



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

COMMERCE

Summer 2021
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Texas A&M University-Commerce

GRADUATE CEREMONY

Doctoral and Masters

Friday, August 13, 2021

4:00 p.m.

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONIES

College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources
College of Business
College of Education & Human Services
College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts
College of Innovation & Design
College of Science & Engineering

Saturday, August 14, 2021

9:30 a.m.

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Mildred Golden Pryor, Professor of Management
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Name Announcers:
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Paige Bussell, Chair; Gary Coe, Ray Dittrich, Rhonda Ferguson,
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Mason Little, Robert McWhorter, Derryle Peace, Eddie Pinkcard,
Amy Sims, Sharod Williams

Texas A&M University-Commerce Mayo Professors:
David Brown, Professor of Early Childhood Education
Allan Headley, Professor of Chemistry
Mildred Golden Pryor, Professor of Management

Ceremonial Brass

Jimmy Clark, Assistant Professor of Trombone, Director of the TAMU-C Trombone Choir and Brass Choir

Trumpet		French Horn	Trombone	Tuba
Daniel Kelley	Madison Barton	Mike Morrow	Jimmy Clark	Daniel Larsen
Brian Walker	Jessica Boren	Glenna Stalcup	Nicholas Navarro	Louis Peak

University Commencement

Summer 2021

Processional	Ceremonial Brass
Welcome	Dr. Mark Rudin President
National Anthem	Audience Standing and Singing
Greetings to the Graduates	Mr. Mike Lamb President, Alumni Association Board of Directors Mr. Gerald Deats Member, Alumni Association Board of Directors
Introduction of Speaker.....	Dr. John Humphreys Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Speaker for Graduate & Undergraduate Ceremonies	Mr. Eric Hale 2020 National Urban School Teacher 2021 Texas Teacher of the Year
Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees:	
The Graduate School	Dr. Jennifer Schroeder Dean of the Graduate School
Presentation of Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees:	
College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources	Dr. Randy Harp Dean
College of Business.....	Dr. Mario Hayek Dean
College of Education & Human Services	Dr. Kimberly McLeod Dean
College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts	Dr. William Kuracina Dean
College of Innovation & Design.....	Dr. Yvonne Villanueva-Russell Dean
College of Science & Engineering	Dr. Brent Donham Dean
Awarding of Degrees	Dr. Mark Rudin
“Alma Mater”	Audience Standing and Singing
Recessional	Ceremonial Brass



John Sharp, M.P.A. **Chancellor, The Texas A&M University System**

John Sharp was appointed chancellor of The Texas A&M University System by the Board of Regents on September 6, 2011. As chancellor, Sharp leads one of the nation's largest university systems, which has an annual budget of \$6.3 billion. Enrollment at the A&M System's 11 universities and health science center has grown to more than 151,000, and externally funded research expenditures are in excess of \$1 billion.

Sharp brings with him more than three decades of public service. He came to the A&M System from Ryan & Company, where he was a principal with the largest state and local tax consulting firm of its kind in Texas. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Texas A&M University in 1972, where he was a member of the Corps staff of the Corps of Cadets and was elected student body president. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserves. He belongs to American Legion.

In 1976, Sharp received a master's degree in public administration from Southwest Texas State University while working full-time with the Legislative Budget Board in Austin. In 1978, he opened a one-man real estate firm in Victoria, Texas, and became a successful small business owner.

That same year he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives and was named "Outstanding Freshman" by Texas Monthly. He won a seat in the Texas Senate in 1982, where he served on the powerful Senate Finance Committee, and was elected to the Texas Railroad Commission in 1986.

Sharp was elected state comptroller in 1990 and re-elected in 1994. When he took office, he quickly began working to fulfill his pledge to "make government work more like our most successful businesses." Eight years later, he reinvented Texas state government and turned it into a high-quality, low-cost customer service operation that has saved taxpayers billions, helped avert a state income tax and served as a model around the world.



