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2011 FALL
Commencement

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN FALL 2011 GRADUATES



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to the Class of 2011! The entire UT Pan American 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 remember three things. Number one and most importantly, stay true to the values of hard work, determination, and focus that brought you to this day. Dare to be a leader, to make changes, to serve the community, and to create a better world; and never compromise your values and traditions in the process.

Secondly, show gratitude. We recognize that for most of you, individual achievement has come at great sacrifice, not only by you but by others as well. So I 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), 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 absolutely confident that today's success is just a small measure of all the success that yet awaits you.

With pride and admiration,

Robert S. Nelsen
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert S. Nelsen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

2011 FALL 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. Martín V. Baylor	Vice President for Business Affairs and Acting Vice President for Community Engagement
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Dr. Dahlia Guerra	Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
Dr. Walter Díaz	Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Dr. David Allen	Dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science
Dr. Janice A. Maville	Interim Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services
Dr. John M. Trant	Dean, College of Science and Mathematics
Dr. Farzaneh Razzaghi	Dean, University Library
Mr. Arnoldo Mata	Vice President, UTPA Alumni Association
Ms. Minerva Pérez	GUEST SPEAKER
Mr. J.D. Salinas	GUEST SPEAKER
Mr. José Quiroga	GUEST SPEAKER

GRAND MARSHALS-FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATIVES

Dr. Linda Matthews
 Dr. Thomas White
 Dr. Javier A. Kypuros

CLASS MARSHALS

Dr. Glenn Martinez	College of Arts and Humanities
Dr. Jaime Curts	College of Education
Dr. Damian Damianov	College of Business Administration
Dr. Heinrich Foltz	College of Engineering and Computer Science
Dr. Melinda Rodriguez	College of Health Sciences and Human Services
Dr. Kenneth Christopher Smith	College of Science and Mathematics
Dr. Rosalva Resendiz	College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

ANNOUNCING THE CANDIDATES

Mr. Oscar Adame	9 a.m.
<i>KRGV-TV Channel 5 News Anchor</i>	
Ms. Farrah Fazal	1 p.m.
<i>KRGV-TV Channel 5 News Anchor</i>	
Ms. Laura Villanueva	5 p.m.
<i>Univision and FOX News Reporter</i>	

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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.	Ms. Minerva Pérez, <i>President, Minerva Pérez Media, LLC</i>
	1 p.m.	Mr. J.D. Salinas, <i>Regional Administrator, Greater Southwest Region, U.S. General Services Administration</i>
	5 p.m.	Mr. Jose Quiroga, <i>President, Texas National Bank</i>
INTRODUCTION OF ACADEMIC DEANS		Dr. Havidán Rodríguez, <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL, MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES	9 a.m.	Dr. Teofilo Ozuna, <i>Dean, College of Business Administration</i>
		Dr. Salvador Hector Ochoa, <i>Dean, College of Education</i>
	1 p.m.	Dr. Dahlia Guerra, <i>Dean, College of Arts and Humanities</i>
		Dr. Walter Díaz, <i>Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>
	5 p.m.	Dr. David Allen, <i>Dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science</i>
		Dr. Janice Maville, <i>Interim Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services</i>
		Dr. John M. Trant, <i>Dean, College of Science and Mathematics</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. Arnaldo Mata (BA '81), <i>Vice President, UTPA Alumni Association</i>
PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS		Dr. Robert S. Nelsen, <i>President</i>
MUSIC PROVIDED BY		<i>The University of Texas-Pan American Department of Music and Dance</i>

Baccalaureate candidates graduating with highest honors have completed degrees with superior overall academic records.
Summa Cum Laude (SCL) – 3.9-4.0 grade point average • Magna Cum Laude (MCL) – 3.7-3.89 grade point average
Cum Laude (CL) – 3.5-3.69 grade point average

2011 FALL COMMENCEMENT

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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

Jorge Vidal

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Cesar A. Garza	Juan D. Hinojosa	David Robledo	Roxana Ruiz
Omar Gonzalo Guerrero	Eva Hoekzema	Ruben Jorge Rodriguez	Patricia Ann Sanchez

