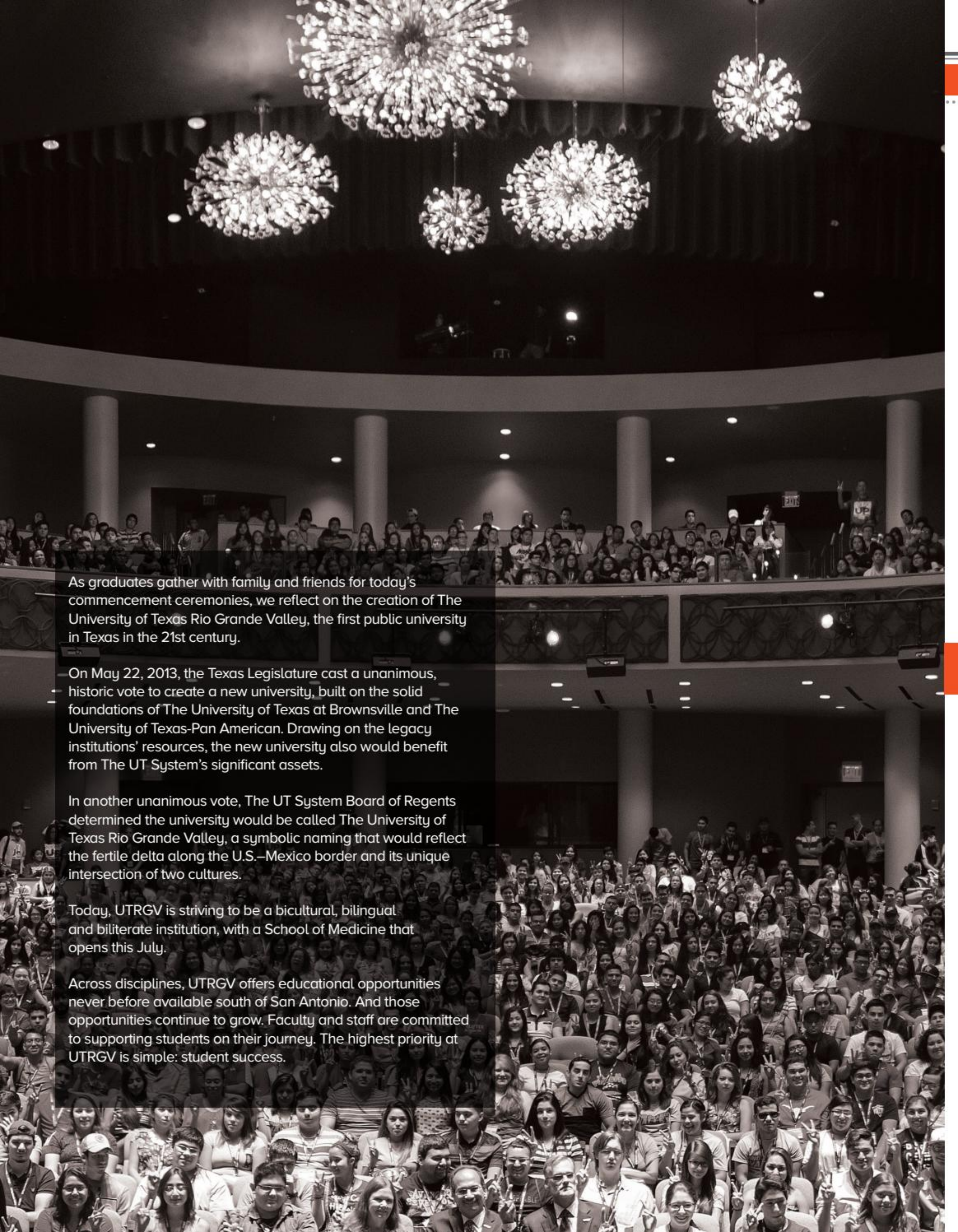




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SPRING
COMMENCEMENT



As graduates gather with family and friends for today's commencement ceremonies, we reflect on the creation of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, the first public university in Texas in the 21st century.

On May 22, 2013, the Texas Legislature cast a unanimous, historic vote to create a new university, built on the solid foundations of The University of Texas at Brownsville and The University of Texas-Pan American. Drawing on the legacy institutions' resources, the new university also would benefit from The UT System's significant assets.

In another unanimous vote, The UT System Board of Regents determined the university would be called The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, a symbolic naming that would reflect the fertile delta along the U.S.–Mexico border and its unique intersection of two cultures.