Dr. Mark Rudin, **President, Texas A&M University-Commerce**

Dr. Mark Rudin was appointed President of Texas A&M University-Commerce by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents on August 16, 2018. Dr. Rudin has a Bachelor of General Health Science (1983), Master of Science in Health Physics (1985), and Doctor of Philosophy in Medicinal Chemistry with a Concentration in Health Physics (1989) from Purdue University.

Student success, expanded research, and economic development are among Dr. Rudin's top priorities as President. His vision for A&M-Commerce includes adapting traditional models to meet the needs of all students and providing skills development in preparation for post-graduation employment.

Prior to assuming the presidency at A&M-Commerce, Dr. Rudin served as the Vice President for Research and Economic Development at Boise State University. During his eleven-year tenure at Boise State, he played a central role in expanding research activity and developing collaborative partnerships with both public and private entities.

Dr. Rudin previously served at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in a variety of administrative roles before being named Interim Vice President for Research and Graduate Dean. He also served as a Technical/Administrative Assistant with the U.S. Department of Energy and as a Senior Program Specialist/Project Engineer with EG&G Idaho, Inc. Dr. Rudin's career in education began in Idaho where he served as an instructor in the Department of Health Physics at Idaho State University.



Commencement Speaker



Eric Hale

2020 National Urban School Teacher

2021 Texas Teacher of the Year

Texas A&M University-Commerce alumnus Eric Hale is one of Texas's most talented and influential teachers. Named the 2021 Texas State Teacher of the Year, Hale is making a life-changing impact on Texas children and the field of education.

Mr. Hale teaches first and second grades at David G. Burnet Elementary School in Dallas. Designated as a Texas master teacher, his holistic teaching approach empowers students educationally, emotionally and socially to thrive in a global society.

This year, Hale made history as Texas's first Black man to be named Teacher of the Year. He was also the first Black man to represent Texas at the 2021 National Teacher of the Year awards.

In 2020, he was named Teacher of the Year for Dallas ISD. In 2019, he received the Queen Smith Award, recognizing him as the nation's top urban elementary school teacher.

Hale has been recognized for his accomplishments on multiple television shows and news publications, including the NBC News special "Inspiring America," NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt, The Today Show, The Kelly Clarkson Show, Access Hollywood and The Washington Post.

Born into poverty, Hale endured years of abuse and trauma until an influential teacher in his seventh-grade class helped him discover his self-worth. Hale believes his purpose is to advocate and fight for kids who are facing the same type of childhood he experienced.

Hale earned a Bachelor of Science in organizational leadership from Wright State University in Ohio. He later received an alternative teaching certificate and Master of Education in educational administration from A&M-Commerce.

Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Doctoral Degrees - Friday, August 13, 2021

Brooks, III, Thomas Richard, PhD

BA, The University of Texas at Arlington, 2015
MS, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2019

Dissertation: *Conformity of Scripts: Mortality Salience and Sexual Scripts*
Major: Educational Psychology
Major Advisor: Dr. Stephen Reysen

Christian, Tracie, EdD *

BS, Grambling State University, 1992
MS, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2006

Dissertation: *African American Women Pursuing Doctoral Studies: Factors That Facilitate Completion*
Major: Higher Education
Major Advisor: Dr. Joyce Scott

Dean Levels, Levatta L., EdD

BS, University of North Texas, 1989
MEd, University of North Texas, 1994

Dissertation: *Middle School Principals and Family Engagement: A Multifaceted Three-Dimensional Narrative Inquiry*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Julia Ballenger

Ehteshami, Fariba, PhD

BA, Islamic Azad University, 2003
MS, Islamic Azad University, 2007

Dissertation: *The Effectiveness of the Use of the Big Five Personality Test and Gottman's Seven Principles For Making Marriage Work on Couples' Relationship Satisfaction*
Major: Counselor Education and Supervision
Major Advisor: Dr. Linda Ball

Glaeser, Patricia M., EdD

BFA, The University of Texas at Austin, 1986
MA, University of Houston Clear Lake, 1999
MS, University of Houston Clear Lake, 2008

Dissertation: *The Impact of Culturally Responsive Leadership on the Postsecondary Readiness of Long-Term English Learners*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Ava Muñoz