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Anas Ayed Al Khoffash	Sonya Leigh Etheridge	Bertrand Lesaca	Ana Patricia Ruenes
Cindy Alanis	Lorena Judith Figueroa de Azuara	Lizeth Marroquin	Octavio Omar Saenz
Walter Benjamin Azuara	Jacquelyn Marie Focerrada	Dina M. Martinez	Ricardo Solis
Claudia Elena Borrayo-Barbosa	David Franco	Carlos Miguel Ramirez	Vimal Kumar Tandi
Jorge Casas	Marybel Franco	Pedro Ramirez	
Pooja Chopra	Jose R. Garza	Esther Rocha	
Edna Xochitl De Saro	Ruben Kopara Jr.	Alejandro Rojas	

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

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Alexandra M. Aparicio	Balorie De la Tejera	Blanca Azucena Guzman CL	Jacklyn N. Pena	Cynthia Torres
Mariana Isabel Arce	Juan Pablo De La Torre	Rebekah Jo Harris	Melissa Pena	Felix Gabriel Torres
James Arevalo	Lucy Anna Diaz	Jonathan Gabriel Hernandez SCL	Sandra Carolina Pena	Danny Trejo
Diana A. Atilano	Minerva Diaz	Yolanda Elizabeth Hernandez	Caballero SCL	Eduardo Trenado
Delia Elisa Barrera	Damaris Mavet Dominguez	Andrea Melissa Herrera	Corina Perez	Leonardo Trevino
Yomaira Barrera	Marily Dominguez	Flor Edith Hinojosa Garza	Jose Carlos Perez MCL	Omar Trevino
Annette M. Bernal	Marcus Dornauf	Kent Eliot Lawson	Manuel L. Perez	Daniel Urbano
Gilbert Bernal	Joanna Escalera	Cameron David Lind	Karla Ruby Ramirez	Christina Yvonne Uribe MCL
Akash Bisnath	Krystal Lee Espinoza	Maria C. Lopez	Federico Reyes III	Edgar Allan Valdez
Maria M. Bouza	Jose A. Ferreyros	Lizette Lozano	Daniel Reyna III	Juan Jose Valencia
Eduardo Brisenor Jr.	Meghan Elizabeth Fichtel	Stuart Angus Macinnes	Antonio Rios	Jason Gabriel Valenzuela MCL
Jaime Cantu	Benjamin A. Gallegos CL	Maria Del Carmen Maldonado	Elizabeth Rios	Rosalba Valerio
Reynaldo Cantu III	Diana Heather Galloso	Alexandria Michelle Marroquin	Jose C. Rivas Przano	Erik Alejandro Valero
Reynold Humberto Cantu	Amanda Lee Garcia	Amy Marie Martinez	Felix Rodriguez II	Diana Karina Vargas CL
Vanessa Jo Cantu	Arcelia Garcia	Betsy Lyzette Martinez	Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez	Lisa A. Vargas
Marco A. Casas	Cynthia Garcia CL	Heather Dawn Martinez CL	Mario Alberto Rodriguez	Yoselyn Elizabeth Vazquez
Marina Castillo MCL	Gerardo Garcia	Ignacio Martinez MCL	Melchor Rodriguez	Andrew Aaron Vela
Rachel Castillo	Jessica Marie Garcia	Ludivina Martinez	Nestor Rodriguez Jr.	Lorena Vignaud
Brenda Yael Cavazos	Claudia P. Garza	Julissa Jane Medrano	Rodrigo Rodriguez Jr.	Aswin Vijayaragavan
Monica Yvette Cavazos	Kimberly Alysha Garza	Enrique Mejia CL	Thea Grace Rogers CL	Rolando Villalobos
Adrienne Champion	Samantha M. Garza	Amanda Lee Mendez	Celia D. Sanchez	Ricardo Villanueva
Rosa L. Chavero	Herguad Antonio Gomez	Marlen Yuridia Mendoza	Claudia Sanchez	Fidel Sergio Villaseñor
Eliana Yanelly Chavez	Porfirio J. Gomez	Eduardo Ruben Molina	Oscar Luis Sandoval Flores	Nicholas Ryan Weiermiller
Irma Chavez	Samantha Lee Gomez	Efrain Molina	Lisette Segovia	Andrea Marie Zuniga
Michelle Renee Chavez	Alejandro Gonzalez SCL	Leonel Bernabe Moncivais	Roxana Munoz Segovia	
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Anna Elizabeth Contreras	John Eric Gonzalez	Carolina Navarro	Jameson Giethel Strachan	

