



Spring 2015 Commencement

Saturday, May 16, 2015

10:00 a.m.

American Bank Center Arena

A Member of The Texas A&M University System

Spring 2015 Commencement
President/CEO Flavius C. Killebrew, presiding

Prelude and Processional*

Carrier of the Mace Ms. Susan Greathouse
Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Recipient, University Excellence Award in Teaching Innovation

WelcomeDr. Killebrew

Presentation of the ColorsTAMU-CC Army Islander Battalion

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

Commencement Address..... Dr. James Hallmark
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Texas A&M University System

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..... Associate Dean Bunny Forgione
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
Army ROTC Instructor

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

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

Jamie Nicole Copeland Reynaldo Manuel Saenz

Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education

Lorena Albarran-Rosenbaum
Courtney Michelle Alvarez

Wannigar Ratanavivan

Erika Lynne Schmit

Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction

Bonnie Leigh Montoya
Connie L. Patchett

Lucinda Nicanora Sohn
Sonja Varbelow

Mercedes Yanez

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Accountancy

Heather Renae Barr
Kimberly Delafuente
Abigail Taylor Fay
Daniel Jesus Fiallos-Diaz
Hallie Anne Hollenback

Brittney Leighann Honeycutt
Yanan Jing
Stephanie Nicole Knight
Marcela Viviana Mercurio
Mai Thi Thuy Nguyen

Carmen Fontaine Osier
Duc An Tran
Hang Zhao
Mengyuan Zhu

Master of Business Administration

Kevin Roberto Amaya Villeda
Ali Abdul Rasul Bhimani
Joshua Wade Calhoun
Silvana Carolini Rau
Joseph Kevin Dolan
Hieu Van Duong
Valerie Helene Ferdin
Paul Edward Friesen
Tiffany Charisse Hearne
Annas Hisham Hidmi

Jessica Ann Jennett
Michael Anthony Kesselring
Taewon Lee
Kuangyi Liu
Nicholas Ryan McMahan
Abhijit Dattajirao Nalawade
Diem Thi Hoang Nguyen
Linh Duc To Nguyen
Jaren Ronel Palmer
Phung Dinh Pham

Uyen Thi Thuy Pham
Aaron Michael Pridgeon
George Wesley Reed
Matthew Dean Rowley
Gabriel Lee Saenz, III
Paul Stephen Smith
Yangyang Wang
Bryan Scott Wetz
Xingyang Yue
An Zhou

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Master of Science

Sandra Jauregui Aleman
Julie Anne Baker
Christina Joye Beard
Ashley Ann Blentlinger
Sylvia M. Burkes
Hannah Jo Burleson
Lindsay Nicole Chism
Michael Anthony Cisneros
Caroline Austin Cubberley
Rebecca Lynn De Luna
Takisha Genall Edwards
Jacqueline Ann Ellsworth
Brittany Nicole Flores
Amber Nicole Garza
Dolores Rae Garza
Kaileigh Anne Gibson

Carolina Monroy Gutierrez
Tiffanie Nicole Harris
Maricela Pena Hernandez
Yavette Ann Hernandez
Anna Marissa Jimenez
Kanz Kayfan
Jacques Cameron D. Lafreniere
Joshua Adam Lugo
Stephanie Ann Major
Lori Ann Maldonado
Lauren Jean Massie
Jessica Kristine Medcalf
Brittany Jo Meek
Lien Thi Nguyen
Stacey Elaine Noland
Alimatu Sadia Nuhu

Lucille Frances Odell
Gregory William Peckels
Andrea Nicole Potter
Christa Michele Rasche
Jordan Marie Seldine
Sandra Denise Shelton-Flinn
Damian A. Shipley
Mikayla Elise Sleeter
Shannon Lyn Sorensen
Katherine Janette Spotswood
Amy Louise Stock
Shannon Kay Strong
Yvonne Trevino
Leana Rose Tuttle

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Master of Science in Nursing

Adan H. Adame
Livina Chika Akpunku
Julia Lynn Anderson
Tiffany Jean Bailey
Eric Timothy Behm
Ramiro Benitez, Jr.
Tommallynn Bibby
Kelley Elizabeth Smith Bouchard
Lindsey Joanne Brown
Celeste Ann Bryand
Ivelisse Cheema
Melanie Raye Chipman
Maria Priscilla Cisneros
Carlotta Yvette Davis
Cassie Anne Dennis
Sherrel Elizabeth Downes
Jayne Jennings Dunlap
Haley Della Fuller
Irasema Garcia
Shelly Renee Garcia
Brittany Ruth Eudora Garza
James Garza
Mayra Elizabeth Garza
Blanca Guadalupe Gomez
Lynn Renee Gross
Marifi Mapa Hesita

