Fall 2013 Commencement

Saturday, December 21, 2013
American Bank Center Arena
10:00 a.m.

A Member of The Texas A&M University System
Fall 2013 Commencement
President/CEO Flavius C. Killebrew, presiding

Prelude and Processional*

Carrier of the Mace ........................................................................................................... Dr. Bryant Griffith
Professor, College of Education
Recipient, Regents Professor Award

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

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

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

Greetings ................................................................................................................... Dr. Jon Mogford
Vice Chancellor for Research, Texas A&M University System

Commencement Address ........................................................................................................ Mr. Sam L. Susser
Chairman and CEO of Susser Holdings Corporation

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 ........................................................................... Dr. L.D. Chen
College of Graduate Studies ......................................................................................... Dean JoAnn Canales

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

Announcing ................................................................................................................... Mr. Michael Rendon
University Registrar

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

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

Hooding of Ph.D. Candidates ....................................................................................... Candidate's Major Professor
College of Science and Engineering
Assisting: Dr. L.D. Chen

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

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

Commissioning............................................................................................................ LTC Gerald Avila
Professor of Military Science

Alumni Presentation ..................................................................................................... Mr. John O. Steward, ’06 & ’10
President, TAMU-CC National Alumni Association

Alma Mater .................................................................................................................. Ms. Yvonne Alaniz
Mr. James Dickens
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

Gwendolyn S. Diggs
Kristin Nicole Hoover
Amy Lynn Mathews-Perez
John Andrew Prezas
David B. Rodriguez
Minerva M. Salazar
Debra Ann Stanley

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Biology

Michael Reuscher

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Master of Fine Arts

Kevin Dean Ramler
April Marie Taylor

Master of Accountancy

Lauren Rose Dooley
Shannon Marie Haun
Chenyang He
Ching Fang Liu
Deborah J. Meadows
Lianda Nelwan
Rupal G. Patel
Leslie Diffie Ruta
Valentina Alexandrovnaya Rybalova
Koret Cecille Sanchez
Jordan David Shanley
Xueting Song
Yue Wang
Meng Xie
Zongting Yao

Master of Business Administration

Mary Z. Afuso
Vanessa Bedoya
Sandra Marie Browne
Dezerae Michelle Carmona
Fatma Bengu Cetinkale
Thomas John Etten
Juan Sebastian Garzon Coronado
Chau Tran Minh Haong
Xiaoling Huang
Michael Roel Ibanez
Andre Michael Jonckheere
Matthew David Jones
Spencer William Kirksmith
Adrianne Michelle Lain
Jeffrey Kent Laird
Ha Pham My Le
Yunsong Li
Hung-Han Lin
John David Lowe
Roel Daniel Molina
Hang Thi Thanh Nguyen
Khoa Dinh Nguyen
Loan Thi Kim Nguyen
Melih Ozturk
Sushil Chandra Pallemoni
Tri Cong Pham
Cuong Quoc Phan
Sasison Phetsri
Tuan Minh Phung
Geoffrey Martin Rabinovich
Hang Thi Thanh Nguyen
Khoa Dinh Nguyen
Loan Thi Kim Nguyen
Melih Ozturk
Sushil Chandra Pallemoni
Tri Cong Pham
Cuong Quoc Phan
Sasison Phetsri
Tuan Minh Phung
Geoffrey Martin Rabinovich
Tiffany Ann Ramon
Ulysia D. Rutkoski
Xiaodi Shang
Lu Sun
Alper Tastan
Ha Thi Kim Tran
Huong Thi Thu Tu
Tanapong Worakasemsuk
Chengdi Xin
Shuangyu Zhang

