Spring 2014
Commencement

Saturday, May 17, 2014
10:00 a.m.
American Bank Center Arena

A Member of The Texas A&M University System
Spring 2014 Commencement  
President/CEO Flavius C. Killebrew, presiding

Prelude and Processional*

Carrier of the Mace .................................................................Dr. David Grisé  
Visiting Assistant Professor, College of Science & Engineering  
Recipient, University Excellence Award in Teaching Innovation

Welcome ..................................................................................................................Dr. Killebrew

Presentation of the Colors ................................................................................TAMU-CC Army Islander Battalion

National Anthem ........................................................................................................Ms. Janell Stallard  
Junior, music major, College of Liberal Arts

Commencement Address........................................................................................Karen O’Connor Urban  
President, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Foundation

Presentation of Honorary Degree.........................................................................Dr. Killebrew  
Mr. Bernard Paulson

Presentation of Degree Candidates.....................................................................Dr. Christopher Markwood  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

College of Liberal Arts .........................................................................................Dean Kelly Quintanilla
College of Science and Engineering ....................................................................Dean Frank Pezold
College of Graduate Studies ................................................................................Dean JoAnn Canales

Conferring of Degrees ..........................................................................................Dr. Killebrew

Announcing ...........................................................................................................Dr. Luis Cifuentes  
Vice President for Research, Commercialization and Outreach

Assisting (Graduate) .........................................................................................Dr. Markwood

Assisting (Undergraduate) ....................................................................................Dr. Paul Meyer  
Vice Provost

Hooding of Master of Fine Arts Candidates.......................................................Candidate's Major Professor  
College of Liberal Arts Assisting: Dean Quintanilla

Hooding of Doctoral Candidates........................................................................Candidate's Major Professor  
College of Science and Engineering Assisting: Dean Pezold

Commissioning .....................................................................................................Major Royal Atwood  
Assistant Professor of Military Science

Alumni Presentation ...............................................................................................Dr. Nancy Vera, ’85, ’00, & ’07  
President, TAMU-CC National Alumni Association

Alma Mater .............................................................................................................Ms. Yvonne Alaniz  
Mr. James Dickens  
Ms. Janell Stallard  
Mr. John Washington

Recessional*  

*Audience will remain seated.
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy in Coastal and Marine System Science
Eleonor Barraza Taylor

Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Biology
Adrian Paquibot Bandolon

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Master of Fine Arts
Robin Bruce Baker
William Leftridge Barber
Alex Walter Cooper
Erika Ann McIlnay
Christyn Lene Overstake
Ricardo Ruiz

Master of Arts
Antonette Tochi Anuwe
Tasha Lorraine Aschmutat
April Katherine Boreham
Courtney Nichole Bracco
Jimena Lynn Burnett
Cayla Rose Bushman
Roxane L. Cassel
Angela Chang
Holly W. Corkill
Natalie Ann Cusick
Van Thi Tuong Dang
Posthumous
Lourdes Emma Dawson
Jacqueline Philomena Difore
Amanda Marie Gerber
Jennifer Soon Hatcher
Elizabeth Drees Holscher
Katherine Marie Martin
Lauren Kelsey Matthys
Robert Peter Montez
Clarissa Jo Reeves
Daniel Joseph Schorlemmer
Nicholas Remington Sheffield
Heather Krystine Trevino
Alejandra Margarita Troconis
Jackie Ranum Williams
Erin Gloria Therese Wynn
Rashelle Amanda Young

Master of Public Administration
Bryan Glenn Baker
Brian Jacob Butscher
Clifford Marshall Chapman
Nora E. Dominguez
Christopher Lee Flores
Jacob David Ostrom
Jonathan Ryan Salinas

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Master of Science
Pratyusha Adusumalli
Pavithra Roscillin Bandela
Michael Allen Cornelius
Dana Sandra Cubanski
Hui Cui
Thomas R. Davis
Swetha Devana
Ashley Nicole Fincannon
Jesse Thomas Gilbert
Holly Jo Grand
Roxanne Bernice Jensen
Jennifer Ann Klidies
Jason Miles Louis
Luz Marina Lumb
Andrew Stewart Mc Ardle
Roger Warren McDonald
Sumanth Minnakanti
Cuong Ngoc Ngo
Nyambura Gachette Njagi
Maria Cecilia Pillado
Lee Allen Schroer
Bilal Yousuf Siddiqui
Hima Varsha Surabi
James Brent Taylor
Nagasandeep Thatipally
Amanda Dawn Van Diggelen

