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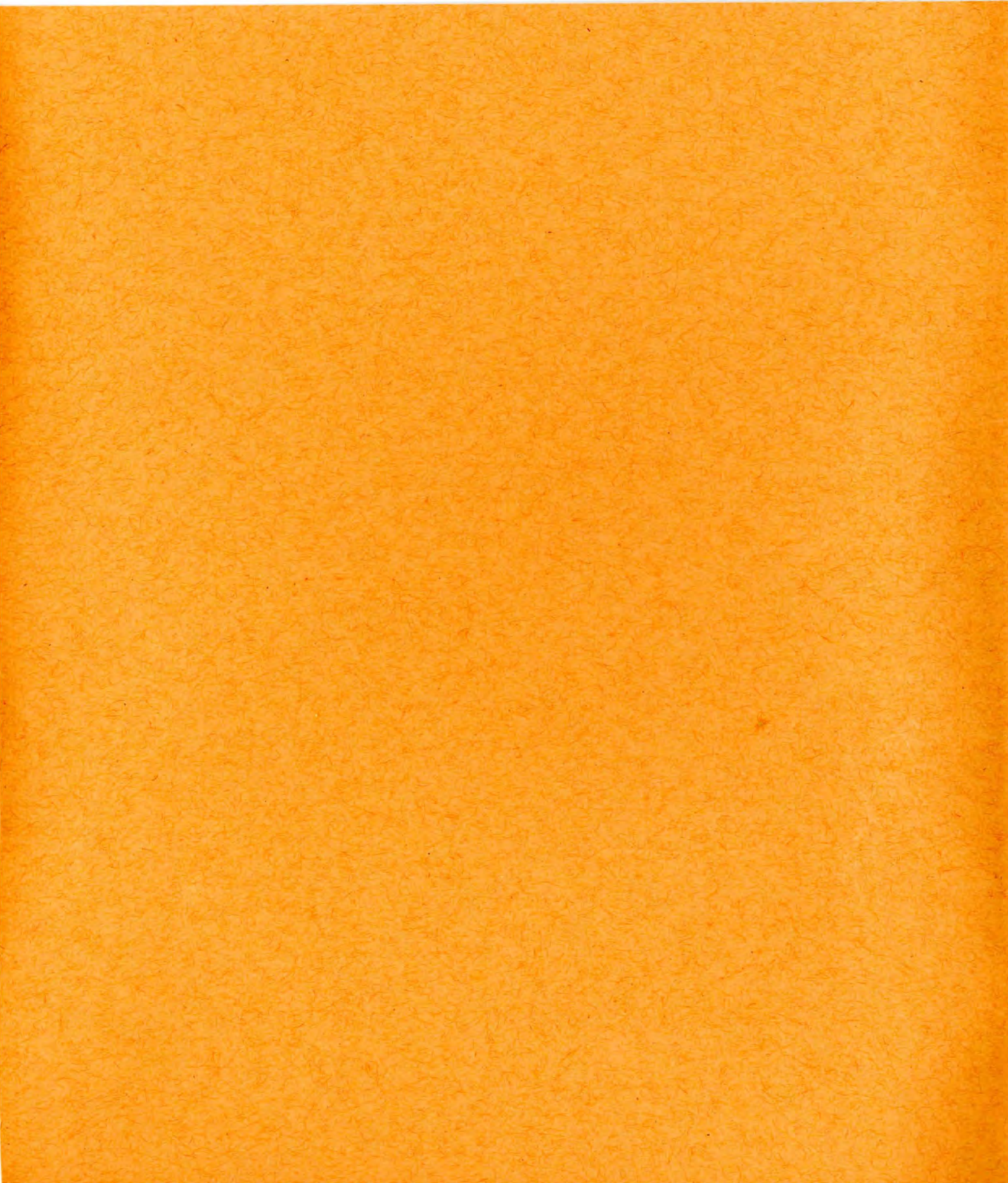
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The University of Texas Pan American

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - PAN AMERICAN

Commencement
May 2005



The University of Texas Pan American 2005 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 2005!

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, as the Class of 2005 is the first graduating class of my Presidency. 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	<i>President, The University of Texas-Pan American</i>
Dr. Pedro Reyes	<i>Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Planning and Assessment, Academic Affairs, UT System</i>
Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo	<i>Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Mr. James R. Langabeer	<i>Vice President for Business Affairs</i>
Dr. John A. Edwards	<i>Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services</i>
Mr. Roland S. Arriola	<i>Vice President for External Affairs</i>
Dr. George Avellano	<i>Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies</i>
Dr. Ana Maria Rodríguez	<i>Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies</i>
Dr. Wallace Tucker	<i>Interim Dean, College of Arts and Humanities</i>
Dr. John Emery	<i>Dean, College of Business Administration</i>
Dr. Velma Menchaca Ochoa	<i>Interim Dean, College of Education</i>
Dr. Bruce Reed	<i>Interim Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services</i>
Dr. Edwin LeMaster	<i>Interim Dean, College of Science and Engineering</i>
Dr. George Avellano	<i>Interim Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>
Ms. Sunaina K. Chugani	<i>Top Graduate, College of Business Administration</i>
Ms. Charisse C. Lloren	<i>Top Graduate, College of Science and Engineering</i>
Mr. Nathan K. Garfield	<i>Top Graduate, College of Arts and Humanities</i>
Ms. Stephanie Quinn	<i>Top Graduate, College of Education</i>
Mrs. Anna Escobedo Cabral	<i>Guest Speaker, U.S. Treasurer</i>
Dr. Milagros Mateu	<i>Guest Speaker, University Program Manager, NASA</i>
Mr. Victor Cabral	<i>Guest Speaker, Senior Council for NBC Universal</i>
Mr. Thomas H. Castro	<i>Guest Speaker, President & CEO, Border Media Partners</i>
Mr. Nobel Allen	<i>President, UTPA Alumni Association</i>