Today, UTRGV is striving to be a bicultural, bilingual and biliterate institution, with a School of Medicine that opens this July.

Across disciplines, UTRGV offers educational opportunities never before available south of San Antonio. And those opportunities continue to grow. Faculty and staff are committed to supporting students on their journey. The highest priority at UTRGV is simple: student success.



Guy Bailey
Founding President

Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

You have made your family and friends extremely proud, and we thank them for providing you love and support throughout this journey.

A university is measured by the success of its students. At UTRGV we know the challenges our students face pursuing their dreams of earning a college degree, but they routinely respond with passion, dedication and commitment. Every day our faculty and staff strive to empower our students to reach their potential.

The future is bright for UTRGV, and you should take pride that your graduation helps lay an important foundation for our university. The students who follow in your footsteps will benefit from expanded educational opportunities that previously were not available in the Rio Grande Valley. Our School of Medicine will transform lives by producing doctors and conducting research that impacts this region.

I invite you to stay connected to your university and join our alumni association. As alumni you can mentor and inspire current and future generations of students and serve as an advocate for your university as it continues to evolve.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, we are so proud of you.

Congratulations and all the best as you begin the next chapter of your lives.

We know you will transform lives.

We know you will inspire the world.

Guy Bailey

Guy Bailey
Founding President
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

PLATFORM GUESTS

Mr. Ernest Aliseda	UT System Regent
Dr. Guy Bailey	Founding President
Dr. Havidán Rodríguez	Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
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Dr. Kristin Croyle	Vice President for Student Success
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Dr. Theresa Maldonado	Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation & Economic Development
Dr. Janna Arney	Chief of Staff and Vice President for Operations
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Dr. Patricia Alvarez McHatton.....	Dean, Education & P-16 Integration
Dr. Alexander Domijan	Dean, Engineering & Computer Science
Dr. Steven Block	Dean, Fine Arts
Dr. Michael Lehker	Dean, Health Affairs
Dr. Parwinder Grewal	Dean, Sciences
Dr. Walter Diaz	Dean, Liberal Arts
Dr. Dave Jackson	Interim Dean, Graduate College
Dr. Mark Andersen	Dean, Honors College
Dr. M. Lynn Crismon.....	Dean, College of Pharmacy, UT Austin
Dr. Dora E. Saavedra	President, Faculty Senate
Dr. Bobbette Morgan	Grand Marshal, Faculty Senate Representative
Mrs. Wilma Mealer	Grand Marshal, Faculty Senate Representative
Dr. Dora E. Saavedra	Grand Marshal, Faculty Senate Representative
Dr. Britt Haraway	Grand Marshal, Faculty Senate Representative

HONOREES

William Eugene Powell	Former Chairman of UT System Board of Regents
Michael Ray Mancias	Distinguished Alumni Award Honoree
Heriberto Reynoso	Distinguished Alumni Award Honoree
Alicia Margarita Torres	Distinguished Alumni Award Honoree
Lauryn Gayle White	Distinguished Alumni Award Honoree

ANNOUNCING THE CANDIDATES

FRIDAY

Ms. Emily Jimenez	6 p.m.
KVEO 23 News Center 23 Anchor/Reporter	

SATURDAY

Mr. Oscar Margain	9 a.m.
Univision 48 Reporter and Fox 2 News Anchor	
Ms. Marcy Martinez	1 p.m.
CBS 4 News Anchor	
Mr. Hector Manuel Zapata Flores	5 p.m.
KTML Telemundo 40 Reporter	

ORDER OF EXERCISES

PRE-PROCESSIONAL	UTRGV Mariachi Aztlán Mr. Francisco Loera, Director
PROCESSIONAL	UTRGV Wind Ensemble Mr. Albert Lo, Director
POSTING OF THE COLORS	UTRGV ROTC
NATIONAL ANTHEM	UTRGV School of Music Students
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Dr. Havidán Rodríguez, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
RECOGNITION OF HONOREES AND REMARKS	Dr. Guy Bailey, Founding President
INTRODUCTION OF ACADEMIC DEANS	Dr. Havidán Rodríguez, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL, MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES	Dr. Mark Kroll, Dean, Business & Entrepreneurship Dr. Patricia Alvarez McHatton, Dean, Education & P-16 Integration Dr. Alexander Domijan, Dean, Engineering & Computer Science Dr. Steven Block, Dean, Fine Arts Dr. Michael Lehker, Dean, Health Affairs Dr. Walter Diaz, Dean, Liberal Arts Dr. Parwinder Grewal, Dean, Sciences
CERTIFICATION OF DOCTORAL, MASTER'S, BACCALAUREATE AND MATH AND SCIENCE ACADEMY DEGREES	Dr. Havidán Rodríguez, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL, MASTER'S AND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES	Dr. Guy Bailey, Founding President
CONCLUDING REMARKS	Dr. Havidán Rodríguez, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
RECESSIONAL	UTRGV Wind Ensemble and UTRGV Mariachi Aztlán