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Bachelor of Arts
Ann Mari Alaniz
Fernando A. Albarran
Keisha-Marie Francesca Alridge
Stephen Michael Alvarez
Amanda Nichole Balderas
Jerry Banda
Miriann Joyce Beard
Heather Michelle Belts
Dallas Wayne Boehm
Rachel Marie Brooks
Courtney Lasherrar‘L Brown-CreCy
Cody Lee Burroughs
Anthony Jason Butler, Jr.
Cody Blane Butler
Kyle Wayne Campbell
Calynne Nicole Cantu
Roe Cantu
Carolyn M. Cardona
Colleen Margaret Carpenter
Kathleen P. Carter
  Honors Program Graduate
Paul Andrew Castaneda
Cassidy Rose Chamberlain
Marie Senette Chavez
Brenda Lynn Chesser
Ke-Kenya Rae Clayton
Ariel Michaela Conoly
Amy Elizabeth Cordova
Leah Violeta Cordova
Hillary Ann Cortez
Melinda Cortez
Camila Cecilia Costadoni
Dallas Jerrell Crain
Courtney Ella Creed
Ruben Arron Cuellar
Andrea Marie De Leon
Jimmy Anthony Deleon
Asia Shanice Derrough
Deborah Marie Diaz
Magenta Rose Diaz
Rainy Marie Edwards
Gladys J. Enriquez
Brianne C. Falls
Krista E. Fenniak
Brittany Darlene Figueroa
Crystal Lynn Figueroa
Alicia S. Flores
Almadelia Flores
Bernadette Marie Flores
Gerad Edward Floyd
Sarah Emerald Foley
William Cade Ford
Ashleigh M. Forney
Owen Jacob Foster
Joseph Woolf Fries
Lauren Nicole Friesinger
Emmyr Jade Gainer
Victor A. Galvez
Candus Rae Garcia
Jared Anthony Garcia
Joe Harvey Garcia
Roberto David Garcia
Stephanie Yvette Garcia
Lucia Daniela Garcia-Lopez
Esmeralda Ruby Garza
Michael Garza
Jared Luke Gomez
Erica Lynn Gonzalez
Jayna Lea Gray
Bertha Angelica Greer
Emma Margaret Hankin
Alicia Harley
Rebecca Esther Hartwell
Shaun Wesley Hicks
Alexander St Clair Hill
Meagan E. Holmes
Jillian Ria Horn
Kelli Ann Huey
Arron James Huss
Tara Denise Ivey
Jamise Ronae Jackson
Samuel Russell Jimison
Nathaniel Adam Keighley
James Mckinley King
Ariana Rochelle Klugiewicz
Andrew Joseph Knight
Bethany Marie Kroeger
Joie R. Laney
Graciela Lara
Brittney Lynnee Laurel
Jessica Lee Lawrence
Oscar Cameron Linares
Kevin Lynch
Briana Michelle Maceda
Christina M. Martinez
Joann Martinez
Jose R. Martinez
Teresa E. Martinez
Vanessa Martinez
Nicholas Bernard Mazzola
Shane Moore McByrd
Cayla Brooke McDonnel
Lisa Renee McGann
Lanny Tyler McKinney
Melanie Diane Mcarthur
Trevor Christian Mccain
Jason C. Mccowen
Theodore Ray Medina, Jr.
Dorothy Ivana Mendiola
Ann Marie Milner
Dylan Jon Moore
Gary E. Moore
Dionsia Marie Olgin
Mario Olgin
Michael A. Olivarez
Christin Elizabeth Ollre
Gianfranco Pace
Ashleigh Marie Pannell
Samuel Colt Pauly
Heather Ashley Perez
Kyle Mathew Pollok
Amanda K. Quintero
Kathleen Elisa Ramirez
Ariel Dawn Ray
Daniel Deleon Rea
Naya Marie Rivers
Genesis Rodriguez
Marisa Allison Rodriguez
Valeria Rodriguez
Jasmine Liane Ross
Carlos B. Saenz
Ashley Marie Sanchez
Holly Beth Sanchez
Michael Thomas Savage
Robert Taylor Scott
Rio Elizabeth Shirley
Kelly Shook
Cassandra Dianne Silva
Katy Elizabeth Simmons
Wayne Keith Sisson
Shelby Labre Smith
Andrew Paul Spence
Amy Lynn Stadter
Karen Marie Stautzenberger
Aimee Rose Stritchko
Cameron Hamre Stubbins
Danielle Kay Sweet
Jacob Henry Taylor
Grace Crystal Ema Tezzo
Jerre Keith Thompson, Jr.
Gokhan Timurhan
Sarah Amber Trevino
Samantha Brooke Tyree
Paige Lynn Usherwood
Michael Eric Vasquez
Carlos Israel Villarreal
Rhonda Leigh Voorhees
Bethany Mae Wallace
Stephanie Jordan Wallace
Carter Raychel Whitmire
Heather Michelle Williams
Prescott Elgin Williams
Rebecca Nicole Williams
Emmalee Susan Winters
James Robert Woodard
Rene A. Zamora
Isabella J. M. Zeheintmayr
Qian Ling Zhao
Robert Akers Zipp
Dalila Zuniga
Jesus Zuniga
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
Bachelor of Applied Science

