



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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COMMERCE

Summer 2022  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
Texas A&M University-Commerce

**GRADUATE CEREMONY**

Doctoral and Masters

**Friday, August 12, 2022**

4:00 p.m.

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**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 13, 2022**

9:30 a.m.

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Mario Hayek, Dean, College of Business  
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& Arts  
Yvonne Villanueva-Russell, Dean, College of Innovation & Design  
Brent Donham, Dean, College of Science and Engineering  
Ray Green, Dean, Honors College  
Lanee Dunlap, Dean of Libraries  
Julia Ballenger, Professor, Educational Leadership and President,  
Faculty Senate

### *Texas A&M University-Commerce Regents Professors:*

Augustine Arize, Professor of Economics & Finance  
Julia Ballenger, Professor of Educational Leadership  
Ben Jang, Professor of Chemistry  
Bao-An Li, Professor of Physics & Astronomy  
Srinivas Nippani, Professor of Economics & Finance  
Sang Suh, Professor of Computer Science  
Matt Wood, Professor of Physics and Astronomy

### *Name Announcers:*

Katie London, Alumna/Radio Announcer  
Ryan Fulkerson, KETR Show Host

### *Assisting with Names::*

Katrina Watkins, Senior Director, Student Success Teams  
Makayla Millbrook – Academic Advisor I, College of Business  
Kelley Wells, Administrative Assistant

### *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

### *Photography: Flash Photography*

### *Commencement Committee:*

Paige Bussell, Chair; Gary Coe, Ray Dittrich, Rhonda Ferguson,  
Robert Goodwin, Kimberly Green, Raymond Green, Russ Gregg,  
Mason Little, Robert McWhorter, Derryle Peace, Eddie Pinckard,  
Amy Sims, Bryan Vaughn, Katrina Watkins, Sharod Williams.



## Ceremonial Brass

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

**Trumpet**  
Robert Martinez  
Michael Mcwhorter  
Ridge Taylor  
Matt Johnson

**French Horn**  
Joshua Porras  
Hendrix Nunez Cruz

**Trombone**  
Nicholas Navarro  
Angela Stalcupi

**Tuba**  
John Mabry  
Louis Peak

# University Commencement

## Summer 2022

Processional .....	Ceremonial Brass
Welcome .....	Ms. Nechell Bonds Vice President for Enrollment Management
National Anthem .....	Audience Standing and Singing
Introduction of Speakers.....	Dr. Ricky Dobbs Associate Provost
Speaker for 4:00 p.m. Graduate Ceremony.....	Dr. Jamie Wilson Superintendent, Denton ISD
Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees: The Graduate School .....	Dr. Jennifer Schroeder Dean of the Graduate School
Speaker for 9:30 a.m. Undergraduate Ceremony:.....	Ms. Tana Castellanos Nursing Student
Presentation of Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees on behalf of the deans for the following Colleges/Schools:.....	Dr. Ricky Dobbs Associate Provost
College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources .....	Dr. Randy Harp Dean
College of Business.....	Dr. Mario Hayek 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
College of Education & Human Services .....	Dr. Kimberly McLeod Dean
Awarding of Degrees .....	Dean of Respective College/School
“Alma Mater”.....	Audience Standing and Singing
Recessional .....	Ceremonial Brass



# University Leadership

## **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 \$7.2 billion. Enrollment at the A&M System's 11 universities and health science center has grown to more than 152,000, 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.



## **Mark Rudin, Ph.D. 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 twelve-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



## **Jamie Wilson, Ph.D. Superintendent, Denton ISD**

Dr. Jamie Wilson enters his 31st year of service in public school education with 17 years of service in Denton ISD. Named superintendent of schools for the district in July 2012, Dr. Wilson's life-long ties to the Denton community positioned him to become the leader of the school system.

Dr. Wilson has built an impeccable reputation throughout the state of Texas for his public education advocacy, growth management, and instructional innovation.

