On Quantic Eisenstein Series

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College of Business Administration
The Effect of Investor Sentiments on Futures Market Returns and Volatility
Committee Chair: Dr. Teofilo Ozuna

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Understanding User Resistance to Information Technology: Toward a Comprehensive Model in Health Information Technology
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College of Business Administration
Top Management Team Behavioral Integration, Organizational Ambidexterity, and Small Firms' Performance: The Moderating Effect of Entrepreneurial Orientation
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Thorns of Native RGV Plants are Colonized by Potentially Pathogenic Bacteria

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Department of Chemistry
Electrospinning Polymer Blends for Biomimetic Scaffolds for ACL Tissue Engineering

Elyssa Rae Garza

Department of Biology
Investigating the Expression of SfMTP1 and SpMTP1 in Yeast. Implications for Use in Transgenic Arabidopsis Thaliana

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Department of Mathematics
Traveling Wave Solution to Two-Dimensional Burgers-Korteweg-de Vries Equation

Eduardo Granados

Department of Mechanical Engineering
Two-Dimensional Dynamic Model of the Lower Limb

Tonya Elisette Juarez

Department of History and Philosophy
Shifting Policies of Educational Desegregation and its Effects on the Resegregation of the Aldine Independent School District

Qian Kuang

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Examination of Dietary Habits and Fruits and Vegetables Intake in a Chronic Disease Program

Andrew William Leeper

Department of Manufacturing Engineering
Development of Hydrodynamic Numerical Channel Routing Model of the Lower Rio Grande River to Assist in Flood and Stormwater Management

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Department of Mechanical Engineering
Nonlinear Dynamics of Carbon Nanotubes Under Soft Alternating Current Actuation

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College of Business Administration
Toward Understanding the Subcultural Mosaic: Fragmentation of the Culture and the Symbiotic Interplay of the Market and Subcultures
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College of Business Administration
Innovation-Ict-Cybersecurity: The Triad Relationship and its Impact on Growth Competitiveness
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Department of History and Philosophy
Her Story, His Story, History: Gender Relations Among the Calusa of Southern Florida

Miguel Angel Reyes

Department of Psychology
Examining the Association Between Personality and Alcohol Use Among Mexican American College Students: Acculturation and Gender as Moderators

Marisabel Rodriguez-Rodriguez

Department of Mathematics
Dynamical Behaviors of Gonorrhea Strain Competition Model

Iris J. Segundo

Department of Psychology
Analyzing the Effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder on Marital Satisfaction Among the Veteran Latino Population of South Texas

Judy Denise Sifonte

Department of Psychology
Childhood Trauma and Impulsivity as Predictors of Elevated Psychopathy in a College Student Sample

Ruben Suarez Jr.

Department of Mechanical Engineering
Design and Optimization of a Railroad Conductive Suspension Element Pad Composed of Thermoplastic Polyurethane and Carbon Black

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Department of Electrical Engineering
Distributed Sparse Matrix Solver and Pivoting Algorithms for Large Linear Systems

Yuan Xue

Department of Computer Science
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Abegail Chavarrilla

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Anna Karen Vazquez

Medical Assistants as Interpreters in the Health Delivery System in the Rio Grande Valley

Christian Miguel Velazquez

"Psychopathology, Resilience, and Post-traumatic Growth"

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JOIN THE UTPA TRADITION TODAY

THE YEAR 1927

Marks the origin of our institution of higher education.

THE BRONC

Our mascot defines our independence and unrestrained spirit as well as our proud agricultural history.

SEMPER PORRO

This Latin phrase articulates our alma mater "Forever Onward".

THE BOOK & RAYS OF LIGHT

Elements of our official seal that illuminate education and research.

THE ENSIGN SHIELDS

Protects our educational journey.

THE WALKWAY

A unique architectural distinction of our campus. This artery embodies a protective journey, lifelong learning, and community.

THE MEMORY STOLE

Is in remembrance of our educational family, the dedication of administration, faculty, staff, and families, who support our accomplished students.

THE STAR

Relates to the seal of the state of Texas and our relationship to the entire state system.

THE HERALDIC SHIELD

An architectural detail from our historical auditorium. A reminder of our beginnings and venerable history of serving the city of Edinburg and the Rio Grande Valley. Honoring the accomplishments of our graduates.

THE UTPA LOGO

A compass symbolizes the four points – north, south, east and west. The directions represent access and students coming from every corner of our region and from every corner of the world.

THE ARCHES

A campus architectural theme that links our campus village and visually portrays the bridging of cultures in our University community.

THE LAUREL & STAR:

Details from our official seal affirm victory and triumph.

