



Summer 2014 Commencement

Saturday, August 9, 2014

10:00 a.m.

American Bank Center Arena

A Member of The Texas A&M University System

Summer 2014 Commencement
President/CEO Flavius C. Killebrew, presiding

Prelude and Processional*

Carrier of the Mace Dr. Ping Charlene Tintera
Professional Assistant Professor, College of Science and Engineering
Recipient, University Excellence in Teaching Award

Welcome Dr. Killebrew

Presentation of the Colors TAMU-CC Army Islander Battalion

National Anthem Ms. Janell Stallard
Junior, music major
The School of Arts, Media & Communication, College of Liberal Arts

Greetings Mr. Tommy Williams
Vice Chancellor for Federal and State Relations
Texas A&M University System

Commencement Address Dr. Belle S. Wheelan
President, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

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 Liberal Arts Dean Kelly Quintanilla
College of Nursing and Health Sciences Dean Mary Jane Hamilton
College of Science and Engineering Dean Frank Pezold
College of Graduate Studies Associate Dean Thomas Naehr

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

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

Commissioning LTC Michael Harvey
Professor of Military Science

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

Alma Mater Mr. Frank Garcia, Jr.
Ms. Janell Stallard
Mr. John Washington, IV
Ms. Nicole Weaver

Recessional*

*Audience will remain seated.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Jesse G. Riojas

Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education

Pamela Lin Smith

Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction

Jeannette Elliott

Frances Lenore Gonzalez

Rita A. Sperry

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy in Coastal and Marine System Science

Bhanu Paudel

Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Biology

Judson Curtis

Jessica Heath Lunt

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Accountancy

Crystal Nicole Ashworth
William Lee Donaldson

Daphne Marie Hancock
Yili Lai

Xin Shao

Master of Business Administration

Kristen Ramsey Barrett
Kimberly Nicole Becerra
Kara Nicole Caldwell
Berenice Abastta Carstetter
Alfredo Gonzalez
Shayleena Renee Green
Jeffrey Keith Gritton
Erica Gutierrez
Kristy Mae Hooper

Victoria Elizabeth Hunter
Toan Quoc Huynh
Omer Talha Kelek
Bolivar Valentin Lozada
Syed D. Mohammed
Xin Nie
Douglas Wiliam Pierce
Xi Qing
Shana Lynn Ramirez

John Jay Scholten
Melita Damayanti Sembiring
Nalin Sripuntanagoon
Thanetrat Suphapakorn
Phuong Tong Nguyen Tran
Guan Nan Wang
Ying Chieh Wang
Tao Yang
Vidyasagar Reddy Yarramalla

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Science

Amanda Dulin Aleman
Alicia Vanessa Barrera
Hanna Michele Brooks
Leah Ann Bryars
Dallas Nicole Coder
Jason Anthony Escamilla
Timothy David Gabriel
Koyaris Gener Garcia-Ramirez
Crystal Lea Henke
Benjamin Aaron Hicks

Margarite Oropez Juarez
Sarah Casey Kelley
Margaret Ann Lamantia
Elizabeth Danina Leal
Keisy Dominique Martinez
Angela M. Mauck
Joseph Edward Melody, III
Laura Gayle Nelson
Daniel Paul Noll
Elijah Ramirez

Janelle Jo Reyes
Adriana E. Roberts
Catalina Salinas
Clifford Jay Scroggs
Christin Claire Spears
Connie Frances Tierney
Loren Michelle Watts
Ashley Lauren Wiggins
Kristine Anne Wilson

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Master of Arts

Erin Elizabeth Cofer
Consuelo Gloria Ferguson

Brett William Mauser
Isabel Grace Poorshaygan-Oliver

Valerie Torres
Adrienne Rose Weiss

Master of Public Administration

Uma Maheshwari Venkatesan

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Master of Science in Nursing

Afolake Alake Ayodele
Sarah Frances Bassett
Matthew Edward Becka
Kathryn Dawn Bircher
Celeste Marie Brizzee
Ammie Jo Dominguez
Daniel Canales Estrada
Felicia Cassandra Farris

Judy Rebecca Foster
Karen Elaine Gangwer
Tammy Lynne Gerberding
Debra Gay Guthrie
Valerie Cady Hudgens
Kathleen Joanne Hurst
April Lynn Jones
Kristen Rebecca Mercer