Master of Science

Kathryn Marie Aleman
Lorinda Ann Benavidez
Heather Rene Bervinkle
Julie Dawn Blackwell
Kristen Leigh Brashear
Sharon Cabrera
Brandy Kathleen Calhoun
Michelle Nell Cano
Cassandra Loraine De La Vina
Liza Monique De Los Santos
David Lawrence Emrich
Alyson Noelle Espino
Audrey Febriantry
Shelley M. Floyd
Stephanie Nicole Galloway
Roana Kasandra Garcia
Velma Gonzalez
Mark Stephen Hendrix, II
Jessie Ann Herschap
Bridget Eileen Horan
Tsung Hsuan Hsieh
Joshua Chalsee Isaac
Alison Nicole Johnson
Otencia Tamar Johnson-Robinson
Samantha Lynn Klassen
Tam Nguyen Thi Le
Megan Dat Lee
Lauren Donette Lilly
Kandace Gail London
Yvonne Luna
Anju Bala Manchanda
Frances Doria Martinez
Sean Espil Mooney
Victoria A. Munoz
Shahta Nadem-Mollaei
Valerie Ann Nesmith-Arechiga
Samantha Lynn Klassen
Tam Nguyen Thi Le
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Victoria A. Munoz
Shahta Nadem-Mollaei
Valerie Ann Nesmith-Arechiga
My Ha Nguyen
Lucinda P. Nurre
Chanati Pongthongsit
Cori Nichole Power
Melissa Anne Rigney
Melissa Rodriguez
Patricia Imelda Rodriguez
Harrison Leopold Ross
Eva R. Sepulveda
Michele Lee Skeen
Michelle Lynn Sunner
Lorraine Yvonne Ysassi

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Master of Arts

Carlos Antonio Garanzuay
Gregg Ray Griffith
Elizabeth Drees Holscher
Karyn Michele Linesteadt
Cindy Andrea Amaya
Laura Ann Bierstedt
Amy J. Brandt
Omar Corona

Master of Public Administration

Stacey Lynn Barrera
Kris Alan Carpenter
Carla Renee Gentry
Dawn E. Doyle
Reba Nell George
Marcos Rene Gonzalez
Peniel Martinez
Rashelle Amanda Young
Jordan Rebecca Matney
Jonie Vanessa Petitta
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Master of Science in Nursing

Uloma Nwanyieze Eke
Chimezie Michael Iwuanyanwu
Ogechi Hope Iwuanyanwu
Amy Geralyn Mcclure
Krystle Elizabeth Ramo
Tracy Ann Suduth

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Master of Science

Paniz Bighash
Shravya Bramadi
Edwin Dale Cochran
Rachel Rae Fern
Manuel Enrique Fernandez
Lucy Maria Flores
Mariana Alejandra Gonzalez
Julie Irena Lann
Luz Marina Lumb
William Wade McGee
Orlando Nino
Lee Alan Schoech
Chester Gene Scott, Jr.
Bilal Yousuf Siddiqui
Teresa Lynn Smithson
Rajesh Kumar Srirangam
Mark Edward Syphus
Ming-Yang Teng
Christopher Ivan Trombley
Shuyi Zhao

