The Commencement of the Eighty-Sixth Annual Session
Friday, August 5, 2011 • 2:00 p.m. • Steinke Physical Education Center

PROGRAM

PRESIDING..............................................................................................................................Dr. Duane Gardiner
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRELUDE............................................................................................................................................Brass Quintet
Directed by Dr. John Cord

PROCESSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 by Elgar ...............................................................Brass Quintet
Audience stands for PROCESSIONAL and RECESSONAL

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION
The University Banners, The Party of the President, The Party of the Deans, The President of the Faculty
Senate, The Regents Professors, The Faculty of the University, Candidates for Degrees

NATIONAL ANTHEM Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key............................................Lee Roy Ramirez
Sophomore Music Major

WELCOME ......................................................................................................................................... Dr. Gardiner

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY ...................................................................................... Dr. Gardiner

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS ........................................ Dustin Schwandt, President
Student Government Association

PRESENTATION OF UNIVERSITY RING .................................................................................... Seferino “Nino” Mendietta, President
Javelina Alumni Association

INTRODUCTIONS .......................................................................................... Dr. Steven H. Tallant, President

GREETINGS ...................................................................................................... Member of the Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ............................................................................................. Dr. Demarious Frey

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES.......................................................................................... Dr. Gardiner

CONFERRING OF DEGREES .................................................................................................. President Tallant

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES .......................................................................................... Dean of Colleges

ALMA MATER Hail AMK, arranged by Dr. Greg Sanders, Professor of Music.........................Mr. Ramirez

RECESSONAL Trumpet Tune and Air by Henry Purcell ..........................................................Brass Quintet
Dr. Demarious Frey earned her bachelor’s degree in biology from Texas A&I University in 1959 and was named one of the university’s Distinguished Alumni in 2009. The Austin native went on to become the first female veterinarian from the university and one of the first from the state. Frey had to leave the state to pursue her vet degree. The only veterinary school in Texas at the time did not accept women so she earned her vet degree from Oklahoma State University in 1963 as one of only four women in the program. After spending two years as a volunteer in the veterinary service in Ethiopia, Frey and her husband, Dr. Martin R. Frey, opened Padre Animal Hospital in Corpus Christi. She also was the first woman appointed to the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and was appointed to the Texas Racing Commission where she helped spell out minimal standards for horse and greyhound racing in Texas. Frey has received many honors including the YWCA Women in Careers Award, Outstanding Woman Veterinarian of America, Outstanding Alumnae from the Oklahoma State University Women’s Council, Woman of the Year from the National Greyhound Association and a Recognition of Service Award from the Texas Veterinary Medical Association.
Dr. Michelle Garcia  
Associate Professor in the Department  
of Animal, Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences

MARSHALS

Dr. Steve Bain  
Assistant Professor in the  
Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling

Dr. Thomas Fields  
Professor in the Department of Biological and Health Sciences

Dr. Jack D. Shorter  
Professor in the  
Department of Information Systems

Dr. Randall H. Williams  
Professor in the Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness and Environmental Sciences

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM REGENTS

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TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE REGENTS PROFESSORS

Dr. James R. Norwine - 1997  
Professor in the Department of Physics and Geosciences

Dr. Leslie G. Hunter - 1998  
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Professor in the Department of Biological and Health Sciences (Retired)

Dr. Timothy E. Fulbright - 2000  
Professor in the Department of Animal, Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences

Dr. Jacqueline Thomas - 2001  
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Dr. Jo Beran - 2002  
Professor in the Department of Chemistry (Retired)

Dr. Steven D. Lukefahr - 2004  
Professor in the Department of Animal, Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences

Dr. Paul M. Hageman - 2005  
Professor in the Department of Music

Dr. Michael E. Tewes - 2007  
Professor in the Department of Animal, Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences

Dr. Scott E. Henke - 2008  
Professor in the Department of Animal, Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences

Dr. David Sabrio - 2009  
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Dr. Mauro Castro - 2010  
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THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Spring 2011

Dr. Kasey Baker
Assistant Professor in the Department of
Language and Literature

Dr. Bart Ballard
Associate Professor in the Department of
Animal, Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences

Dr. Shari L. Beams
Associate Professor in the Department of
Biological and Health Sciences

Judith Cole
Professor in the Department of
Music

Dr. Donald W. Daughtry
Associate Professor in the Department of
Psychology and Sociology

