



Spring 2015 Commencement

Saturday, May 16, 2015

2:00 p.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. Lisa Louis
Coordinator of Reference and Information Literacy, Mary and Jeff Bell Library
Recipient, University Excellence Award in Librarianship

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

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 LIBERAL ARTS

Master of Fine Arts

Julia Sprajcar Curran
Alex Terrill Johnson

Martin Molina, Jr.

Stella Anna Wheeler

Master of Arts

Leandra Louise Closson
Kelly Kathleen Coughlin
Daniel Patrick Davis, Jr.
Edrick Rodriguez Ellis
Karen Denise Fleming
Kirsten Marie Gomez
Mary M. Gonzalez
Halleigh Nicole Haak

Christina Ellen Hardegree
Ryan Matthew Harris
Shelby Marie Hatch
April Lynn Jones
Kimberly Beggs Jones
Katy Allie Kiser
Karyn Michele Linsteadt
Nicholas Arthur Martinez

Nichole Diane McMurtry
Ismael Josue Nava
Alfonso Romeo Ramos, Jr.
Theresa Marie Ruiz
Joanna Kimberly Soriano
Ran Yao

Master of Public Administration

Chia-Ying Ho
Evan Joseph Paret

Brandi Nicole Venable

Dianea Latrice Willis

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Master of Science

Ibrahim Akdemir
Nada Ali F. Alshehri
Divya Paramjyoti Andolu
Shawn Anthony Braune
Patricia Malamalama Cockett
Kristina Storm Drysdale
Graham Carroll Ellison
Bharath Simha Reddy Gaddam
Ricardo Antonio Garcia
Akash Gaurav
Justin Zachary Giessel
Praneeth Kumar Gillella
Alin Gonzalez
Sneha Reddy Gunukula
Gopal Rao Gurram
Bradley Ryan Hannah
April Marie Hesseltine
Mohammed Kazim Hussain
Sandeep Kanaparathi
Rohini Sree Kanneboina

Pratyusha Katepally
Sai Kumar Reddy Katkoori
Geoffrey Kibler
Tejaswireddy Kolli
Nikhil Srinivas Komatireddy
Muralijagdev Koney
Satya Narayana Murthy Kota
Divya Reddy Kunchala
Xiao Li
Anna Glitsch Lide
Chaitanya Maddukuri
Hima Lahari Marneni
Dheeraj Matte
Niharika Medaboina
Keerthireddy Muthyala
Shivani Nuguru
Cagri Ozen
Anvesh Paidipala
Avinash Pallagani
Rajesh Patwari

Rahul Potuganti
Madhav Vishva Prattipati
Nizamuddin Shajji Qazi Khaja
Prem Chander Racharla
Andres Ramirez
Manuel Jesus Razo, Jr.
Saeed Bakur Saeed
James Andrew Sanchez
Anusha Sher
Prateek Shivraj
Sul-Ram Song
Mohammed Shahid Sultan
Sai Nikesh Thadakamalla
Aravind Kumar Thalakkokkula
Avinashroyal Thammineni
Bhagyasree Todupunuri
Duc Hoai Trinh
Nikitha Udumula Reddy
Mounik Reddy Vanguri

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

Teresa D. Aguilar
Amber Elouise Aguirre
Lanie Jae Alaniz
Can Sinan Alemdar
Hameed Tariq Ali
Adriana Nohelani Alva
Ashley Breanna Alvarez *
Haley Michele Anderson •
Alexandria Danelle Andrade •
Brandon Ray Anspach
Rosario Arambula
Maria Antonia Arredondo
Aaron M. Arroyo
Stephanie Marie Baldwin
Jordan Barrett
Maria Alejandra Baysinger *
Michael Anthony Beasley
Abbey Layne Benesch
Jewel K. Benn
Jessica Lynn Berdan *
Jamie Elaine Bluntzer •
Lori Bodine ‡
Lara Alisa Boris
Elizabeth Sheri Bouse •
Samantha Marie Bowden
Cheyenne Briley Bowen
Raul Alberto Bowman, Jr.
Phillip Ward Bracy •
Tabitha Renee Braddock
Constance Marie Brandenburg
Brianna Alexis Brink
Elliot Cole Brooks
Jamison Bryce Bunting
Desirae Lynn Burns
Sterling Shea Burton
Miguel A. Cantu
Tiffany L. Cardenas
Stephanie Marie Castaneda
Alfonso Castillo, Jr. ‡
Madeline M. Chalk *
Coleman Reed Chappell •
Brittney Michelle Choats
Rachel Louise Copeland •
Megan E. Coplin
Camila Cecilia Costadoni *
Kimberly Martinez Costilla
Jeniffer Darlene Cowart
Lakeita Valon Crawford •
Emily Ruth Davenport •
Beau Daniel De Clercq
Cynthia Deanna De La Rosa
Trevor James Deason *
Gabriel M. Diaz

