



Spring 2014 Commencement

Saturday, May 17, 2014

2:00 p.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 Ms. Nancy Goodman
Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Recipient, University Excellence Award in Service

WelcomeDr. Killebrew

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

College of Business Dean John Gamble
College of Education Dean Arthur Hernandez
College of Nursing and Health Sciences..... Dean Mary Jane Hamilton
College of Graduate Studies..... Dean JoAnn Canales

Conferring of DegreesDr. 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 Doctoral Candidates..... Candidate's Major Professor
College of Education Assisting: Dean Hernandez

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 EDUCATION

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Barbara Ann Brinkman

Douglas Richard Stoves

Michael Leroy Watson

Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education

Taylor Megem Feldmann
James Peter Ikonomopoulos

Ludivina Montemayor
Kate Marie Rodriguez

Fredericka Ragan Vyvlecka

Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction

Carmen Ramirez Boatright
Christine J. Delagarza

Lucinda Marie Juarez
Regina Chanel Rodriguez

Sandra Murillo Sutterby

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Accountancy

Mariah Dar
Chanel Muse Davis
Hien Thi Mai Do
Eliza Amanda Garcia

Jun Jiang
Ngopome Louis Njenge
Hussein M. Rawji
Juan Lorenzo Sotelo

Marlin Thomas Tan
Vanessa Bee Wahl

Master of Business Administration

Oscar Ricardo Arrieta Bendek
Joshua Gayle Carr
Suzannah Marie Davis
Christopher Andrew French
Jordan Taylor Gentry
Javier Gonzalez
Tamara Marie Hornbuckle
Steven Randall Iezzi

Victoria Wedgewood Iezzi
Aaron Magnus Indridson
Ravi Ramachandralal Lala
Diem Thi Phung Le
Selvy Chelarci Letlora
Shunwen Lin
Trang Thi Phuong Nguyen
Andrew Rayburn Norris

Ayca Ozyesilpinar
Ngoc Truong Nhu Pham
Anh Viet Ta
Daniel Rico Sugar Tyson
Chad Aaron Verboom
Hoang Cong Vu
Salza Zetasari

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Science

Katrina M. Alejandro
Mary Frances Alvarez
Marcello Mitchel Alves
Myra Christina Barrera
Michelle Lauren Beseda
Leticia Renee Betancourt
Yoshiko Boulan
Karin Lyn Bourie
Laura Michelle Brennan
Lilo Maria Burda
Dawn Renee Burton
Kayla Jean Cabral
Monica Ariel Calderon
Marianita Carbajal
Melinda Bernal Carrasco
Linda Marie Castillo
Katherine Michelle Castle
Roberto Javier Castorena, Jr.
Vanessa L. Chapa
Samantha Dawn Cochran
Kathleen Mary Cook
Rachal Valdez Crawley
Lisa Lashea Creek

Juan Alfonso Cruz
Kamuni Josie-Anne De Roche
Thesha Carol Deen
Akosua Dwuwaa Donkor
Rosalinda Dunne
Jennifer Ann Elting
Genelle Madai Fernandez
Blakely Nicole Fowler
Timothy David Gabriel
Guadalupe A. Garcia
Natalie Renee Garcia
Rachel Salazar Garza
Denise Gonzalez
Lauran Elane Guerra
Monica Hermelinda Jimenez
Jessica Lyn Korda
Stephanie Lauren Kosub
Annisa Laraine Longoria
Jeanette Isabel Lopez
Jordan Diane McDonald
Caroline Mahar Mcintire
Haryo Mojopahit
Lisa Naranjo

Mary Ann Olivo
Bianca Maria Ortiz
Lori Lee Pena
Loren Elizabeth Rawlings
Erika Lynn Rios
Lizette Elaine Rios
Manuel E. Saenz
Catalina Salinas
Yalanda Germaine Salone
Meredith Leigh Schnick
Sarah Elizabeth Soto
Leah Elizabeth Starr
Trevor Allen Stewart-Richlen
Mary Anastasia Taylor
Leonor Ofilia Torrez
Melinda Sue Trujillo
Israel Villanueva
Kelsie Marie Wiedmann
Ashley Lauren Wiggins
Kristin Andrea Wilcox
George Walter Woods, III
Martin Taylor Wright
Mayra Viviana Zamora