Guillory, Jordan Mathis, EdD

BSIS, Texas A&M University-Texarkana, 2012
MS, Texas A&M University-Texarkana, 2016

Dissertation: *Do Co-Requisite Developmental Mathematics Courses Increase Course Sequence Completion at a Community College?*
Major: Higher Education
Major Advisor: Dr. Sarah Rodriguez

Hebert, Kristin Jolene, EdD

BS, Sam Houston State University, 1997
MED, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2000

Dissertation: *Middle School Principal Perceptions of Readiness to Serve: A Phenomenological Self-Efficacy Study*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Ray Thompson

Johnson, Marcus Alan, EdD

BAS, Dallas Baptist University, 2009
MED, Dallas Baptist University, 2012

Dissertation: *Impact of Integrating a Literacy Intervention in a Pre-Kindergarten Physical Education Class*
Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction
Major Advisor: Dr. Joyce Miller

Jones, Alyssa R., PhD

BA, Texas Wesleyan University, 2015
MS, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2018

Dissertation: *The Effect of Filler Selection Methods on Lineup Fairness and Eyewitness Identification*
Major: Educational Psychology
Major Advisor: Dr. Curt Carlson

Kaszynski, Erin Nicole, PhD

BA, Austin College, 2003
MEd, University of North Texas, 2014

Dissertation: *Predictors of Preparedness in Gatekeeping Among Doctoral Counselor Education And Supervision Students*
Major: Counselor Education and Supervision
Major Advisor: Dr. Chester Robinson

Lee, Cynthia Dawn, EdD

BS, University of North Texas, 1994
MS, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2009

Dissertation: *A Hermeneutic Phenomenology Study Examining Teachers' Perspectives on the Changing Face of Play in Kindergarten*
Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction
Major Advisor: Dr. David Brown

Lockamyeir, Robert F., PhD

BA, Canisius College, 2015
MS, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2018

Dissertation: *Weapons at a Distance: An Investigation of the Weapon Focus Effect as a Function of Distance*
Major: Educational Psychology
Major Advisor: Dr. Curt Carlson

Lowery, C.J., EdD

BS, Texas Tech University, 2008
MA, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 2009

Dissertation: *Currently Employed Teachers' Perceptions of the Reasons Teachers Leave the Profession or Stay: A Q Methodology Study*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Ray Thompson

Muñoz, Kimberly, EdD

BS, Gordon College, 2002
MBE, Southern Methodist University, 2005
MLS, Texas Woman's University, 2009

Dissertation: *Factors Which Predict Reading Achievement for Hispanic Emerging Bilingual Students: A Sociocultural Perspective*
Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction
Major Advisor: Dr. David Brown

Osborne, Terri Dawn, EdD

BS, Texas Tech University, 2007
MS, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2011
MEd, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2014

Dissertation: *Influential School Leadership: A Descriptive-Embedded Multi-Case Study of Two Principals' Effort to Promote Academic Resilience in Early College High School*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Nathan Templeton

Pleasant, William Eric, PhD

BS, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2008
MS, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2011
MS, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2018

Dissertation: *The Effect of Distinctive Internal Versus External Facial Features on Eyewitness Identification*
Major: Educational Psychology
Major Advisor: Dr. Curt Carlson

Regian, Christina Shea, EdD

BA, The University of Texas at Arlington, 1995
MEd, The University of Texas at Arlington, 2013

Dissertation: *Finding Expert Consensus on the Components of Cooperating Teacher Training: A Quantitative Delphi Study*
Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction
Major Advisor: Dr. Gilbert Naizer

Roberts, Dimitria Stacy, EdD

BS, Old Dominion University, 2008
MS, Old Dominion University, 2010

Dissertation: *A Nation at Stake: A Case Study to Explore How Principals Use the Virginia Department of Education's Evaluation Framework to Build Teacher Capacity Within K-12 Virginia Public Schools*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Ava Muñoz

Vallarta Pena, Karla A., EdD

BBA, Texas A&M International University, 2006
 MSED, Texas A&M International University, 2010