Susan Yvette Dominguez
Jordon S. Duncan
Phillip M. Dussliere
Julia Michelle Escamilla
Amber Rose Escobar
Ryan Lawrence Ewart *
Marisa Renee Folsom
Jacob Andrew Galvan *
Jason Galvan
Alyssa Y. Garza
Morgan Lindsey Garza
Adan G. Gongora ‡
Asella Edis Gonzalez
Zaragoza I. Gonzalez, III
Jamie Gail Goodman
Barbara Kaitlynn Gordon
Nicole Elizabeth Hart ‡
Julie Anne Henry
Joe Richard Hernandez
Noe Van Daniels Hernandez, Jr. *
Michelle Ashley Holland
Bianca Alexis Hooi
Krista Gayle Hopkins •
Jacob Patrick Hubert
Jose Gerardo Huerta
Jordan Thomas Hunt
Amanda Kay Jackson
Kyle Charles Kullin
Cassidy Justin Lange
Joseph W. Leonard
Sarah Ann Lester ‡
Cheri Ann Lindley
Adrian D. Lopez
Kathryn Lynn Love
Mason Thomas Luke
John Walter Luttman, Jr.
Jessi Nicole Manuel
Jeremiah Greenwood Marshall
Steven Curtis Martin •
Margarita G. Martinez •
Amber Renee Mastrobattista •
William Connor McCarn
Christopher C. Meza
Amanda J. Miller
Iona Brook Minshew *
Elizabeth Eden Mock
Juana Yazmin Morales
Jason R. Mott
Colleen Elizabeth Naderer *
Emily Nawara
Megan Grace Olgin
Clarissa Monique Ortiz
Meagan Ann Paisley •

Hilda Pantoja
Jeremy Wayne Pape
Peyton Noelle Pecskovszky
Gabriela Yasmeen Pedraza •
Meagan Nicole Pena
Mychael R. Pena
Megan Alyssa Perez
Megan Elizabeth Perkins *
Ashley Marie Phelps *
Byron Thomas Pillow •
Honors Program Graduate
Erika Jeanette Pina
George Dylan Porter
Shannon Kelly Proksch ‡
Honors Program Graduate
Cameron M. Puckett *
Nastacia Anjelica Robles
Aracely Rodriguez
Dora Lee Lupita Rodriguez
Kourtney Briana Rodriguez
Elena Ryabova
Amy Alvarez Salazar
Regina Alexandria Salinas •
Roy Salmon Salmon, II
Stephanie Southpatana Sananikone *
Sydney Erin Sanders
Brittany Nicole Schicker ‡
Alyson Belle Schozer *
Ashley Renee Schurig
Bernard Jerome Seal, III
David Benjamin Serna •
Audrey Ann Serrano
Schellie Maedee Simpson
Sarah Dawn Smith
Rebecca Jean Snell
Narissa Silma Soleyn
Kimberly Lynn Stephenson *
Morgan Elizabeth Todd •
Frances Marie Ufkes *
Traci Noreen Vega *
Amarissa Franchesca Vera
Miranda Elaine Villanueva
Benigno Villarreal, Jr.
Jeremy Alan Villarreal
Michael Villegas, Jr.
Lisa Van Thi Vu •
Julie Dianne Wallace
Lauren Alexandra Watts
Brandon Joshua Williams •
Kaitlyn D. Willis *
Crystal Lynn Ybarra
Pedro Puente Zamora, III
Arnold Zachary Zepeda

