

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE®

Commencement

AUGUST 9, 2024





PROGRAM

The Commencement of the Ninety-Ninth Annual Session
Friday, August 9, 2024 • 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. • Steinke Physical Education Center

PRESIDING.....Dr. James M. Palmer
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRELUDE..... Dr. Ook-Jin You
Instructor of Collaborative Piano, School of Music

PROCESSIONAL *Pomp and Circumstance No. 1* by Edward Elgar..... Dr. You

Audience stands for PROCESSIONAL and RECESSIONAL

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The Party of the President, The Party of the Deans, The President of the Faculty Senate, The Regents Professors, The Chancellor's Academy of Teacher Educators, The Faculty of the University, Candidates for Degrees

NATIONAL ANTHEM *Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key..... Mr. Destynn Hatcher
(10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)

WELCOME Dr. Palmer

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS College Deans

INTRODUCTIONS Dr. Robert H. Vela Jr.
University President

GREETINGS John Sharp
Chancellor
The Texas A&M University System

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS (10:00 a.m.) Ms. Gabriella Ruiz

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS (1:00 p.m.) Mr. Joshua Michael Macareno

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES..... Dr. Palmer

WELCOME GRADUATES TO THE JAVELINA ALUMNI NETWORK..... Ms. Debbie Tiffie
Javelina Alumni Association President

ALMA MATER *HAIL AMK*, arranged by Dr. Greg Sanders, Regents Professor..... Mr. Hatcher

RECESSIONAL *Prince of Denmark March* by Jeremiah Clarke..... Dr. You

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Robert H. Vela Jr.	<i>University President</i>
Dr. James M. Palmer	<i>Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Dr. Rosalind Alderman.....	<i>Vice President of Enrollment Management</i>
Dr. Jose Espiritu	<i>Vice President of Research and Innovation</i>
Jacob Flournoy	<i>Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer</i>
Dr. Rito Silva	<i>Vice President of Student Affairs and Community Relations</i>
Dr. Robert Ayala.....	<i>Associate Vice President of Academic Success</i>
Martin Brittain	<i>Assistant Provost</i>
Henry Burgos	<i>Chief Administrative Officer</i>
Joanne Castro	<i>Associate Vice President of Financial Services</i>
Kirsten Compary	<i>Associate Vice President of Student Affairs</i>
Dr. Natalya Delcoure	<i>Dean, College of Business Administration</i>
John Dove	<i>Associate Vice President, Chief Information Officer</i>
Adriana Garza-Flores.....	<i>Chief Marketing and Communications Officer</i>
Dr. Dolores Guerrero	<i>Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i>
Dr. Darin Hoskisson.....	<i>Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies</i>
Dr. Maria E. Martinez	<i>Associate Vice President of Student Access</i>
Dr. Shad Nelson	<i>Dean, Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture and Natural Resources</i>
Stephen Roach	<i>Executive Director of Athletics</i>
Mildred Slaughter	<i>University Registrar</i>
Dr. Heidi A. Taboada.....	<i>Dean, Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering</i>
Dr. Maria E. Velez-Hernandez	<i>Dean of Undergraduate Studies</i>
Christopher Vera	<i>Associate Vice President of Campus Operations</i>
Dr. Linda Villarreal	<i>Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Performance</i>
Dr. Kristina Ramirez Wilson.....	<i>Chief of Performance Excellence and Strategy</i>

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES

Tammy Alcalá	<i>President, Staff Council</i>
Dr. Linda Challoo.....	<i>President, Faculty Senate</i>
Harley Davis	<i>President, Student Government Association</i>

SPEAKERS

Gabriella Ruiz

10:00 A.M.

Raymondville native Gabriella Ruiz will receive a bachelor's degree in animal science with a minor in wildlife photography. She is a two-time recipient of the TAMUK Wildlife Photography Scholarship. She also received the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Endowment Scholarship, the CLAG General Scholarship and the Alliance for Smart Agriculture in the Internet of Things Era Scholarship. Ruiz served two terms as president of the TAMUK chapter of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and the Related Sciences. In addition, she was a member of the Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society and student ambassador and mentor for the Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Ruiz will remain at Texas A&M-Kingsville to pursue a master's degree in animal science with a focus in meat science.

Joshua Macareno

1:00 P.M.