Grand Marshal

Dr. Ala R. Qubbaj *Faculty Senate Chair*

Class Marshals

Dr. Opal Jane LeMaster	<i>College of Business Administration</i>
Dr. James W. Aldridge	<i>College of Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>
Dr. William T. Beverly	<i>College of Health Sciences and Human Services</i>
Dr. Lokenath Debnath	<i>College of Science and Engineering</i>
Dr. Michael K. Weaver	<i>College of Arts and Humanities</i>
Ms. Julia H. Pecina	<i>College of Education</i>

Announcing the Candidates

Dr. Teofilo Ozuna, Jr.	<i>College of Business Administration</i>
Dr. Elena Maria Bastida	<i>College of Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>
Dr. Theresa Mata-Pistokache	<i>College of Health Sciences and Human Services</i>
Ms. Melinda C. Rodriguez	<i>College of Health Sciences and Human Services</i>
Dr. Miguel A. Gonzalez	<i>College of Science and Engineering</i>
Dr. John Villarreal	<i>College of Science and Engineering</i>
Dr. Glenn A. Martinez	<i>College of Arts and Humanities</i>
Dr. Petra Guerra	<i>College of Arts and Humanities</i>
Dr. Jose Ruiz-Escalante	<i>College of Education</i>
Dr. Leonides Gomez	<i>College of Education</i>

Order of Exercises

Introduction of Guests	Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, <i>President</i>
Introduction of Speaker	8:30 a.m. Ms. Sunaina K. Chugani, <i>Top Graduate College of Business Administration</i>
	12 p.m. Ms. Charisse C. Lloren, <i>Top Graduate College of Science and Engineering</i>
	3:30 p.m. Mr. Nathan K. Garfield, <i>Top Graduate College of Arts and Humanities</i>
	6:30 p.m. Ms. Stephanie Quinn, <i>Top Graduate College of Education</i>
Commencement Address	8:30 a.m. Mrs. Anna Escobedo Cabral, <i>U.S. Treasurer</i>
	12 p.m. Dr. Milagros Mateu, <i>University Program Manager, NASA</i>
	3:30 p.m. Mr. Victor Cabral, <i>Senior Council for NBC Universal</i>
	6:30 p.m. Mr. Thomas H. Castro, <i>President & CEO, Border Media Partners</i>
Introduction of Academic Deans	Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo, <i>Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Presentation and Hooding of Doctoral Degrees	Dr. John Emery, <i>Dean, College of Business Administration</i>
	Dr. Velma Menchaca Ochoa, <i>Interim Dean, College of Education</i>
Presentation of Candidates for Doctoral, Master and Baccalaureate Degrees	8:30 a.m. Dr. John Emery, <i>Dean, College of Business Administration</i> Dr. George Avellano, <i>Interim Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>
	12 p.m. Dr. Bruce Reed, <i>Interim Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services</i> Dr. Edwin LeMaster, <i>Interim Dean, College of Science and Engineering</i>
	3:30 p.m. Dr. Wallace Tucker, <i>Interim Dean, College of Arts and Humanities</i>
	6:30 p.m. Dr. Velma Menchaca Ochoa, <i>Interim Dean, College of Education</i>
Certification of Candidates for Doctoral, Master and Baccalaureate Degrees	Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo, <i>Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Awarding of Doctoral, Master and Baccalaureate Degrees	Dr. Blandina Cárdenas, <i>President</i>
Alumni Association Greetings	Mr. Nobel Allen
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>Director</i>
Reception Honoring all Graduates	<i>Immediately following each ceremony in the Sundial Courtyard</i>