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Bachelor of Applied Science

Michelle Trevino Alvarado
Jessica C. Botello
Clay Lynn Carroll
Travis Toy Clark Crocker
Stephanie Susan Duran ‡
Renee Louise Flores *
Heather Garcia •
Oralia Selena Garza ‡

Jenni Marie Gonzalez
Lissa Michelle Gonzalez
Deshounda Jefferson
Colton Anthony Luhn
Brenda T. Macias
Christina Marie Melancon *
Janet Gabrielle Munoz
Andrea Elizabeth Ramos

Valara Seiler Rhodes •
Kristine Anna Sankey
Mysti Dionne Taylor ‡
Misty Leeann Thomas •
Kirk William Visser •
Kaitlyn Taylor Ward
Graciela Ybanez •

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Avelen Victoria Cisneros

Nelisia A. Maldonado

Ricardo Vincente Ruiz

Bachelor of Music

Ivan Agustin Acuna
James Keith Collins
Vincent Anthony Cruz, Jr.

Anna Christine Evon •
Madeleine C. Munro *
Cesar Quintanilla, Jr. •

Joshua Shane Salinas
Michelle Stephanie Villarreal •

Bachelor of Science

Eire Aatnite
Can Sinan Alemdar
Sandra Lee Arriaga
Trevor Walker Belicek
Joseph Anthony Bernal
Jamie Elaine Bluntzer •
Samuel Casanova, Jr.
Dominic Eugene Cavallini, Jr.
Elizabeth Marie Cordova
Roberto Dominguez, III
Jessica Y. Gamboa
Joanie Garcia

Melissa Gabrielle Garcia
Melanie D. Gracia •
Kurosh J. Griffin
Eric Ruben Huerta •
Johnathan Devante Jordan
Julia Isana Joseph
Stephen Andrew Lafaver
Ginnesica Ann Lawler
Erika Lee Luevano
Tichina D. Lynch
Emmanuel Mancha
Daniel Ray Mares

Gizel Azahi Marroquin
Justin Douglas May
Samuel V. Morales, Jr.
Joshua A. Moreno
Rosalinda G. Pittman
Miguel Rivera, Jr.
Sandra Lee Rodriguez
Maria Irene Rogers
Andrea Lizel Saenz
Alyssa Shai Tolentino
Ashley R. Yarbrough

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science

Samir Mohamed Abusetta
Jonathan Abraham Acebo
Hunter Ryan Acord *
Thomas Zachary Adams
Karla Virginia Allred
Samuel M. Allred, IV
Jesse Dean Attaway
Jesseka Larren Baker
Heidi Elizabeth Ballew *
Ashley Brooke Barasa ‡
Cheriehan Adele Basha
Andrew J. Baum
Christoffer Jacob Becho
Brenda Sue Bennett
Komal J. Bhakta

Lindsay Marie Biehler
Cody Lane Blackstone
Stephen Philip Bliss
Blake E. Bosch
Grace K. Brahler ‡
Amanda Rae Brown
Cody Leroy Brown
Hoang Tran Huy Bui *
Michel Leandro Caballero Carvalho
Koby Alan Caka
Clinton Connor Carlisle
Sarah Marie Castaneda
Stephanie Marie Castaneda
Amanda Renee Castorena
Edna Lisa Castro

Joshua J. Chapa
Christopher Michael Charba •
Frank W. Cisneros, II
Kelsey Marie Cloud
Jordan Evyn Colmenero
David Caro Connell
Jennifer Marie Cooper *
Sonya Adele Cortez
Sean Michael Crane
Michael Anthony De La Garza •
Benjamin David Debruler
Matthew Todd Deglopper •
Richard James Deleon •
Blake Aldon Ellis
Collin Dewayne Elrod