Joshua Macareno is a Kingsville native who will receive his master's degree in business administration with a certificate in human resources. He earned his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University-Kingsville in May 2023 completing a degree in business administration with a minor in entrepreneurship and a concentration in human resources. Macareno received the Gulf Western Region Collegian of the Year Award from Delta Sigma Pi in 2024 and the Leadership Award from the TAMUK College of Business in April of 2023. He has received the Javelina Graduate Scholarship, the Russel Honors Scholarship and the Divinely Inspired Virtuous Angels Scholarship. Macareno was president; vice president of professional activities and community service; and public relations officer for the Delta Sigma Pi fraternity. He also was secretary of the Society of Human Resource Management and director of finance of the TAMUK Dance Marathon. In addition, he was a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society, the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the TAMUK Accounting Society and the Lectureship Committee. Macareno would like to work for the Texas A&M University System or in federal or local government in the human resources or related field.

PRESIDENT, FACULTY SENATE

Dr. Linda Chaloo

*Professor in the Department of
Educational Leadership and Counseling*

MARSHALS

Dr. Jason Apple

*Professor in the Department of
Animal Science and Veterinary Technology*

Dr. Rudolf Bohm

*Associate Professor in the Department of
Biological and Health Sciences*

Dr. David Cutton

*Associate Professor in the Department of
Health and Kinesiology*

Dr. Alberto Rodriguez

*Associate Professor in the Department of
History, Political Science and Philosophy
and Director of the Mexican American
Studies Institute*

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM REGENTS

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Vice Chairman

David C. Baggett
John W. Bellinger
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Jay Graham
Michael A. “Mike” Hernandez III
Michael J. Plank

Sam Torn
Cage Sawyers
Student Regent

TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE REGENTS PROFESSORS

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

Dr. Nestor Sherman - 2013
*Professor in the Department of
Health and Kinesiology*

Dr. Bart Ballard - 2022
*Professor in the Department of
Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences*

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

Dr. Gregory Lynn Sanders - 2017
*Professor in the School of
Music*

Dr. Maribel Gonzalez-Garcia 2023
*Professor in the Department of
Chemistry*

Dr. Mauro Castro - 2010
*Professor in the Department of
Chemistry*

Dr. Fidel Hernandez - 2021
*Professor in the Department of
Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences*

CHANCELLOR’S ACADEMY OF TEACHER EDUCATORS

Dr. Greta Schuster 2014-2015
*Professor in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and
Environmental Sciences*

Dr. Ming Tu 2019-2020
*Associate Professor in the School of
Music*

Dr. Steven B. Chumbley 2021-2022
*Associate Professor in the Department of
Agriculture, Agribusiness and
Environmental Sciences*

Dr. Lorraine E. Killion 2016-2017
*Associate Professor in the Department of
Health and Kinesiology*

Dr. Daniella Varela 2020-2021
*Assistant Professor in the Department of
Educational Leadership and Counseling*

10:00 A.M. CEREMONY

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Master of Science

Elissetche Jr, Juan Carlos
Range and Wildlife Management
Godwin, Sarah Wesley
Plant and Soil Science
Gonzalez, Marissa
Plant and Soil Science
Harvey, Merideth Ann
Animal Science
Hopper, Miranda Lee
Range and Wildlife Management

Howard, Lindsey Karissa
Range and Wildlife Management
Moberg, Dakota Raine
Range and Wildlife Management
Moeller, Christin Ree Abigail
Range and Wildlife Management
Pearson, Micayla Emily
Range and Wildlife Management
Ramirez, Daniel Javier
Range and Wildlife Management

Reyes, Mayra
Plant and Soil Science
Talluri, Akhil Chowdary
Plant and Soil Science
Watts, Allison Nicole
Animal Science

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Allison, Joshua Dee ***
Barrios, Austin Kristofer
Bordovsky, Kelsey Ann
Canales-Gutierrez, Lizette Ailyn**
Carpenter, Kierstyn Quinn
Cavazos, Geovanna Antonieta
Cortez, Elias
Espinoza, Gene Edward ***
Galvan, Amanda Patricia
Garza, Diego I

Gibson, Seth Alejandro
Gonzalez, Francisco
Green, Chisum James
Heinicke, Dawson Charles
Hernandez, Dominique Brianna
Hernandez, Emmanuel
Kepsel, Skyland Elizabeth
Marquez Urquiza, Melissa
Martinez, Cynthia Carolina ***
Mendietta, Sarah Jolee-Marie

Philips, Austin Christopher
Rodriguez, Jazlynn Nykol *
Rodriguez, Kassandra Armandina
Ruiz, Gabriella
Rye, Sydney Alexandra Ann
Stephens, Mason Patrick
Ulrich, Mackenzie Carter ***
Villarreal, Kayla Anne