Dr. Valentin Ekiaka Nzai
Assistant Professor in the Department of
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Dr. La Vonne C. Fedynich
Assistant Professor in the Department of
Educational Leadership and Counseling

Dr. Laura Garza
Assistant Professor in the Department of
Psychology and Sociology

Lydia Odette Gonzalez
Lecturer in the Department of
Biological and Health Sciences

Dr. Nirmal Goswami
Professor in the Department of
Political Science

Dr. Roger D. Hanagriff
Associate Professor in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and Environmental Sciences

Pamela V. Hill
Lecturer in the Department of
Psychology and Sociology
Dr. Darin T. Hoskisson  
Assistant Professor in the Department of Music

Marco O. Iniguez  
Lecturer in the Department of Language and Literature

Juan J. Moreno  
Lecturer in University College

Dr. Carl Murphy  
Professor of Practice in the Wayne H. King Department of Chemical and Natural Gas Engineering

Dr. Sung-won Park  
Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Dr. Fred T. Ponder  
Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling

Dr. Ryan D. Rhoades  
Assistant Professor in the Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness and Environmental Sciences

Dr. David H. Sabrio  
Professor in the Department of Language and Literature

Dr. Greta Schuster  
Associate Professor in the Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness and Environmental Sciences

Dr. Randy L. Stanko  
Professor in the Department of Animal, Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences

Adria P. Vasquez  
Lecturer in the Department of Accounting and Finance

Dr. Randall Williams  
Professor in the Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness and Environmental Sciences

Pamela K. Wright  
Lecturer in the Department of Language and Literature

Jeong-sug Yang  
Lecturer in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Dr. Jaehyung Yu  
Associate Professor in the Department of Physics and Geosciences
AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Doctor of Philosophy
Foley, Aaron Michael
Wildlife Science

Master of Science

Arnwine, William Roy
Agriculture Science
Cord, Erin Elizabeth
Range and Wildlife Management
Corman, Kelly Shawn
Range and Wildlife Management
Ezzell, Virginia Carolyn
Agriculture Science
Garver, Lucas William
Range and Wildlife Management
Henderson, Benjamin Roy
Agriculture Science
Holbrook, Joseph Dale
Range and Wildlife Management
Horner, Scott D.
Agriculture Science
Johnson, Jennifer Jean
Ranch Management
Johnson, Madeleena Moreno
Agriculture Science
Jungman, Karen Lea
Agriculture Science
Milgalter, Ron Aharon
Range and Wildlife Management
Pierce, Marshall Brent
Range and Wildlife Management
Raley, Sheryl Irene
Agriculture Science
Ramirez, Martha Alicia
Animal Science
Villarreal, Ernesto Jr.
Agriculture Science
Xie, Fang
Animal Science

Master of Science in Human Sciences

Aldape, Anna Yvette
Human Sciences
DeWitt, Dalynn Rogers
Human Sciences
Rodriguez-Loya, Della Beatriz
Human Sciences

Bachelor of Sciences in Agriculture

Aldrich, Scott Thomas
Bagby, Jonathan Edward
Berckenhoff, Joshua Allen
Brackett, Richard F.
Carter, Clayton Patrick
Constante, Joe Jr.
Garcia, David L.
Garcia, Rafael Carlos
Guerra, Avan Orlando
\textit{(Cum Laude)}
Guzman, David
Hopkins, Dusty Lee
\textit{(Magna Cum Laude)}
Jansky, Dustyn Robert
Peña, Abelardo Alberto
Rich, Gregory Clinton
Stevens, Mollie Jean
Vela, Julian Thomas
Weekley, William Charles

Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences

Branch, Amanda Leigh
\textit{(Cum Laude)}
(Gonzalez, Toni Marie
Prieto, Arielle Brianne
Garcia, Ashley
\textit{(Summa Cum Laude)}

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Music
Baca, David Neal
Music Education

*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.*
Master of Science

Barrera, Aydee A.
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Benitez, Liza Monique
Sociology

Bonds, Bianca L’Vonne
Psychology

Breeding, Victoria Elizabeth
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Carrion, Priscilla Marie
Psychology

Cavazos, Adriana Alicia
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Cervantes, Rene
Sociology

Chamakura, Karthik Reddy
Chemistry

Champion, Amanda Lee
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Cisneros, Jennifer Michelle
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Claunch, Cheryl Jean
Chemistry