Dissertation: A Narrative Inquiry on the Processes and Data Used By LPAC Administrators to Reclassify English Learners

Major: Educational Administration
 Major Advisor: Dr. Melissa Arrambide

Vasquez, Alice M., PhD

BS, Texas Woman's University, 1999
 MS, Texas Woman's University, 2006

Dissertation: *A Qualitative Study of the Relationship Between Latina Daughters-in-Law-Non-Latina White Mothers-in-Law and Its Effect on Their Interracial Marriages*

Major: Counselor Education and Supervision
 Major Advisor: Dr. Chester Robinson

Webster Stuart, Joyce J., EdD

BS, University of South Florida, 1983
 MS, Texas A&M University-Texarkana, 2003

Dissertation: *Project-Based Learning: An Embedded-Descriptive Single-Case Qualitative Study of Mahogany Grove Comprehensive School*

Major: Educational Administration
 Major Advisor: Dr. Julia Ballenger



Master Degrees - Friday, August 13, 2021

Omneya Abbas
 Lorena P. Acosta
 Justin Manuel Alexandre
 Jeremy P. Adams
 Leah Celeste Adams
 Shelly Leann Adams
 Akinyemi Davis Adesunloro
 Madhava Rama Subbarayudu Adigopula
 Philomena N. Agu
 Nadeem Akram
 Justin Lamon Alexander
 Amy Nicole Allen
 Michaela Beth Allen
 Rebecca J. Allen
 Selene R. Allison
 Madeline B. Alvarado
 Joshua Leland Amy
 Katie Z. Andersen
 Lohitha Anugula
 Bindu Madhavi Anupoju
 Kristha Archila
 Beth Ann Auble
 Jameson Augustin
 Kimberly Michelle Bailey
 Kelyn Bain
 Barbretta L. Baker
 Janet Lynn Baker
 Morgan Kristal Ballard
 Brittany Lauren Barefield
 Buck Randall Baskin
 Amber Nicole Batiste
 Jessica M. Beeman
 Erin Hernandez Beifuss
 Megan Nicole Belcher
 Amanda Marie Beltran
 Rosalie Illingworth L. Bennett
 Birat Bhandari
 Shawn Alyse Bittick
 Issac D. Bivins
 Pauline J. Biwot
 Bailey Nadine Booth
 Dayna L. Boozer
 Chandra Lekha Boppana
 Amanda Danette Brackens
 Catherine Brandt
 Amber Dawn Branyan
 Kristi Michelle Broussard
 Alexandra Dianne Brown
 Deanna D. Brown
 Lisa A. Brown
 Hailey A. Bruening
 Jennifer Ann Buard
 Kevin T. Buchanan
 Frankie Phuc Bui
 Kristyn Danielle Bunt
 Carli Anne Busbey
 Renee Ann Cagle
 Matthew K. Cain
 Miguel Calderon
 Haley M. Cameron

Hayley Camille Campbell
 Lee Carlton
 Jennifer Nicole Carnagey-Samples
 Alfonso Casares Tafur
 Alejandro Castillo
 Rebecca Cavazos
 Daniel Chavez
 Sai Jaideep Chennupati
 Oanh Kim Chieu
 Lakshmi Bhargavi Chinnam
 Kristy D. Christopher
 Mohan Krishna Reddy Chukkaluru
 Odili Patrick Chukwuemeka
 Kelly Michelle Clark
 Britney N. Colbert
 Haley Mae Cole
 Lizbeth Cordero
 Tasha M. Corley
 Cheryl Nicole Cornutt
 Susannah Bennett Croft
 Sarah A. Currier
 Monica Nancy Dallas
 Cynthia A. Daniel
 Carolyn R. Darrow
 Lavidia M. Davison
 Melanie Davis-Sanchez
 Martha Elizabeth De La Paz
 Jonathan D. DeDoes
 Robert J. DeGroot
 Tonja R. Deroy
 Michael W. Derryberry
 Dianne Marie Dial
 Omar Diaz
 Omba Olivier Djedi
 Colin Thomas Doby
 Bland Hamilton Dooley
 Olivia M. Dossett
 Scott Thomas Douglass
 Tanya Capri Doyle
 April C. Dudynski
 Michelle Christine Duke
 Gopi O. Dungrani
 Scarlett Rose Dunmire
 Caitlin M. Duty
 Elza Shano Eapen
 Erica Marie Edwards
 John R. Embry
 Aubrey C. England
 Kortanee B. England
 Zaire D. Ensley
 Alejandro Estrada
 Diane Cacciotti Evidente
 Tony Dele Fadele
 Hugh Faison III
 Linda Marissa Farmigoni
 David William Ferge
 Brennan David Fink
 Mariela Victoria Fitzsimmons
 Melissa Brooke Fletcher
 Bonnie Lee Flieder