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Cadena, Victoria Angelica
Counseling Psychology

Gonzalez, Alyssa Erin
Counseling Psychology

Master of Music

Escobedo, Pamela
Music
Garcia, Alexis
Music
Lopez, Laney Mckay Wells
Music

Navarro, Carlos Romeo
Music
Ochoa Jr, Jaime Ociel
Music
Padilla, Martin Ivan
Music

Ramirez Jr, Mario
Music
Reyes, Jessica Michelle
Music

Master of Science

Ablordeppey, Worlanyo Kweku
Petrophysics
Arias, Daniel
Statistical Analytics, Computing
and Modeling
Cayo, Carmen Rosa
Chemistry
Dimas, Hector
Psychology

Garcia Moses, Zachary Alexander
Biology
Hawkins, Erial Jhinae
Biology
Hernandez, Melissa Catrina
Psychology
Hohensee, Jori Elizabeth
Communication Sciences and
Disorders

Johns, Jazmin Nicole
Biology
Kafidi, Ndesihafela N
Petrophysics
Reyes, Armando
Chemistry
Villarreal, Pete
Chemistry

Master of Social Work

Holliday, Jacqueline
Social Work
Montez, Leticia Infante
Social Work

Rayos, Demitrius Diane
Social Work
Sanchez, Aleyda A
Social Work

Bachelor of Arts

Beltran, Briana
Brackeen, Maria Asami
Coronado, Julissa J
Desouza-George, Zena Leroya **
Everett, Noah Christopher
Gomez, James Samuel
Grossman, Micayla Nicole
Hockless, Tierra Marie

Lavarin, Jeffrey
Leal, Casidy Anais
Medina, Destiny Leighann
Montanez, Angelica **
Myers, Srey Lea
Pena Guardado, Daisy Arely
Rivera, Vielka Chabelli
Rodriguez Castillo, Daniel **

Rojas, Marisabel *
Sheedy, Madison Zain
Torres, Raymond Isaac
Trevino, Samantha Renee *
Vasquez, Angelica **
Villarreal, Victor ***

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Gonzales, Zenaida Ann

Bachelor of General Studies

Acosta, Daniela Alejandra *
Alvarado, Abbie Michelle
Alvarez, Francisca Y **
Beddingfield, Cole Alexander
Benavides, Yesenia Cristal
Brown, Alec Jadon
Butler, Willie Leigh
Cano, Brittany Rae ***
Diaz, Crystal Doreen ***
Elwell, Tera Montana
Esteves, Amanda Clark
Fernandez, Daniel J
Flores, Anyssa Celeste

Flores, Bionca Marie *
Gallegos, Rian Ofelia
Garza, Nadia Danielle
Gomez, Seth M
Gonzalez, Jonaven Ryan
Kinney, Marc X
Krueger, Klarissa Lee
Leonard, Khalen Terrell
Lerma, Jessica Felicia **
Lopez, Diane
Maldonado, Joseph Lee
Munoz III, Apolonio Estrada
Murillo, Yessica

Negrete, Laura Alexandra
Padilla, Abigail Celeste
Placencio, Patricia
Salazar, Jazlyn Korina
Sanchez, Darien Charles
Tello, Giselle
Torres, Jesse *
Traynor, Taylor Elizabeth **
Valdez, Antonio Alberto
Zapata II, Michael Gombert

Bachelor of Science

Asbury, Gabrielle
Eiland, Abygail Marie
Guerra, Roel Junior
Herrera, Carolina

Hirle, Anissa Reanne
Montes, Elizabeth L *
Palacios, Micaela Alita ***
Perez, Amber Rae

Rackley-Slack, Taylor Leona **
Vera, Jonathan Paul *

1:00 P.M. CEREMONY

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Adams, Abdulraheem Oluwatosin
Business Administration
Anderson, Rylie Deann
Business Administration
Cantu, Anna Catherine
Business Administration
Cantu, Candice Angelina
Business Administration
Cantu, Makayla Rashell
Business Administration
Castro, Matthew Daniel
Business Administration

Cavazos, Jacob Micheal
Business Administration
Chamoun-Farah, Habib
Business Administration
Chavarria, Marcus Andrew
Business Administration
Falcon, Edelin Yulieth
Business Administration
Garcia, Valerie Lynn
Business Administration
Gutierrez, Esmeralda
Business Administration

Kinyo, William John
Business Administration
Macareno, Joshua Michael
Business Administration
Martinez, Kaitlyn Amber
Business Administration
Meave, Roberto
Business Administration
Miller, Brandon Arthur
Business Administration