2011 FALL COMMENCEMENT

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

Lazaro Ramirez

MASTER OF ARTS

Victoria Lee Perez

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Idalia Gonzalez Alamia	Azucena Garza	Blanca E. Lund	Olga Guadalupe Segura
Carlos Arispe IV	Ernestina Garza	Oscar Humberto Mendoza	Anne Marie Strong
Aisha M. Badiozzamani	Idalou Garza	Adriana Morales-Cervantes	Ida Trevino
Eva Cardenas	Iris C. Gonzalez	Glenda Lee Ramirez	Rocio G. Trevino
Maria E. De Leon	Raul Gonzalez	Roxanne Lyn Rangel	Ruby Jo Valdez
Katherine DeAnda	Jovanna J. Hernandez	Rosa E. Reyes	Sara Patricia Valerio
Heraclio Flores	Norma Karam	Raquel A. Salinas	Joanna Louise Waggoner
Selene Terry Flores	Corina Lopez	Sonya L. Salinas	
Jessica Garcia	Cassandra Yvette Lozano	Romeo Omar Sanchez	
Suhai M. Garcia	Maricruz Luna	Sarah Elizabeth Schelstrate	

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Donna Katheryn Luder

Robert Martinez

BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Iris L. Aguirre	Darlyn S. Chapa	Andrea Garza	Jennifer N. Luna	Lynette Nicole Solis
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Guillermina Carlos	Robles Gamez	Deborah Lee Izaguirre CI	Eliud Salinas	
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Rosa Maria Cepeda	Maria Dejesus Garcia	Yadira Lucio	Krystina Sanchez	
Cristina Cerda	San Juanita Garcia	Cinthy V. Luna	Priscilla Sanchez	

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Hasom L. Bratley	Jesus Galvan	Eduardo Leanos Jr.	Krystal Sandoval Trevino
Adrian Lee Caceres	Jennifer Garcia	Juan Antonio Lopez II	Rodolfo Vasquez
Jacob Cesar Cadena	Abigail Francisca Garza	Jesus J. Mireles Jr.	Marisela Vera
Arturo Castillo Jr.	German Garza Jr.	Deborah Saria Perales CI	Ruben Oscar Villarreal Jr.
Alan Contreras	Jennifer Marie Garza	Jorge Phillips	Ricardo Zuniga
Jorge Luis Cortez MCL	Jose L. Garza	Victor Manuel Ramirez	
Julio Cruz	Francisco Javier Guerrero Jr.	Jennifer Nicole Ramos	

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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

Edward David Avila	Bonnie M. Garcia	Gregoria Jackson	Rachel Marroquin Puckett	Juan J. Tijerina
Aaron Lee Barbosa	Gloria Maria Garcia	Brenda Leigh Mora	Perla G. Rubi	Anna Mercedes Valdez
Patricia Flores	Jose Francisco Garcia	Cintia I. Morales	Emily Ordeman Salazar	Rolando Villagran
Veronica Flores	Santa Hernandez	Erik Paul Norquest	Oscar Sordo	Maria Del Carmen Yanez

MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Alfredo Cantu Jr.	Sarai Garcia	Magaly Gomez	Belinda Lopez	Norma Haydee Saenz
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MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Samuel Arizpe Jr.	Joseph Daniel Haske	Victoria E. Hidalgo	Eduardo Quintero	Daniel Sanchez
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MASTER OF MUSIC

Michael Daniel Mena	Gloria Lorraine Mendoza	Josue C. Soto
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BACHELOR OF ARTS