College of Business Administration

Doctor of Philosophy

Erika Mendez Garza

Monica Del Carmen Hernandez

Marisela Santiago-Castro

Master of Business Administration

Pamela Sue Alexander

Christopher J. Garcia

David P. Lyons

Amado Rivas

Oscar Adolfo Andrade

Todd William Garner

Concepcion Raul Medina

Joel Alejandro Rodriguez

Gerardo Arriaga

Araceli Garza

Amy C. Montesdeoca

Maciej Zdzislaw Ruszczak

Jayshree N. Bhat

Lourdes Mantecon Garza

Marla D. Munoz

Corey T. Settles

Erica De La Garza

James Vincent Klink

Juan S. Nava

Jose Gerardo Solis

Martha Nicole Espinoza

Bee Kian Loh

Yvonne Michelle Ortegon

Handan Vicdan

Elisa Flores

Magaly McDermott Luna

Michael C. Perez

Bachelor of Arts

Selina A. Alaniz

Bachelor of Business Administration

Khalil M. Abdullah

Sonia Carreon

Oscar Garcia

Diego Loera

Robert Joe Acosta

Angelica Casas

Robert Garcia

Luisana Lopez

Cesar Aguilar Lopez

Juan Alberto Casso

Stephanie Ann Garcia

Vanessa L. Lopez

Gisela Alanis

Aaron S. Castro

Alfredo R. Garza

Gloria Angelica Lozano

Cristina S. Alday

Erika A. Cazares

Carina Criselda Garza

Guadalupe A. Lozano

Maria P. Alvarado

Victoria Y. Champion

Christina Beth Garza

Maria Guadalupe Lozano

San Juanita Amador

Martha L. Chapa

Jason J. Garza

Marina Y. Luna

Melissa Andrade

Lesley Chavez

Julissa Garza

Nancy Macias

Javier Araiza, Jr.

Sunaina K. Chugani

Maria C. Garza

Iris J. Madrigal

Anayenzi Araujo

Dina Lee Crow

Hector Gloria

Tom Norman Mangelschots

Maday Avila

Miriam Cruz

Adriana Gonzalez

Adriana E. Martinez

Elizabeth Ayala

Erika M. Deleon

Annita Marie Gonzalez

Eduardo Martinez

Marion Ayala

Delvis Amed Diaz

Edna Gonzalez

Gabino Martinez

Dahmaysi A. Banda

Alejandra Diaz-Gonzalez

Erendira J. Gonzalez

Graciela Martinez

Misty Rose Banda

Benjamin A. Diorio

Jesus Dasael Gonzalez

Hector Hugo Martinez

Abiel A. Barrera

Jesus Dominguez

Roel Gonzalez

Jose Gilbert Martinez

Michael R. Barrera

Xotchitl Elizondo

Veronica Gonzalez

Maria I. Martinez

Nereyda Bartolo

Noe Estrada

Yadira Gonzalez

Mario G. Martinez

Ana A. Bazan

Eloy Falcon

Yolanda Gonzalez

Ruben Martinez, Jr.

Joel Morales Benavidez

Adrian Farias

Karla Patricia Guevara

Abigail Melendez

Matthew Alexander Berry

Lorena J. Figueroa

Dalia Icela Gutierrez

Ramon G. Menchaca

Anne Marie Black

Cynthia Flores

Erik Gutierrez

Ana Patricia Mendoza

Donna L. Bocanegra

Cynthia K. Flores

Rebecca Gutierrez

Janet Aileen Moctezuma

Enrique Bravo

Eunice Elizabeth Flores

Maritza Marie Hamill

Omar Montelongo

Laura Tatiana Bravo

Jose A. Flores

Guadalupe E. Hernandez

Estela Moreno

Elizabeth Cabrera

Jose H. Flores

Juan Javier Hernandez

Sheena Demetria Moss

Reynaldo Campa

Mirian Flores

Sylvia E. Herrera

Elizabeth Moya

Rogelio Campa

Sandra Elisa Flores

Olicia Vargas Hinojosa

Juan Pablo Alexis Navarro

David Campbell

Noel S. Galarza

Daniel M. Hrabal

Luis S. Nunez

Julian Graviel Cano

Lisa M. Galvan

Abraham Leigh Jaramillo

Nancy Ochoa

Amadeo Cantu

Angelina Garcia

Rocio Jimenez

Norma Lydia Olivarez

Graciela Cantu

Belinda Garcia

Israel Juarez

Criselda Ordenez

Monica R. Cantu

Dan Garcia

Michael S. Kennedy

Amanda L. Ortega

Rocio D. Cantu

Hector A. Garcia

Jessica Marie Kerrigan-Ortegon

Luz E. Ortiz

Omar Cardenas

Mayret Garcia

Crystal Lazcano

Serafin Padron, Jr.

Omar Alberto Cardoza

Melissa Garcia

Marla Y. Leal

Roberto Pena

Alyssa Carmona

Monica Garcia

Hugo E. Leyva

Yoana M. Pena

College of Business Administration (continued)

Bachelor of Business Administration (continued)