Aaron Christopher Hoffmann
Melissa Lynne Huggins
Kandace Brooke Hyde
Brandi Nicole Isham
Eduy J. James
Maria Elena Jenkins
Jamie Michelle Johnson-Varnado
Ellen Gae Jones
Erika Janett Juarez
Roberta Lee Jukes
Jana Gayle Kimberlin
Victor Alexander Lara
Blake Ryan Liles
Jenny Lin
Billie Jo Long
Hilda Samantha Luna
Jessica Tara Marshall-Moreno
Diana Monique Martinez
Greg Martinez
Lavonya Lyn McAlister
Emily Ryan McGahen
Christy Lee Montalvo
Elizabeth Flores Mora
Christie Sharee Muguera-Harvey
Sheila Finlay Patterson
Sherri Ann Pena

Aimee Melissa Perez
Damaris Coreene Porter
Lisa Barfield Price
Natalya Velitchenko Pruden
Jill Annette Quimby
Jefferson Reynaldo Rabanzo
Sharon Elizabeth Renner
Melissa Ann Rodriguez
Adelina Saldivar
Valerie Yvette Serna
Jennifer Renee Shelden
Ellen Lanham Simms
Tawnya Lorraine Slafka
Goldie Diane Strader
Meghan Danielle Sutton
Petya Vasileva Taskov
Karen Lea Taylor
Nenita Borlaza Torres
Jennifer Marrie Patton Tudor
Heidi Christine Tyler
Jennifer Rose Vasquez
Heather Anne Vierus
Aaron Royeston Whittington
Bailey Elizabeth Wright

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration

Angelica M. Acevedo ‡
Dashaun L. Armstrong
Natividad Michael Arriola, Jr.
Philipp Baar •
Maria Banuelos
Emily C. Barrera
Aaron Andrew Berlanga
Brice Allan Bilbo
Cassandra Anne Boring
Nicholas Forest Brandt
Waylan Justin Brannan
Roger Briones
Mia Rae Cabrera
Meagan Laurel Callaway
Joshua Gayle Carr *
Judith Josett Castellanos
Samuel Merrell Clark
Travis Blake Colley
Ruth Anna Crothers
Junnan Deng •
Derek Matthew Drozd *
Amanda Paige Dunn
Xin Feng
Christopher John Fiore
Kasey Denise Fisher
Ashley Marie Flores

Jorge Armando Fonseca
Ryan Lee Garcia
Chayla Suzann Garza *
Jeremy David Garza
Lexie Lee Gomez
Kristen Emerald Greene
Qiang Guo •
Gladys Yvette Gutierrez
Stephanie Marie Gutierrez
William Bryan Harrison
Sarah Virginia Hartwell
Sarah Marie Hawes
Harley Elizabeth Heavin
Brittney Labree Henderson
Tyler J. Higgins
David Andrew Hill ‡
Morgan Gilliane Hill
Stephen Scott Hodges
Daniel Allen Jackson
Candace Joy Jasso
Xiaoyu Ji *
Victoria Jones
Andrew Thomas Juarez
Jacob Samuel Kieran
Curtis Knopp
Jacob Tanner Kocher •

Crystal Leanne Kowalik *
Olga Kvach ‡
Larry Francis Lardin
William Peyton Larkin, III
Alan C. Levine •
Hannah Mariella Levine
James David Lewis
Kangning Liu *
Jacob Daniel Lozano
Jia Luo •
Ivan Martinez
Kristopher Alan Martinez
James Mata
Felix Mireles
Ngan Thi Thuy Nguyen •
Elizabeth Nixon
Ryan Landon Oliver
Seri Pak
Huong Thu Pham ‡
Ayaka Nicole Pincombe
Sohail Punjwani •
Tracy M. Roberson
Stella Marie Rodriguez
Elena Ryabova
Veronica M. Salazar
Felipe M. Salinas

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration, continued

Mark Anthony Salinas
Christopher Hollub Savage
Matthew Kendall Savell
Natalie Rose Schoenicke
Natasha Nicole Scott *
Nazar Scott
Bruce Carter Sims
Victoria Marie Smith
Kaitlyn Taylor Stanford •
Alexandria Madison Staples