Miriam Aguayo	Christina Sophia Douglas	Melissa Ann Hernandez	Jonas Antonio Perez	Mark A. Silva
Karen Aguirre	Leticia Evangelina Elizondo	Raquel Sarai Hernandez	Jose P. Price	Matthew Coleman Smith MCL
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Erica Bazaldua	Sean Patrick Garrett	Elisa S. Martinez	Nancy Elizabeth Reyes	Marisela Valle
Daniella I. Botello	Alanah B. Garza	Helen L. Martinez CL	Cassandra Rivera	Maria C. Vallejo
Ashley M. Bowie-Gallegos	Alfredo Garza Jr.	Melissa Marie Martinez	Nalleli A. Rivera	Luis Vargas
Andrea Cantu	Corina Garza	Michelle Ann Martinez	Eduardo Robles	Evelio Vera
Bianca Nichole Cantu	David Garza	Juan Gabriel Matta	Angelica Rodriguez	Lorraine A. Villanueva
Catherine Elizabeth Cantu	Gabriela Garza	Jessica G. Mejorado	Carmen Ellis Rodriguez	Abel Villarreal Jr. CL
Victor Cardenas	Julian Garza	Aime Mendoza	Cathy Rodriguez MCL	Alexandra Villarreal
Monica Carmona	Ramiro Garza Jr. CL	Michelle Iris Mendoza MCL	Jessica Anaiy Rodriguez	Hector Vivanco
Melissa Carreon	David L. Gillespie MCL	Valery Teresa Mijangos	Kimberly A. Rodriguez	Regina Lynn Welch SCL
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Raul Castillo Jr.	Roel Roldan Gonzales	Laura Elizabeth Morales	Thania A. Rodriguez	Melanie Denise Wilson
Erika Chapa	Carlos Alberto Gonzalez	Mario Moreno	Luis Gerardo Rojas Solorio	Jesus Ivan Yanez
Pearla Chavez	Elizabeth N. Gonzalez	Marissa Elizabeth Munguia	Homero Saenz Jr. MCL	Betsaida Zacarias
Kyrstie Anne Cox MCL	Monica Eileen Gonzalez	Arlando Nacianceno	Hector Salas	Ana Karen Zapata
Dulce Cruz	Nadia Gaby Cantu Gonzalez	Patrick Padelford	Flor Margarita Saldana CL	Daniel Zuniga Jr.
Alejandra Cuellar	Gerson Gutierrez	Anna Maria Padilla	Ricardo Jaime Salinas	Elsica Zuniga
Juan Pablo Davila	Gloria Hamill	Arcadio Padilla III	Aaron L. Sanchez	
Paul Joseph Davila SCL	Richard I. Hays CL	Carmen Padilla	Jacob Andrew Sanchez	
Monica De La O	Zaira Jeniece Heredia	Pamela Ann Palacios CL	Samantha Marie Saucedo CL	
Robert Dugan Dewveall	Felipe Hernandez	Natasha M. Pedraza MCL	Reyes Sepulveda	
Elena Del Rosario Diaz	Josie Marie Hernandez CL	Roberto Jesus Pena	Jessica Serna	

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL STUDIES COMPOSITE

Roberto Barbosa Jr. CL	Adriana Garza	Irene G. Morales	David Steven Solis
Sergio Alberto Elizondo	Lee R. Garza	Elvia Rios CL	Francisco Javier Vasquez
Hector A. Garcia	Victor Martinez	Juan R. Rodriguez Jr. CL	Christina A. Zuniga