Casey D. Fowler
 Emily Dawn Frazier
 Sanjana Reddy Gaddam
 James Brandon Gann
 Noe Nathaniel Garcia
 Natalie N. Gatlin
 Stanley D'Andra Gilliam
 Amanda J. Godwin
 Jose Efrain Gomez
 Sarah Elizabeth Gonzalez
 Diana Gonzalez Vega
 Sandeep Kumar Reddy Gouni
 Mandy Sarah Grandell
 Thomas Grasty
 Melissa Kay Greear
 Drake Issaic Griffin
 Jade Erin Gullickson
 Joe A. Haden
 Joshua Brandon Hall
 Suvekkhya Hamal Shahi
 Angelina Irene Marie Hansen
 Tarek Md Anamul Haque
 Regina Lynn Hargrove
 James M. Harper
 Amy Wilson Hays
 Cayden Alayne Hendon
 Ashley Nichole Hildreth
 Kimy Kao Hines
 Kiana M. Holmes
 Brittany Jean Hood
 Madelyn Louise Hooper
 Emran Hossen
 Patrick Ryan Hunt
 Amber O. Hutcheson
 Lisa F. Hutchison
 Constantin Iliopoulos
 Kimberly R. Irvin
 Curtis Evan Ivory
 Benjamin J. Ivy
 Adobeasa Asare Jikpamu
 John D. Johnson
 Luciana A. Johnson
 Brian Keith Jones, Jr.
 Oscar A. Joya
 Venkat Kalyan Jupalli
 Alice Kabeja
 Hilary A. Kakanis
 Rama Chandra Teja Kalli
 Ravinder Reddy Kambalapally
 Lakshmi Durga Kathi
 Judy Denise Kern
 Sabrina M. Kidd
 Cody Kenneth Kieta
 Michelle B. Kimball
 Jonathon Roy Kimbrell
 Courtney R. Kissling
 Olukunle Odunayo Kolade
 Charlene Koshy
 Lakshmi Kudumula
 Timothy Donald Kuhlman

Toria J. Kuitauskas
 Sailakshmi Kumar
 Joy Elizabeth Lamoreux
 Elizabeth K. Lankford
 Lisa Celeste Latta
 Emily Amanda Leiseth
 Sade C. Lewis-Manriquez
 Haoyi Li
 Brittany Marie Lindsey
 Mozali Lopez
 Allison Kay Lovelace
 Nickisha Lyons
 George M. Magee
 Abrar Mahiat
 Garret Wayne Malone
 Jyothi Mandadi
 Anjali Rani Manly
 Sowmya Mannuru
 Annmarie Rensina Martin
 Sandra Martinez
 Sofia Martinez
 Courtney F. Mathis
 Aaron Jacob May
 Michelle Lynn McCommas
 Tyler Brooks McDonough
 Abbie Rebekah McEnturff
 Amy Lynn McFatrige
 Cassia L. McShannon
 Darren S. Melton
 Ricardo Antonio Merino
 Brent Vernon Miller
 Diane Yvonne Milner
 Lois Ann Mims
 Kenneth Lee Minor
 Santrecia Sharay Mitchell
 Sarah R. Moore
 Albert A. Morales
 Madison A. Moreno
 Taylor Denise Morris
 Amy Leigh Jones Morriss
 Erin L. Moser
 Anupama Muppaneni
 Elijah R. Murphy
 Sriveda Nandelli
 Wendy L. Nation
 Perla Yudith Navidad
 Marlee N. Needham
 Autumn Renea Newman
 Dieu Anh Thi Nguyen
 Minhvy T. Nguyen
 Maria I. Ortiz Olalde
 Alex Paik
 Cheryl Lee Painter
 Shanon N. Park
 Princess Sheriana Parker
 Nilay Rakesh Patel
 Tanya Y. Patel
 Daniel Richard Payette
 Ariel Brianna Perez

