



TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



SPRING 2024

**Hooding & Student
Success Ceremony**

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024
CENTER FOR THE FINE & PERFORMING ARTS RECITAL HALL
6 P.M.

Dean's Message



JAMES O'MEARA, ED.D.

Today, we recognize you as one of our outstanding graduates who has achieved success in the face of uncertainty. Today I challenge you to "Go Beyond" and be the change-makers we need to make a world of difference in your schools and the communities they serve.

**¡Lo que bien se aprende,
nunca se pierde!**

Most of you have heard me talk about you as professionals RISE-ing. Tonight I want to remind you that in the College of Education we know that we rise by lifting others.

Each of you have had someone who has given you a hand up when you most need it. I invite you to share your Pin of Gratitude with that special person. If possible, please do so prior to Commencement so they may wear it during your Commencement ceremony.

You may know that in the College of Education, to RISE has a special meaning. Our faculty, staff, and students commit to RISE daily. This means we commit to modeling the code of Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence.

Graduates, as you move into the next phase of your life they will be times of joy and times of fear. In those time when come face to face with FEAR. Remember, you always have two choices: you can face everything and run or face everything and RISE.

Graduates of the College of Education, as you move onto the next stage of your life I challenge you to RISE!

As a graduate of TAMIU, be the Dustdevil who goes beyond any challenge to help your students, friends and families see what it means to experience the joy of rising to new heights.



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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Spring 2024 Graduates

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION

Nicole Reola Brown-Matias

Esther Reyes

Kimberly Coronado Sais

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Danelly Selene Barajas Flores

Mercy Vanderpuije Boamah

Valeria María Cerqueira Chaves

Laney Danielle Collins

Denise Azeneth Cortes

Amber Elizabeth De Armas

Erin Rae Denny

Arlene Duran

Stephanie Lynn Flores

Horace Gamez

Chundra DiAnn Gates

Jackee Rae Gonzáles

Amanda Marie Hinojosa

Teri Nicolle Hopkins

Leslie Jazmin Izaguirre

Joannie Aimee Juárez

Jenifer Leigh Kerry

Vidalyn Linton

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Sandra Gabriela Marcus

Sarah Margaret Marin

Velma Carrizales-Marin

Brianda L. Martínez

Kimberly Angela Medina González

Marina Marily Moreno

JoAnn Nickles

Rosa Corina Olguin

Helena Osei

Angeleca Meza Palacio

Annette Peña

Christian Adrian Pérez

Joan Meliz Pérez Díaz

Rosie Zamora Rivera

Marianne Michele Roberts

Dionicia Galván Rodríguez

Rosa Julia Rodríguez

Krisela Ivonne Salinas

Debra Lee Santos

Sylvia Laura Santos

Elizabeth Nicole Saucedo

Amanda Garza Sierra

Vanessa Genevieve Silva

Viviana Andrea Valiente Montecino

Moriah Jael Walton

Mamie Evette Warren

Megan Lynn Wendler

Nancy Ivonne Wheeler

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Spring 2024 Graduates

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Javier G. Andrade
Alma Carmona
Priscilla Denisse Elizondo
Ariana G. García- Macias
Katherine Miranda Garza
Brenda Lee González
Alma Hernández
Laline Juliet Jensen
Carol Maurine Magin
Destinee Kay Montgomery-Knox
Karleen Lazalde Olle
Kristen Nicole Ovalle
Emely Marian Rizzi
Ana María Sencion
Karlle Signor
Alberto Soliz Jr.
Aide Veliz
Ashley Marie Wood

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

Andrea Rebecca Alemán
Ana Marcela Caballero
Abigal Rose Carpenter
Christine Ann Cmajdalka
Stephanie Garza
Pamela Denise Lausch
Adrienne Joy Laygan
Carla Selina López
Josue López
Yanira López
Tempest Christianne Miskell
Alejandro Moreno-Alanis
Jessica Marie Salazar
Kari Lynne Stockton
Daphne Denise Treviño
Lourdes M. Villarreal

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Melinda J. Donald
Maegan Elizabeth Gill
Myriam González
Stephany L. González
Carla Marie Griment
Jessica Jenell Hernández
Eleni Kokonezi-Martin
Erika Pulido Montano
Paulina Lizeth Reyna
Alison Rae Smith

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Spring 2024 Undergraduates

BACHELOR OF ARTS (ALL-LEVEL CERTIFICATION)

Lessly Hanani Dávila

Azucena Janeth Lira

BACHELOR OF ARTS (SECONDARY CERTIFICATION)

Maria Fernanda Espericueta Sandoval

Maytee Estefanya Lagunes Hernández

Kailey Nichole López

Mark Anthony Ruíz

Priscila Elizabeth Torres

Gilberto Villalón

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATION)

Gladys Azeneth Alvarado*

Daniela Camero

Cassandra Lizette Clayton

Jessica Garza**

Rosa Lilia Garza**

Janixa Lisbet Garza-Julian*

Arlene Lillian Hernández**

Daniella Hernández***

Reyhitza Aglae Márquez

Isamary Martínez Ochoa**

Vanelly Mendoza

Karina Montes

Magaly Morales*

Janeth Pargas***

Laura Linda Puente**

Ashley Ramírez

Samantha Virginia Salgado**

Emely Michelle Soliz**

Alejandra Valdez**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (SECONDARY CERTIFICATION)

Victoria Lorraine Lara

Luis Enrique Poblano

Mark Sada

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Amanda Leanne Aguilar

Crystal Beltrán

Abril Alexandria Campos

Amy Lee Campos*

Violeta Yolanda Esquivel

Alexia Nicole Frayre

Adriana Elizabeth González**

Melissa Michelle González

Jessenia Jasmin Hernández*

Karla Yareli Hernández

Kiara Monique Hernández**

Xitllali Hernández

Samantha Hundsnurscher

Arely Izaguirre*

Anakaren Ortega Sánchez*

Emily Michelle Méndez**

Anna Lee Molano

Julissa Cy Rincon*

Mónica Lee Riojas

Jennifer Jeannette Rivera

Catherine Estela Rodríguez*

Raquel Gissell Rodríguez

Samantha Nicole Rodríguez

Ana María Santillán

Yasmine Janiah Villarreal*

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

HONORS

* Cum Laude:

To graduate with this honor, the student will have earned a grade point average of 3.50 or higher, but less than a 3.70.

** Magna Cum Laude:

To graduate with this honor, the student will have earned a grade point average of 3.70 or higher, but less than a 3.90.

*** Summa Cum Laude:

To graduate with this honor, the student will have earned a grade point average of 3.90 or higher.

STOLE OF SUCCESS

Undergraduate students have been awarded a light blue stole to wear with their regalia. Blue is the color of Education, and it is important to celebrate all of our undergraduate rising professionals who have successfully reached the milestone of graduation from our educator preparation program.

DEAN'S CORD

Undergraduate students who receive a blue, white and maroon cord, are students who are one and done with their Texas certification exams and have passed the Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities for the standard teaching certificate (PPR).

PINS OF ACHIEVEMENT

PIN OF GRATITUDE

The Pin of Gratitude provides each graduate with an opportunity to say, "thank you" to someone who helped make their graduation a reality.

We invite graduates to share the pin with that special person prior to Commencement so they can wear it during the Commencement ceremony.

PIN OF COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

The Sí Se Puede Pin serves as recognition of your perseverance, adaptability, and commitment to excellence in becoming a new generation of leaders and change-makers in your community.

PIN OF PPR-DISTRICT READY

The PPR-District Ready pin is awarded to serve as recognition of your success in passing the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities for the standard teaching certificate.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



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