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Cont. Master of Business Administration

Morin, Hayley Ariana
Business Administration

Morin Martinez, Ivan Abraham
Business Administration

Oommen, Anna Esther
Business Administration

Payne, Kardon Michael
Business Administration

Perez, James Paul
Business Administration

Resendez Jr, Gabriel
Business Administration

Reyna, Ernesto Ricardo
Business Administration

Ring, Walker Banning
Business Administration

Rodriguez, Caleb Adrian
Business Administration

Sarker, Sian Aditi
Business Administration

Stanley, Brandon Samuel
Business Administration

Thomas, Daniel
Business Administration

Upton, William Ricardo
Business Administration

Master of Science

Borjas Jr., Rolando
Taxation

De La Cruz, Mitzi Taylor
Taxation

De Los Santos, Martin Daniel
Taxation

Figuerola, Jacqueline
Taxation

Green, Melissa Salinas
Taxation

Gutierrez, Casey R
Taxation

Salinas, Leticia Ann Canales
Taxation

Stringfellow, Perry
Taxation

Sullivan, Melissa Elisabeth
Taxation

Vasquez, Matthew Isaiah
Taxation

Bachelor of Business Administration

Banks, Kobe S
Dominguez, Annelise Victoria

Gonzalez, Sebastian R
Gutierrez, Eliana Alexis

Hiles, Maya Lauren

Jimenez, Nahun *

Lechner, Anissa Michelle *

Lopez, Adrian Alexandro

Martinez, Destiny Guadalupe **

Martinez, Henry Isaac

Ramirez, Sarah Briann

Roblez, Gabriel

Stevenson, Robert Chase

* Cum Laude

** Magna Cum Laude

*** Summa Cum Laude

EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Doctor of Education

Almuhlafi, Amal Rajeh
Bilingual Education
Johnston, Shane Matthew
Educational Leadership

Lozano, Diana H
Bilingual Education
Romo, Denney
Educational Leadership

Villalobos, Jose L
Bilingual Education
Vives, Michael A
Educational Leadership

Master of Education

Gonzalez, Carlos Ernesto
Adult Education

Mata, Maria Altagracia
Early Childhood

O'Brien, Maguelita Lillian
Adult Education

Master of Science

Alfaro, Andre C
Kinesiology
Benavides IV, Benito Benjamin
Kinesiology
Cedillo Jr, Arturo L
Kinesiology
Chessher, Joshua Lee
Education

Clemons, Craig William
Education
Duque, Daniel Lorenzo
Educational Administration
Dvorak, Cierra Marie
Kinesiology
Gonzales, Marisa Arlene
Educational Administration

Hofstetter, Makayla Rae
Kinesiology
Ocampo, Juan Jesus
Kinesiology
Rodriguez, Laura Alicia
Counseling and Guidance

Bachelor of Science

Brazile, Vance Joseph
Gonzalez, Fae Marie
Guzman, Bryssa Renee

Hester Jr, James Owen
Lerma, Monique Nayoli
Montes, Sarah A *

Ramos, Daniella *
Traynor, Mackenzie Lynn

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy

Ahn, Bohyun
Engineering

Master of Science

Abdul, Aleem Industrial Engineering	Gorijala, Durga Prasad Mechanical Engineering	Martinez, Jose Angel Computer Science
Abdul Mannan, Mohammed Civil Engineering	Gummadisani, Vishnu V R Computer Science	Nagulapalli, Sai Ram Civil Engineering
Abdullah, Shafuiddin Civil Engineering	Illuru, Sai Latha Computer Science	Narapa Reddy, Venkata K R Computer Science
Akash, Alve Rahman Electrical Engineering	Jesuola, Goodness Dara Industrial Engineering	Odutola, Abisoluwa Abraham Industrial Management
Akinbolajo, Omotolani Eniola Industrial Management	Kasarla, Sharath Reddy Computer Science	Rakam, Sankeerth Civil Engineering
Bhosale, Aniket Ashok Mechanical Engineering	Kona, Gurusai Pavan Computer Science	Sabnaveesu, Pavan Sai Prasanth Computer Science
Bommakanti, Rahul Civil Engineering	Kosuri, Charan Naga Sai Computer Science	Sah, Ranjit Kumar Civil Engineering
Boya, Venu Computer Science	Kotani, Hemanth Mechanical Engineering	Shaik, Abdul Afrid Computer Science
Chinnareddyvari Ashokkumar, Gnanesh Computer Science	Kothapally, Akhil Reddy Computer Science	Singamneni, Venkata Sai Manoj Electrical Engineering
Dendi, Jeevan Prakash Reddy Computer Science	Manganellore, Dileep Computer Science	Tanneeru, Harish Computer Science
Durowoju, Emmanuel Segun Mechanical Engineering	Manukonda, Kalyan Computer Science	Tondapi, Akshay Chowdary Electrical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Evangelista, Antony Jose

