



Fall 2014 Commencement

Saturday, December 13, 2014

10:00 a.m.

American Bank Center Arena

A Member of The Texas A&M University System

**Fall 2014 Commencement
President/CEO Flavius C. Killebrew, presiding**

Prelude and Processional*

Carrier of the Mace Dr. Donald Deis
Professor of Accounting, College of Business
Recipient, Regents Professor Award

Welcome.....Dr. Killebrew

Presentation of the ColorsTAMU-CC Army Islander Battalion

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

Greetings Catherine A. Smock
Chief Auditor, Texas A&M University System

Commencement Address..... Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa

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..... Associate Dean Bunny Forgione
College of Science and Engineering..... Dean Frank Pezold
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

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

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

Alumni Presentation Dr. Haysam Dawod, D.D.S., ‘85
Recipient, 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award

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

Recessional*

*Audience will remain seated.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Fernando Cortez
Edna Laura Posas Delgado

Kayleigh Jean McCauley
Angela Francene Portis-Woodson

Javier Omar Trevino
Laurie Jeanette Turner

Mary L. Williams

Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education

Michelle Duran
Diane M. Herrero

Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction

Christina Joye Beard

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy in Coastal Marine System Science

Evan Lee Turner

Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Biology

Luke Michael Tornabene

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Master of Fine Arts

Monica Marie Garcia

Jeremiah Cortez Ibarra

Kristopher Robert Jorgensen

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Accountancy

Ajibola Ganiu Baiyewu
Jeremy Alan Bean
Hao Du

Tam Bao Thien Le
Ariel Shantel Minor
David Michael Riggs

Stephanie Lynn Riske
Chenyin Shen
Long-Jimmy Hoang Vu

Eric Benjamin Walls
Xin Wang

Master of Business Administration

Mariam Elvira Amaya Martinez
Loan Ngoc Thi Bui
Christopher Scott Carter
Miguelangel Centeno
Ilene Corina Deleon
Tuan Dinh Duong
Kathleen Bohnet Fischer
Marissa Lynn Graves
Thomas Eugene Hawley

Joseph Chung Heineman
I-Lun Hsieh
Ryan Neil Johnson
Peter Khou
J. Clinton Lainhart
Janet Lea Lankford Peralta
Hai Minh Le
Xuanchen Liu
Paul Eugene Lobrecht

Sherryl Melody Lopez
Xiaozhe Lu
Jenna Wynne Mesiroff
John Adam Morley
Dam Thi Thuy Nguyen
Dharmiben Amrat Patel
Esther Lorena Quevedo Delgado
Ryan Samuel James Robertson
Gregory Franklin Rowe

Melissa Ann Silva
Courtney Ann Smith-Chavez
Frank Michael Sparacino
Chelsea Michelle Spence
Shaelyn Elizabeth Stacy
Thitima Tungwichaiworadit
Zizhang Wang
Tuncer Yasdiman
Hao Zhou

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Science

Kimberly Anne Beck
Carissa Gayle Calderon
Ashley Marie Carey
Lynna Madeline Casiano Semidey
Denise Marie Cervantez
Rene Adan Chavez
Stephanie Rose Contreras
Chelsea Elizabeth Cron
Barbara Rose Cruz
Dara Jean Dalton
Vanessa Elita Delgado
Darryl Lanon Donaldson
James Marvin Edmondson, Jr.
Kala Mishael Essay
Nathaniel Steven Foote

Claudia Garcia
Victor E. Garcia
Alicia Ann Garza
Clarissa Celinda Garza
Stevie-Rae Garza
Lory Ann Gonzalez
Margarita Gonzalez-Lopez
Olivia Michelle Hemmert
Jamie Lee Hernandez
Marsha Michelle Hutchens
Jesusa Elena Jasso
Evon Jeanette Kelly
Hyun Suk Kwon
Elizabeth Anne Lienau
Kimberly Nicole Loreda