Sondra Kaye Nicholson
Jennifer Mae Nickel
Jennifer Christine Olivarez
Leoda J. Presley
Rose Mary Wells
Kirby Ann Wilson
Kimberly Catherine Zatopek

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Master of Science

Yavuz Altug
Kelly Renee Brieden
Logan Michael Brown
Jennifer Robles Chancellor
Haritha Devulapally
Jesse David Farruggella
David Ward Franklin
Alin Gonzalez

I-Shuo Huang
Jennifer L. Lawrence
Kaitlyn Anna MacLeod
Ivy Colleen McClellan
Nikhil Murlidhar Menon
Ashley Nicole Munoz
Anuraag Reddy Muppidi
Sean Patrick O'Mara

Githzette Marie Planas Costas
Lee Allen Schroer
Katherine Grace Sharp
Sara Marie Smith
Alexander Justin Wade
Xinyi Wang
Lei Zhao
Shuyi Zhao

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration

Baron Thomas Albright
Sydney Lenore Alcalá
Kayla L. Bales
Bryan Todd Bode
Elizabeth Rodriguez Bradshaw
James Cody Burleson
Brenda Amy Casarez
Shiwei Cen •
David G. Chapa, Jr.
Michael Coronado
Maria Soraya Dajbura Dueri •
Matthew Taylor Daniels
Lucio Deleon, III
Feliciano Elita ‡
Michael A. Espitia
Christopher Michael Flores
Trent Edward Foss
Maria Garcia
Kathryn Elizabeth Garza
Melida Garza

Daniel Good
Christina Grees
Crystal Lee Guerra
Jeffrey Alfonso Gutierrez *
Sophie Alexandra Hashemi-Seddighzadeh
Venesha Clare Iruhe
Tyler Matthew Knight
Joey Roel Limon
Miao Liu *
Eric Joseph Marti
Cheryl M. Martin *
Noel Martinez, Jr.
Tyler Thomas McGlaun
Marsha M. McCreels •
Colt A. Melton
Amanda Marie Mendez
Molly Geanice Miller
Beija G. Muniz
Jennifer M. Pena
Marina S. Pena

Alejandra Perez
Andrew R. Phillips
Tonya Kay Porter
Alexis Gayle Sager ‡
Joshua B. Salinas
Blanca Estela Sanchez
William Edward Scott
Joshua Steven Sheehan
Geordan Eugene Strain
William Brett Todd
Sarah Monea Trevino
Adam Matthew Tucker
James Keith Tucker
Jonathan Ryan Voitle
Yujie Wang *
Katherine Alanie Weir
Brandon Michael Wilson
Ya Teng Xiong *
Hui Dong Yao •

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

Joel Seth Bowden
Blake Andrew Brightwell
Robert Scott Burroughs
Clayton Charles Cody
Marc Ryan Cooper
Kayla Leigh David
Leila Adrienne Gatlin
Michael Jacob Hrna

Tyler Matthew Knight
Brittani Victoria Loux
Lauryn N. Lucio
Quintin Andre Payton
Zachary Alan Perez
Laura Ann Phillips
Abby A. Quinonez •

Tiffany Nicole Rachunek *
Stephen Patrick Ramirez
Francisco Rangel
Sarah Nicole Sanchez •
Kaley L. Swallow •
Rogelio Gerardo Trevino, Jr.
Matthew Ryan Youngblood

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Marivel Belina Costilla
John M. Hogan

Iris Yolanda Palomo

Kristen N. Torres

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

Cecilie Lauren Abramson
Katy E. Acosta
Adriana Nohelani Alva
Kelsey Taylor Booth •
Kathryn Cecilia Brunkenhoefer •
Ryan Christopher Burnell
Cody Lee Burroughs
Calynne Nicole Cantu
Erick Cantu *
Jennive Andrea Carrera
Christina Ann Cisneros
Brittany Jo Cunningham •
Tiffany L. Currie
Austin Daniel Del Castillo
Anitra O. Edwards
Maelle Marie Flichy
Joe Harvey Garcia
Paloma Alejandra Gonzalez
Shayla Vikay Hall
Emma Margaret Hankin
Alma L. Hernandez
Joe C. Hernandez