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Damaris S. Aguilera	Jennifer Lee Garcia	Freddy Lazaro Martinez	Monica Natalia Salazar	Michael Vela
Karina Aidee Alvarado	Pamela Alejandra Garza	David Palomo	Ernesto Salcedo	Maricela Verastegui
Marco Alonzo Carbajal	Hector J. Gonzalez CL	Erica Vanessa Perez	Elizabeth Sanchez	Andrea Villasenor
Jocelyn Carrillo	Veronica Gonzalez	Britany Berenice Reyes CL	Yuridia Sanchez	Kristina Marie Ysaguirre
Arlene Chapa	Marisol Jaquelin Guajardo CL	Ricardo Anael Reyes	Israel Solis Jr.	
Maria Fernanda Cifuentes	John Robert Kaufold	Augusta Erin Rodriguez CL	Laura Soria Guajardo MCL	
Delvis Cortez	Celina Lopez CL	Iliana Rodriguez	Raul Eden Tamez	
Andres Flores MCL	Maricela Lorenzo	Laura Rodriguez MCL	Christie D. Templin CL	
Victor E. Galindo	Celina Martinez	Allan Joseph Rosales	Angel Vasquez	

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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 the Public Administration Program. 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

Lynnette Danielle Aguilar Gilbert Roland Anzaldúa	Mark Andrew Burson Christine Gutierrez	Berenice Martinez Nydia E. Martinez	Ruben James Nieto Lucia Andrea Salinas	Armandina Maria Sanchez Jessica Gail Sims
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MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Mohammed Ahsan Ahmed Clerissa Castillo	Chris Scott Davis Angela M. Hunter	Luis Larrazolo Susana Pelaez	Diana Pina Crystal Rodriguez	Sergio Luis Salinas
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MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Maricela De Leon Victor Martin Deleon	Julissa Flores Brenda Garza	Ruben Gonzalez Alex Mambo
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MASTER OF SCIENCE

Moises Arjona Jr. Kimberly A. Fernandez	Miguel A. Garza Cristina Sofia Lopez	Carlos Enriquez Perez Felix Ramos
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Leonardo De La Cruz Jr.	Norma A. Garcia	Irene Judith Guerrero	Roberto Orozco	Cindy Zavala
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BACHELOR OF ARTS