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration

Jacob R. Abrego
Mallorie Grace Aguirre
Heather Renae Barr
Paul Allan Besse
Vasha Bharti
Matthew Ryan Bullard
David B. Burns
Callie Renee Byerly
Timothy C. Cain
William Daniel Calderon
Pengcheng Chen
Shi Wei Chen
John Michael Clark
Eric Michael Corbell
Meagan Elaine De La Garza
Kimberly Delaunette
Jeannette Diaz
Laura Ann Diaz
Christopher Ryan Eisenbach
Suzan Abdulhadi Elkhali
Nathan Anthony Elwin
Samuel Guzman Esquivel, Jr.
Abigail Taylor Fay
Rey Flores
Yang Gao
Jeanetly Garcia
Kimberly Ann Garza
Andrew Scott Gorman
Thomas A. Greenly
Dustin Roy Hall
Jamil Hasan Farajov
Leanna Frances Hemmer
Delia Hernandez
Jennifer Thuy Vy Hoang
Rachel Ann Holdsworth
Samantha J. Jones
Ayberk Kapusuz
Minsub Kim
Jennifer Renee Kindred
Stephen Bryce Koenig
Jeffrey Ryan Kraus
Ceyda Kurklu
Khoa Minh Le
Meng Li
Kuangyi Liu
Elizabeth Lopez
Sarah Lundin
Anthony Joseph Lyssy
Erica Marie Martinez
Erick Licurgo Martinez
Jacinda Aris Martinez
Leanne Mascall
Travis James Mauzy
Hannah Marguerite McDowell
Will Robert Messer
Philip Jacob Mick
Brian A. Morales
Missy Moreno
Megan Nichole Murray
Leslie Anne Newman
Lyuhn Thi Hong Nguyen
Xuan Thanh Nguyen
Honors Program Graduate
Carmen Renaye Osier
Joshua Robert Owens
Huggins Phiri, Jr.
Thurmon Allen Price
Wencui Qu
Barbara Rodriguez
Gilberto M. Rodriguez
Corben Alexander Rutter
Wenbo Shao
Ursula I. Sierra de Hernandez
Stephanie Nichole Spitzerberger
Aristoniki P. Theodosiou
Liwei Tian
Duc An Tran
Honors Program Graduate
Pengfei Wang
Ting Wang
Yi Fei Wang
Glenn Alan Wilkinson, Jr.
Ashlee Nicole Winstead
Cody Patrick Winstead
Amber A. Ybarra
Enes Yilmazer
Xingyang Yue
Lianlan Zhang
Ying Zhang
Boning Zhu
Hou Chen Zhu
Jinfan Zuo

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

Raymond Alvarado
Victor Barron, II
Bon Joe Beltran
Tah Andrea Bishop
Breanna L. Briggs
Lee-Anne Renee Cadena
Andrew Joseph Cantu
Katleigh Anne Christensen
Mark Nathanael Cole
Stefanie Renee Culp
Ashley Celeste Duzich
Lindsey Michelle Fest
Cameron Lee French
Robert Zain Glover
Heather Denise Gonzales
Jessica M. Green
Jeri Quin Hall
Brent Wade Hendrix
Thurston D. Hillmon, Jr.
Sam Houston, IV
Ashley Christine Duzich
Karen Vavasseur Dural
Jillian Claire Ervin
Marlena Ferretz
David R. Garcia
Deliana Garza
Terrie Ann Goben
Hailey Elisa Hammor
Rachel Illgen
Courtney Raye Laurence
Lori Anne Lemara
Jessica Lee Long
Victor Lopez
Jennifer Elizabeth Lucas
Robert Wayne Maroney
Alexandra Marie Martin
Derrick Cooper Price
Brian Michael Quinn
Domenica Neilla Risi
Travis J. Rowden
Lindsey Noelle Sandoval
Hannah Rene Siddall
Grant E. Smith
Louis D. Williams, IV

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Bryanna Aguilar
Ashley N. Andrews
Lauren R. Aniol
Monica Arriaga
Beverly Lorraine Brooks
Ashlee Beth Caka
Ruth Idalia Castillo
Kari Lynne Comparato
Macey Erin Dobias
Karen Vavasseur Dural
Jillian Claire Ervin
Marlena Ferretz
David R. Garcia
Deliana Garza
Terrie Ann Goben
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Jessica Lee Long
Victor Lopez
Jennifer Elizabeth Lucas
Robert Wayne Maroney
Alexandra Marie Martin
Courtney Blair Metz
Brooke Ellen Miller
Michael Rene Montes
Kelly Kristine Murphy
Honors Program Graduate
Victoria Reyna Oviedo
Teresa Anna Pannone
Sydney Alexis Paustian
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, continued