During Dr. Wilson's tenure, the district has experienced accelerated growth building six secondary campuses and nine elementary schools, with 12 of those schools opening in just the past eleven years.

Dr. Wilson has received numerous accolades and recognition for his leadership. He was the only superintendent from Texas to be named to the "Top 25 Superintendents to Watch" list by the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) in 2016.

In 2017, he was named "Tech-Savvy Superintendent" by the Texas K12 CTO Council for promoting and supporting innovative uses of technology in Denton ISD.

In 2020, Dr. Wilson was named Region 11's Superintendent of the Year and one of five finalists for the Superintendent of the Year award for the State of Texas.

Dr. Wilson received his bachelor's and master's degree from the University of North Texas and earned his superintendency certification from Texas Woman's University.

He is married to a former educator, Melanie Pettit Wilson. They have two daughters, Makenzie and Macie. Makenzie is currently a third-grade teacher in Lewisville ISD, and Macie is a recent graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

# Commencement Speaker



## **Tana Castellanos Nursing Student**

Tana Castellanos was born in Mount Pleasant, Texas, to Darien and Teresa Wooten, and was raised in Pittsburg, Texas. She is married to Sebastian Castellanos. Tana was president of the student council at Pittsburg High School and graduated with a 4.0 GPA. While at Texas A&M University-Commerce, Tana held the position of President of the Fellowship of Christian Student Nurses and served as a member of the Student Nurses Association and Sigma Theta Tau. She is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree with a 4.0 gpa. Tana has a passion for nursing and a heart for ensuring that others feel loved and cared for. She plans to begin her career at Texas Health Presbyterian Dallas on the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit this Fall.

# Candidates for Graduate Degrees

## Doctoral Degrees - Friday, August 12, 2022

### **Batiste, Nona Marie, EdD**

BS, Southern University and A&M College, 1971  
MST, Loyola University, 1990

Dissertation: *Museum Curriculum: Exploring Museums Via Eisner's Educational Connoisseurship and Critical Analysis*

Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction

Major Advisor: Dr. Sherri Colby

### **Cox, Jennifer Leann Skala, EdD**

BA, California State University, 1992  
MA, California State University, 1996

Dissertation: *Experiences and Perceptions of Directors of Special Education with Due Process Hearings and the Impact on Special Education Programs in California*

Major: Educational Administration

Major Advisor: Dr. Ray Thompson

### **Fluellen, Lisha, EdD**

BS, The University of Texas at Tyler, 1993  
MEd, Stephen F. Austin University, 2004

Dissertation: *Comparison of First Year Elementary Teachers' and Principals' Ratings of Teacher Education Program Effectiveness*

Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction

Major Advisor: Dr. David Brown

### **Haynes, Litisha C., EdD**

BA, The University of Texas at Tyler, 2003  
MEd, Lamar University, 2009

Dissertation: *The Impact of Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) on Retention Rates During the Ninth-Grade Transition Year*

Major: Educational Administration

Major Advisor: Dr. Danna Beaty-Boudreaux

### **Hueter, Charlotte Belonie, EdD**

BS, Texas A&M University-Texarkana, 1985  
MEd, Texas A&M University-Texarkana, 1986

Dissertation: *Teachers' Perspectives on a Constructivist Paradigm and Their Use of Constructivist Strategies in the Classroom*

Major: Educational Administration

Major Advisor: Dr. Danna Beaty-Boudreaux

### **Johnson, Deon Rea'Shun, EdD**

BA, Lane College, 2012  
MS, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2015

Dissertation: *Not in This House: How Perceptions of Masculinity Affect the Marginalization of Same-Gender-Loving Members in Black Greek-Letter Fraternities*

Major: Higher Education

Major Advisor: Dr. Dimitra Smith

### **Johnson, Stacey Lynne, EdD**

BS, Southwestern Assemblies of God University, 2000  
MA, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2006