Bianca S. Abarca Pedro Antonio Aguilar Lyzette Alanis Roel Alanis CL Maria M. Alcalá Monica Rubi Barron Ayssa Lee Bazan Anna Guadalupe Caltabiano Melinda S. Cavazos Aldo E. Ceja Karen Cisneros Liza Colorado Angela J. Contreras Courtney Michelle Dekock CL	Eric Ruben Diaz Cynthia Duenes Melanie Jean Falcon Clarissa Farias Jessica Vanessa Flores Carlos E. Galvan CL Gabriel Eduardo Garcia Lorena C. Garcia Marissa A. Garcia Saharai Garcia Jay Philip Garza CL Lizbeth Y. Garza Lizbeth Gittins Ivonne Gonzalez	Jessica Leticia Hawkins Jesus Hernandez Jr. Lilian Gabriela Hernandez Johnathon Jimenez CL Miranda Michelle Kornegay Elisabeth Lucille Landaverde Ashley Sommer Leal CL Michael Paul Ledesma Javier A. Lopez Maria Guadalupe Lopez CL Raul Lopez III Gregg P. Madsen Abraham E. Martinez MCL Mauricio Alejandro Martinez	Ryan Martinez Carla Inez Mata Michael S. McCann CL Angelica Mercado Mario Javier Mora Jr. Gina Lynn Mustard Yesenia Elizabeth Ortiz Victor Gabriel Palacios Hector Daniel Pena Allen Joseph Ramirez Christian J. Reyes Jessica Rodriguez Robert G. Rodriguez Rosario Pina Rodriguez	April Yezenia Salazar Ivan Marko Salinas Juan Arnulfo Sandoval MCL Dakota Marshall Seale Mary Kathryn Slayton Gladys Solis Sarah Ellen Stegall MCL Eva Maria Tamez Katherine Faith Tapia Roberto E. Tellez Karista C. Vidaurri Arthur Augustine Villarreal Shelby Villarreal
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BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Adriana Castillo Adrienne P. Garza	Michael E. Hilton Sheila J. Menendez	Iris Yvette Rico Angela V. Rios	Blanca Rocha Vanessa L. Saenz	Alejandra Carmen Velasquez
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Amy E. Ayala Daniel Barrera Danielle Rae Brandon Melisse Nicole Brown Felipe Colunga Geraldine Colunga	Gicela Flores Duran Maria Cristina Elizondo Omalee Espinoza Manuel Joseph Galvan CL Karla Maria Garces Stephanie Gonzalez	Serina Lopez Viviana L. Lozano Sara Elizabeth Martinez Hareesh Jagdish Mirchandani Alejandra Sarahi Munoz Roberto Carlos Picazo	Justin David Ramos Keith A. Rufo Cecilia Jean Salinas Julian Salinas CL Abella Jane Salvaleon Christian O. Sarmiento	Fernando Solis Jr. Christa Renee Villarreal Mallorie Frances Wilson Ryan Leigh Zimmerman
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Claudia I. Aguilar Alex Alanis Jaime Javier Arevalo Jr. Celia Banda Marcos Bernal Michael Betancourt David Andrew Boyd Eliud Cadena Julissa Cantu Korina Elizabeth Carrizales Aaron A. Cavazos Maria Geraldine Contreras Sandra Yvette Cruz Elsa Yolanda Cueva MCL Dinorah de Leon Flor Corrina DeLaRosa	Desiree Claudette Estrada Oliver Fischer Joana Flores Orlando G. Flores Rigoberto Flores Jeremiah Lewis Foster Arnoldo Franco Alejandro Fuentes Alan Antonio Garcia Jerry L. Garcia Oscar Garcia Javier Garza Jr. Krystal Elaine Garza CL Manuel A. Gomez-Clarke Aaron Luis Gonzalez Denytha Guerrero	Jamie Hernandez Saul Hernandez MCL Amado Herrera II Haley Crea Hocott CL Rebecca D. Ibarra Lucio January III Bjorn N. Jorgensen Veronica Leandro Eric Robert Lerma Ashley Marie Lopez Eduardo Lopez Mabely Lopez Javier A. Lozano Carlos Ismael Mandes Miriam Marquez Elisaldo Torres Martinez	Jose Maria Martinez Daniel Mata Eleazar J. Mendez Jr. Oscar Molano Vitelio Munoz III Eric Ivan Nacianceno J. Jesus Ochoa Deborah Jean Ortegón Francisco Perez Blanca E. Pina Diana S. Ramirez Jesus Angel Ramirez Ruby Ramirez Johnathan Razo Mario Alberto Resendez Antonio Rivera Jr.	Candida Rodriguez Eduardo Rodriguez Jr. Miriam L. Rodriguez Michael James Rogers Jr. Marisol Rosas Eduardo Saenz Dina Salinas Melissa Silva Normalinda Soto Orlando Teran Brenda Torres Marlen Vasquez Carolyn Zapata Gerardo D. Zapata Juan Alberto Zuniga
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2011 FALL COMMENCEMENT

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

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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.

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The College of Science and Mathematics strives to provide an environment of academic freedom and a strong scientific and technical foundation for all students. The college offers a solid research program involving undergraduate and graduate students in all areas of science and mathematics, and a strong teacher preparation program in science, mathematics, and technology. The college includes the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics and Geology.

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Yma Chavez	Alejandro Gonzalez	Ignacio Martinez	Roxana Ruiz	Diana Karina Vargas
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SIGMA TAU DELTA INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

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DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

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College of Education
A Study of Six South Texas Mexican Descent Former Students: Elementary School Experiences and Their Influence on the Student's Decision on High School Completion
Committee Chair: Francisco Guajardo

Jorge Vidal

College of Business Administration
An Analysis of the Dynamic Properties of the ADR Cross Market Premium
Committee Chair: Dr. Teofilo Ozuna

GRADUATE THESES

Lynnette Danielle Aguilar

Department of Psychology and Anthropology
The Effects of Physical Activity on Self-injurious Behavior

Samuel Arizpe Jr.