THE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY

The Mathematics and Science Academy is an accelerated and innovative concurrent enrollment program for bright, motivated high school juniors and seniors interested in mathematics, science and engineering careers.

Students take classes with university faculty and earn both high school and college credit, and are given more supervision and guidance than traditional college students.

The goal of the MSA is to educate the whole person. Caring faculty and staff mentor students to develop their creativity, curiosity, reasoning ability, independence and self-discipline. Graduates of the academy are prepared for not only mathematics, science and engineering careers but also in other areas of higher-level studies. MSA students are also encouraged to serve their community, society and humanity.

MSA students are part of the university and engage in many of the same campus activities as traditional students. At the same time, they form close bonds with their MSA peers as they work and study together in a collaborative learning environment. Many MSA students form friendships and memories they will cherish the rest of their lives.

The 79th Texas Legislature established the MSA in May 2005 to meet the growing national need for students who are well prepared in mathematical and scientific problem solving, and who are able to compete in an increasingly technological world. MSA's concurrent enrollment program, in which students earn both high school and college credit, makes it a unique program among state supported schools. The academy is under the guidance and supervision of the College of Sciences.

CANDIDATES FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Jacqueline Alford²
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 Joshua Balladares^{1,2}
 Omar Betts
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 Thaly Fajardo^{1,2,3}
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 Gilberto Garza, III
 Alexis Gonzalez^{1,2,4}
 Rolando Gonzalez^{1,2,3}
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 Isaiah Hernandez
 Seth Jackson^{1,2,3}
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HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNITIONS

¹ National Honor Society recognizes outstanding high school students

³ Outstanding Academic Achievement Grade-Point Averages 3.5-3.8

² Community Service recognizes completing 75 hours or more of community service

⁴ Exemplary Academic Achievement Grade-Point Averages 3.9-4.0





COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The College of Business and Entrepreneurship is composed of the School of Accountancy, Department of Economics and Finance, Department of Information Systems, Department of Management, Department of Marketing, Department of International Business and Entrepreneurship, and the Master of Business Administration Program.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Mohammad Jafarnejad Nese Nasif

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Jude D. Guerra Yesenia Monsivais Gerardo Salinas Becky N. Weger Abimbola Ogunnaike
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Gilberto Cavazos

Summa Cum Laude (SCL) – 3.9-4.0 grade point average • Magna Cum Laude (MCL) – 3.7-3.89 grade point average • Cum Laude (CL) – 3.5-3.69 grade point average





COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND P-16 INTEGRATION

The College of Education and P-16 Integration is composed of the Educator Preparation and Accountability, the Counseling Training Clinic, Department of Bilingual and Literacy Studies, Department of Counseling and Guidance, Department of Human Development and School Services, Department of Organization and School Leadership, Department of Teaching and Learning, and the Educational Technology Resource Center.

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

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Leticia Pena Monique Gutierrez Rocha Judith Christina Sakai