Patricia Ann Love
Marc Andrew Martinez
Angela M. Mauck
Leslie Susan McCaskey
Marco A. Medina
Matthew Richard Meinheit
Justin Thomas Milner
Clarissa Lynn Moreno
Robert Craig Nairn
Huong Thi Pham
Lynne Marie Piland
Megan Michelle Pitre
Roland Anthony Quintero
Jannelle Leigh Reed
Gilbert Reyna

Alexandra Elizabeth Robinson
Tiffany Hope Rodriguez
Tomas Salinas
Velma Baez San Miguel
Marisa Liliana Solis
Jennifer Geneser Thompson
Rebecca Torres
Tyler William Vernon
Cheryl Devlyn Ward
Brian Glenn Warren
Michelle W. Wells
Christopher Garvin Wren
Ting Zhang
Di Zhao

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Master of Arts

Jimena Lynn Burnett
Kristen Corinne Dwyer
Edrick Rodriguez Ellis
Karen Densie Fleming

Brittany Michelle Martin
Ismael Josue` Nava
Weizhen Qiao
Brian Nicholas Ramirez

Kayla Brianne Shanley
Martrisha Jean Trainum
Colton Lee Vittetoe
Janet Marie Whitford

Alicia Leone Wintermute

Master of Public Administration

Janis Denise Alaniz
Sandra Isabel Campos

Heather Renee Conner
Jason Lee Garza

Santiago Ricardo Hernandez

Stephanie Maria Puebla

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Master of Science in Nursing

Jennifer Lea Ashcraft
Jennifer Lyn Gonzales

Lisa Michelle Jones
Tamara Leanne Rutherford

Camille Sheldon

Ida Terry

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Master of Science

Saule Akhmetkaliyeva
Shivani Reddy Atigadda
Ranjith Kumar Bodla
Eliane Maria Coelho
Shanti Dhakal
Kien Hong Dinh
Ariane Dawn Frappier
Bharath Simha Reddy Gaddam

Sri Laxmi Gandra
Alin Gonzalez
Erman Gurses
Debra Anne Hoekel
Jennifer Ann Klidies
Luz Marina Lumb
Kaitlyn Anna Mac Leod
Mutaher Kashif Mohammad

Cuong Ngoc Ngo
Daniel Alexander Parker
Geoffrey Scott Purtle
Russell Robert Rule
James Andrew Sanchez
Chester Gene Scotch, Jr.
Katherine Grace Sharp
Mohammed Shahid Sultan

Duc Hoai Trinh
Paul Van Oldenmark
Kevin Dion Wolfe
Ming-Hsuan Wu
Shirisha Yellu
Peter Cole Young
Lei Zhao

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration

Christopher Seth About
Jessica Marie Acevedo
Blanca Delia Arellano
Ashley Alyssa Arevalo
Kylie R. Ballard •
Michael Damien Banks
Keith Edward Bass
Jignesh Bhakta
Richard Scott Blevins, Jr. •
Nhieu Anh Bo ‡
Sandra Burges
Norma Villarreal Camacho •
Gabriel Darrel Cantu
Jameson Lee Cardenas •
Michelle Castro
David H. Chung
Zachary John Corcoran •
Ruth Anna Crothers
Yi He Dang
Ashley Brittany Davila
Monique Michelle De La Garza
Domingo DeLa Rosa
Brien Lynn Dehnert
Allan Miguel Del Rosario
Britnee Alexandra Denison
Yi Dong *

Kaelyn Fay Dubose •
Evan Joran Duran
William Alex Eakin
Xin Feng
Victoria Kristine Froemke
Jason Neftaly Garcia
Luann Elizabeth Garza
David M. Guillen
Steven Wesley Hancock, IV
Mariela Hernandez
Courtney Holland Hess ‡
Courtney Elizabeth Hilberth
Amber Renee` Holt *
Ko-Yu Hsieh
Clint Coleman Irlle
Derek Dean Jones
Christopher Wayne Land
Julie Anne Lashua
Sergio Wilson Lazo, IV
Christina Jean Leal
Matthew Delton Lee
Yawei Lin
Shaoxian Liu ‡
Yang Liu •
Connie Lopez
Kayla Marissa Lopez