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Alazemi, Fahad R F D *	Alhuraiti, Mohammad A J M *	Frausto Castillo, Homero Arturo
Alazemi, Faleh L F A Kh	Alotaibi, Mazyad Saif	Garcia, Joshua
Albreeky, Yousiff	Barrios, Pedro D	Mikulencak, Joseph Alan
Alharan, Mohand A M S	Cantu Jr, Ruben Carlos	Silva, Jaime A

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Cantu, Carolina Rebecca

Franco, Aaron Nina

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Martinez, James

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering

Gill, Shaun Christopher Colin

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management and Applied Engineering Technology

Easley, Clayton E

Salazar, Sebastian Daniel

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Avalos, Robert Ryan

Cantu, Jordan Trey

Carrion, Ryan

Choi, Wooseok **

Contreras, Matthew B *

Gonzalez, Christian

Izeh, Japhet O

Jaurequi, Alex Santos

Martinez Jr, Eulalio

Villarreal, Angelo Rocky

Graduation with Honors (For Undergraduate degrees only)

A grade point average of 3.8 is the minimum for graduation meriting Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors); a grade point average of 3.6 or higher but less than 3.8 will merit Magna Cum Laude (with high honors); an average of 3.4 or higher but less than 3.6 will merit graduation Cum Laude (with honors).

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.

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.

* Cum Laude

** Magna Cum Laude

*** Summa Cum Laude

Dissertation Titles

Doctor of Education

Bilingual Education

Almuhlafi, Amal R, B.S., M.A.

“Exploring the Experience of Arab Mothers Raising Children in South Texas: Maintaining Arabic Heritage Language and Cultural Identity”

Lozano, Diana H, B.A., M.S.

“Stories and Oral Histories in Black English from the Tejas Borderlands”

Villalobos, Jose L, B.A., M.Ed.

“A Comparative Study of the Effects of Elementary Bilingual Education Programs on Emergent Bilinguals’ STAAR Reading Scores in South Texas”

Educational Leadership

Johnston, Shane M., A.A., B.A., B.S.

“Teacher Preparedness in Teaching Autistic Students”

Romo, Denney, B.S., M.Ed.

“Transitional Bilingual and Dual Language Immersion Programs: A Comparison of Reading Outcomes in South Texas”

Vives, Michael A., B.S., M.Ed.

“Examining the Relationship Between TELPAS Scores and Student Achievement on the Eighth Grade Science STAAR for Students with Limited English Proficiency”

Doctor of Philosophy

Engineering

Ahn, Bohyun, B.S., M.S.

“Security Built-in Smart Inverters at Grid Edge: Threat Modeling, Penetration Testing, and Smart Inverter Security Framework”

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THE UNIVERSITY BANNERS

Eight banners signify the university and its academic areas: Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences; Arts and Sciences; Business Administration; Education and Human Performance; Engineering; Graduate Studies and Honors College. One banner represents the Student Government Association. 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 iconic 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 UNIVERSITY MACE

A representation 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. A newly crafted mace made from hand-crafted walnut featuring brass accents and topped with a replica of the University Seal made its debut during the Fall 2023 commencement ceremonies. The president of the Faculty Senate leads the University's esteemed faculty and staff during each commencement ceremony processional, carrying the mace as a symbol of academic excellence and integrity.

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.



ACADEMIC REGALIA

The origin of academic gowns, caps and hoods is a matter of speculation and likely dates to medieval times. When American schools decided to adopt academic dress, they agreed 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. 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, 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.

A GIFT TO OUR GRADS

To celebrate the Class of 2024, Texas A&M University-Kingsville is providing each of our graduates a StageClip to commemorate this milestone achievement.

StageClip is a personalized grad video clip that captures the moment each graduate crosses the stage to receive their diploma.

The best part? Your StageClip is a free gift to each graduate. It's a digital keepsake, sponsored by the Javelina Alumni Association.

In 2-3 days, check your student email for your link. Use your link to download and share your clip, or find your clip at <https://tamuk.stageclip.com/>



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*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.*



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