Dissertation: *One Size Does Not Fit All: The Lived Experiences of Teachers and Professional Learning Facilitators in Online Learning*

Major: Educational Administration

Major Advisor: Dr. Julia Ballenger

### **Kinsey, Loni Cluck, PhD**

BA, The University of Texas at Tyler, 2003  
MA, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2017

Dissertation: *Illusions, Myths, and Great Divides: Representations of Literacy Narratives*

Major: English

Major Advisor: Dr. Shannon Carter

### **Mayo, Erin Kerry, EdD**

BS, University of Houston Clear Lake, 1999  
MEd, Lamar University, 2010

Dissertation: *Exploring Experiences of Teachers With Implementing Standards-Based Grading Practices in Public Schools: A Narrative Inquiry Qualitative Study*

Major: Educational Administration

Major Advisor: Dr. Ray Thompson

### **Pittman, Felecia Racquel Rabb, EdD**

BS, Grambling State University, 1994  
MEd, Lamar University, 2009

Dissertation: *A Narrative Inquiry Into Teacher Perceptions of Factors Impacting STEM Persistence in African American Female High School Students in a Texas STEM Academy*

Major: Educational Administration

Major Advisor: Dr. Melissa Arrambide

### **Riggs, Alexia Kaye, EdD**

BS, Howard Payne University, 2002  
MDiv, Hardin Simmons University, 2007  
MLS, University of North Texas, 2009

Dissertation: *Collaborative Relationships: Effective Partnerships Between Librarians, Student Affairs, and Faculty*

Major: Higher Education

Major Advisor: Dr. Seung Won Yoon

### **Roden, Tracey Rene', EdD**

BA, Louisiana State University, 1993  
MEd, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2004

Dissertation: *Connecting Learning Sciences and Early Learning Outcomes: A Content Analysis of Preschool Early Literacy Apps*

Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction

Major Advisor: Dr. David Brown

### **Salinas, Brenda González, EdD**

BS, University of Houston, 1998  
MS, University of Houston, 2005

Dissertation: *Targeting Professional Development Practices of Second Grade Bilingual Teachers in a Transitional/Early Exit Program in a Texas School District*

Major: Educational Administration

Major Advisor: Dr. Ava Muñoz

### **Sellers, James Lewis, EdD**

BA, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1989  
MEd, Lamar University, 2010

Dissertation: *An Exploration of the Impact of Four Years of District-Funded PSAT/SAT Administrations on Hispanic and Non-Hispanic Students in a North Texas School District*

Major: Educational Administration

Major Advisor: Dr. Danna Beaty-Boudreaux

### **Silveus, Sarah A., PhD**

BA, Texas State University, 2013  
MS, University of North Texas, 2018

Dissertation: *The Relationship Between Racial Discrimination and Impostor Feelings: A Moderation Analysis*

Major: Counselor Education and Supervision

Major Advisor: Dr. Erika Schmit

### **Simmons, Jordan, EdD**

BA, Baylor University, 2007  
MS, Baylor University, 2008

Dissertation: *The Lived Experiences of Novice Teachers Who Chose to Return to Their Middle School for Their Second Year During COVID-19 Pandemic*

Major: Educational Administration

Major Advisor: Dr. Teresa Farler

### **Oliveira, Joy Teles, PhD**

BA, Dallas Baptist University, 2015  
MA, Dallas Baptist University, 2017

Dissertation: *Cultural Reflexivity in Counselor Professional Identity Development of International Doctoral Students*