Angela
Maria
Thomas
Damon
Lionel
Whitley, II
John W. Davis

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
Bachelor of Arts

Alexandra Marie Aceves
Celeste Ariel Aldana
Brianna Michele Andrade
Veronica Nicole Anguiano
Joe Michael Ayala
John Christopher Beard
Megan A. Bercaw
Bryan Paul Bowman
Michael Al Boyle
Bethany Anne Brandt
Pearl Esperanza Brock
Corey Alexander Brown
Anthony Jason Butler, Jr.
Michelle Renee Cadena
Aaron Francis Cammad
Katherine Elaine Camplin
Travis William Cantwell
Diana Ager Caragan
Jenna Anne Carabajal
Armando Rafael Castaneda
Arcadi DeLeon
Roy A. DeForest
Kimberly Anne Dussetschlegel
Ashley Veronica Dyckman
Julie Ann Ellis
Whitney Leighann Ellis
Jordan Timothy Essary
Demarcs Roshawd Forest
Erika Daniela Galindo
Kim M. Galloway
Hector Galvan, Jr.
John S. Gambill
Chelsey Brooke Gandy

Bachelor of Applied Science

Brett M. Ball
Rachel Elizabeth Carneglia
Kyle Alan Christen
Drew Anthony Hagens
Kelly Michelle Havelka
Ethan Todd Heibel

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Rebecca Ruth Altsman
Kristin Renee Atwood

Bachelor of Music

John W. Davis

Bachelor of Science

Sarah Maude Boxwell
Catey L. Brockway
Hector J. Campos
Tiffany Ryselle Candela
Samuel Casanova, Jr.
Richard Hugh Conner
Mandi Lynn Cooper
Ronald Bradley Crabtree

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Bachelor of Arts

Tanya A. Rech
Amerika Marie Reyes
Anamaria Reyna
Kirby Barrett Rockwell
Samantha Michelle Roper

Bachelor of Applied Science

Francisco J. Hernandez, Jr.
Hailey Rose Hill
Patrick Niel Knesek
Carly Lynn Lormand
Monique G. Martinez
Megan Renee Montemayor

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Amanda Joy Freeman
Carmen D. Harris

Bachelor of Music

Christopher David Ramirez
Juan J. Rodriguez, Jr.

Bachelor of Science

Robert Christopher Cruz
Ryne Alexander Edward DeAmond
Elizabeth Donez
Annette Nicole Ewing
Amanda Lee Farias
Vanessa E. Garcia
Vanessa M. Guerrero
Joseph Chung Heineman

Melanie Holland
John Irvin Hollowell
Tye Evan Jackson
Jessica D. Ledesma
Nicole Marie Lopez
Patrick A. Mitchell
Ronnie Clay Owen, III
Kiara Aleese Peoples

Thu T. Pham
Tracy M. Ramirez
Andrea Lizel Saenz
Timothy James Seidel
Olivia Iwonne Sosa
Alyssa Aryn Tinsley
Sylvia Valero
Hilary Rochelle Verdusco

Vanessa Christina Roberts
Shelby Annette Roffman
Aaron Alec Rosenthal
James Adam Rubin, III
Meagan Rudolph
Angela Saiz
Mercedes Ariana Salazar
Robert Jesus Sanchez
Shaynna Marie Scheffler
Madeline Mason Schmidt
Jessica Renae Scott
Nicole Callie Shea
Amanda Marie Spender
Michelle Nicole Stinnett
George Stockner
Yiran Tao
Marshall Dale Tavares
Cassandra Renae Teran
Julianne Michele Thomas
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Patrick Ryan Williams
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Rui Xing

Krystle Elaine Torres
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Cara Christine Westrup