Master Degrees (continued)

Juan Carlos Perez
Vishruth Perla
Shelby M'Lynn Perry
Geethu Philip
Shalessa Lowe Pierce
Abigail Pioquinto
Nabin Poudel
Wanda Marie Powell
Retha D. Powers
Robert Joshua Pruitt
Whitney B. Quevedo
Sabrina G. Ramirez
Tierra L. Ransom
Praveen Rayapati
Creighton A. Rea
Ryan Reibly
Guadalupe Renteria-Vergara
Zachary Gamido Resurreccion
Michelle Reyes
Jadorian M. Richardson
Cheyenne R. Robbins
Craig Walker Robertson
Cassandra Rodriguez
Ceira D. Rodriguez

Heather Michele Rodriguez
Ruben Rodriguez Suarez
Joshua Grant Rogers
Nathan James Rogers
Elizabeth Ann Rose
Anna E. Ruiz
Macy N. Russell
Jacqueline Victoria Ryan
Soumya Swarup Sahoo
Diana V. Salazar
Chad Brandon Samsel
Daniel R. Sanchez
Andrew William Schmid
Ryan A. Schrick
Alan Wade Seder
Aaron D. Semple
Lucy Semple
Corey D. Shaffer
Ishita Sharma
Donald Rapheal Shelby III
Jacob A. Shelton
David L. Sherzer
Sarita Shrestha
Amber Ruthanne Simmons

Audrey Joan Simpson
Subroto Singha
Chelsea Elaine Slider
Morgan Kathryn Smart
Brianna Nicole Smith
Delvin Tremon Smith
Hannah Bridget Smith
Reginald J. Spencer
Jayla S. Starling
Joshua Todd Stewart
Samantha Joy Stewart
Roger Dean Strew
Harshavardhan Tadikonda
Ana Paola Tapia
Brian Earl Taylor
Jolie Anne Taylor
Sherrell M. Taylor
Stephanie Eleanor Taylor
Micheal Temal
Krysten Michelle Thomas
Dan Edward Tolbert
Alexander D. Tooke
Ashley M. Torres
Shireen G. Valliani

Curt Vandenberg
Samuel K. Vanderburg
Rama Krishna Reddy Vemireddy
Magali Verduzco Mendoza
Ashlee Taylor Vicari
Srinath Vijayan
Carol A. Vila
Sumith Voriganti
Andrew W. Wallace
Song Wang
Billie Lucille Watson
Kindell L. Weatherford
Chelsea Alyce Williams
Hailey D. Williams
Kemia C. Williams
Morgan Leigh Williams
Paul Ivory Williams
Trista Taylor Williams
Deandria L. Wilson
Derrick Thomas Withers
Benjamin Earl Wooten, Jr.
Prathima Yenumula
Stacey Amber Zodda



Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees Saturday, August 14, 2021

College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

Madison Abbott
Jacob W. Briscoe
Angelica M. Caldwell
Jieun Chau
Grace Victoria Clark

Erin E. Ditzes
Shaelee M. Fosher
Braden Scott Johnson
Aline Jocelyne Lavigne
Cecilia Teresa Maldonado

Margaret M. McCabe
Allison Lynn Morrow
Kynslee Nia Noriega
Micaylah D'Ann Rich
Ania Sakrisson

Tom F. Self, Jr.
Julianna M. Springer
Brittany A. Stover
Allison R. Wilkins
Anne-Marie Kennedy Winborn

