Summer 2015 Commencement

Saturday, August 8, 2015
10:00 a.m.
American Bank Center Arena

A Member of The Texas A&M University System
Prelude and Processional*

Carrier of the Mace .............................................................. Ms. Julie Fomenko  
Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Nursing and Health Sciences  
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

Greetings ............................................................................. Therese McDevitt  
Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Communications  
Texas A&M University System

Commencement Address ................................................... Colleen McIntyre  
City Council Member, District 4

Presentation of Degree Candidates .................................. Dr. Kelly Quintanilla  
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

College of Business ......................................................... Dean John Gamble
College of Education ........................................................ Dean Arthur Hernandez
College of Liberal Arts .......................................................... Interim Dean Mark Hartlaub
College of Nursing and Health Sciences ................................. Dean Mary Jane Hamilton
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. Quintanilla

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

Hooding of Doctoral Candidates .................................. Candidate’s Major Professor  
Assisting: Dean Hernandez

Hooding of Ph.D. Candidates ......................................... Candidate’s Major Professor  
Assisting: Dean Pezold

Commissioning ................................................................ LTC Michael Harvey  
Professor of Military Science

Alumni Presentation .......................................................... Mr. Ray De Los Santos, ’04  
President, TAMU-CC National Alumni Association

Alma Mater ........................................................................ Mr. Frank Garcia, Jr.  
Ms. Yvonne Martinez  
Ms. Janell Stallard  
Mr. John Washington, IV

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

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education
Thomas Kizito Nwachukwu
Jose R. Palacios, III
Helena Gayle Rindone
Wayne D. Smith

Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction
Tiana Zell McCoy Pearce

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy in Coastal Marine System Science
Anthony Sherman Reisinger
Maureen Clare Trnka

Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Biology
Ryan Earl Chabarria

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Master of Accountancy
Michelle L. Alonzo
Tamara Lynn Freed
Yongxing Liu
Haoyu Tang
Siqi Zhou

Master of Business Administration
Julio Antonio Allo
Angela M. Barrera
Gerald Miller Camp
Shiwei Cen
Natalia Andrea Chaves
Tahairah Rae Deaton
Susan M. Diego
Xin Dong
Chenlu Du
Holly Frances Felmlee
Scott Richard Freshour
Jie Fu
Chardonnay Rochelle Godwin
Rosana Vanessa Gomez Pachon
Thanh Minh Ha
Courtney Ne’Cole Irving
Kayla Marie Johnson
Robyn Dawnette Jones
Ruvim Ivanovich Katan
Courtney Rasheal Kruppa
Miao Liu
Urku Murathan
Tara Elizabeth Pacheco
Merli Ivonne Ramos Freitas
Miranda Chantelle Rangel
Jacey Ann Reeves
Maria Veronica Rippel
Alva Janet Salinas
Gongqi Shang
Shaohua Su
Madhuri Sunkara
Patricia Dolores Trevino
Ming Wan
Mengmeng Wang
Yujie Wang
Yunyue Wang
Hui Dong Yao
Lin Yuan
Hou Chen Zhu

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Joseph Michael Akers
Yanita Marie Alaniz
Whitney Ann Bailey
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Alejia Monae Cain
Amanda Casas Casaneda
Jamie Lee Duke
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Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Stephanie Nicole Cortinas
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Bachelor of Applied Science

Manuel Abascal De Aquino
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Rose Marie Karnes
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Teresa Marie Perez
Kyle Austin Phillips
Cameron Owen Randle

Jessie Elizabeth Redmon
Dixie Lee Renfrow
Joel Reyes
Edward Kyle Richey
Lourdes D. Rodriguez
Bernadina Inez Ruiz
Ke’La Shaine Ryan
Bernard Jerome Seal, III
Heather De La Cruz Selim
Nicholas James Taylor
Colin Christian Tausch
Anastasia D. Trevino
Alison Buckner Trigg
Bernadette Lianna Turner
Laverne Melody Turruviate
Sarah Ann Vasquez
Austin Edward Vaught
Josef Dean Wamsley
Brittney Rachelle Weise

Bachelor of Music

Pedro Emmanuel Garcia
Dora R. Garza
Suzanne Zary Ghagar
Jennifer Michelle Page

Cozette Danne Sevier-Vojtanic
Kristine Cosette Srinual
Jesus Trevino
Benita Magdalene Ward

Bachelor of Science

Andrew Murphy Anderson
Ysidro Arismendez, IV
William L. Clark, Jr.
Monica A. Colunga
Shelby Coppedge
Jo Ann Flores
Samantha Nicole Garza

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Cullen Jake Moody
Cody Tyler Neckar
January E. Roland

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Patricia Alyse Urkuski
Arthur Jacob Walker

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Arick Jordon Burgess-Cortez
Ilyan Elizabeth Cantu
John Andrew Carrillo
Melissa Araceli Carrillo

Melanie Rose Cavaez
Antwan Marcel Duhart
Christopher Bao Nguyen
Veronica R. Perales

Mariah Ann Rodriguez
Brittany Marie Rohloff
Lisa Cesarita Samley
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

Colleen McIntyre is serving her second term as the District 4 Representative on the Corpus Christi City Council. She was a founding board member of Island United, served on the Erosion Response Plan team and on the Island Strategic Action Committee. She currently serves on the Council of Governments and the Education to Employment Consortium, and is the Chair of the Municipal Court Committee.

She has a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Education from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and a master's degree in Curriculum and Supervision from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. She teaches Math at Seashore Middle Academy and is also a Certified Internet Recruiter.

Colleen has volunteered in several areas of the community including Boy Scouts, coaching soccer and kickball, turtle patrol, religious education and park development. She became involved with the creation and operation of the Island Foundation and Seashore Learning Center (SLC), where she held several board positions and served as president for 10 years. During her tenure, the Foundation expanded SLC and the early childhood program and opened Seashore Middle Academy.

Colleen's love of math, science and education inspired her to form and lead the consortium that brought the Voyage through the Solar System exhibit to the Bayfront as well as classroom visits from astrophysicists from across the nation.

Colleen, her husband Dr. Jack McIntyre, and their four children have lived on Padre Island since 1991.

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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 1895 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

The academic 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 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.

Honors Program Graduates

The Honors Program offers an enriched plan of study to highly motivated students. An extremely devoted, yet small number of students complete all of the course and GPA requirements along with the completion of the senior thesis. Those that do complete all the requirements of the Honors Program are recognized at Commencement as Graduates of the Honors Program. A special medallion is worn by these students to designate this achievement.

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:

Islander Brass Quintet

Steve Garcia, Ron Ledbetter – Trumpets, Kenneth Iyescas – Horn
Rai Morales – Trombone, Dan T. Sipes – Tuba

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