Angela Maria Thomas

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, continued

Jessica Ann Weldon
Andrea Anna Zuniga
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES
Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Miriam Courtney Bennatt
Maira Caudillo
Victoria Rae Chapa
Yifang Dang *
Angela Michele De La Cruz *
Taylor Nathalie Dixon
Candice Eve Dusek *
Ian Mark Paler Elleso
Seth J. Horton
Chelsie Marie Lane
Courtney Diane Melder
Laura Anna Mendez
Linda Peprah
Christie Marie Perez
Victoria Kay Peyton
Adela Yvette Reyes
Candace Amber Rodriguez
Erica Rodriguez
Laura Rosales
John R. Slayton
Dwayne Nathaniel Smith

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Charles Andrew Briggs, III
Lisa Karen Brogan
Jennie Lynn Brown
Sara N. Cabano *
Lizette Manuela Castro
Courtney Jo Ann Chanler
Elizabeth Granados Chavarria
Erin Kelly Davis
LaKeidre B. Davis
Victoria Erin Dixon
Luke Michael Dotson
Amber S. Ellett *
Morganne Delee Fikes
Sierra A. Garbe
Sharon Sue Ghanem
Erik Sharkey Gomez *
Jared B. Gonzales *
Stephen Robert Gudowski
Ryan Guerra
Casandra Gutierrez
Cynthia Gutierrez *
Cayla Lyn Henry *
Daniel R. Jimenez
Amanda R. Juarez *
Kenneth Joshua Kallies
Valerie Sarai Koerner
Vanessa Saieh Lapointe
Wilson Mario Lenhart
Breanna N. Lira
Lino Lopez, Jr.
Sehrish Sultan Mahasaniya
Sara Elizabeth Manning
Isabel T. Martinez
Liza Mata *
Michael Alan Mauger
Jennifer Ann McBride
Mikael William McDowell
Robert Holt Mendleski *
Bryan A. Mery
Dawn Ellen Michelson
Monique Renee Montgomery
Mitchell G. Moore *
Norma Liza Moreno
Megan Nicole Mullen
Aurora Dawn Munoz
Shahin Anthony Musheh
John Emeka Ndubuisi
Ashok Neupane
Amaka Nonye Njako
Jorel Orgas
Belinda Ann Orta
Afolashade Oshinowo
Vanessa Elizabeth Perez
Jamie Thu-Thuy Pham
Shannon Dee Rackley
Angela Marie Ramirez
Kim Marie Resendez
Julie Lynne Reyes
Madison Nicole Rivera
Christina Rizzo
Zayra Michell Rodriguez
Monica Sharee Ruff
Yuracy I. Salazar
Vanessa Melissa Saldivar
Amber Michelle Schimmel
William Drew Schultz
Irene Singles
Christopher Luke Storbeck
Austin J. Stout
Kathryn Jean Sullivan
Krystyle Lyn Talamantes *
Ace Philip Taghap Tardo *
Makeia Ann Tatum *
Rebekah Renee’ Thibodeaux
Noemi Trejo
Cayla Rae Underwood
Lydia Herrera Vela
Summer Marie Wheaton *
Stacy Lynn White
Jordan Brin Willingham
Melissa Lynn Wooten
Marissa Michelle Yepez