Barbara J. Brantley
Katie Ann Childs
Dillon Clint Dean
John Anthony Garcia
Nicolas Jose Garcia
Stefani Janae Garcia
Matthew Brandon Johnson
Ashli Nicole McKenna
Arturo Medina
Danny Lee Mendiola, Jr.
Henri C. Obey
Ranay Marie Parr
Jennifer Marie Plummer
Luke Steven Pruter
Jennifer Lee Rhodes
D’Ann Ross
Liliana Sanchez
Ronnie Schultz
Rose A. Tijerina
Stephanie S. Tyler
Alyssa Marie Yoder

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Kari Elise Blalack
Ana Luisa Cortes
Soña Gonzales
Carmen D. Harris
Sabrina A. Martinez
Cheryl Ann Redding-Votzmeyer
Julie Kay Ridenour
Ashley E. Sims
Kelly Michelle Spencer
Eloisa Zapata

Bachelor of Music

John Manuel Beltran
Cristina Ariel Carrion
Alexis Victoria Garcia
Paul Victor Garza
April Maira Marie Ibarra
Stephen Gabriel Montez

Bachelor of Science

Eric Barnes
Priscilla Marie Bearden
Jose F. Bernal, Jr.
Jacob Mitchel Brandt
Corey T. Calbat
Pedro Cavazos, III
Hillary Ann Cortez
Gerardo Díaz
Ana Cristina Esquivel
Garrett Micheal Fenner
Alicia S. Flores
Sarah Emerald Foley
Alicia Marie Godoy
Marissa Leanne Gonzales
Taryn Lequay Gregory
Gabriel Guillermo Guajardo
Tiffany Rose Gutierrez
Iztaccíhuatl Bixidu Hernandez
Zane A. Knowles
Joshua Nicholas Dub Longmire
Nicole Marie Lopez
Troy Garner Marshall
Richard Neville Mathura
Jose Juan Mendoza
Ann Marie Milner
Lisa Jasmine Montantes
Bailey Joseph Mross
James Joseph O’Donnell
Ryan Michael Pemberton
Genevieve Ramirez
Robert Rios, Jr.
Gilbert Mireles Salazar
Orlando Orta Sims
Alexander Henry Smith
Ashley Dawn Wankowski
Joy Dewayne Williamson
Kailin Lane Windham

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
Bachelor of Science

Amber Lene Addison
Bryan Anthony Alanz
Erin Colleen Wiltshire Allen
Sergio Estaban Angel
Amber Aissa Arellano
Vanessa Monica Armentrout
Alexandra Nicole Austin
Leylah Jade Azali
Michael Anthony Banuelos
Shannon Leigh Barfield
Kendra Ronni Bernhagen
John Francis Bradley
Chance Edward Branecky
Jacob Ray Brown
Craig Russel Bruner
Alexandra Kathryn Burt
Kathleen P. Carter
Honors Program Graduate
Clarivel Adriana Chavez
Julien Patrick Clifford
Nina Gene Nichole Cornelius
Michael Anthony Cortez
Colton Garrett Crow
Cassandra Pauline Cuellar
Son Truong Dang
Alyssa Dawson
Trenton Jace Dawson
Stephanie Marie De Leon
Randall J. DeBacker, Jr.
Brenda Lee Del Moral
Alexis Lizet Deleon
Glendon Dean Domingue
Emily Ann Douglas
Celeste Marie Drago
Alex Martin Draper
Honors Program Graduate
Alexandria Lauren Cavender Duncan
Yaneisy Eng
Jose Alfredo Escalona-Garcia
Erin M. Eschenbrenner
Gregory W. Faber
Lloyd A. Federico
Kelsey Violet Bray Fisher
Dylan Michael Foley
Brittany Lasha Fransaw
The names on this program include all students who have applied for graduation.
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
Bachelor of Science, continued