Cruz, Christopher Dominguez
Psychology

Enriquez, Brandie Lee
Biology

Espinoza, Julissa
Sociology

Fernandez, Clarissa Lee
Psychology

Garza, Nicole L.
Psychology

Gonzalez, Gretchen Marie
Psychology

Guerrero, Belinda
Psychology

Holt, Kelsey Katherine
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Manicini, Shannon Maria
Psychology

Mendoza, Javier Alvaro
Sociology

Quiñones, Robert Jr.
Psychology

Ramon, Roxanna Marie
Psychology

Ramos, Sandra
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Randhi, Bala Sri Rajasa
Biology

Silvas, Jesus Alberto
Biology

Sri, Vaishnavi Challapalli
Chemistry

Treviño, Johanna Isela
Psychology

Vadlamudi, Sweety
Chemistry

Vera, Cynthia Amada
Sociology

Bachelor of Arts

Alexander, Marion Keith

Andaya, Alistair Keith

Barboza, Blanca Estela

Blackmon, Terry Maurice

Castillo, Sanjuanita Elizabeth

Cleboski, Raymond Scott

(Cum Laude)

Collier, Allan Martin Jr.

Cooks, Dondi Lenair

Corona, Rebekah Lynn Brown

Cosgrove, Brian

Dixon, Bryan Emmanuel

Fisher, Allen Don

Guerrero, Miguel D. Jr.

Gutierrez, Veronica Celeste

Guzman, Selinda Martha

Harvey, Megan McNeill

Hill, Maurice

Hinojosa, Marissa Claudia

Holt, Brittany Nicole

(Longoria, Jessica Renee

(Longoria, Noe Omer Jr.

Lopez, Kristy Anne

(Cum Laude)

Peña, Jennifer

Reyna, Alyssa O.

Rivera, Abigail

Saenz, Roel Rolando

Sanchez, Enrique Jr.

Sendejo, Veronica

Stelfox, Gregory Alan

Stillwagon, Giancarlo Garcia

Villarreal, Alicia

Ybarra, Adriana Ann

Bachelor of Science

Arguellez, Mario Jr.

Arredondo, Antonio

(Cum Laude)

Boehm, Jonathon Patrick

Bryce, Allison Lauren

(Cum Laude)

Cardona, Sarah Larissa

(Cum Laude)

Cheatum, Stanley Bernard

Cortez, Alec

Cruz, Samantha Lee

DeLoach, Lauren Elizabeth

(Cum Laude)

Eley, Randy Benjamin

(Cum Laude)

Gallegos, Jenny

Garza, Sophia Elizabeth

Gonzalez, Laura Marie

(Guerra, Le-Ana R.

Hasbun, Perla Yvette

Hobbs, Lance Matthew

Martinez, Derrick Michael

Mehta, Samir

Mendieta, Alejandro Alberto

Montemayor, Thalya

(Moraes, Victoria Alicia

Morgan, Rachel Christina

Olvera, Zaida

Ortiz, Monica Diane

O’Shay, Forrest Sterling

Pacheco, Samuel Mauricio

Peña, Elisa Inez

Rhodes, Harlan C. Jr.

Samaniego, Sasha

Santos, Veronica

(Stone, Samuel Danbarry

Tait, Kristin Elizabeth

Torres, Roxana

(Cum Laude)

Vela, Russen Ramon

Vera, Mariela

(Walls, Robert Ian

(Cum Laude)

(Summa Cum Laude)
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Butel, Sheila Denise  
Business Administration
Chavera, Maria Cleo  
Business Administration

Moreno, Nereida Anaya  
Business Administration
Treviño, Deborah Marie Gonzalez  
Business Administration

Bachelor of Business Administration

Earles, Travis William  
Business Administration
Edwards, Jeffrey Bernard  
Business Administration
Folts, Jorge A.  
Business Administration
Fuentes, Kevin David  
Business Administration

Gonzalez, Benita  
Business Administration
Hardaway, Willie Jermaine  
Business Administration
Simon, Richard Joshua  
Business Administration
Wallace, Gregory Allen  
Business Administration
Wilson, Catelyn Diane  
Business Administration

(Cum Laude)

EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Doctor of Education

Albrecht, Gerald William  
Educational Leadership

Master of Arts

Salinas, Juan Humberto  
Bilingual Education
Tai, Wan-Yi  
Bilingual Education

Master of Education

Bedford, Karen Ann  
Adult Education
Boleti, Faustin Kendo  
English as a Second Language
Cornell, Carla C.  
Adult Education
Fryer, Dianna Lynn  
Early Childhood