Kaitlin Faith Hibbs
Hallie Anne Hollenback
Christopher Alexander Howard •
Emily Sine Johnson
Cecilia Jones
Sabrina Jusino •
Sarah Michele Knobbe *
Madeline Mae Lawler
Mario Alberto Longoria
Andy Lopez, Jr.
Joshua Pablo Lopez
Miguel Angel Lugo
Christopher Anthony Madrid
Raymond Mark Martin
Kallie Rae McCoy
Patrick John McKown
Christopher Daniel McClellan
Tirra Shardon Miller
Tania Sofia Monroy Jimenez *
Aaron Chance Moses
Jessica Marjorie O'Brien
Jesus Garza Olivarez, Jr.

Jordan Samantha Olivo •
Kiersten Nicole Owens
Robert Wayne Parks, II
Malcom James Petty
Evan Eric Poses
Jennifer B. Powell •
Taylor Nicole Prescott
Domenica Neilla Risi
Heather Michelle Roberts
Melba Drake Robinson
Samantha Shavon Rodriguez
Julianna Salman *
Ricardo E. Sanchez, Jr.
Angelica Marie Sanders
Hazel Ivana Soto
Andrew Paul Spence
Stephanie Ann Michelle Test
Brandon Jon-Michael Tierney
Liliana Sofia Villa
Joshua Lane Whipple
Emmalee Susan Winters
Mingzi Wu

Bachelor of Applied Science

Veronica L. Aceves
Ashley Marie Bryant
Paul Michael Garcia
Ellysse Nicole Gonzalez
Hilda Gonzalez

Shayla Vikay Hall
Taylor Alyssa Lawrence
Martha Silvia Quiroz
Kimberly Lynn Rayos
Brenda Marie Rico

Jeffery Douglas Ruiz
Jessica Nicole Sanchez
Justin Ryan Serna
Evan Kennon Varney
Mark Allen Watson

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Lauren Elizabeth Hood

Heather Ashton Tadlock Trierweiler

Bachelor of Music

Damon Lionel Whitley, II

Bachelor of Science

Jennifer J. Alaniz
Kaitlyn Jennis Campbell
Cassandra Diaz
Stella Marie Drouillard-Salom
Chinaz Barham Ghafoor
Juan Alexander Gonzalez

Ryan Michael Hatfield
Meagan Marie Hoff
Hallie Anne Hollenback
Miguel Angel Mallen
Morgan T. Nocker
Daniel Ochoa Ramirez, Jr.

Elizabeth Anyta Ritter
Chloe Maylen Smith
Sylvia Valerio
Courtney Necol Westbrook

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Joseph Arhtur Brunemeier
Tori Marie Buttle
Angela Maria De La Cruz
Ashlyn Elizabeth Finnie
Kelsey Lyn Grafton
Amy Lynn Miller
Kristin Marie Mosley

Tyler L. Nunley
Adam Jeffrey Paredes
Valerie Marie Perez
Kayla Irene Pineda
Marissa L. Ramirez
Stephanie Maria Salinas

Ashley Sandoval
Kathryn Taylor Summers
Vanessa M. Vasquez
Adam Slade Webernick •
Korrin Dee Yager
Brittany Ann Yopez

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Rajaa Mohammed Abdelrazeq, Jr.
Liana Kerry Balmores Abeto
Hope Abrego •
Jessica Acosta
Ilysia Mia Alaniz
Eric Ryan Andrews *
Matthew Reyes Apiado
Derek Lee Arredondo
Richard Scott Arthur
Jamira Pangilinan Baniqued
Lichinha Ashley Barbosa
Danielle Ashley Barrera
Kimberly Ann Barreto
Megan Leigh Bell *
Kendall Marie Bishop
Sylvia Juanita Bolster •
Xelena Christine Caldwell
Courtney Jo Ann Chanler •
Jackie Nicole Chavarria •
Francisco Coronado, Jr.
Tiffany Heather Cruz
Monica Renae Cuate
Lacey Michelle Cudd ‡
Laura Lisa Delgado
Monica Delgado
Amy Rose Eitzen •