Kristian J. French
Joseph Woolf Fries *
Mariah Katelynn Fritz
Christina L. Gagnon
Sean Gregory Gallagher
Marcos Enrique Garcia $
Martha Patricia Garcia
Ashley V. Garza
Joshua Warren Gaslin
Shelby Cameron Gelabert
Ariana Rose Gibbons
Jesus J. Gomez
Mandylyne R. Gonzalez
Kimberly Michelle Gorka *
Jose M. Gutierrez, Jr. *
Trey David Hares
Jacob Ryan Harrison
James Simon Haynes *
Jessica Dawn Hetzel
Carolyn Louise Hopkins
Jerry Dean Hunsaker, III
James Nicholas Hunt *
Honors Program Graduate
Stacy Amanda Jackson
Abigail Marie Johnson *
Honors Program Graduate
Monica Clare Johnson
Christine Marie Jordan *
Ashlee Dev Jubinal
Charla Elizabeth Kenney
Sierra Denae Kerr
Sarah Florence Kimbrough
Brittany Lynette Knotts
Justin Thomas Konzen
Kaleb Warren Kruger
Baybars Kucuktekin
Laura Elise Kueker *
Jeanne Young Lee
Cody D. Lemke
Eric Thomas Lindgren
Robert A. Lindsay *
Fidencio Lopez, Jr.
John Michael Ma *
Derek M. Mangold
John Anthony Mares
Daniel Martinez Barrera *
Jesse Austin Massey
Mia Victoria Matuszak
Justin Paul Mausolf *
Jamal Elliot McBride
Stephanie Denise McLaughlin
Marco Stefano Messina *
Honors Program Graduate
Brice Cade Miller
Tiffany Lynn Miller
Ian Christian Mills
Laura Ashley Minnick
Christopher John Mircovich
Paul Mark Mireles *
Jordan A. Moeckel
Sarah Renee Molik
Gabriela Adriana Morua
Lorena I. Munoz
David Edward Nearthery $
Cheryl Ann Neely
Diana Nguyen
Nhi Hao Nguyen
Shehryar Khan Niazi
Robert James O'Brien
Quincy N. Obeng
Erin Elyse Obrien
Cecilia Orozco
Justin A. Ortiz *
Cameron Ann Page *
Ryan Michael Page
Cindy Paredes
Oscar Pena, Jr.
Bryan Ray Perez
Christopher Lee Perez
Joanna Linell Pitman
Jacob Elliot Powell
Paloma Christina Prieto
Gregory Austin Purtle
Mikel-Ryan Tomas Reyes
Christopher Ryan Rodriguez
John Paul Romanucci, Jr. *
Amanda Rochelle Romero
Forrest Tucker Rowan *
Lisa L. Ruschel
Christopher Barrett Schafer *
Cody Robert Schendel
Emily Don Schneider
Christopher Michael Schoenick
Collin Edward Sherman, Sr.
Anthony J. Shook
Sabrina Ashley Simpson *
Wayne Keith Sisson
Deana Victoria Smalls
Benjamin Reed Smith *
Brian Adam Sorrell
Nathan Douglass Sosebee *
Cori Johanna Speights $
Honors Program Graduate
Eric M. Stocki
Katelin Louise Stroman
Austin Lewis Taylor *
Nicole Rose Thomas *
Veronica Nicole Torres *
Lavin Lynn Tran
Joel Orlando Trinidad, Jr.
Daniel J. Valdes
Ryan Vance Velasco
Derek Nathaniel Veuleman
Leanne Allison Vyvlecka
Bethany Mae Wallace *
Honors Program Graduate
Sarah Jane Wallace
Shumeng Wang
Emily Jasmin Warfield
Zavier Louis Williams
Julia Janelle Wohlschlegel *
Juan Michael Womack *
Wenbo Zhu $

Officer Commissioning
Second Lieutenant
United States Army

Stephanie Marie De Leon
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Commencement Speaker

Karen O’Connor Urban is a native of Pennsylvania and resides in Corpus Christi, Texas. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania, as well as her Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene from Columbia University and her Master of Education degree from Fresno Pacific College. She has held various positions teaching in higher education and leadership roles in administration.