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Josias Cruz	Veronica Gonzalez	Julia Martinez	Maria Abelina Rodriguez	
Jose Antonio Davila	Elva Gracia	Jose Antonio Medina	Ricardo Rodriguez	
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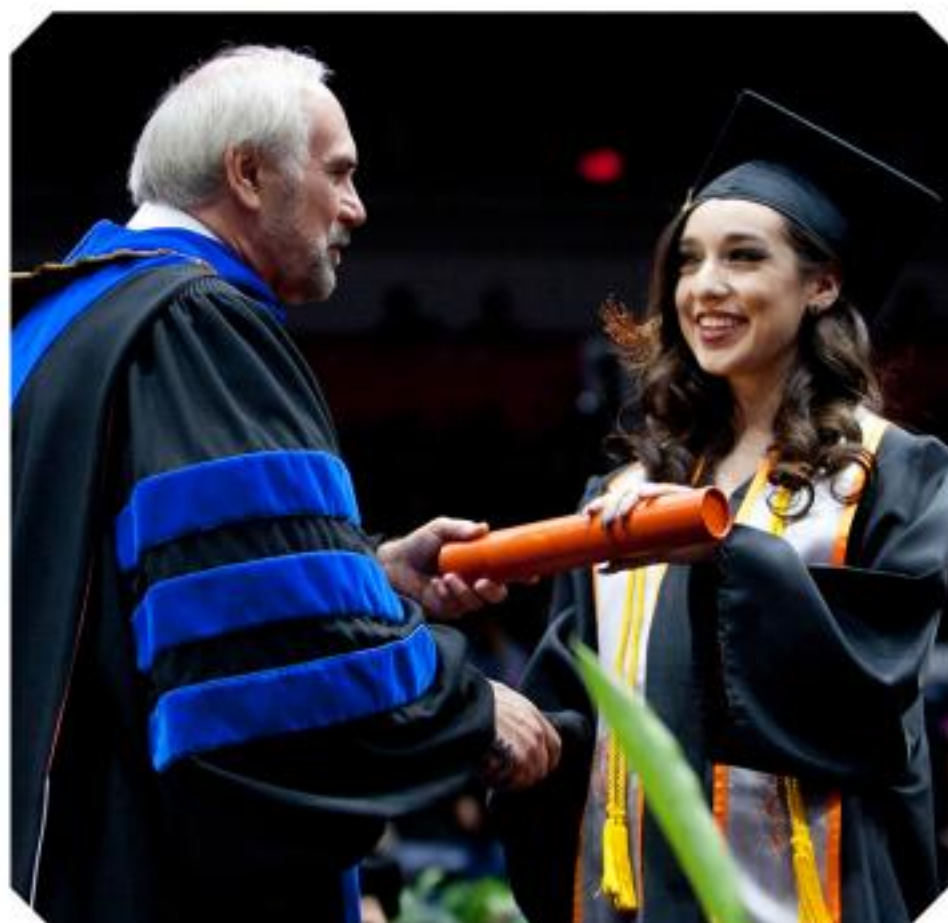
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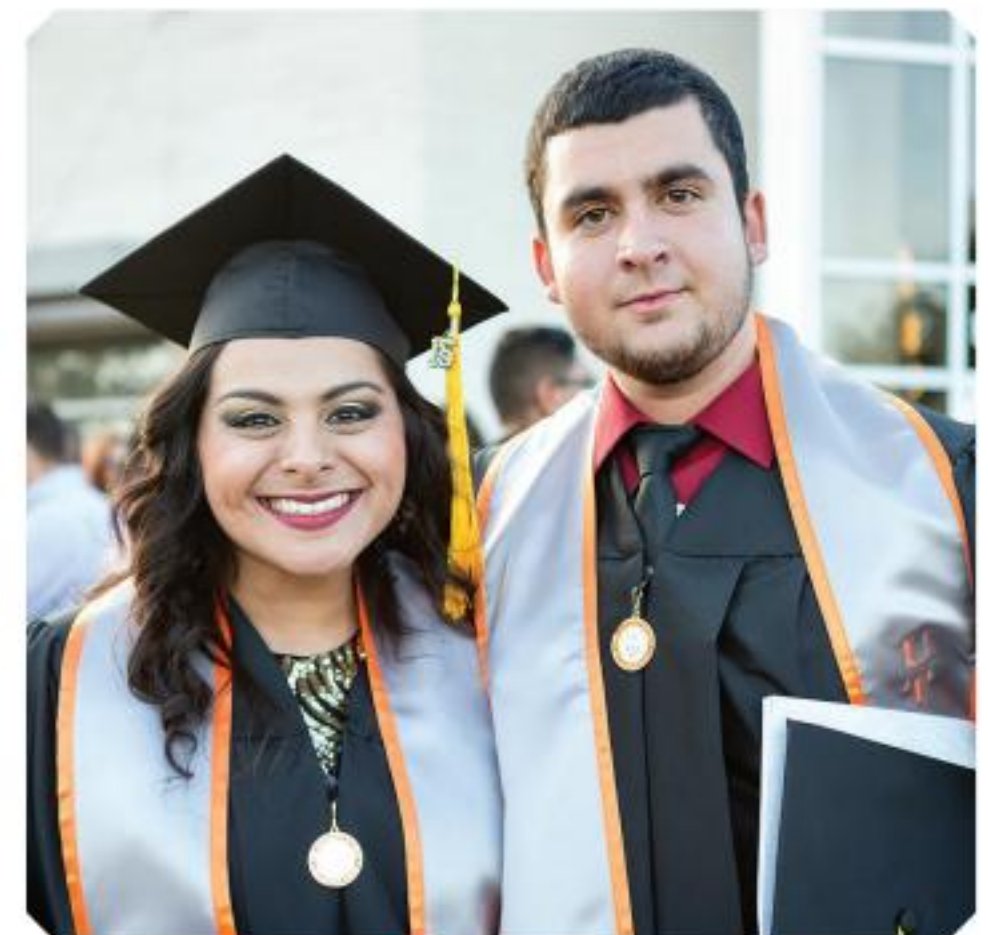
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COSTUMES AND CUSTOMS OF COMMENCEMENT