Cyda Yadira Perales	Ada P. Rodriguez	Juan A. Serna	Yamil Tueme
Shaun Michael Pinney	Andres Rodriguez	Marbella Silva	Alejandro Ugalde
Juan C. Ponce	Fabiola J. Rodriguez	Jose H. Singleterry	Amelia Valdez
Ricardo Quintanar	Gloria D. Rodriguez	Emmanuel Siordia	Ana Valdez
Luis Gerardo Raga	Mariajose Rodriguez	David Paul Soldano	Adelita Vargas
Marlen Ramos	Maricruz S. Rodriguez	Thomas Ray Sorden	Helmut Verlage
Rogelio Ramos	Oscar Jose Rodriguez	Yaeli Soria	Rosalinda Villa
Nellie Lizette Rendon	Raul G. Rodriguez	Luis A. Sosa	Clarissa Yvette Villalobos
Leandro Resio	Victor Rodriguez	Rey Sosa, Jr.	Rebeca I. Villanueva
Carol Sostenes Reyes	Maribel Salas	Edgar M. Soto	Jose Luis Villarreal
Jorge Reyes	Alex D. Salazar	Jennifer Soto	Rene Villarreal
Kristina Reyes	Manuel A. Salazar	Elizabeth Trevino	Daniel J. Whitzel
Leticia Reyes	Ana Laura Salinas	Juan A. Trevino	Shana N. Ybarra
Maria M. Reyes	Claudia Salinas	Maria E. Trevino	Karla Cristina Zaragoza
Martha Reyna	Jesus Eduardo Salinas	Raquel Trevino	Amber R. Zerbe
Francisca Rios	Idolina Sanchez	Ricardo Trevino	Anna Zuniga
Jose J. Rios	James Sanchez	Rocio G. Trevino	Melinda Zuniga
Ricardo Angel Rivera	Jo Ann Sanchez	Yazmin Trevino	Wendy E. Zuniga

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Master of Arts

Mario A. Garcia	Orlando Rodriguez	Johanna Alys Salas Castillo	Lupita A. Weiner
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Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

Anabel Cantu	Brett Jorge Millan	Jessica Ann Villescaz
Omar Fonseca	Anne Arundel Thaddeus	

Master of Public Administration

Leticia Cobos	Andres Guerrero	Efrain Molina	Adrian Trujillo
Marissa Garcia	Hector A. Guzman	Rafael J. Tapia	Nelda M. Ybarra
Omar Gonzales	Tina Rosana Martinez	Isauro I. Trevino	

Master of Science

Romeo Garcia, Jr.	Ana Isabel Leos
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Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Felix Ramos

Bachelor of Arts

Francisco J. Aldape	Patricia Flores	Angie Mendoza Guinn	Rackel K. Longoria
Margaret K. Aleman	Johana K. Fraige	Diana M. Gutierrez	Michelle Lopez
Eva Arjona	Sonia Garate	Jaime Hernandez	Anna Lisa Loya
Rene Benigno Baca	Andre Garcia	Nicolas Hernandez	Omar Luevano
Lynda M. Balli	Jose Garcia	Myrna R. Herrera	Ana C. MacNaught
Maria Concepcion Cabrera	Erica Beatriz Gonzales	Levi Warren Hilton	Nadya D. Maldonado
Sandra Cano	Adabel Gonzalez	Cynthia L. Hinojosa	Jacob Zachery Mancha
Latoya T. Colley	Jorge Gonzalez	Gabriel Hubbard	Norma T. Mares
Edgar Tomas Contreras	Jorge G. Gonzalez	Angelica M. Huerta	Claudia Cristina Martinez
Vyvyano A. Davila	Michelle Gretchen Gonzalez	Ernesto Lerma, IV	Linda Mendiola
Antonio Espinoza	Nelda Vanessa Guerrero	Azalia Lomas	Kelly Ann Michal

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (continued)

Bachelor of Arts (continued)

April Muzquiz	Franco Quintanilla	Carla Saenz	San Juana Trevino
Elizabeth Nino	Genevieve Ramirez	Juan C. Saenz	Raul Thomas Valdez
Rene A. Ortega	Ana M. Ramos	Esmeralda Cristina Saldana	Janie Vargas
Sylvia Leticia Ortiz	Erica Denae Ramos	Juan Arturo Sanchez	Adriana Villarreal
Sarah C. Payan	Priscilla M. Ramos	Nathan G. Schwarz	Debra A. Winger
Laura Perez	Lizet Reyes	Sergio A. Sepulveda	Noel Arnoldo Ysasi
Esther L. Prado	Erika Reyna	Jose A. Solis	Ezmir C. Zepeda
Elisa Y. Pulido	Amanda M. Rodriguez	Savannah Stewart	
Maria Eliza Pulido	Rolando Rodriguez	April Michelle Torres	

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Rosalba De Zenea	Ignacio Ochoa	Monica Reyna
Heyoung Lucia Hays	Mario Antonio Palacios	Francisco J. Rivas

Bachelor of General Studies

Aldo Alonzo	Javier I. Garcia	Belinda Olivarez	Rex L. Resendez
Yesenia Cabrera	Eliza Janis Gonzalez	Melissa A. Ortiz	Sergio A. Saenz

Bachelor of Science

Lou Cavazos	Lucas Enrique Espinoza	Abigail Yanet Herrera	Gloria Saenz
Roberto Chapa, Jr.	Luis Enrique Espinoza	Micaela M. Mendez	Alma Zermeno