Karen O’Connor Urban is a member of a number of not-for-profit organizations, a Junior League Sustainer, and a former member of the Driscoll Children’s Hospital Foundation Board. She has served as “Miss Cookie” as part of the Clowns Who Care since their foundation in 1993, ministering to children at Driscoll Children’s Hospital. Currently, she serves on the Christus Spohn Finance and Strategy Committee, the Advisory Board of American Bank, Corpus Christi, and is the President of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Foundation.

Being an active community and civic volunteer is an integral part of her life. Karen is married to Larry Urban.

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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Official Ring

The Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi official rings are a major part of the University’s tradition. Juniors and seniors wear the ring with the school name facing them. Upon the granting of degrees at commencement, graduates turn the ring around, with the name facing outward. This symbolizes that the graduate is now ready to face new challenges outside the University.

The official ring is a visible, tangible manifestation of the long-lasting bond between Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and its alumni. As always, it is alumni who carry the same pride in their University, and a seamless gold circle holds together the many people who have shared a dream – to earn a college education.

University Mace

The Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Mace is the wooden staff that is carried by a mace bearer leading the academic procession for commencements, convocations and special university ceremonies. Originally, the mace was a long-handled club used by knights during the Middle Ages to crush the armor of enemies. Later, ceremonial maces were carried by guards of French and English monarchs. Later still, the mace was carried or placed by a magistrate or dignitary to establish authority. In sessions of the British House of Commons, the mace is placed on the treasury table. In the U.S. House of Representatives, it is placed to the right of the speaker. Today, the University Mace is used to symbolize the authority of the University President and is a major accessory at commencement ceremonies for colleges and universities.
**Academic Regalia**

The academic regalia (cap, gown and hood) date to the 12th Century European universities when they were worn primarily for warmth by the students as well as by laymen. As laymen gradually changed their garb to capes and breeches, institutions of learning prescribed the gown of black for scholars, with a hood draped down the back when not worn over the head and a mortarboard cap shaped like the mortarboard of the master workman.

In 1985 in the United States, the Intercollegiate Commission prepared a code, specifying the design and color of academic regalia for colleges and universities in the United States. Under this code, the bachelor's gown has long pointed sleeves. The master's gown has an oblong sleeve. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. Gowns are generally black; however, a number of schools have adopted special regalia for the doctor's gown.

The velvet border of the hood may represent either the color of the degree or the color of the field of study. The current trend is for the color to represent the field of study rather than the name of the degree, but in earlier years dark blue was characteristic for a Ph.D. in any field. Hoods are lined with the official colors of the college or university from which the degree is received.

Caps are the traditional mortarboard except for the doctor's degree, where a four-sided velvet tam is optional. Caps from schools with special color gowns or from foreign universities may be more distinctive. Cap tassels for the doctor's degree are gold, while the tassels for the master's and bachelor's degree are black. Holders of all these degrees wear the tassel on the left. The ritual of bachelor's degree candidates shifting the tassel from right to left marks the conferring of one's first university degree.

**Hood Color Code**

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**Academic Honors**

Students earning academic honors wear cords in recognition of academic excellence. The following honors are awarded at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi:

‡ **Summa Cum Laude:** the silver honor cord is awarded to graduates whose cumulative grade point average is 3.9 and above.

* **Magna Cum Laude:** the blue honor cord is awarded to graduates whose cumulative grade point average is within the range of 3.7 – 3.899.

* **Cum Laude:** the green honor cord is awarded to graduates whose cumulative grade point average is within the range of 3.5 to 3.699.

*The honors presented during the ceremony are calculated on the student's cumulative grade point average through the semester prior to filing for graduation. Official honors designation, which includes the calculation of the final semester's grades, will be indicated on the final transcript and diploma.*

**Honor Societies’ Medallions and Cords**

Students at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi have the privilege of being asked to join honor societies. Membership is based on grade point average and special criteria for each organization such as major, community service and service to a profession. Students belonging to these honor societies wear cords and medallions that represent their high achievements, colors and symbols of the organization.

**Alma Mater**

From the East, from the West, from the North, the South, Alma Mater we praise your name.
As a fire in our hearts none shall ever doubt, That your spirit is kept aflame,
Many people are heard the whole land through, All lifting their voices praising you.
To the ends of the earth we your worth will hail! Alma Mater our A&M-CC!

**Music provided by:**

Symphonic Winds
Directed by: Dr. Brian Shelton

Special thanks to the faculty, staff volunteers, the Island Ambassadors and the President Ambassadors who participated in today’s events.