Department of English
OYE: Words Are One Big Mind

Pooja Chopra

Department of Business Administration
Use of Preventive Health Care Services in Hispanic Workers in the Manufacturing Sector in South Texas

Maricela De Leon

Public Administration Program
Is Texas Measuring Up to Federal Expectations? An Examination of the No Child Left Behind Legislation on Texas Region One Education Service Center District Schools

Nagarjuna Gaddipati

Department of Manufacturing Engineering
Gas-Assisted Injection Molding: Effect of Process Variables, Residual Wall Thickness on Different Geometries

Hernando Garrido

Department of Manufacturing Engineering
The Evaluation and Analysis of the Impact of Variability on the Twelve Workstation Factory

Christine Gutierrez

Department of Psychology and Anthropology
Are Progress Ratio and Fixed Interval Schedules of Reinforcement Related Measures of Impulsivity?

Joseph Daniel Haske

Department of English
Breakfast Shots and Other Stories

Rafael Kristian Maldonado

Department of Mechanical Engineering
An Investigation Into Temperature Trending in Railroad Tapered Roller Bearings Through Vibration Monitoring Techniques

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Department of Psychology and Anthropology
Enriched vs. Impoverished Housing: Food Choice and Consumption

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Department of Psychology and Anthropology
Parenting Styles as Predictors of Cognitive Development Among Children

Michael Daniel Mena

Department of Music and Dance
The Mexican Identity and Music: Audioscapes and the Transnational Death Metal Group Brujeria

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Department of Psychology and Anthropology
An Investigation of Inappropriate Payment Behavior

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Department of Psychology and Anthropology
Elopement in Santiago Tlacotepec, Toluca State of Mexico: An Ethnographic Study and Cross Cultural Perspective, an Alternative Marriage

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Social Skills as Predictors of Theory of Mind Development Among Children

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Analysis and Design of an Anisotropic, Compliant Suspension Component

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Bridging Nonfiction and Fiction: From the Classroom to the Page

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A Study on the Comparison of Taguchi and Split Plot Methods for Gas-Assisted Injection Molding Process

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Development of an Assay to Screen for Novel Protein from Bacillus Thuringiensis for Antibacterial Activity

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Department of Electrical Engineering
Subthreshold 3 Phase Mixers

Diana Evelyn Trevino

Department of Biology
Characterization and Antibiotic Resistance Profile of Staphylococci in the Lower Rio Grande Valley

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Effect of Geometry Changes Due to Temperature on the Performance of Railroad Tapered Roller Bearings

COSTUMES AND CUSTOMS OF COMMENCEMENT

The colorful costumes and traditional customs of college commencement ceremonies trace their beginnings back to the origins of the modern university in medieval Europe. Modern American colleges and universities carry on many traditions that began at Oxford and Cambridge to demonstrate the continuity of learning over the centuries and to emphasize the importance attached to commencement exercises.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia refers to the distinctive attire worn by students, faculty and other university officials at commencement. This attire shares some characteristics of religious vestments, reflecting the origins of the universities within the general jurisdiction of the medieval church. The colors, shapes and sizes of the various elements all carry meaning regarding the rank and status of the wearers. Today, this regalia is largely ceremonial, but in the past such garments were the regular attire of those involved in the higher education experience and some of the features had both symbolic and practical applications. Gowns, hoods, caps, and additional ornaments are the four main categories of academic regalia.

GOWNS

The gown is the basic element of academic regalia. American practice has adopted certain standards that distinguish the gowns worn by those with various degrees. Most gowns are black, but some universities have adopted distinctive colors. A bachelor's gown is the plainest, with a closed front and long pointed sleeves. A master's gown is similar, except that the sleeves have a closed extension originally used as a place to carry books and other materials. The doctoral gown is the most distinctive with large bell-shaped sleeves. Velvet panels down the front and around the neck and three velvet bars on each sleeve often signify the academic field of the wearer.

CAPS



The standard commencement headwear is the Oxford cap, a skullcap topped by a square cloth-covered board, the reason for its "mortarboard" nickname. Some faculty members wear a softer Cambridge version of the cap that is like a square velvet tam o'shanter. Usually, the color of the cap matches the color of the gown. Most caps have a tassel attached to a button on the top to hang down over the edge of the top; it is usually black (or the same color as the cap), but some tassels indicate the field of the degree the recipient is getting. Doctoral caps frequently have a tassel of gold braid. Many graduates like to move the tassel from the right front to the left front when they receive their degrees to signify their newly graduated status.