College of Business

Alida Jennifer J. Abeke
Hannah Mackenzie Anderson
Enio Adan Arana
Jennifer Arangua Garza
Juan Armenta
Holly Margaret Barnett
Sadawee Basnet
Billy Dustin Bishop Antolick
Megan Nicole Bosley
Amanda P. Brem
Jennifer L. Brooke
Jamie Raneigh Broyles
Creighton O. Byrd
Asima Chauhan
Vikki Coronado
James Archie Damon
Logan R. Degarso
Nayely Delgado

Gregory Dunavant
Tiffany A. Dupuy
Garrett Carter Durham
MacQueen M. Effiong
Madison G. Freeman
Richard Allan Garrett
Kajol Ghosh
Rojit Giri
Natasha Desiree Hamm
Jasmyn Herman
Imelda Hernandez
Zachary Ryan Hilker
Lauren N. Hodges
Kathryn L. Honza
Cassie N. Huneycutt
Cody R. Hutchens
Camille Jones
Suvekshya Karki

Timothy L. Kastilahn
Amit Khadgi
Breeanna Kirk
Ryan Cordes Kral
Ruby Cenicerros Leyva
Jonathan William Luke
Marvin Antonio Martinez
Franklin Donnell McKinzie
Tommy J. Miller
Elizabeth Kaye Mock
Ortencia Montanez
Christa M. Moore
Joanna Macalalad Padilla
Diane Satter Perkins
Jacob D. Phillips
Jong Sik Pyun
Siham Said Said
Maritza Salas

Dawson Lane Sears
Jessica K. Spoonemore
Tamia M. Stoker
Jacob D. Stripland
Shezira Suell
Allison L. Talley
Even Tellez
Peyton Houston Lee Thorne
Nancy Truong Tran
Prashanna Man Tuladhar
Ashley Leann Turk
Annie R. White
Lyndon C. Williams
Chris Wogbeh
Kiara Zavala

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Jerrod Michael Ainsworth
 Samanta Marlen Allen
 Pamela Alonso
 Stacy J. Anderson
 Fafa Akua Apedo
 Frederick Ray Arenas*
 Daisy Aracely Arriaga
 Mehrdad Ira Asadi
 Briana Nicole Baker
 Tayjiana Denise Banks
 August D. Bolen
 Braelyn L. Bonner
 Mariann Elizabeth Ashraf Boulos
 Micah Garielle Bowman- Spears
 Alyssa N. Brimer
 Camila Rocha Brown
 Claire Marie Callagher ☉
 Sara Campos
 Christopher D. Charles, Jr.
 Nicole Lee Christensen
 Aunalisa Deannalyn Clemons
 Lillian Elizabeth Clemons
 Gary Cousins
 Claïresa A. Crawford-Morris
 Katie Odessa Cullum

Sophia Isabella Marie Culp
 Deagan Nicole Dingman
 Deandra S. Donald
 Sydnie Eryn Dooley
 Erica J. Dorsey
 Ricardo Julian Duran
 Justin Fairman
 Charles Faulks
 Chelsea Michelle Fellers
 Alexis Michelle Fisher
 Jasmyn Gaines
 Jose A. Gamez
 Troi D. Hall
 Kayleigh B. Harris
 Cameron Rose Hausler
 Kayla B. Hernandez
 Nicole Marie Hewett
 Alyssa P. Higdon
 Demarcus Aundray Hornsby
 KeAndré Nicholai Johnson
 Sydney Camille Johnson
 Pragya Joshi
 Alina Karki
 Ryan Shayne Kirkwood
 Lyndin L. Lee

Darius D. Leonard-Williams
 Candace Marie Linn
 Challenger A. Love
 Anissa Lizette Luna
 Leslie K. Mageto
 Viridiana Mancias
 Lisette Martinez
 Charisse Melissa Mason-Miles
 Rachel Nicole May
 Britney Renee McCombs
 Rachel D. McCoy
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Bachelor of Business Administration with Honors
Thesis: *The Collegiate Esports Frontier: An Investigation into Potential Student Engagement*
Department: Management & Economics
Advisor: Dr. Alex Williams