Major: Counselor Education and Supervision

Major Advisor: Dr. Edith Gonzalez



# Specialist in School Psychology - Friday, August 12, 2022

Elizabeth Marshall Friski



## Master Degrees - Friday, August 12, 2022

Tara Leeann Abell  
 Susan A. Addie  
 Gladis Lastenia Ahmad  
 Shaista S. Ahmad  
 Justin Andrew Allston  
 Alexia Genelle Alvarado-Dimas  
 Qarahn Hakim Anbiya  
 Tyree Anderson  
 Diana Marjorie May Appleton  
 Mason Ray Arevalo  
 Makayla K. Arnold  
 Jessica L. Arteaga  
 Johnathan M. Ashe-Harper  
 Kourtney Bria Bailey  
 Pavan Kumar Balijepalli  
 Eric L. Ballweg  
 Marlynn Beth Banks  
 Myah Renee Barrett  
 Memunatu Fatmata Binta Barrie  
 Larissa Bedji  
 Neema Behbahani  
 Sai Sandeep Bejjanki  
 Corey Allen Bermudez  
 Dhruv Jigar Bhatt  
 Cindy R. Bigfeather  
 Rosa M. Blake  
 Alyssa Belle Blakey  
 Whitney Elyse Blount  
 Cassandra Lynn Boudreaux-Stephens  
 James Clayton Bounds  
 Mary Bowman  
 Selena R. Boyce  
 Michael Samuel Kelly Branan  
 Zantrell Brown  
 Kelsey Marie Brown  
 Tricia Renee Burns  
 Megan C. Butz  
 Jessica D. Byboth  
 Deana Lynn Caffey  
 Dinnie R. Calhoun  
 Lazaro R. Camarillo  
 Brandon A. Campbell  
 Olivia P. Carlile  
 Juan Francisco Carrillo  
 Taonea K. Carter  
 Rosalinda Castro  
 Kayla Marie Cates  
 Akhila Sri Sai Harani Chebolu  
 Angelia Blaine Cherry  
 Prahasith Reddy Cheruku  
 Mohan Krishna Reddy Chukkaluru  
 Brittany D. Contreras  
 Sharon R. Crumblin  
 Shannon R. Crye  
 Kasey Lee Curtin  
 Stacy A. Davis  
 Madison Nicole Denham  
 Rachael Alyss Denkins  
 Zahui Ivan Jordan Derbe  
 Natalie G. Devries  
 Zachary Daniel Dickey  
 Raymond Allen Dittrich  
 Ricky Dixon  
 Sri Surya Donthineni  
 Amanda R. Dungan  
 Brigitte D. Durham  
 Blair Brooks Dyson  
 Vanessa Joy Eichler  
 Megan J. Faris  
 Yvonne M. Feltman  
 Ashley Fisher  
 Corinne Lorraine Kastner Fitzsimmons  
 Henry J. Flowers

Jamie Nicole Floyd  
 Amarachi Stephanie Forster-Ihejiofor  
 Denecia Na'Shea Franklin  
 VonShea Eleece Freeman  
 Jaclyn Patrice Freeman  
 Kara Freeman  
 Eduardo Enrique Garcia  
 Monica Garcia  
 Christopher Garcia  
 Rhoda Ann Garza  
 Cassandra Lynn Gibson  
 Ivette Godoy  
 Nicole Gonelli  
 Cindy Jasmine Gonzalez  
 Lisa Tanner Grelle  
 Mary Lynne Gubichuk  
 Srikanth Gudimella  
 Laura A. Gunsell  
 Mitchell Ryan Haecker  
 Demarcus Hall  
 Deandra A. Haltom  
 David R. Hansen  
 Betheny L. Hargrove  
 Juna Hasa  
 Latasha Latryce Hawkins  
 Mikaela Heggenstaller  
 Stacy Michelle Henderson  
 Mark Henderson  
 Julie Nicole Hensley  
 Aleisha J. Hernandez  
 Allen Eugene Hillegas  
 Brittany Hiller  
 Chelsea Elizabeth Hogue  
 Nathaniel C. Holt  
 Ethan Thomas Hoover  
 Shelby Lynn Hornsby  
 Heidi E. Horton  
 Zitong Huang  
 John Conner Hunt  
 Angela S. Hunter  
 Jessica C. Isaac  
 Ashlee Jean Isenburg  
 Safaa A. Ismail  
 Gwendolyn Scharlene Jackson  
 Justin James  
 Megan Bryce James  
 Crystal Marie Jasper  
 Marlen Jauregui  
 Kelly Michelle Jennings  
 LaTasha Dionne Johnson  
 Jasmine Renee Johnson  
 Jarred C. Jones  
 Aaron M. Jones  
 Christopher Devon Jones  
 Frederick E. Jordan  
 Yves-Bernard Kacou  
 Oksana V. Kalashnik  
 Steven M. Kalich  
 Sravani Kaviti  
 Ihtesham A. Khan  
 Imran A. Khan  
 Mahnoor Khan  
 Kelsie A. Kharel  
 Yoona Kim  
 Deborah S. King  
 Kwishwazean T. Kirby  
 Kelsey M. Knippa  
 Alicia Michelle Kope  
 Ryan Cordes Kral  
 Kumar Kulala  
 Kimberly Diane Larson  
 Jennifer R. Larue  
 Ryan Joseph Lawlor