Sara Jessica Stephenson *
Adam C. Studier
Gregory James Summers
Paul Tansley
Rashawn Shaquille Thomas
Dang Minh Tran •
Megan Rae Trevino
Phong Minh Truong
Heather Elizabeth Tunches
Cameron M. Valverde

Diana Villarreal
Joshua Ryan Webb
Gergo Andras Weidinger *
Jordan Bernard West
David Julian Williams
Kelli N. Williams
John Wesley Wirt ‡
Ye Yuan
Christopher Zapata
Zihan Zhang

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

Anthony Michael Abeto
Bibi Natasha Agbesanwa
Jessica Ashley Almora
Audrey Rose Baldwin
Janet Bonilla
Casey Aaron Bowen
Jackie Dale Byles
Thomas James Casey •
Danielle Nicole Corliss
Alec Taylor Cotten
Kristen Marie Dearsan
Marissa Flores
Alexis Nicole Fritz
Ciara Nicole Gaitan
Adan G. Gongora ‡
Candace Nicole Gonzales
Jasmine Sharnell Green
Wendy Michelle Gutierrez •

Hannah Belle Hardin
Mickayla Erin Heller
Amanda Kay Hibbs
Stephan Todd Kinney
Brandon Samuel Langford
Lindsey N. Lyles
Amber Marie Martinez
William Taylor Matthews
Nathaniel Samuel Munoz
Lynn Marie Mutz
Travis E. Nelson *
Cynthia Ordonez
Jordan Samuel Jase Orona
Melissa M. Ortiz •
Oscar O. Ortiz
Alec Scott Paramski •
Rachael Alyss Phillips
Christian R. Reyes

Savannah Leigh Rodriguez
Stephanie Kathryn Rodriguez *
Vivian Jo Rodriguez
Samantha Renee Sanchez
Steven Scott Sanchez
Nazar Scott
Sidney Anna Kate Siefert
Steven Marcos Silvas
Michelle Mackenzie Sorenson
Erika Vanessa Soto
Jenny Louise Spearman
Caleb Aaron Swyers
Megan T. Warne
Eric Charles Weiss
Matthew Shuichi Westmoreland
Hunter Cole Whetsel
Brittany Marie Wilcut

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Debra L. Aleman
Alesia Marisol Astorga
Daryan Taylor Baros •
Amy Yvette Budd *
Haley J. Burleson
Marlena G. Bush ‡
Alyse Nicole Capello
Lindsay Shannon Challis
Chelsea Rae Derrick •
Brittany A. Diaz-Rivera
Alexandria Paige Dryden
Christina D. Escobar *
Ariel Renee Evans •
Teresa Ann Fernandez •
Miriam Grace Fuentes *
Elizabeth L. Gallardo
Amber Delaine Garcia
Elisa Renee Garcia
Monica Gabrielle Garcia
Samantha Ann Garza
Kelly Monique Gonzalez

Diana T. Guajardo
Esmeralda Gutierrez *
Jeanette Nicole Gutierrez
Charlotte Ann Hillery *
Eric Anthony Jimenez *
Joan Ellyn Karbowski
Shelby L. Keeler
Karina Danielle Kelley *
Samantha Marie Kraatz
Meghan Elizabeth Lanoue *
Brittany Lane Lomax •
Monica Crystelle Longoria •
Ellen Paige Lopez •
Chelsey Therese Luthi
Brittany Marie Masters
Tara Marie McKenna *
Adam Rene Melchor
Jeremy A. Merrill *
Manuel A. Montez
Linda Anita Moreno
Hailey M. Morrow

Brianna Jane Oboyle
Isaac Padilla
Jesus E. Pena
Griselda Perales
Brittanie Marie Ramos
Andrea S. Rangel
April Marie Reed ‡
Roxanne Michelle Regalado-Pena
Jessica Danielle Reid •
Harmony Lynn Richardson
Natalie Blaire Roach
Brooke Ann Saul •
Rebecca Romanita Silvas
Megan Frances Solis
Hannah Elizabeth Torres
Barbara Raquel Valiente
Madison A. Van Booven
Maria Linda Veliz
Ashley Kristin Wagner
Caelan Marie Zeitler
Gabriella T. Zepeda