Mingren Ma
Christina Ann Martinez
Jeremy R. Martinez
Barbara Mazzone Caballero
Mariah Allyn McClarty
Kimberly Ann Miller
Daniel H. Moreno, Jr.
Ashley Nicole Mortus ‡
Lauren C. Navarro
Stefania-Cristina Nicolae
Marcy May Ann Olsen
Cody Paul Orr
Myriam Stephanie Ortiz
Miles Nelson Pace
Jordan Roy Parker
Brooke Victoria Pawelek
Ricardo Noah Perez
Joshua David Petrus
Christopher Ryan Puckett
Carolyn Ramirez
Alison Michelle Ramos •
Darren Ray Ripple
Joseph Daniel Rodriguez
Steven Andrew Rodriguez
Raul Matthew Rojas, Jr.
Tristan Heather Rose

Joshua Leo Saenz
David Armando Saieh
Kristel Marian Salinas
Andrew William Satz
Natalie R. Schoenicke
Cassidy Noga Scott ‡
Nicole Silveira
Dogukan Taylanli
Kody James Taylor
Tyler Jordan Thiemer
Lauren Gayle Tipps
Chi Kim Thi Tran *
Duy Anh Tran
Nhi Dien Tran *
Jose J. Valadez
Hillary N. Vallejo •
Rex Allen Walz, Jr.
Li Wang
Zheng Wang •
James Christopher Weishuhn *
Kyle Douglas Weitzel •
Kara Whitmore •
Lanting Xiao
Miao Yi
Qianru Zhou *
Ling Jia Zhu

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

Raul Arvizu-Colchado
Christy Nichole Berry
Jaime Salvador Cano, II
Briana Paige Carrera
Francisco Castillo, Jr.
Chelsey Nicole Cliett

Joanna Cruz
Valerie Abeto Dimalanta
Brianna Denaye Eby ‡
Sandy Marie Esquivel
Justin Matthew Fira
Hayley Lorene Galloway

Raul E. Garcia
Holly Amanda Havran
Adam J. Hernandez
Brittany L. Herrada
Stephan Todd Kinney
Andrew Scott Kurta

Clayton Marshal Lemke
Cassidy Chase McGrath
Stephen Patrick Ramirez
Ashley Nicole Rosebrough
Michael Lee Vinton

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Amanda Alcocer •
Nadalyn Marie Almaguer
Carys L. Aschmutat ‡
Hannah Jon Bailey *
Colleen Marie Baker
Crystal L. Bertadillo
Krystal Marie Bond
Jane Hill Brown •
Valerie A. Cantu
Stephanie Castaneda
Roxana Y. De Santos
Victoria Anne DelBosque

Kimberly Delories Ellis
Breanna Garcia
Daniela Garza
Maria Isabel Garza *
Heather R. Gibson ‡
Jacob Gonzales
Jeremiah Juan Gonzalez
Megan Nicole Hahn *
Sabrina Rae Hernandez
Casey M. Holloway *
Brandi Joan Huff
Stephanie Amanda Isely ‡

Diana Lynn Jurach ‡
Zoe Ann Kach ‡
Amelia Maurine Keith ‡
Tierra Charene Kuykendall
Rosie Perez Limon *
Blanca E. Lopez
Aimee Christine Martin
Claudia Martinez
Mary Louise McClendon ‡
Manuel A. Montez
Michelle Renee Morales ‡
Alex G. Morin *

Hailey Nichole Robinson •
Amberly Ann Rodriguez
Alma Nallely Sanchez •
Fawnda Lynette Seward •
Deven Marie Smith •
Charlcie Daniell Stinnett ‡
Adriane Rochele Taylor
Shelby Lynne Thomas *
Ashley Lauren Valdez •
Leslie Ann Villa
Josefina Youngblood