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Master of Science in Nursing

Laura Beth Adamek
Millicent Chizoba Adikaibe
Mallory Barnhart Aparece
Nereida Lynett Araiza
Maria L. Ayarzagoitia
Joseph Barrera
Kyla Marie Beedy
Danielle Nicole Belyeu
Carolyn Jane Bogan
Georgina Kay Bresett
Sunny Marie Burke
Neile Elaine Bush
Casandra Lamar Caceres
Lori Ann Campos
Graciela Ybarra Chong
Stephanie Gayle Cunningham
Kristin Leni Dillon
Keteral James Ducote, II
Daniel Canales Estrada
Kimberly Ann Force
Aracele Garcia
Joella Racheal Gibbs-Stiles
Mary C. Gonzalez
Alanna Marie Guerra
Jennifer Lisa Gustafson
Debra Carpenter Guzman
Holly Lynn Haas
Tiffany Boen Hansen

Jennifer Ann Harwell
Dawn Marie Helms
Tina Renee Hendrick
David Hernandez
Ashley Kate Hughes
Patrice Teresa Ihry
Nichola Sue Jones
Kimberly McClain Kresta
Maru Luis Gonzales Ladilad
Heidi Carr Lehnig
Emily Jane Lehrmann
Karen Lynette Lerich
Hugo Lopez
Elias Marquez
Kristina Karin Gloria Massingill
Shirley Ann McMillin
Juaniece Lynn Miller
Elizabeth Flores Mora
Misty Michelle Moy
Margarita Myles
Marie Lum Neba
Stacey D. Nolan
Michelle Yvette Obey
Daniel Weldon Owens
Sondra Parsons
Bina Bhanukant Patel
Angelica M. Pentecost
Lacey Lea Perez

Sonya Renee Prince
Jennifer Pulido
Kerry Allison Ramon
Blanca Estela Ramos
Madavi Rubi Reddy
Marie Dana Ruiz
Carmen Sarabia
Michael Seifu
Elena Babina Shaw
Debra Elaine Shield
Kristen Annette Sosa
Patricia Squires
Amy Louise Sullivan
Brett Wayne Thetford
Lindsey Cecelia Travis
Santiago Enrique Tzuc
Priscilla N. Velazquez
Travis Gene Volcik
Sarah Nicole Webre
Jermaine Malcolm White
Judy L. White
Bessy Chinyere Williams
Jacqueline Danielle Wilson
Jordan Alyse Woltersdorf
Elizabeth Kwaatemaah Yawson
Edward Bennett Zey

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration

Jaime Lee Abrego
Brooke Juanita Alumbaugh
Mellisa Livia Ang •
Karol Selene Arcani Aguilar
Shirley Stefany Arcani Aguilar
Carl Lawrence Atteberry
John Paul Russel Barnes
Otilio Guadalupe Barrientos, Jr.
Kevan Michael Billings
Nicole Dawn Blalock
James Cody Burleson
Ariana Rodriguez Camina
Joshua David Canales
Carolyne Candela
Rui Cao ‡
Kyle Jeffrey Chatham
Natalia Andrea Chaves ‡
Liuju Chen *
Robert Walton Cooper
Emilie Danielle Cravy •

Travis S. Cruger
Christopher K. De La Garza
Meagan Elaine De La Garza
Phuong Thi Hoai Dinh *
Xin Dong
Nathan Anthony Elwin
Thomas Joseph Evans
Diana Sofia Fatta ‡
Joseph Millard Few
Anabel Flores
Andrew James Foster
Lindsay Anne Freund *
Brian Christopher Fry
Jie Fu •
Jonathan Wayne Gonzales
Alyssa Dyan Gonzalez
Joshua Thomas Gosart
Yi Guo •
Yufei Guo •
Thanh Minh Ha •