College of Education & Human Services

Claire M. Callagher

Bachelor of Science in Nursing with Highest Honors
Thesis: *An Exploration of Homeschooled Students' Motives for Applying to an Honors College*
Department: Nursing
Advisor: Dr. Melanie Fields

Sarah Nicole Palmitano

Bachelor of Science in Nursing with Highest Honors
Thesis: *Patient Perspectives: Study of Local Patients' Bias toward Racially-Diverse Nurse Practitioners*
Department: Nursing
Advisor: Dr. Carole McKenzie

College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts

Erick Morales Sartillo

Bachelor of Arts with Honors
Thesis: *Under the Shadow of an Avocado Tree*
Department: Literature & Languages
Advisor: Dr. Hunter Hayes

College of Science & Engineering

Ruth Ellyn Leach

Bachelor of Science with Honors
Thesis: *Understanding Four Dimensions Through a Maze Game*
Department: Computer Science & Information Systems
Advisor: Dr. Kent Montgomery

Jake E. Richter

Bachelor of Science with Highest Honors
Thesis: *Impacts of Solvent Choice on the Production of Spin Coated DNA Thin Films*
Department: Physics & Astronomy
Advisor: Dr. Heungman Park

Christian J. Matlock

Bachelor of Science with High Honors
Thesis: *A Friendship of Virtue: Abraham Lincoln and Joshua Speed*
Department: Mathematics
Advisor: Dr. Mark Menaldo



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The Academic Costume

Origins

The origins of academic dress date back to the 12th and 13th centuries when universities were taking form. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher was the dress of the cleric. Long gowns were worn and may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. Hoods seem to have served to cover the tonsured (shaved) head until superseded for that purpose by the skull cap.

In 14th century England, certain colleges prescribed the wearing of a long gown and forbade “excess” in apparel. In the days of Henry VIII, Oxford and Cambridge first began prescribing a definite academic dress and made it a matter of university control.

The assignment of colors to signify certain faculties was a later development, standardized in the United States in the 19th century. White, taken from the fur trimming of Oxford and Cambridge, was assigned to arts and letters. Red, one of the traditional colors of the church, went to theology. Green, the color of medieval herbs, was adopted for medicine. Golden yellow, symbolizing the wealth produced by scientific research, was assigned to the sciences.

Unlike European institutions, American colleges and universities opted for a definite system that all might follow. A commission from leading universities was established in 1893 to devise a suitable system of academic apparel. Meeting at Columbia University in 1895, the commission adopted a code of academic dress regulating the cut and style of the gowns and prescribing the colors which were to represent the different fields of learning.

Gowns

Academic gowns or robes in the U.S. usually have similar characteristics. The gown for the bachelor’s degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The master’s degree gown has a short, oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and may be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctor’s degree has bell-shaped sleeves and is usually worn closed.

With some exceptions gown are black and those for the bachelor’s and master’s degrees are untrimmed. For the doctor’s degree, the gown is paneled down the front with velvet and three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. These panels are crossbars may be black or in velvet of the color distinctive of the discipline to which the degree pertains.

Colors

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors’ gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, colors of some of the different disciplines are as follows: Arts, Letters, Humanities—White; Commerce, Accountancy, Business—Brown; Dentistry—Lavender; Education—Light Blue; Law—Purple; Music—Pink; Philosophy—Dark Blue; Science—Golden Yellow. The dark blue of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree is used to represent the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field and is not intended to represent the field of philosophy.

Hoods

All hoods are black and are rarely worn for the bachelor’s degree. Doctor’s degree hoods are slightly longer than those for master’s degrees and have panels at the sides. All hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. The binding or edging on hoods, wider on the doctor’s degree, is indicative of the subject to which the degree pertains.

Caps

Most academic caps are black and of a material matching the gown. For the doctor’s degree only, velvet may be worn. Traditionally, mortarboards have been standard academic regalia, although a soft cap resembling a beret may be worn. The tassel of the doctor’s cap is usually gold in color, while the bachelor’s and master’s are black. The tassel is fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap and lies as it will thereon. At most institutions, including Texas A&M University-Commerce, the tassel is worn on the left side.