Brett M. Leasure  
 Claudia U. LeNoir  
 Meagan F. Lenz  
 Pierre J. Leonard  
 Brandon Marcell Lewis  
 James P. Lincicome  
 Daniel Lopez  
 Jill Hays Ludington  
 Frances Virginia Luse  
 Pradeep Malisetty  
 Robert Stephen Mallett  
 Barsha Manandhar  
 Marzia Hussaini Mariwala  
 Adam Paul Markley  
 Selynthia C. Martin  
 Antonia Martinez  
 Keylon Mathis  
 Katherine E. McCoy  
 LeRoy McNac III  
 Farnaz Memarzadeh  
 Ashley Nicole Mihelich  
 Lauren M. Milam  
 Angela R. Miles-Rodriguez  
 Chase Austin Miller  
 Collin W. Miller  
 Jamie Lynn Millican  
 Jenelle Million  
 Arifuddin Mohammad  
 Zaheeruddin Mohammed  
 Junaid Ahmed Khan Mohammed  
 Adrianna E. Molina Roman  
 Luz Elena Morales  
 Nelly M. Morales-Padilla  
 Courtney M. Morrison  
 Kelsie Nicole Moser  
 Alice Ann Moyal  
 Jeri J. Murdock  
 Kediejah Anntre Murphy  
 Kayla Brooke Naron  
 Harsha Vardhan Natarajan Hariram  
 Jessica N. Nelson  
 Destynie G. Nevil  
 Tamesha D. Nickles  
 Pilar D. Nila  
 Ali M. Noel  
 Steve Alfred Ntsafack Talek  
 Francine N. Nurse  
 Victoria Marie Ochoa  
 Chike John Odili  
 Kaylie Dawn O'Donnal  
 Chase A. Owen  
 Madeline Jayne Owens  
 Heather M. Parajara  
 Abigail Deborah Parmer  
 Justin Devon Parmer  
 Diane Carol Parris  
 Nastazia D. Patterson  
 Lauren Elizabeth Paz  
 Kenneth Dane Peagler  
 Heidi N. Penate  
 Kamilah A. Perkins  
 Ariell Haseena Peters  
 Jared Edward Pomponio  
 Jennifer N. Porter Jones  
 Chad Montgomery Powell  
 Jennifer M. Preston  
 Robert Joshua Pruitt  
 LaDonna R. Pybus  
 Carlos G. Ramirez, Jr.  
 Omar Ramirez  
 Kiran F. Ranmal  
 Brian M. Ratzler  
 Matthew A. Renner