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Angela Elizabeth Avitia	Joseph Garcia	Noe Luevano	Desiderio Robles
Michael Lee Behrens	Laura Garcia	Jose A. Marmolejo	Daniel D. Rodriguez
Edith Bocanegra	Mario Garcia	Anna Christina Martinez	Leeann P. Rodriguez
Eva Cadena	Sabas Garcia	Juan Martinez	Policarpio Rosa
Omar Camarillo	Oswaldo Garibay	Patricia Castillo Martinez	Lillian Rugerio
Laureano Cantu	Erica Marie Garza	Monica Marie Medrano	Carmina Yvette Saenz
Vanessa Cardenas	Erick H. Garza	Cynthia Yvonne Mendiola	Omar Saenz
Miriam R. Chapa	Efrain Gonzalez	Charity Joy Mireles	Lee J. Salinas
Manuel Cortez	Joyce M. Gonzalez	Lisa Morales	Pedro Salinas
Juan Carlos Crosby	Manuela Gonzalez	Fidencio Morin	Edgar A. Silva
Mary A. DeCock	Miguel Gonzalez	Roberto Munoz	Uri Dattan Tamez
Salome Diaz	Erika Guerra	Atanislao O. Padron	Jody Alan Tittle
Claudia Karina Elizondo	Erika Guerra	Brenda Ramirez	Maura E. Torres
Erika Estrada	Jaime Guerra	Eduardo Ramirez	Jonathan G. Trejo
Jessica Marie Fernandez	Monica Guerrero	Julio C. Ramirez	Celia Ybarra
Eric Gamino	Edgar Hernandez	Aleda J. Reyes	
Gustavo Garcia	Richard A. Lopez	Julio A. Rivera	

College of Health Sciences and Human Services

Master of Science

Rebecca Arevalo	Dayna M. Espericueta	Monique Munoz	Roxanne Rivas
Bruce W. Bell	Sandra Marie Galvan	Irma Ortiz	Maria G. Romero
Juliette Castillo	Drusila G. Ibanez	Marybel L. Pantoja	Claudia Saenz
Elizabeth Cortez	Rebecca Leal	Monica D. Pena	Juneiva Salinas
Jack Lee Drake	Alma A. Lopez	Georgia Marie Phillips	Gabriel H. Sanchez
Melissa Annette Escamilla	Maureen Faith McClain	Rosalva Ramirez	Denise Darlene Silcox

Master of Science in Nursing

Jammie L. Barker	Nora Elva Gudino	Rosario E. Gutierrez	Yvonne M. Schuck
Pamela Y. Garcia	Marian Nabong Gutierrez	Juana Alicia Mejia	Jesus Valdez
Tania Rebecca Garcia	Ricardo Gutierrez	Agnes Chinyere Okoro	

Master of Science in Social Work

Juan Antonio Animas, Jr.	Maria De Jesus Hernandez	Jessica O. Ochoa	Alberto Trevino
Alicia Perez Collins	Elizabeth Lopez	Elizabeth Rodriguez	Lorena Trevino
Romualdo Escobedo	Enedelia Miranda	Marina Rodriguez	Yezenia R. Trevino
Laura Marie Faragoza	Alethea Montano	David Ruiz	
Norma Frias	Diana Nava Sanchez	Asael David Sanchez	
Hector Adalberto Garcia	Esmeralda Nunez	Summer Leigh Solomon	

Bachelor of Science

Marcela Acosta	Daira Garcia	Lori Marie Martinez	Rosa Del Carmen Rodriguez
Denyse Alaniz	Erika K. Garcia	Yolanda Hinojosa Martinez	Maria G. Rojas
Alicia Perez Alvarado	Estella Garcia	Maribel Medrano	Angela R. Ruiz
Jose Maria Alvarez, III	Jose Carlos Garcia	Sheryl Milford	Melissa C. Ruiz
Ann M. Arebalo	Judy Garcia	Reagan A. Miller	Justin Lee Rumbo
Angela C. Bannworth	Julian Garcia, IV	Jennifer Montelongo	Felix Saavedra
Sandra Barrientos	Priscilla Garcia	April Nichole Moroles	Marina Salamanca
Nancy Bernal	Jessica Michelle Garrett	Galina Ojeda	Monica C. Salazar
Anisa R. Buentello	Natalia M. Garza	Brenda Lizette Perez	Rebecca Salazar
Ana Laura Canche	Siomara Garza	Carina Perez	Cristina Saldivar
Amaris Cecilia Cano Contreras	Christina Gonzales	Denora Perez	Ida Michelle Silva
Eliamar Cantu	Ernesto Gonzalez	Yadira Perez	Elisa Sosa
Cynthia M. Castaneda	Jaqueline Hernandez	Elizabeth Pulido	Debra Ann Tanguma
Ruben Castro	Mary Ellen Hernandez	Alyssa A. Ramon	Barbara Emily Torres
Gloria Imelda Cavazos	Veronica R. Hernandez	Robert Lee Ramos	Laura Torres
Dina M. De La Cruz	Vanessa Elizondo Herrera	Yvette A. Ramos	Belinda G. Trevino
Jonathan Diaz	Lydia Huerta	Norma Reyes	Laura Trevino
Yvette Diaz-De Villegas	Anna L. Izaguirre	Jannette I. Richmond	Cynthia R. Valdez
Erika Espinoza	Rosa Isela Lazo	Cynthia Rios	Rosalinda Valdez
Mayra Fernandez	Laura Loera	Victoria Rebecca Rios	Margo Ann Vargas
Annette Flores	Oly Longoria	Veronica Rocha	Maria L. Vela
Donelle M. Flores	Alicia Lugo	Elvira Noemi Rodriguez	Erin L. Webster
Esmeralda G. Flores	Aissa H. Martinez	Joanna Elizabeth Rodriguez	
Cynthia A. Garcia	Fred Martinez, II	Karla L. Rodriguez	