THE OAK

Planted in the premier year of our college, the oak tree illustrates the legacy of planting seeds of wisdom and the growth to both the University and the individual.

YEAR OF GRADUATION

DEGREE OF STUDIES



CLAIM YOUR BRONC RING

The Bronc Ring captures the essence of our University and gives alumni and new graduates the chance to take the spirit of Bronc Country with them wherever they go. Designed by a group of UTPA art students just for you, the Bronc Ring is more than just a piece of jewelry, it's a reminder of the personal growth and unforgettable friendships you forged as a Bronc. Our Ring is reserved exclusively for alumni and students who have achieved a minimum of 60 credit hours. We invite you to be a part of this new tradition in Bronc Country.

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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</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fine Arts</i>		<i>Administration</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.

2013 SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

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 seven 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.

THE BRONC RING

On Feb. 17, 2012, UT Pan American President Robert S. Nelsen unveiled the University's official ring – the Bronc Ring. Designed by art students, the ring captures UTPA's past, present and future. It features elements that include the mighty oak that was planted in 1927 on the original Edinburg College campus and the memory stoles worn at commencement today. The Bronc Ring is reserved exclusively for alumni and students who have achieved a minimum of 60 credit hours. To purchase your Bronc Ring, visit www.utpa.edu/bookstore.



UT PAN AMERICAN MEMORY STOLES



Hoping to inspire a new tradition at The University of Texas-Pan American, former 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 afterward 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 light.*