Garza, Patty Rose  
Special Education
Gonzales, Amy  
Adult Education
Medina, Priscilla G.  
Adult Education
Peña, Raquel  
Adult Education
Shannon, Michael Eric  
Adult Education
Treviño, Sylvia Pérez  
English as a Second Language
Zertuche, Deborah Anastacia  
Special Education

Master of Science

Alaniz, Teresa  
Instructional Technology
Contreras, Adan Adolfo  
Educational Administration
Cortez, Mika Lee  
Instructional Technology
Ellison, Amy Lynne  
Educational Administration
Espinoza, Noemi  
Counseling and Guidance
Farris, Nelson Blake  
Educational Administration
Garcia, Leticia  
Instructional Technology
Griffith, Christine Renee  
Educational Administration
Jerden, Brian W. Jr.  
Educational Administration
Johnson, Shirley Mechell  
Educational Administration
Jones, Margaret Dianne  
Counseling and Guidance
Mendoza, Mark Stephen  
Educational Administration
Morales, Rigoberto J.  
Educational Administration
Muniz, Serena T.  
Educational Administration
Ramiro, Judith  
Counseling and Guidance
Rapp, Robin R.  
Educational Administration
Rivera, Nora N.  
Educational Administration
Saenz, Cynthia Ann  
Counseling and Guidance
Schulze, Tara Nicole  
Counseling and Guidance
Sendejo, Rebecca E.  
Instructional Technology
Silvas, Michael Anthony  
Educational Administration
Bachelor of Science

Arrian, Eric Estrada
Cantu, Larry Jr.
Garcia, Ruben
Griffin, Kia Lavoy
Jones, Timothy Wayne
Jones, William Kedrik

Juarez, Elva G.
Martinez, Samantha Jo
Morales, Jenise Nicole
Morris, Jess Babette
Morris, Logan Perry
Rabe, Jonathan S.

Saenz, Ashley Michelle
Wilson, Judith Faye
(\textit{Summa Cum Laude})
Yaklin, Tracy Renee
Yarborough, Roger Allen

Master of Science

Abass, Babatunde Hammed
Natural Gas Engineering
Arreola, Marcelo A. Jr.
Environmental Engineering
Cantu, Daisy Nataly
Environmental Engineering
Challa, Venkata Naga Lakshmi Praveena
Electrical Engineering
Contreras, Mara Mirza
Environmental Engineering
Eti, Revathi
Environmental Engineering
Eziukwu, Ucheora Okechukwu
Natural Gas Engineering
Garcia, Celina
Chemical Engineering
Gowda, Sharadhi Shivamadaiah
Electrical Engineering
Guntuku, Veera Hanuman
Electrical Engineering
Huynh, Vu Phi
Civil Engineering
Jandhyala, Sarada
Mechanical Engineering
Kaji, Rachana H.
Civil Engineering
Kalambur, Akshay
Industrial Engineering
Kasula, Prawanth Reddy
Computer Science
Katanguri, Ashrit Reddy
Computer Science
Kati, Rajalakshmi Praneeta
Computer Science
Kosaraju, Gopala Krishna
Computer Science
Kota, Keerthi
Electrical Engineering
Kowkuntla, Aradhya
Electrical Engineering
Leal, Jose F.
Environmental Engineering
Lugo, Herman
Environmental Engineering
Mogbo, Chinweike Emmanuel
Natural Gas Engineering
Morales, Daniel Alejandro
Industrial Management
Morán, César Gerardo
Environmental Engineering
Mundlapudi, Uday Shankar Reddy
Computer Science

Nagulugari, Rajya Laxmi
Computer Science
Nunna, Jayalakshmi Shruti
Industrial Engineering
Ogungbe, Ekundayo Babatunde
Environmental Engineering
Oshe, Olayinka Gbenga
Chemical Engineering
Potdar, Shaunak Sunil
Chemical Engineering
Reddibhatini, Saiabhilash Babu
Computer Science
Sinnreich, Monty
Chemical Engineering
Siram, Vamshi Krishna
Civil Engineering
Smith, Christopher Cody
Industrial Management
Vakati, Madhusudhana Deepika
Computer Science
Vooji, Sudheer
Chemical Engineering
York, Darren Ray
Industrial Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Barrett, David Odem

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
Clark, Jerry
Dimas, Matt D.