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Ruth Coronado

Bachelor of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Mohammed Owais Ahmed	Sahar Alizy	David P. Baker	Karen Lynn Buentello
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College of Health Sciences and Human Services (con't)

Bachelor of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (continued)

Moses Campos	Christopher Hinojosa	Orlando Ochoa	Fernando M. Schroeder
Veronica Annette Cantu	Perry Lamart Johnson	Gustavo Fonseca Olivares	Paul Anthony Toscano
Jamie Brienne Coggins	Christopher LaMotte	Samuel Pena	Tiffany N. Traylor
Seema Yasmeen Farooqui	Lisa Dolores Longoria	Gerardo Perez	Carlos Ian Vela
Raymond C. Franklin	Patricia Vega Mendoza	Soraya Rangel	
Armando Garcia	Nikolas J. Mimikakis	Gilbert B. Santos	

Bachelor of Social Work

Liz Lilliana Acosta	Lora Jalomo	Yvonne Munoz	Monica F. Soto
Lorena De La Cruz	Nora Jalomo	Raquel A. Naveja	Noelia Telles
Juan Pablo Elizondo	Isabel Maldonado	Angie C. Romo	Maria D. Vargas
Luz M. Esparza-Hinojosa	Trisha S. Marc	Christine Salinas	Erica Dee Vasquez
Teresa Garcia	Lizbeth Martinez	Natalia Salinas	Elpidio Yanez, Jr.
Anna Marie Guerrero	Maria J. Mendez	Silvia Silva	Eduardo Zuniga
Julissa Jean Guiza	Nereida Mercado	Beatrice Solis	Jessica Zuniga

College of Science and Engineering

Master of Science

Onur Dunder	David Doyle Kirtley	Julie A. Pedraza	Meng-Hung Wu
Prasanthi Enbamoorthy	Renuka Kondapavuluru	Rosa Isela Ruiz	Ning Zhou
Chakavak Sara Farhangi	Varalakshmi Kora	Daniel Salazar	
Deepak Samuel Gnanaraj	Lavanya Loganathan	Suchindra Veguru	
Steven Jerome Kirpes	Nachiappan N. Nachiappan	Arunkumar Vijayakumar	

Master of Science in Engineering

Oscar Leonardo Barrenechea	Nurit Hernandez	Alvaro Munoz	Felix Gustav Velazquez
Rodrigo S. Colson	Andrew R. Hinthorn	Jorge A. Suarez	Martha E. Viada
Luis L. De la Torre	Kyoung Deuk Kim	Srinivas Reddy Vangur	
Fernando Xavier Figueroa	Daniel A. Lopez	Daniel Varela	

Master of Science in Information Technology

George A. Gandara

Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Gregorio David Garza

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

Elizabeth Anne Alaniz Daniel Lopez

Bachelor of Science

Abigail Akomah-Gyamfi	Ethelyn M. Arriola	Noemi Camarena	Narciso Charles
Carol Ann Alderete	Jessica Garcia Badillo	Federico Campos, Jr.	Yvette L. Clancy
Erika L. Alvarez	Michael E. Balderas	Dulce M. Cantu	Tatiana Cordova
Marla Melinda Anaya	Shrief Rashaad Ben	Roberto Adrian Cantu	Marcos De Los Santos
Juan Anzaldúa	Rafael Benavides	Avia B. Castillo	Deneb De Luna
Karina S. Araiza	Cassandra Bennett	San Juanita Cerda	Joanna Deanda
Lirio D. Yanira Arredondo	Layla Zambrano Caceres	Armando Chapa, Jr.	Edward Delgado

College of Science and Engineering (continued)

Bachelor of Science (continued)