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science, continued

Arturo A. Espinoza
Corey Micheal Etter
Ashley B. Ferguson
Kaci Lea Frederick
Cody Allen Fry
Angela Marie Garces ‡
Olivert Garcia ‡
Raymond S. Garcia, Jr.
Tomas D. Garza
Daryl Kevin Saldana Gaspar
Ian Thomas Gates
Shannan Chanel Girdy
Amanda Nicole Goldner •
Antonio Miguel Gomez
Robert Andrew Gowens
Braden Daniel Gross
Xiwen Guan ‡
Zunren Guo
Joann Yerin Ha *
Bradley Abbott Haag
Polly Ann Hajovsky
Andre Imad Hamameh
Paul B. Hansel, IV
Taylor Pilar Haskins
Kelsey Jane Hedemann
Guillermo Hernandez, Jr.
Jeremy J. Hes
Brian Hilt
Joaquin Torres Hinojosa
Christoph Hintz •
Ernest W. Hosea ‡
Kyle W. Hosek
Lindsey Marie Hough *
Jackson Barlow Hunter
Jeffrey Allen Hurst
Jonnie Marie Iglesias
Christopher Wade Jones
Jonathan Jason Karpesky
Justin Lee Keiper
Luke Dylan Keyes
Cassandra Jo Kuklinski
Thomas Philippe Lavigne
Van Bich Le •
Laramie Francene Lile

Daniel West Livingston ‡
Rudy Lozano *
Phuong Quoc Ly
Mauricio I. Mancera
Viviana Janet Mancilla
Jonathon Steven Martin
Michael Andrew Martin, II
Carmen Marie Martinez
Diedre Taylor Martinez
Luis Fernando Martinez
Regann Marie McElroy
Samantha Lynn Mcintosh
Tracy Mei
Antonio Mendez
Amanda Emily Mihalko
Eva Sierra Mikulin •
Megan Lynn Miller
Sara Elizabeth Morack
Anthony Thien-Cong Nguyen •
Son Chung Nguyen
Son Dang Nguyen •
Brandon Aron Nichols
David T. Nordstrom
Julia Ann Norrell
Logan R. Norton
Colin Patrick Orand
Reynaldo Ortiz
Ruben Rey Palacios
Nathan Alan Pare
Chase Collis Parker *
Jay P. Paulson
Karoline Renee Pavlica
Henry Phillip Perez
Thanh Thuy Dan Pham ‡
Honors Program Graduate
Angela Nicole Potter
Sonia Carolina Quintanilla
Louis A. Radske
Lawrence Christopher Rahmes *
Zachary Robert Ramirez
Andres A. Ramos
Angel Dejesus Reyes
Robert Rogelio Reyes •
Jordan Leigh Ricciuti

Joshua Paul Richards •
Dianne Arlette Rivas
Cassidy Ann Rocha
Angela Rodriguez
Nathaniel Jordan Rodriguez
Sergio Rodriguez, Jr. •
Honors Program Graduate
Haley Jo Ross
Stacie San Pedro
Olivia Catherine Santos
Victoria R. Santos
Noor Sabah Sayed
Megan Kahla Saylor ‡
Andrew Alan Schippers *
David C. Scott
Niki Rae Shockley
Amanda Nicole Shoemaker
Zachary Austin Sibberson *
Danielle Alexandra Smirman •
Dustin Kody Smith
Honors Program Graduate
Katrina Anne Smith
Naomi Amber Smithwick
Juanita Solano Guzman ‡
Alexis Solis ‡
Steven Grant Tipps
John Hunter Tomerlin
Amanda Paige Towne
Stacy Inez Tovar
David Nicholas Trudeau
Jonathan Dale Turner
Samantha Valdez
Ricardo Vasquez Chalup
Mariela Vazquez
Melanie Vazquez
Susana Villela
Alexandra Marie Waldon
Gary Paul Weise
Jessica Jay Williams •
Shane Richard Wilson
Rachel Nicole Woodworth *
Jonathan Michael Zikos

Officer Commissioning

Second Lieutenant
United States Army

Dominic Eugene Cavallini, Jr.

*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 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 – 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.