The colorful costumes and traditional customs of college commencements 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 refer to the distinctive attire worn by students, faculty and other university officials at commencement. The origins of academic dress date back to the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric. Though the custom of wearing academic dress was brought to America in colonial times, it was not until 1895 that a standardized code of academic dress was established and followed by most colleges and universities. The gown, hood, cap and additional ornaments are the main categories of academic regalia and are distinctive for each degree.

CAPS

Headwear is an important component of the cap and gown, and the academic costume is not complete without it. 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 a velvet tam with four, six or eight corners. Usually, the color of the cap matches the color of the gown. Caps are worn throughout the ceremony except for men during the singing of the national anthem.



TASSEL

The tassel is attached to a button on the top of the cap and hangs down to the right for bachelor's candidates until their degree is conferred. Many universities ceremoniously have graduates move their tassel from the right to the left. Both master's and doctoral candidates tassels often begin and remain on the left.

GOWNS

The gown is the most basic of academic regalia. The Costume Code calls for three types of gowns: doctoral, master's and bachelor's. Most gowns are black, but some universities have adopted distinctive colors. The bachelor's gown is the simplest of the three, a plain gown with long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown is distinctive for its extremely long, closed sleeves (originally used as a place to carry small books or other materials), the arms protruding through a slit at the elbow. The doctoral gown is the most elaborate, with front-facing velvet and three velvet bars on each of the full, billowing sleeves. The velvet can be black, Ph.D. blue, or the academic color to which the degree corresponds.



HOODS

The hood is derived from the cowls worn by clerics in the Middle Ages for warmth. Today they are worn symbolically, hanging down the back. Master's hoods are 3 1/2 feet in length and have a velvet trim along the edge. Doctoral hoods are 4 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 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
- Drab: Business/Accounting
- Light Blue: Education
- Orange: Engineering
- Purple: Law
- Lemon: Library Science
- Green: Medicine
- Pink: Music
- Brown: Fine Arts
- Apricot: Nursing
- Olive Green: Pharmacy
- Dark Blue: Philosophy
- Sage Green: Physical Education
- Salmon Pink: Public Health
- Golden Yellow: Science
- Citron: Social Work
- Peacock Blue: Public Administration

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, 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 an honor society or special group.

CHAIN OF OFFICE AND PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The presidential medallion is the official insignia of the university president and is worn at commencement and other ceremonial occasions. Like many academic traditions, the display of a heavy “chain of office” comes from medieval regalia and represents the weight of responsibility for the wearer.

The UTRGV medallion and chain was designed in 2016 and executed by the Jewelry Students, Jewelry Faculty, and craftsman Lino Guiza in the UTRGV School of Art. The medallion is made up of two parts—the seal of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley surrounded by an abstract sunburst created with a bricks and mortar design. The cactus flowers on the outer edges of the seal are placed at the four cardinal points with the largest flower pointing south. The counter weight to the medallion is a representation of the native Sabal palm. The Chain of Office is a circlet of Art Deco-inspired links representing the past, while revealing an infrastructure of bridges, aqueducts and gears that speak to the importance of our solid foundation, water, and movement into the future. The chain features many aspects of the Rio Grande Valley that aid our growth and commitment to higher education.



Arches
Water
Turbine
Neuron Tree
Circuit Board

Abacus
Bone
Binary code
Leaves/Quills
Butterfly

Tortoise
Finger Print
Road Junction
Satellite



BELL

Our stately bronze bell, circa 1850, lives on the Brownsville campus. It is rung during commencement to symbolize a rite of passage and proclaims that a worthy and well-qualified individual has passed from one station in their life to a loftier one. Our bell is also the icon for the Bell Scholarship Endowment.