Allison Jane Fels *
Glennisha Renee Files
Natalie Rae Flores
Nicole Marie Flores
Jovany Fred Gama •
Lissa Marie Garcia
Jason R. Gonzalez
Melissa Tiffany Haffter Von Heide
Tamara Nicole Hardy
Jennifer Marie Haynes
Brooke Lynn Hernandez •
Alana Doniella Hilliard
Joel William Houghton
Joanna Garcia Ives
Sara Elizabeth Jantz
Kara Marie Johnson
Kasie Marie Jones
Anthony Kelly
Alyssa Brooke Kerbow
Iliana Marie Knapick •
Holly Ann Kroeger
Tahera Demya Lloyd
Jason Micheal Lott
Efren J. Loyola, Jr.
Jessica Montre Mangum *
James B. Mayo

Brianna Palacios Mebane
Karen L. Meza
Bryan Michael Miller
Kateland Renee Mills
Yaricssa Pena
Kaylyn Guajardo Perez
Louis David Perez •
Noelia Perez
Danielle Renee Plate
Ashley Nicole Danie Pretzer
Yvonne Aileen Quiroz
Mayra Patricia Rendon
Kim Marie Resendez
Lindsey Nicole Riddle
Lauren Nicole Silva *
Lindsey N. Snodgrass ‡
Vanessa Michelle Vargas
Irma Rubio Vela
Wendy A. Velez
Emily Irene Watkins ‡
Dysherrika Monique Wester
Anna L. Wilfong
Debbie Lou York
Jesus Ramon Zapata, III

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science

Trisha La'Chelle Amboree
Matthew Robert Anderson
Evita Andrade
Kevin William Bardwell
Andrew J. Baum
Matthew B. Berlanga
Daniel Vincenzo Cantu •
Jessie L. Castanier
Ana Marisa Castillo
Yu Chen
Kenny I. Chou
Jessica Lauren Clark
Christian Colby Dietert
Jose R. Dinn
Angelica R. Everett •
Kimberly Desirae Flores
Sean Michael Flores
Brittany Lasha Fransaw
Ao Gao
Elia O. Gil
Monica Gomez

Will Mackenzie Graham *
Shelby Denise Gray
Courtney Elizabeth Guerra
Juan Abraham Gutierrez-Vazquez
Edward Tatum Hankins
Justin Thomas Konzen
Gregory Alexander Lew
Timothy David Longoria
Luis Alberto Lugo
Andrew Ryan Marin
Skylie Danae McClinton
Maria Guadalupe Medina
Mark C. Melendez
Daniel Jose Mendez
Daniel O. Mendez
Dominique C. Ngongang
Shehryar Khan Niazi
Arthur Edward Oaden
Cindy Paredes
Alexandra Nicole Patterson
Lindsay Pavel

Robert Jacob Perkins
Anderson Heath Petty
Michael Bernard Race
Christopher R. Ramirez
Rianne P. Ricarte
Christina Marie Rivera
Daniel Rosas, II
Whitney Lynn Rutledge
Jesus H. Santos
Stephen Justin Schmidt
Benjamin Reed Smith *
Sarah Michelle Spencer •
Katelin Louise Stroman
James J. Tallman, III •
Amber Rose Thompson
Maria S. Travella
Nicholas Alexander Trierweiler
Emilio Rene Vasquez
Chao Wang
Bevi Leigh Wilson
Troy Allen Zwerneman •

Officer Commissioning

Second Lieutenant
United States Army

Robert Scott Burroughs
Matthew Taylor Daniels

Kara Marie Johnson
Kiersten Nicole Owens

Stephen Patrick Ramirez

*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

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan currently serves as President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and is the first African American and the first woman to serve in this capacity. Her career spans 40 years and includes the roles of faculty member, chief student services officer, campus provost, college president and Secretary of Education. In several of those roles she was the first African American and/or woman to serve in those capacities. Dr. Wheelan received her Bachelor's degree from Trinity University in Texas (1972) with a double major in Psychology and Sociology; her Master's from Louisiana State University (1974) in Developmental Educational Psychology; and her Doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin (1984) in Educational Administration with a special concentration in community college leadership.

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents

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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 to 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.

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, Karl Kemm – Horn
Brian Thacker – Trombone, Dan T. Sipes – Tuba

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