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

Connie Camacho Abrego
Lindsey Faith Adams
Luis Lopez Aguilar, Jr.
Rebecca Gutierrez Allen
Adriana Nohelani Alva
Liana M. Badillo
Abbey Layne Benesch
Leann Elizabeth Bishop
Sara Doll Bradbury
Jake Bruce-Gonzales
Tina Le Ann Buchan*
Marina Dean Cantu
Christina Rae Carr
Victoria Ilyssa Chapa
Brenda Lynn Chesser
Christina Ann Cisneros
Mitchell A. Cobb •
Cameron Scott Collier •
Carlos Ashley Cooper •
Rebekah Leigh Copeland •
Meaghan Vassaur Curran
Jimmy Anthony Deleon
Andrea Garcia Delgado
Donald C. Duhan *
Megan E. Ems
Elmer Lee Fleenor

Daniel T. Flores •
Michael Richard Foster
Alyssa Luisa Garcia
Brandy J. Garza
Emilia Adriana Gaytan
Deanna Nicole Gibson
Christopher Jacob Gil
Mallorie K. Gonzales
Amber Marie Gonzalez
Jennifer Lee Gonzalez
Justin Matthew Guajardo
Aby Marissa Guerrero
Ryan James Hagen
Jennifer Lee Hamilton
Shirley Annette Hernandez
Marissa Ninfa Hinojosa
Kasey Lynne Humphries
Kristin Lee Hutcherson
April Dawn Huxell
Ariel Noreen Jones
Laurel Elizabeth Kanipe •
Alyssa Gail Keenzel
Courtney King
Demond Keshawn King
Volkan Koc
Raina A. Lacroix

Nga Y. Le •
Jarrettoby Ibanez Lewis
Jessica Ann Linderman
Elizabeth Emery Lomax ‡
Andy Lopez, Jr.
Meagan Chelsea Lopez
Taryn Faith Lovato
Andrew C. Lugo
John Walter Luttmann, Jr.
Brandon Gregory Lutz
Clarissa Martinez
Desiree Danielle McBride
Amy Therese Montez
Betty Louise Mounts
Graciela Munoz
Dezarey Odette Ortegon
Brooke Jordyn Ostrom •
Cortney Amber-Lynn Parkhurst
Aaron Perez
Trang Mai Phan *
Danielle Kasie Pletcher
Shelby Leanne Porter •
Monica Ann Ramirez
Josephine Desiree Reyes
Ryan Allan Reyna
Kristin Mary Rincon •

Benjamin Alejandro Robles, III
Kristopher Rey Rodriguez
Ariana Ruiz
Luis Hernandez Sepulveda, II
Katy Lynn Showers
Tarek William Slater
Chelsea Marie Smith
Michail James Somsapya
James Michel Stanley
Emily Rachel Tanzer
Zachary James Toth
Lucilla Emilia Vasquez
Natalie Marie Velasquez
Emily Elyse Vidlak *
Jeremy Alan Villarreal
Caitlin Mackenzie Wang
Joshua Lane Whipple
Tracey Ann Williams
Krystal Ann Wilson
Erin Kathleen Winch •
Valeria Ventura Ybarra
Jacquelyn L. Young
Perla Maria Zamora
Edie Yvette Zapata
Siyu Zhang ‡

Bachelor of Applied Science

Delia Nevarez Bintliff •
Robin Gail Bradshaw
Macey Erin Dobias
Anastasia Vonte Fillmore •
Coleman Ray Frederick •

Angelina R. Garcia
Kriselda Marie Godines •
Eric D. Gonzalez
Kristen Michelle Hawkins
Diana M. Lopez •

Angelina Mason
Kirolos Guirguis Mekhail
Joshua Anthony Mullis
Noel A. Narvaez
Melissa Salas Leija

Samantha Leigh Sandate
James Silva
Monica Michelle Tryon

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Aubrey Neal Dancer •
James Alexander Ferrante