Kaleigh Diann Henry
Kim Hoang Ho *
Julie Michelle Holik *
Adam Garrett Houchin
Nicholas David Jensen
Xiaoyu Jing •
Shelley Morgan Johnston *
Alexandra Leimomi Keanini
Tara Nichole Kennedy
Anh Thao Kieu *
Ceyda Kurklu
Stephanie Lauren Levy
Dana Denise Lindsey •
Mengyao Liu •
Ashley Rose Lopez •
Bianca Alexis Lowery
Connor Rockwell Lynch •
Chenyi Ma *
Yan Yan Ma *
Eric Joseph Marti

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Bachelor of Business Administration, continued

Annalisa Marie McFarland
Misty Wynn Meadows
Marisol Roxanne Mendiola
Philip Jacob Mick
Blake J. Mings
Clara Ruth Montez
Josephine Nava
Samuel D. Newcomer •
Mike Wayne Nowotny
Gilberto Ortiz-Romero
David K. Palmer
Ashley Elizabeth Peacock
Carlos H. Pena, Jr. *
Desiree Krysten Pena •
Dora Ann Pena •
James William Pieper

Matthew Alan Podschelne
Bradley Andrew Porras
Laura Isabel Pulgarin ‡
Evan Richard Ray
Laura Daisy Reyes
Robert Rodriguez
Johana Paola Ruiz Sandoval •
Kennedy Michael Schwartzburg
Chelsea Marie Scruggs
Sarah Serrata
Elias G. Shahin •
Gongqi Shang
Chloe Michelle Skinner
Rebecca Lyn Smith
Dustin Wade Soto
Nakia Shantel Souders *

Brandon J. Steed
Geordan Eugene Strain •
James Keith Tucker
Jonathan T. Vu
Lauren Rebecca Walker ‡
Mengmeng Wang *
Yangyang Wang *
Kreece L. Wiginton
Chase Andrew Worst
Regan Duann Wright •
Han Xu *
Tianmei Zhang *
Jinfan Zuo

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science

Jeremy David Alvarez
Calli Michelle Barber
Jonathan Alexander Benavides
Grace Kelly Breuer
Bianca Monique Cano
Irene Nicole Carroll
Hope Elizabeth Castaneda *
Stephanie Marie Castillo
Amanda Corryn Chattom
Roger De La Cruz
Zachery Tyler Deen
Melerie Lynn Deleon
Danielle Catherine Dodson
Brenda M. Duran
Kennon Lee Dvorak *

Javier James Ebertowski *
Robert Falcon, III
Jordan Jene Flemmer
Marissa Flores
Ulises Flores
Lisa Jean Garcia
Teresa C. Garcia
Orlando O. Guerra
Zoe Ann Gutierrez-Galbraith
Alberto Hernandez
Randi Lorraine Hinson
Carolina Victoria Ibarra
Andrew Joseph Jennings
Ketkanoke Kain
Roland Liscano, Jr.

Sydney Nicole Palmer
Cassie Richel Patacsil
Dora-Marie Pilcher •
Renee Michelle Ramirez
Rochelle Megan Rhyne *
Russell J. Ridge
Raquel Leigh Roberts
Christopher Michael Rodriguez
Ruby Isabel Rodriguez
Jerry Santiago Salazar, Jr.
Jordan P. Sevilla ‡
Cassandra Lauren Shaw ‡
Bridget Elise Sidles
Ian Kendal Soderqvist
Brittany Morgan Woodard

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Lindsey E. Ammann
Quincie Ann Marie Asberry •
Kara Ann Ashby
Aimee Lisa Barrera
Jamie D. Blackwell *
Logen Teresa Bourque ‡
Martha Elena Buendia *
Nicole Renee Burnside
Madeline Claire Carlson
Stephanie Castaneda
Celinda Castro
Corina Cedillo
Lisa Dawn Coates *
Stephanie Nicole Cortinas
Marivel Belina Costilla

Ashley Claire Davis *
Crystal Diaz
Sarah Duenas
Lilia M. Duran
Erika Garcia *
Terry Bailey Garza *
Laura Gomez
Amanda Lee Gonzalez
Jennifer Marie Gordon
Bertha Angelica Greer •
Rose Marie Harris •
Kelsey Hawk *
Amna Ijaz •
Elizabeth Ashley Jackson ‡
Shalece Stewart Kohnke *