Santos Delgado	Teresita Gutierrez	Elizandro Munoz, III	Selina Claudine Ruiz
Dezerei Diaz	Aaron M. Harrell	Christian Nevarez	Cesar Salinas
Jaser Diaz	Jeremiah Hernandez	Anabel Nieto	Ernesto Salinas
Pollyana Martinez Diaz	Jose Raul Hernandez	Efrain Nunez	Jennifer Elisabeth Salinas
Rosa Diaz	Leonel Hernandez	Alfonso Roberto Ochoa	Maria D. Salinas
Jose L. Diaz-Miron	Ramiro Herrera	Criselda Orozco	Christine Beatrice Sanchez
Wilfrido Omar Dominguez	Stephen Michael Herrera	Nancy Ortiz	Emma Sandoval
Susan O. Edionwe	Ulysses Herrera	Christina Paruthi	Karina Orozco Silva
Ma Clara F. Fajutag	Ricardo Manuel Hinojosa	Jigar Ranjitbhai Patel	Melida Y. Solis
Michael D. Fox	Martha A. Hoke	Yolanda Pedraza	Anna Magdalena Stwora
Robert Franco	Jessica A. Hudson	Jesus T. Pena	Erica Tijerina
Juan Galvan	Saley Ibrahim	Monica Y. Pena	Esmeralda Torres
Christian S. Garcia	Silvia Lee Iglesias	Rosbel H. Pena	May Lynn Trejo
Gabriel A. Garcia	Gregory Peter Kerr	Vanessa Lizett Perez	Maria C. Trevino
John J. Garcia	Flor Aurora Limas	Benjamin Charles Piper	Luis C. Turrubiarres
Atenea Afrodita Garza	Sharifa M. Llemit	Juanita C. Ramirez	Mauro Uriegas
Crystal Renee Garza	Charisse C. Lloren	Ladislado Ramirez	Kamille Rae Valencia
Leticia Garza	Leonor Guadalupe Longoria	Christian J. Reeve	Gustavo Alonzo Vela, Jr.
Maria C. Garza	Esteban Robinson Lopez	Isabel Reyna	Jeni Vela
Monica Iris Garza	Natalia R. Maani	Saul Santos Reyna	Mary A. Villanueva
Ramon Garza, III	Maha Fay Maglinao	Elizabeth M. Robertson	Leticia Cazares Villarreal
Sharon Hope Gerardo	Carlos Martinez	Elizabeth Rocha	Michael Villarreal
Angelica A. Gomez	Elvia Martinez	Marco B. Rocha	Jerimey J. Wicke
Priscilla Jeannette Gomez	Martha Carmen Medina	Crystal L. Rodriguez	Amanda M. Williford
Adrian Gonzalez	Laura Medrano	David Rodriguez	Elizabeth Anne Williford
Almalicia Gonzalez	Gilberto Mercado	David Domingo Rodriguez	Efren Zamora
Edward A. Gonzalez	Carlos Moreno, Jr.	Maria Arminda Rodriguez	Ruben D. Zamora
Ramon Dionicio Gonzalez	Amy Moses	Yajaira Y. Rodriguez	Eusebio Zavala
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Eduardo Fernandez	Jorge A. Gonzalez	Francisco Ismael Ramirez	

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Leslie Chavez	Rebecca Gutierrez	Criselda Orozco	JoAnn Sanchez
Sunaina K. Chugani	Rebekah Harrison	Ana Maria Palacios	Erica Tijerina
Tatiana Cordova	Crystal Lazcano	Jigar Ranjitbhai Patel	Belinda Trevino
Estella Cuellar	Lisa Lyda Licciardello-McCrea	Vanessa Lizett Perez	María C. Trevino
Jose L. Diaz-Miron	Flor Aurora Limas	Elizabeth Pulido	Paula Ewa Turek
Daira Y. Garcia	Sharifa M. Llemit	Monica Lee Quintanilla	Adrian Vega
Ramon Garza, III	Charisse C. Lloren	Leticia Reyes	Amanda M. Williford
Carina Criselda Garza	Judith Lopez	Ricardo Angel Rivera	Elizabeth Anne Williford
Elizabeth Garza	Maha Fay Maglinao	Elizabeth Rocha	

Kappa Delta Pi - International Honor Society in Education

Lori Ann Esparza Garza	Patricia Magana	Isaias Cesar Rodriguez
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Cristina Esparza	Lisa Lyda Licciardello-McCrea	Cynthia Rios	

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Tania Rebecca Garcia	Ricardo Gutierrez	Jesus Valdez

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Sylvia Leticia Ortiz
Laura Perez

Gloria Saenz
Noel Arnaldo Ysasi

Alma Zermeno

Sigma Tau Delta - International English Honor Society

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Marianela V. Barrera
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Julie L. Doyle
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Honors Program

To graduate in the Honors Program framework, a student must maintain a high academic average, take a specific number of honors classes at the freshman-sophomore level, complete a program of independent study and research at the junior-senior level, and demonstrate proficiency in a specialized area through a senior honors project and through an oral examination before a faculty committee. The following students completed an undergraduate honors project as part of their graduation requirements within the Honors Program.