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology
Dembski, Christopher Mark

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Moranchel, Miguel Angel Gomez

Dissertation Titles

Doctor of Education
Educational Leadership
“A Study of the Relationship Between Teacher Absenteeism and Organizational Health in a Large South Texas School District”

Doctor of Philosophy
Environmental Engineering
Nash-At Abdulatei Saleh, B.S., M.S.
“Evaluation of Hydrogenotrophic Reductive Dechlorination and Ethenotrophic Oxidative Cometabolism as Complementary Mechanisms for In Situ Chloroethene Biodegradation”

Wildlife Science
Foley, Aaron M., B.S., M.S.
“Behavioral and Physiological Factors Affecting Breeding Success of Male White-Tailed Deer (Odocoileus virginanus)”
ACADEMIC REGALIA

The origin of academic gowns, caps and hoods is a matter of speculation. Unheated buildings may have necessitated the gowns. The remaining regalia might reflect the influence of the clergy during medieval times. The hoods, for example, might have served as head-coverings before skull caps were adopted. In any case, when American schools decided to adopt academic dress, they agreed, through a series of meetings and conferences, on some standard designs and colors. The gown design becomes more intricate with advanced degrees. Velvet trim, for instance, is reserved for doctors’ gowns. The hoods, too, become longer as one proceeds from the bachelor’s to the master’s to the doctor’s degree. The cap is plain for both bachelor’s and master’s. Velvet is reserved for the doctorate. The tassel on the cap may be black or the color appropriate for the major field of study. A doctor’s tassel, however, may be made of gold thread.

The color of the facing of the hood denotes the type of degree, and doctors’ gowns may also be trimmed in the same color. Examples are as follows: Arts and Letters - white, Commerce and Accounting - drab, Economics - copper, Library Science - lemon, Music - pink, Education - light blue, Pharmacy - olive, Fine Arts and Architecture - brown, Humanities - dark crimson, Law - purple, Engineering - orange, Philosophy - dark blue, Physical Education - sage green, Science - golden yellow. The color of the lining of the hood denotes the university or college granting the degree. Texas A&M University-Kingsville’s colors are blue and gold. Students wearing the blue and green or gold honor cords are members of national honor societies. The honors presented during this ceremony are calculated on the student’s cumulative grade point average for the semester prior. Official honors designation, which includes the calculation of the current semester’s grades, will be indicated on the final transcript and diploma.

THE TOWER CHIMES

Striking on the hour and every quarter hour, the “Westminster” chimes of the College Hall tower were played for the first time in March 1999 for the inauguration of President Marc Cisneros. In addition, “Hail AMK,” the Texas A&M-Kingsville alma mater, rings out every day at noon and “Jalisco” is played at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. On special occasions, the “Javelina Victory March” also chimes from the tower.
THE UNIVERSITY BANNERS

Eight banners signify the university’s academic areas: Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences; Arts and Sciences; Business Administration; Education and Human Performance; Engineering; Graduate Studies, Honors College and University College. Each banner displays the university logo, which includes the College Hall tower and the university name. The tower has stood as a symbol of the institution since 1949, reflecting the architectural elements of the campus that draw upon the university’s regional heritage. The blue and gold banners are five feet by three feet, trimmed with fringe at the bottom. The banners were introduced in May 1999 for formal ceremonies. The university and college banners are presented by the Presidential Ambassadors.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

A symbol of authority, the mace is traced to an ancient weapon of war. William the Conqueror is seen flourishing a wooden mace in the eleventh-century Bayeux Tapestry. The military use of the object gradually gave way to its ceremonial function, and maces became jewel-encrusted symbols of high office. The Texas A&M University-Kingsville mace was crafted March 1999 in the department of industrial technology to reflect many of the unique characteristics that have made the university a leader in South Texas. The black walnut that comprises the main body symbolizes the history and traditions that have been established by the university. The top is crowned with the university seal engraved in gold.

THE UNIVERSITY RING

In early 1998, a committee of students, alumni, faculty, and staff began discussing the idea of an official ring for graduates of the university. The committee members wanted the ring to reflect symbols that represented the university’s history and traditions. Working with a professional designer, they chose symbols including the school’s mascot, the javelina, because of its tenacity; mesquite and cactus because they are found all over campus; the Lone Star because it symbolizes the State of Texas; and the College Hall tower because it is a recognized landmark on our campus. Graduates can choose a plain gold ring or opt for a gemstone in the ring. The ring design was unveiled February 16, 1999.
Hail AMK! We pledge anew
Aims that are high,
Devotion deep and true.
And though we may part,
And though we’re far away,
Still loyal each heart
To AMK.