Kimberly Ann Kroll
Samantha K. Kureska
Danae Ledesma *
Celina Nicole Lopez *
Chelsea Ann Lopez
Chelsea S. Macias •
Gisela Maldonado
Denise A. Medrano
Monica L. Mroz •
Eric R. Murphy •
Micah Leann Nolan •
Esmeralda Olalde *
Elizabeth Clair Oliver
Melissa Anne Pena
Alexia Renee Perez

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, continued

Kaley Rae Perez
Jessica Marie Pickett
Amanda Lynne Reitmann •
Lynnette Nicole Roberts *
Harry Theodore Samuels *
Analisa Sifuentes

Christine Marie Smith •
Ida Soliz
Lori Ann Soto •
Joseph Daniel Talley ‡
Rayna Joyce Veuleman
Bethany Xavia Wiles

Jacy T. Williams
Grace Anne Young •
Robert Alan Young, Jr. *

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Marysol De Santos
Tamra Elise Duncan •
Shida J. Dusman
Michelle Rene Foster
Alejandro Manuel Godina
Heather Tiffany Hill

Victoria M. Magare
Melissa Rebecca Perez
Mayra Yasmin Prieto-Sanchez
Lara Denise Randazzo
Candice Ray Robinson
Amanda Lee Salas

Bianca C. Serna
Bukola Sofidiya
Michael Richard Towne
Krisdyl O. Valencia

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Ojuolape Sarat Adams
Crystal Alvarado •
Melissa Danielle Alvarado
Doris Maria Barberena
Britni Dawn Bass *
Johna M. Blount
Maria A. Bone *
Aris Deseree Brunemeier
Jennifer Marie Bryan
Jami Lea Bryce
Craig Austin Calmes
Amy Castillo Cervantez
Brin Alexandra Davis *
Derek John Dimas •
Yen Thi Kim Doan
Meagan Nicole Escochea •
Esmeralda R. Fonseca
Stephanie Lynn Gerecke
Shyloh Anne Godfrey
Amanda Hope Gragert
Brianna N. Harris
Emily K. Holzhaus •

Courtney Frances Hudson
Zenas Ihuoma Iheanacho
Carly Brook Krumnow
Sarah K. Kureska
Benjamin James Lane
Maymie Lee Ledbetter
Esther Garza Long *
Jason Micheal Lott
Blake Dylan Luther
Faith Ebangha Mabo •
Lauren Jade McDowell •
Laura Holly Lynn McMillan
Brooke Lyn Mills
Drew Wayne Mueller
Megan Janel Nelson
Ashok Neupane
Silvia Sarahi Nunez
Heather Grace Ojeda
Veronica Florence Pafford *
Kayla Heetland Parris •
Laura M. Pena
Russell Matthew Ponder

Jennifer Ann Quijas ‡
Mayra Patricia Rendon
Raquel E. Rodriguez •
Amber Michelle Schimmel
Elizabeth Morgan Schneck
William Drew Schultz
Shekoufeh Shadpour
Meagan Renee Shafer
Ashley Marie Silva •
Ryann Kristine Smith
Shulee Breean Smith
Nicole B. Taiwo
Leslie Dale Tebby •
Dawn Michelle Thomas
Kinsey Tenneile Tipton
Dana Marie Tulk
Kathleen Ann Van Dam ‡
Sarah Emily Vickers
Katie Marie Wernecke •
Melissa Lynn Wooten
Ryan Robert Zeller •

Officer Commissioning

Second Lieutenant
United States Army

Blake J. Mings Eric R. Murphy

*The names on this program include all students who have applied for graduation.
Conferral of the official degree is based upon completion and certification of all degree requirements.*

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 processional 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

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Nursing	Apricot
Commerce, Accountancy, Business.....	Drab	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Economics	Copper	Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Education	Light Blue	Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue
Engineering.....	Orange	Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Fine Arts, Architecture	Brown	Science.....	Golden Yellow
Library Science	Lemon	Social Work	Citron
Music.....	Pink	Speech.....	Silver Gray

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.