Clara Alison Whitten Rians  
 John E. Richerson  
 Raul Abraham Rivera  
 Haley Alexis Robertson  
 Bettsey Jane Robertson  
 Ramsey Alexander Robinson  
 Clare Roca  
 Elizabeth Sarah Rodriguez  
 Michael Xavier Ross  
 Keri Rene Rowback  
 Eniscia Rose Ruff  
 Courtney Rushing  
 Julie M. Ryan  
 Karthik Sadineni  
 Elizabeth Anne Sanchez  
 Caryn R. Sanders  
 Katherine I. Sawyer  
 Caitlynn Arianna Scott  
 Keely Benet Scotow  
 Darnisha Lynette Sheffield  
 Tracy R. Sibole  
 Juan D. Silva  
 Quinn D. Simmons  
 Lawrence John Simon  
 Meredith Grace Slayter  
 Lacey Nicole Smith  
 Kelley Leann Smith  
 April Michelle Smith  
 Christopher Michael Smith  
 Teressia A. Smith  
 Kristi Kay Stevens  
 Ashley Michelle Stilwell  
 Sunnee Venkata Chaitanya  
 Subramaneswara Yadav Dokku  
 Chrystian O. Suchini  
 Andrew D. Tausch  
 Audrey Lucretia Terrell  
 Chantan Reddy Thatiparthi  
 Dylan Robert Theiss  
 Robin Christine Tipton  
 Rachael A. Turner  
 Alexi Beck Upton  
 Elizabeth Valdelamar  
 Adela Beltran Valdez  
 Brandi Nicole Van Huss  
 Shelby P. Vandeventer  
 Naydah E. Vasquez  
 Priscilla Vela  
 Eric Roman Venegas  
 Miranda Elaine Villanueva  
 Carey Denise Wade  
 Anne Braczyk Mckinney Wang  
 Ashley R. Washburn  
 Brooke Lauren Watts  
 Sara E. Webb  
 Mary Susan West  
 Natalie Elizabeth White  
 Stephen C. Whitfield  
 Velma Joseph William  
 Jemal London Williams  
 Aria Janaye Williams  
 Russell O. Williams  
 Robert Quincy Willis  
 Raquel Wooton  
 Allison Morris Wright  
 Prudhvi Yalamanchili  
 Ty Colton Young  
 Wendy Zamzow  
 Peizhi Zhu  
 Zeemal Zubair





# Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

## Saturday, August 13, 2022

### College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

Brittney Leann Aldaco  
 Maria Guadalupe Ayala  
 MaKayla Lee Bain  
 Fredrick M. Crump  
 Presli Jade Cummings  
 Madison M. Deardorf

Brittney L. Garrett  
 Taylor Nicole Gibson  
 Jorge Gutierrez  
 Aujarai Venice Ivy  
 Courtney Ann Lemmon  
 Alicia Gabriella Moreno

Jada F. Muller  
 Stewart Thomas Norment  
 Cyai J. Ramirez  
 Dane R. Reed  
 Richard Lee Romans  
 Savannah Emily Seeley

Tyler Mark Shockley  
 Israel Thompson  
 Christopher Tyler Trichell  
 Breanna Michelle White  
 Matthew C. Wilcox  
 A'Niya Nicole Wyatt

### College of Business

Nabilah Hasan Al Najjar  
 Amir Hossein Bakhshi Moakher  
 Carson Lane Bridges  
 Matthew Scott Calhoun  
 Dawson Wayne Cassidy  
 Francisco Josue Cerrito  
 Jorge Armando Chavez, Jr.  
 Judy C. Chemirmir  
 Amber Pearl Childress  
 Victoria Dawn Childress  
 David G. Choice  
 Cody L. Clark  
 Jaelyn Monee Cooper

Stephanie Renee Davis  
 Lindsey Renea Dodson  
 Lauren E. Eaton  
 Dreylund Pierre Edwards  
 Jessika A. Esparza  
 Manuel Antonio Garcia Landa  
 Sherri A. Gaston  
 Hyung Wan Ha  
 Jacob D. Harris  
 Dakari Hill  
 Angel Paige Hogg  
 Jaxon T. Holloman  
 Alexis Rae' Johnson