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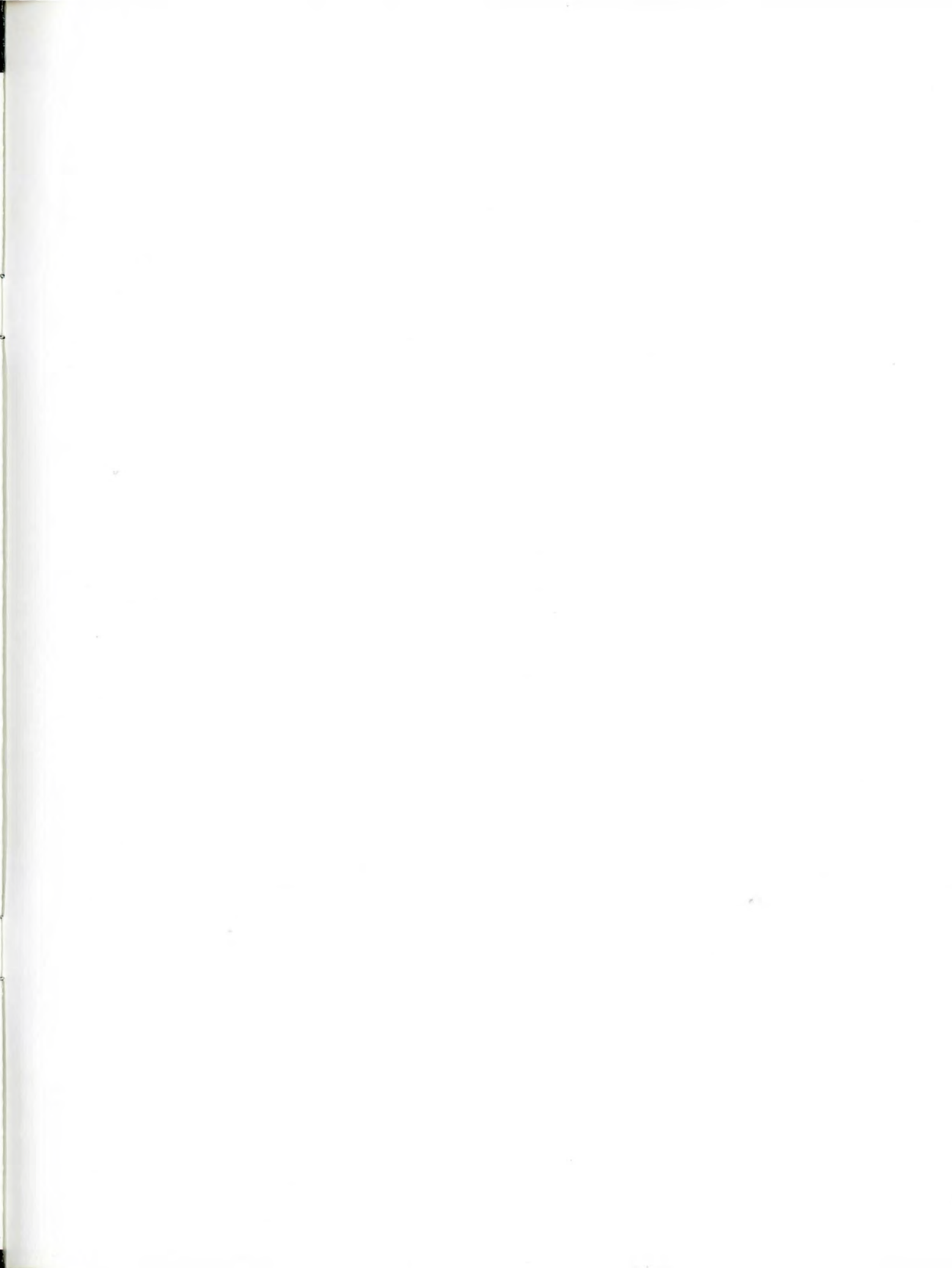
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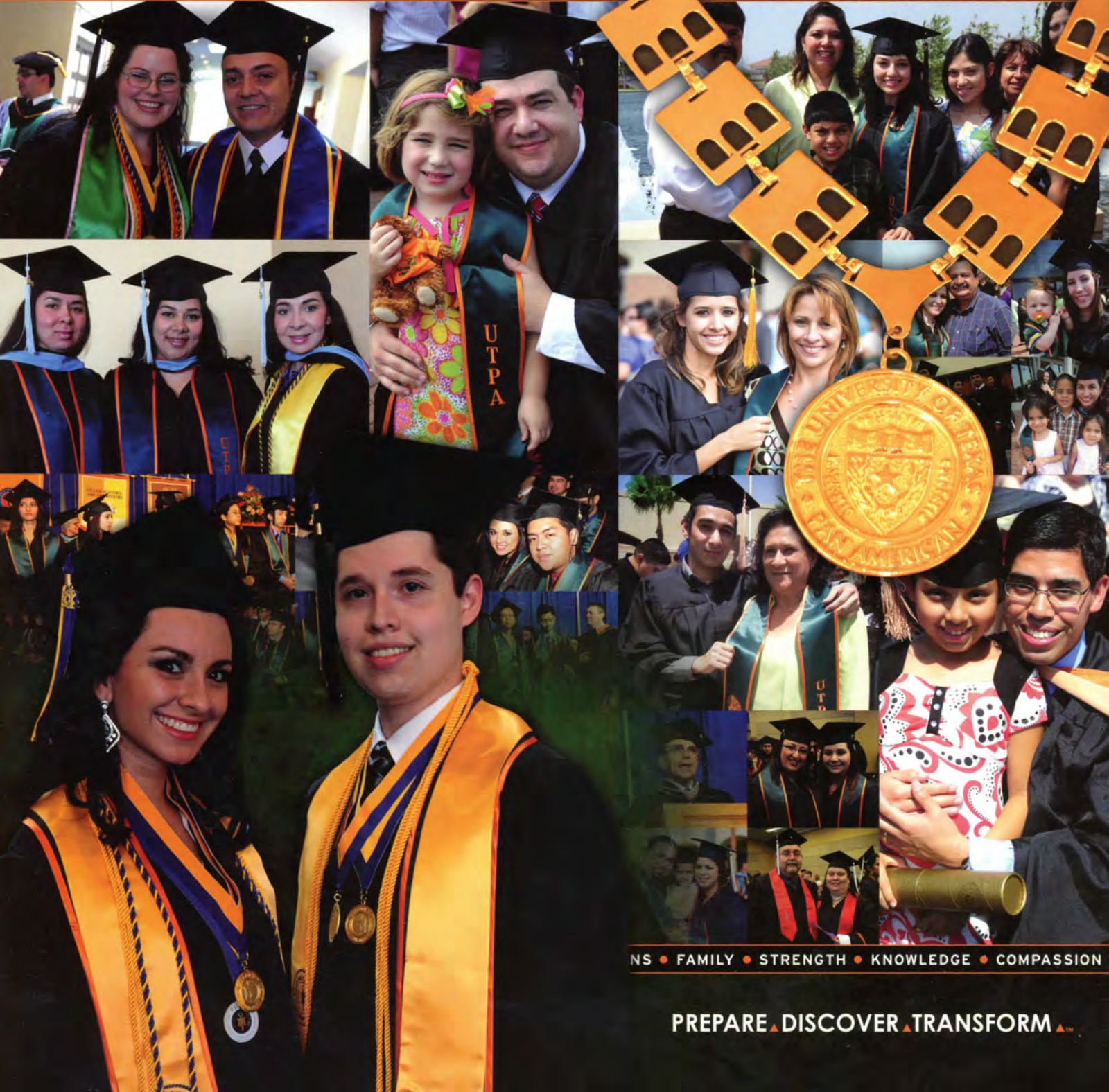




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