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
Bachelor of Science

Morohunmubo Oluwasade Ajayi
Eluid Aleman
Sara Barrera
Alyssa Lynn Kothmann Biediger
Elliot Michael Briell
Alan M. Briseno
Michael Anthony Bueno
Erin Elizabeth Buschfort
Lamar Calvin Bush
Joshua Kyle Castillo
Jose Alejandro Chica *
Jessica Lauren Clark
Jose Albert Cordova
Michael Anthony Cortez
Anne Elizabeth Crago
Ryan Nelson Dahl
Kevin De Santiago
Elyse Michelle Diamond *
Charles Hart Downey, III
Jason T. Dreyer
Blake Aldon Ellis
Jose Alfredo Escalona-Garcia
Ryan Douglas Fleet
Kimberly Desirea Flores
Chris James Fraughton
Sara Jean Frazier
Jeremias Georgiadi *
Amanda Nichole Grams
George Lee Guerra
Donald Edward Hay
Michael P. Head-Zottarelli
Taylor Marie Henley
Kara Beth Higginton
Hannah Rochelle Hudson
Abbie Leigh Johnson
Brian R. Knight
Matthew Anand Lalmansingh
Sara Elizabeth Leal
Jeffery Donray Machado
Cameron Haynes Marr *
Brianne Celeste Martin
Katie Rose McCatharn
Darnell Brushead McVea
Andrea Cristina Mercado
Mark Joseph Minahan, Jr.
Cassandra Renee Montalto
Michael A. Montez
Kimberly Ann Morin
Kenneth Wayne Mucheck
Lawrence James Muskiet
Cheryl Ann Neely
Brooke Ann Nusse *
Lee Roy Obie
Cecilia Orozco
Gabriella Orta *
Ernesto Ortegon, III
James Orion Outtrim
Ruben Rey Palacios
Victoria Dawn Parlamas
Lenora Diane Perkins
Veronica Picon
Paloma Christina Prieto
Nicholas Stephen Quimby
Ashley Quiroga
Josh M. Ramos
Ashley Roche Riley
Stephanie Lorraine Rivera
Christopher Ryan Rodriguez
Neil Rosales
Luis Justin Salinas *
Sara Schirmer
Brianne Michelle Secorsky *
Nauful Shaikh
Juan Soliz, Jr.
Brian Adam Sorrell
Brandon Micheal Steele
Ryan Keith Taylor
Shelbi N. Thomason
Scott Emery Tindall
Claudia Uribe
Eduardo Efren Valdes
Julian Vela
Tracy Fisher Weatherall
Clintón Synnott Witherell
Xiao Yu *
Zhenghuan Zhou *

Officer Commissioning
Second Lieutenant
United States Army

Lee Roy Obie

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.
Sam L. Susser is the Chairman and CEO of Susser Holdings Corporation. Born in Corpus Christi, Texas in 1963, Mr. Susser graduated from King High School in 1981 and from the University of Texas in 1985 with a BBA in Finance. Mr. Susser spent 1985-1987 with Salomon Brothers Inc. in the corporate finance and the mergers and acquisitions groups. In 1988, Mr. Susser joined Southguard Corporation, predecessor to Susser Holdings Corporation, as General Manager, Vice President and Director. He served as President and Chief Executive Officer from 1992 to 2013 when he became Chairman and CEO.

The Susser family’s gasline and convenience store business began when Minna Weil Schwartz won the heart of an entrepreneur. In 1938 her husband, Sam Susser (Sam L. Susser’s grandfather), took over operation of two service stations in Corpus Christi that Minna had inherited and began selling fuel to local companies. The business flourished and has become the largest non-refiner fuel distributor in Texas. In addition, Sam L. Susser’s father (Sam J. Susser) and uncle (Jerry Susser) invented the first system that allowed customers to purchase gasoline at the pump with a credit card from unattended stations.

From 1988 to 2013, Susser successfully completed fourteen major acquisitions, and significantly strengthened the Company’s wholesale platform, which now supplies fuel to more than 590 branded dealers and more than 1,800 commercial motor fuel customers. The Company operates more than 580 convenience stores under the Stripes® brand, with more than 370 including a restaurant concept, primarily under the Laredo Taco Company banner. The Company has about 9,500 employees and produces annual revenues exceeding $6.0 billion.

Mr. Susser is a strong supporter of education and currently serves on advisory councils for the College of Business at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, the University of Texas McCombs Business School, the Schusterman Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Texas and the University of Texas Marine Science Institute. He also serves on numerous other area and statewide boards and has been recognized for his business accomplishments and support of charitable endeavors that impact children, education, economic development and healthcare.

He and his wife, Catherine, have been married for 18 years and have three children, who are students in the Corpus Christi Independent School District. They are active members of Congregation Beth Israel.

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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 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.