Allyssa Ray Juarez
Hector Raul Marroquin ‡

Hope Andrea Martinez *
Miranda Leigh Martinez

Alexander Antonio Ramirez
Neomi Jean Rojas ‡

Bachelor of Music

Ashley Nicole Clark *
Phillip Tyler Dominey *

John Michael Garza
Emilio C. Monreal

Sabrina Vanderburg

Evan Ray Woodson

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Bachelor of Science

Ashley Marie Adams •
Orlando Alvarez, Jr.
Chelsey Jane Arambula
Rodrigo Barbosa *
Valeria Barrera •
Zachary P. Boerjan
Amanda Starr Boll
Daniela Briseno
Vanessa Carmona
Belinda Cavazos
Diamantina Cavazos

Blake Cole Crowder
Jerome Dominic Dally
James Ikpe Essien, II
Timothy Louie Frazier
Cassandra Ann Gonzalez
Kurosh J. Griffin
Rebekah Guajardo
Aby Marissa Guerrero
Stephen Andrew Lafaver
Nicole Marie Leal
Jonathan Taylor Lecount

Daiya Arnetia Lemon
Yezeniah Raquel Limas
Sergio Longoria
Kevin A. Mandel
Tessa Lyn Mckeever
Claire C. Mcnab
Jennifer Macias Mora
Ifeoma Uche Nwachukwu
Peter Christopher Paredes
Aaron Perez
Kayla Guajardo Perez

Jessica Mariana Porras
Priscilla Rae Rendon
Adrian Reyes
Cristina Ruvalcaba
Michael Schneider
Matthew Rey Sylva
Chelsea Raquel Vicha
Tiffany Villarreal

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Stephanie Le Adams *
Michael Anthony Bowman
Alexcia Mona' Harris •
Ashleigh Michelle Holder
Ashley Nicole Holmes

Alyssa Leanne Hughes
Cerita Ronetta Hunt
Shyqeri Kuqi
Daniliz Marrero
Cindy Yarely Marroquin

Priscilla Rose Medina
Brianna Padron
Joshua Lee Rios ‡
Melissa Noemi Santos
Cody John Stephens

Samantha Nicole Torres
Tamara Lynn Vasquez
Russell Vaughan ‡

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Jennifer Garza Allen •
Diamantina Arrona
Jamira Pangilinan Baniqued
Jesse Lee Battleson
Mary Catherine Bedynek
Brittany C. Bolton
Adriana Nicole Cantu
Myranda Casanova
Charlotte K. Clark
Ashley Rose Dague
Patricia Annette De Los Santos
Monica Delgado
Leslie Nicole Dillon
Derek John Dimas *
Kristen Lynne Dishman •
Ashley C. Dominguez
Monique L. Edwards

Kristen Elizabeth Eichenseer
Leslie M. Esquivel •
Nicole Marie Flores
Jennifer Sue Foster
Elizabeth Garza
Julia Ana Garza
Veronica Rachelle Garza
Scott David Gorrie
Patricia Jude Grady
Rodolfo Grande, Jr.
Brittanie M. Green
Ashley Nicole Grieder
Melissa Tiffany Haffter Von Heide
Marcy Halterman-Cox *
Rebecca Jo Hammond
Arlene Melissa Higueros
Wendy Michelle Holbach

Cerita Ronetta Hunt
Anthony Kelley
Jordan Alexandra Laird
Tahera Demya Lloyd
Pilar Salazar Longoria
Shelby Kay Lyda
Lee Aaron Mcmillan
Melissa Ann Moreno ‡
Liza Naranjo *
Hilary Nhi Nguyen
Noelia Perez
Omar Fabian Perez
Loren Ashley Pineda
Megan Kay Pinkerton
Stormi Lynn Preiss
Jaclin R. Rehring ‡
Mayra Patricia Rendon

Beronica D. Reyes
Lindsey Nicole Riddle
Aricela Alyss Rodriguez •
Brittany Nicole Ruddick
Candice Marie Rule •
Jordan Claire Ruppel
Jennifer Fain Sessum
Jessica Monique Sol ‡
Stephanie Marie Sutton
Deanna Trevino
Leonardo Trevino
Collin Renee Valis
Kelly Anne Walker •
Susan Renee Wynn
Michelle Renee Zdansky