Francisco J. Aldape

"A Relevance of Marx's Theory of Alienation in the 21st Century"

Rogelio Benitez

"Investigation of High Power Microwave Processing on Carbon Nanofiber Reinforced High Density Polyethylene"

Cecilia L. Castañeda

"There's Someone in My Head: Self-Discovery in Shel Silverstein's Poetry"

Jose L. Diaz-Miron

"Induction of Detoxification Systems in Different Cell Lines With the Use of Limonoids"

Omaira N. Galarza

"Screen Dreams"

Ramon Garza, III

"Iodine-Catalyzed Multicomponent Reactions"

Sharon Hope Gerardo

"Patellar Tendinitis: Volleyball Players' Most Common Overuse Injury"

Flor Aurora Limas

"Induction of Glutathione S-Transferase and Quinone Reductase by Flavonoids in Mammalian Cancer Cell Lines"

Sharifa M. Llemit

*"Cloning and Analysis of Metal Tolerance Protein (MTP) Genes from the Nickel Hyperaccumulator, *Thlaspi montanum* (var *siskiyouense*) and *Streptanthus polygaloides*"*

Charisse C. Lloren

"Purification and Analysis of Metallothioneins"

Natalia R. Maani

"The Induction of Glutathione S-Transferase and NAD(P)H: Quinone Reductase by Flavonoids in Colo205 and HepG2 Cell Lines"

Trisha S. Marc

"Stress Among Freshmen College Students at UTPA"

Elvia Martinez

"Variation in Antibiotic Inhibitory Abilities Among Streptomyces from Rio Grande Valley Agricultural Soils"

Michael A. Mungia

"Phylogenetic Relationships Between Plant Cation Diffusion Facilitator (cdf) Genes"

Elizandro Munoz, III

"An Epidemiological Discription of the Pediatric Oncology Cases at the Vannie E. Cook, Jr. Children's Cancer and Hematology Clinic"

Vanessa L. Perez

"The Role of IL-15 in the Creation of Cancer Vaccines"

Leticia Reyes

"Do Females Encounter Obstacles to Advancement in Obtaining High Ranking Management Positions in Maquiladoras Established in Mexico?"

Maria Arminda Rodriguez

"Native Plants of the Rio Grande Valley Inhabiting the University of Texas-Pan American Campus"

Yajaira Y. Rodriguez

"Effects of Serotonin and Octopamine in Mud Shrimp"

Maria D. Salinas

"The Effects of Neisserial Porin (Por A) on Macrophages"

Anna Magdalena Stwora

"Effects of Oxidative Stress on the Development of Tunicate Embryos and Their Nervous System"

Maria C. Treviño

"The Regulation and Expression of Thyroid Hormone Receptor in Adipocytes"

Jeni Vela

"The Use of Remote Sensing to Monitor the Effects of Metal Toxicity in Plants"

Mary A. Villanueva

"Novel Synthesis of Gem-Dimetalloalkanes Containing Boron and Silicon"

Amanda M. Williford

*"Comparison of the Electrophoretic Banding Patterns Between Coumaphos Resistant and Non-Resistant *Boophilus microplus* Using RAPD-PCR"*

Elizabeth Anne Williford

*"Distinguishing Coumaphos Resistant and Nonresistant Strains of *Boophilus microplus* Through RAPD-PCR Techniques"*

Doctoral Dissertations

Erika Mendez Garza,

College of Business Administration

"An Investigation into the Long Term and Loan Approval Rates of International and Minority Owned Small Firms in the U.S."

Monica Del Carmen Hernandez,

College of Business Administration

"Bilingual Consumer Memory in the Advertising Context: A Cross-Script Comparison"

Rosemarie Gomez Maciel,

College of Education

"Do Principals Make a Difference? An Analysis of Leadership Behaviors of Elementary Principals in Effective Schools"

Melissa Christine Martinez,

College of Education

"Hispanic Teachers' Perceived Competency in Teaching Classes of Diversity is a Function of Demographic and Personality Traits"

Rosalina V. Ruiz,

College of Education

"Spiritual Dimension in Educational Leadership"

Marisela Santiago-Castro,

College of Business Administration

"Corporate Governance and Expropriation of Minority Shareholders Rights: Evidence from Latin America"

Sofia Annette A. Valdez,

College of Education

"Stakeholder Perceptions of Hearing Examiner Legislation in Texas Teacher Dismissal Cases"

Graduate Theses

Romeo Garcia, Jr.,

Department of Sociology

"Medication Mismanagement Amongst Elderly in Starr County"

Victor Gomez,

Department of History and Philosophy

"The Matamoros 'Drug Cult' Murders: Borderland Perceptions and the Shaping of Belief"

Cynthia Marroquin-Baldwin,

Department of Communication

"A Study of Self-Imposed Silence and Perceived Listening Effectiveness"

Diana Noreen Rivera,

Department of English

"Re-envisioning George Washington Gómez: A Semi-Autobiographical Novel's Historical Significance and Response Toward Dominant Dominican Rhetoric"

Yolanda D. Robinson,

Department of Kinesiology

"The Effects Physical Activity Has on the Menstrual Cycle Characteristics Between Two Groups of High School Athletes and One Group of High School Non-Athletes"

Sonia Salinas,

Department of English

"Américo Paredes: Uncovering the Ambiguity in His Multifaceted Life"

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.

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. Persons with degrees from Texas A & M University wear hoods with maroon and white lining; those from Texas Tech University, red and black; and so on. 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.

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. Doctors' 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.

Costumes and Customs of Commencement (continued)

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, mem-

bers 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 ΛΑ.

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.

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."

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This our song,
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With our colors, green and white,
May you be our inspiration,
Lead us ever to the light.

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