Mazie Pascal Jones  
 Shenya Nell Jordan  
 Kyle Allen Kalisky  
 Tiffany Elayne Kvale  
 Jeremy Martin Lamb  
 Kaylyn Nichole Leber  
 Kindra Lashay McCleary  
 Chase Alan McDonald  
 Lloyd McFarland  
 Mckenzie Gaylene Murphy  
 Jonathan David Myers  
 Huy Nguyen  
 Kersti Marguerite Noetzel

Anastasios Konstantinos Pappous  
 Shannon L. Peavy  
 Kevin Ryan Peters  
 Katelynn Nicole Phillips  
 Christie Sue Roberson  
 Amanda Rae Rodgers  
 Julie Christine Smith  
 Jo Vin Tan  
 Sheniqua D. Thomas  
 Nicolas A. Threndyle  
 Maria Kristina Villanueva  
 Craig C. Wallace  
 Azalea L. Walton

### College of Education & Human Services

Monica Renay Abercumbia  
 Sasso Lysette D'Alan Abey  
 Hariette Akyempong  
 Juliana Katherine Kaden Andre' \*  
 Steven C. Barton  
 Sarah Elizabeth Bell  
 Stacey Beon  
 Cheramlak Asfaw Biza  
 Sarmila Budhathoki  
 Isaiah Cade  
 Mariela Canada  
 Tana Marie Castellanos  
 Robert K. Castile  
 Jennifer Lyn Charles  
 Mya La'Shae Cherry  
 Kala Michelle Clouse  
 Mariana Yvette Conde  
 Joseph Benjamin Cordova  
 Talya Y. Dawkins  
 Valeria De Jesus Deanda  
 Andrea N. Del Castillo  
 Hannah Grace Dixon  
 Ayana Jewel Edwards

Austin T. Egolf  
 Payton Lynn Eppler  
 Olusola Fabumuyi  
 Kenzie Marie Farquhar  
 Aron M. Fisher  
 Dajuan Rechae Gibbs  
 A'Leeah D. Gordon  
 Alexis N. Green  
 Kerrion L. Hadnot  
 Camron Martel Haley  
 La Joyce Jamae Harper  
 Sandra R. Hickman  
 Sierra Marie Huffman  
 Taye Damilola Itiola  
 Callyce Kashun Jarrett  
 Batol Johar  
 Leah R. Johnson  
 Rachel Rose Johnson  
 Summer Gine Jones  
 Aaishma KC  
 John C. Koonce  
 Allison Elise Laramore  
 Presley Lyle Lisner

Elise Nicole Lively  
 Jadelyn Elleze Marish  
 MaKayla Antonette Martin  
 Allyson Marie Mauldin  
 Karsen L. McClain  
 Ashley L. McGuire  
 Edith Thalia Medrano  
 Raquel Amparo Medrano-Palacios  
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## Global Scholars

The Global Scholar program creates an opportunity for students to become better prepared for engaging in a highly interconnected world. Students awarded this distinction and recognition exhibited a high-level of involvement in specialized instruction and experiences, such as global events and travel.



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# Summer 2022 Honors Graduates

## College of Education & Human Services

### **Raquel Amparo Medrano-Palacios**

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
*Exploring the Relationship between Professor-Student  
Interactions and Student's Self Perception in a University  
Theater Program*

Department: Psychology and Special Education  
Advisor: Dr. Marta Mercado-Sierra

## College of Science & Engineering

### **Caleb A. Otte**

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
*What is Human Nature? An Analysis of Two Creation Stories:  
Genesis 2,3 and Plato's Symposium*

Department: Electrical Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Mark Menaldo



# Academic Distinction

Summa Cum Laude—3.90-4.00 Magna Cum Laude—3.70-3.89 Cum Laude—3.50-3.69  
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