HOODS

The hood derives from the cowls worn by clerics in the middle ages to stay warm, but today it is totally symbolic and worn hanging down the back. Hoods are authorized for all three levels of degrees, but most institutions forego the hood at the baccalaureate level. Master's hoods are three-and-a-half feet in length and have a velvet trim along the edge. Doctoral hoods are four feet in length and have a wider velvet trim. The satin lining of the hood, worn so that it can be seen, reflects the colors of the degree-granting institution. The hoods worn by master's and doctoral graduates from The University of Texas-Pan American have a burnt orange and white lining since those are the official colors of all institutions in The University of Texas System. The color of the velvet trim signifies the academic discipline of the wearer's degree. As codified by the American

Council on Education, some of the official colors associated with the various degrees and disciplines are:

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

In the case of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree, the dark blue color represents the mastery of learning and scholarship in any field (English, history, mathematics, etc.) not just the field of philosophy.

ADDITIONAL ORNAMENTS

Some participants in the commencement ceremony will wear additional ornaments such as colored cords, medallions, stoles, or sashes. These ornaments signify the wearer's membership in some honor society or special group. For instance, members of the honor society Phi Kappa Phi wear gold cords or a medallion on a blue ribbon, while members of Lambda Alpha, the anthropology honor society, wear a gold or white stole embroidered with the Greek letters LA.

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GONFALONS



Gonfalons are ceremonial flags or banners designed to hang from a horizontal crossbar that originated in medieval Italy where they were used to represent different cities or officials. At UTPA, gonfalons are used to represent the six colleges plus the institution as a whole. The gonfalons on the platform at any ceremony represent the colleges whose students are graduating at that ceremony. The University gonfalon is present at all ceremonies. UTPA's gonfalons were designed and created by art professor Nancy Moyer, using distinctive images and colors for each college. For example, the College of Education's gonfalon features a lamp, symbolizing the light provided by education, on a field of blue, along with the slogan "Learning for a Better Tomorrow." The University's own gonfalon has the university seal against a background of burnt orange and white. The seal presents a shield on a blue background, with an open book on a field of white, while below are the wreath and star of the seal of the state of Texas on a field of burnt orange. The seal also contains the motto of The University of Texas System — *Disciplina Praesidium Civitatis* — a Latin rendering of Republic of Texas President Mirabeau B. Lamar's quotation about the value of education, "A cultivated mind is the guardian genius of democracy."

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION AND CHAIN

The president of the University wears a medallion as a symbol of the office. The medallion, a gold-plated replica of the University seal, hangs from a chain of 18 gold-plated links that have three arch-shaped cutouts to reflect a major architectural motif of the University. Seven of the links are engraved with the names of the past and present presidents of the institution and their years in office; the rest are reserved for future presidents. Thus, the chain and the medallion symbolize the continuity of the institution by "linking" its past, present, and future leaders. The medallion and chain were designed and made by Jerry Bailey, a former faculty member in the Department of Art.



CEREMONIAL MACE

In the medieval times, a mace was a symbol of authority and was carried before or set near a high official when official ceremonies or sessions were being conducted. Today, the chair of the Faculty Senate carries the mace to lead the academic procession at commencement and other special ceremonies, such as the installation of the president. UTPA's walnut mace measures five feet in length. The four vertical faces of the head frame brass replicas of the University seal set on a velvet background of dark green.

UT PAN AMERICAN MEMORY STOLES



Hoping to inspire a new tradition at The University of Texas-Pan American, 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 afterwards are encouraged to present the stole to a special person in an expression of gratitude. The treasured stole could be given to mom, dad, spouse, educator or a friend who most inspired, mentored or helped in your personal quest for knowledge. At UTPA, a campus community that places great importance on cherishing family and friends, Memory Stoles are a tradition that will undoubtedly withstand the test of time.

Graduates, may you wear your Memory Stole with pride!



Alma Mater

*Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
True and loyal, we will be.
To our dear old Alma Mater,
Pan American of U.T.*

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

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