CEREMONIAL MACE

In medieval times, the mace was a symbol of authority and carried before or set near a high official when ceremonies or sessions were being conducted. Today, the mace symbolizes the university's governing authority and signifies the proceedings are officially sanctioned. Traditionally, the chair of the Faculty Senate carries the mace to lead the academic procession at commencement and other special ceremonies.

The UTRGV 47" Ceremonial Mace was designed in 2016 by students in the School of Art and a committee of faculty from anthropology, archeology, geology, history, communication and art. The mace is intricately imbued with historical, cultural and architectural meaning.

The handles of the mace are made of Rio Grande Valley mesquite engraved with a decorative pattern of the state's official turtle, the Ridley, and wind turbines.

The helix, between the handles, represents the coming together of the legacy institutions—The University of Texas at Brownsville and The University of Texas-Pan American. The helix is made of petrified palm, the official stone of Texas.

The base is crafted from mesquite and inlaid with blue selenite, thought to be associated with mental clarity, truth and honesty, and to represent the Rio Grande River.

The tip of the mace is made of El Sauz Chert.



MEMORY STOLE

When students graduate from UTRGV they know they did not make the journey alone. The Memory Stole is a symbol of appreciation and graduates wear their stole during the commencement ceremony. Following the ceremony they are encouraged to present the stole to a special family member, professor, or friend as a symbol of gratitude and appreciation for their support, inspiration or mentorship.

GONFALONS

The college gonfalon, or banner, has its roots in the Middle Ages and were symbols of units or family groups. Today, gonfalons are used at official university ceremonies as heraldic devices and are frequently carried during processions as heraldic devices and are frequently carried during processions at commencement.

At UTRGV, each college has a custom-designed banner signifying its academic unit. Each flag is rich in unique symbolism while also showing unity through size, shape and color. The swoop at the bottom of each gonfalon represents the border of Texas, and the field of blue with gold stars of Texas represents the distributed nature of UTRGV— from Rio Grande City to South Padre Island.

The gonfalons were designed by Daniel Cardenas, Karla Castillo, Roberto Castro, Santa Hernandez, and Kimberly Selber from UTRGV Marketing & Creative Services.



College of Education and P-16 Integration

Symbol:

The torch represents the guiding light – the ability for graduates to serve as a beacon for others and for the college to serve as a light that will lead the way for others.

The multi-colored flame symbolizes the forward-thinking nature of the college, bringing power to ideas.

Colors:

Light blue for education and for wisdom, intelligence and Integrity.



College of Engineering and Computer Science

Symbols:

The dominant image is an interpretation of Moore's Law: Every year, computer chips and components are able to compute twice as much data.

The eye of providence symbolizes the grand architect. In this case, the engineer takes all things into consideration.

Colors:

Orange for engineering and the metals involved in the processing and development of technology. Purple for social ethics.



College of Fine Arts

Symbols:

The waves represent the flow of the mind, freedom, imagination and knowledge. The three waves symbolize creativity, imagination and motivation.

The interlocking shape represents unity and strength between the arts and sciences.

The hummingbird stands for joy, beauty, strength, movement and independence.

Colors:

Wineberry for writing, khaki for fine arts, gold for art, and pink for music.



College of Health Affairs

Symbols:

The dominant image is the Peony Flower, symbolizing health and medicine in Greek mythology; Paeon was turned into the flower by Zeus because Asclepius was threatened by his pursuit of knowledge.

The two snakes are Asclepius representing health and Hygeia representing wellness.

Color:

Blue for the caring nature of the health professions and green for health and medicine.



College of Liberal Arts

Symbol:

The Trivium is derived from the medieval symbol for the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The symbols of the lion and the scales of justice represent the dialogue between the value of the emotions, power, and creativity with the rational, law, and historical institutions.

Colors:

Crimson, gold, silver and blue represent the disciplines within the college.



College of Sciences

Symbol:

The infinity symbol, for math and physics, also represents perfection, unity and balance.

The atom represents the sciences and the vertical pillars represent the foundation of all life and biology, while the vertical lines signify energy.

Colors:

Golden yellow is the color of science, mathematics and physics, while gold represents wisdom, understanding and enlightenment.



College of Business and Entrepreneurship

Symbols:

The two-headed eagle represents power and authority, while also symbolizing collaboration. Both heads are facing north, signifying innovation, looking forward and success. Their wings are open, ready to take flight to discover new horizons, and being open to new ideas. Wheat symbolizes wealth.

Colors:

Rust for economics, brown for business, and purple for leadership.



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