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Raul Alberto Bowman, Jr.
April Mae Cabrera
Ashley R. Garcia
Erik G. Garcia
Angelica Maria Garza
Joshua James Garza
Zachary Halas Gibson

Shannon Hudspeth ‡
Latisha Danielle Hull
Christina Jean Kieschnick
Rachel Leung ‡
Monica S. Lopez ‡
Janie Mendoza
Samantha L. Miers

John Ogheneruemu Okpurughre
Mariah Ann Rodriguez
Brittany Janelle Salinas
John M. Sandoval, III
Jaclyn Nicole Trevino
Margaret Emily Williams

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Roland Omokogbo Abu
Eliana Franchesca Alaniz •
Lillian Marie Alvarez
Lisa Amanda Auclair
Carmen Marie Bengur
Amber Marie Berry
Hannah Brooke Blevins
Kayla Beth Box
Anisa Myreya Camacho
Joanne Chels Clarin Canoy
Monique Melissa Carrera
Melissa Anne Carroll
Anthony Michael Caruso ‡
Graciela Maria Castilleja
Melinda Cedillo
Amy Castillo Cervantez
Erica Nichole Cordova
Taylor Gene Davis •
Patricia Annette De Los Santos
Rebecca Diaz
Leslie Nicole Dillon
Derek John Dimas *
Katherine Ann Duncan
Kayley Marie Dunk
Kori Ann Dvorak
Elizabeth Amarachi Emmanuel *
Jacqueline Estrada
Jennifer Lynn Falcon
Michael Anthony Gandara *
Jessica Nicole Garcia
Lorraine Santos Garcia

Lorraine Michelle Garza
Mariam Khaled Ghanem
Luis Fernando Gomeztapia *
Amanda Leigh Goodenow
Lauren Christine Graham
Rodolfo Grande Jr.
Marcy Halterman-Cox •
Meggan Colleen Houlihan-Roach ‡
Alletrys Kathleen Honig
Cerita Ronetta Hunt
Tracy Marie Hunt
Sydney Claire Irving
Austin James Jennings •
Stacy Louise Kincy
Kirstin Elizabeth Kinder
Kirsten A. Larsen
Gabriela Lemus
Pilar Salazar Longoria
Armando Lugo
Johannah Maria Martin
Melissa Martinez
Penninah A. McClelland
Robert Philip Megerle
Sonia Marie Morales
Vanetta Marie Ned
Megan Lynne Nido
Jana Alysse Nolen
Sade Renee Ortiz
Norberto Perales •
Synthia K. Perez
Julie Dale Prieto

Paula Renee Quinn
Addie Lynn Reed *
Kelly Lynn Reedy
Dahlia Marie Reynoso
Sarah Carter Riley
Sara Elizabeth Sanchez
Kristen Paige Scheler •
Meagan Renee Shafer
Michael Anthony Shive
Michelle Elaine Shumake ‡
Dane Anton Silchenstedt
Lindsey M. Silvas
Trey Dominic Soza •
Richard Brian Stepp
Tonya Shantell Stringer
Scarlett Kristine Swanson •
Christina Marie Thigpen •
Anumol Tomy
William Thomas Tortorello
Kayla Rose Traxler
Deanna Trevino
Lialda Marie Varnell
Briana Villarreal
Vanessa Viramontes
Nicole Brion Volek
Emiley Gayle Vrooman •
Zachary James Watson
Michelle Renee Zdansky
Zijun Zhang •

Officer Commissioning

Second Lieutenant
United States Army

Christian R. Reyes
Brittany Marie Wilcut

*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. James Hallmark currently serves as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Texas A&M University System. In this position, Hallmark oversees all matters involving faculty, curriculum, student affairs, student success, enrollment management, admissions, and special projects for the 11 universities and 135,000 students in the A&M System. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Hallmark served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) as well as a lengthy term as Dean of the Graduate School and Research at that institution. Hallmark is the founding director of the William H. and Joyce Attebury Honors Program at WTAMU and served two terms as President of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Hallmark has received awards and recognition both for teaching and for leadership in graduate school affairs. In addition, he has previously served as president of the Texas Council of Chief Academic Officers. Dr. Hallmark received his Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Oklahoma in Communication with a focus on organizational socialization, and his Bachelor of Arts from Oklahoma Christian College with a double major in History and Communication.

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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 Student Government Association, Island Ambassadors and President's Ambassadors who participated in today's events.