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science

Samir Mohamed Abusetta
Justin Lee Adame
Keith Ervin Addison
Karla Virginia Allred
James Abraham Almaraz
Cameo Cari Basaldua
Andrew K. Beckman *
Cheston Keane Bilbo
Elijah Dale Bost •
Leana Morgan Bouse
Christian Bratovich
Lorissa Marie Chapa
Christopher David Clary *
Irene Cornejo
Taylor Morgan Counts
Andrew Scott Cox
David H. Dawod
Holley L. Day
David Barnard Dodson, III
Alberto Duque •
Breanna Danielle Estrada

Daniel Bradley Files
Michael Beauregard Frazier
Kristian J. French
Chante Crisantes Garcia
Desiree Garcia
Miranda Isabel Garcia
Maria Alejandra Gironza ‡
Alfredo Goytia
Courtne L. Hampton
Phillip Glen Hand
Stephanie Rose Harlien ‡
Hannah Pauline Harper
Justin Ryan Harris
Lloyd J. Henderson, III
Eric Alan Herbert
Ariel Jaelyn Hernandez
Bryan Hernandez
Benjamin Eric Heuer
Austin James Hilbun
Austin Frederick Hott
Brittany Ann Johnson •

Katelyn Elizabeth Kosted
Hannah Katherine Locke
Hannah Nicole Lockwood
Trey Charles Martin
Meghan Janessa Martinez *
Kaycee Lanae McElwee
Brice Cade Miller
Shira Ruth Mills *
Hunter Nelson Morgan *
David Ray Norris, Jr.
Patrick Alexander Olivarez
Hannah Brigitte Peterson
Dang Vu Hai Pham ‡
Kaitlin Elizabeth Prince
Dustin Christopher Pustejovsky
Rosa Elena Ramirez
Elma Jesusa Reyes
Ryan Reyna
Matthew Stephen Rocha
Juan Roberto Rodriguez
Collin Michael Ross •

Dana Denise Salazar
Olivia Catherine Santos
Aaron James Schwarz
Naomi Amber Smithwick
Darius Stephen *
Savannah Lien Stone
Jacob Michael Thompson
Kelsey Anne Tinoco
Brendan Joseph Tober
Alex Kendall Tompkins
Cody Brandon Torno
Autumn Denise Torres
Lavin Lynn Tran
Jennifer Nicole Trevino
Ruselle Vasquez •
Felipe Villanueva, III
Maeghen Wedgeworth
Christine Marie Williams
Kelby Ryan Wilson
Bokang Yang •

*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

State Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa is a native of Mission, Texas with a civil and criminal-defense practice in South Texas. He was first elected to represent Senate District 20 in 2002. He previously served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1981 to 1991, and again from 1997 to 2002. He is the current chairman of the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus. He is also chair of the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, vice chair on the Finance committee, and serves on the Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security and Criminal Justice committees.

Since his election to the Texas Senate in 2002, Hinojosa has secured more than \$100 million for new construction at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and at the University of Texas-Pan American. Senator Hinojosa’s efforts have brought millions in funding to support the economic growth of Senate District 20, composed of Brooks, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, and Nueces Counties.

Senator Hinojosa was named “Top Ten Best Legislators” for 2013 by Texas Monthly magazine, making it his third time to receive the prestigious honor. He was named “Top Ten Legislator for 2013” by Capitol Inside for the third time as well.

During the 2013 Legislative Session, Hinojosa authored Senate Bill 24, historic legislation that will merge UT-Pan American and UT-Brownsville and create a free standing medical school in South Texas. The expansion of educational opportunities will create greater access to healthcare and will be a great boost to the South Texas economy. Senator Hinojosa also secured critical funding for the Corpus Christi Bay Harbor Bridge Replacement project.

Hinojosa served his country in the U.S. Marines Corps as a squad leader during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1968. He has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas-Pan American and a law degree from Georgetown University.

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 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

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.