



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

COMMERCE

Summer 2023
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Texas A&M University-Commerce

GRADUATE CEREMONY

Doctoral and Masters

Friday, August 11, 2023

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 12, 2023

9:00 a.m.

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David Scott, Associate Dean, College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts
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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

Texas A&M University-Commerce Mayo Professors:

David Brown, Professor of Early Childhood Education
Allan Headley, Professor of Chemistry
Robert Williams, Professor of Agricultural Sciences

Name Announcers:

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

Assisting with Names::

Ancy Thomas, Administrative Associate III
Amada Almanza, Academic Advisor II

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Commencement Committee:

Paige Bussell, Chair; Amy Barrow, Ray Dittrich, Rhonda Ferguson, Robert Goodwin, Russ Gregg, Mason Little, Robert McWhorter, Eddie Pinckard, Amy Sims, Bryan Vaughn, Steve Schaak, Katrina Watkins, Theresa Glover

University Commencement

Summer 2023

Processional

Welcome Dr. Mark Rudin
President

National AnthemAudience Standing and Singing

A&M System Greetings and Authorization to Confer Degrees..... Mr. Laylan Copelin
Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Communications, The Texas A&M University System

Introduction of Speakers.....Dr. Ricky Dobbs
Senior Vice Provost

Speaker for 4:00 p.m. Graduate Ceremony..... Emily Glass
Alumna and Director of Compliance, Centennial Bank

Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees:

The Graduate School Dr. Jennifer Schroeder
Dean of the Graduate School

Speaker for 9:00 a.m. Undergraduate Ceremony:..... Michael Franklin
Command Sergeant Major, Retired

Presentation of Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees on behalf
of the deans for the following Colleges/Schools:.....Dr. Ricky Dobbs

College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources Dr. Randy Harp
Dean

College of Business..... Mr. Scott Wheeler
Interim Dean

College of Education & Human Services Dr. Raymond Green
Dean

College of Humanities, Social Sciences & ArtsDr. David Scott
Associate Dean

College of Innovation & Design..... Dr. Yvonne Villanueva-Russell
Dean

College of Science & EngineeringDr. Andrea Graham
Dean

Awarding of DegreesDean of Respective College/School

“Alma Mater”.....Audience Standing and Singing

Recessional



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 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.



Graduate Commencement Speaker

Emily Glass

Director of Compliance, Centennial Bank

Emily Glass serves as director of compliance for a major bank and owns Etiquette with Emily, a business that teaches etiquette classes to children and adults. A third-generation Lion, Emily earned her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Economics from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

As a student, Emily interned for former Texas State Senator Bob Deuell, which piqued her interest in politics. Texas Governor Greg Abbott appointed Emily to the Sulphur River Basin Authority Board of Directors in 2021 for a term that extends through 2027. In February 2023, she was invited by the Texas Fair Lending Alliance to speak to elected officials at the State Capitol.

An active member of the Sulphur Springs community, Emily is president of Hopkins County United Way; president of the A&M-Commerce Alumni Association for Hopkins County; president of PACE, a parent-teacher organization for gifted and talented students in Sulphur Springs ISD; current treasurer and past president of Dial Study Club; and finance chair for Wesley United Methodist Church. She previously served as a Sulphur Springs City Council member, city mayor and board member for the Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce.

Emily met her husband, Garrett, when they were undergrads at A&M-Commerce. The couple and their three children, Katherine, Grant and Connor, make their home in Sulphur Springs.



Undergraduate Commencement Speaker

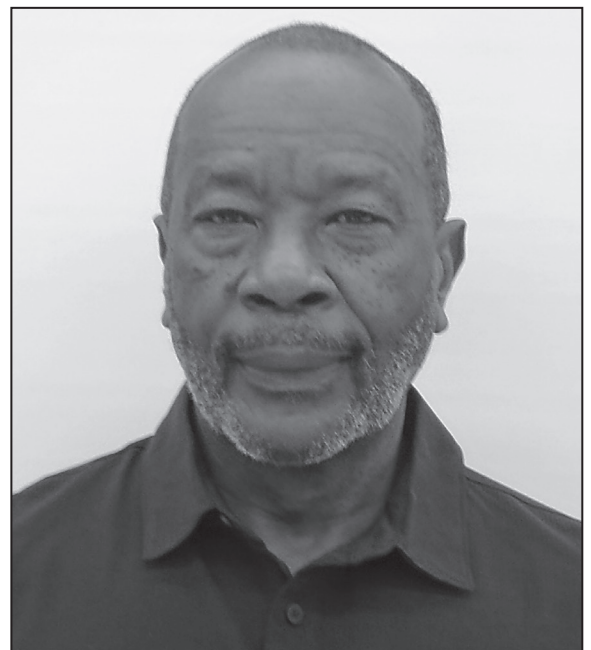
Michael Franklin

Command Sergeant Major, Retired

Sergeant Major Michael Franklin retired from the United States Army in May 2001 after more than 26 years of service, and in 1994, he earned an Associate in Technology degree from Pierce College in Tacoma, Washington. Beginning in 1976, he directed diverse teams as a young sergeant and servant leader. From 1984 to 1995, he led numerous companies of soldiers as a senior drill sergeant and first sergeant. From 1995 to 1999, he led a battalion of 900 soldiers as the command sergeant major and senior non-commissioned officer (NCO) of the Patriot Air Defense Artillery Battalion. He concurrently deployed task forces to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Germany, followed by Turkey, Israel, and Greece.

A distinguished military leader, Franklin worked with the soldiers assigned to his units to increase their job proficiencies and occupational specialties. His work included leadership development, suicide prevention, career mapping processes, and procedure evaluation as a safety NCO and quality control mentor. When Franklin returned to the U.S. in 1999, he served as the command sergeant major of officer training at Fort Bliss, Texas. In that role, he prepared Air Defense Artillery lieutenants for command units.

After retiring in 2001, Franklin continued answering the call to serve until 2020 by instructing Junior ROTC cadets (grades 9-12) in Plano ISD. His students consistently maintained the "Honor Unit with Distinction" title and ranked within the top 5% of units worldwide. His cadets also secured numerous scholarships and are on record in the U.S. House of Representatives for earning third place in the JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl.



Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Doctoral Degrees - Friday, August 11, 2023

Balali, Sarvenaz, PhD

BA, Islamic Azad University, 2005
MA, Payam Noor University, 2011
Dissertation: *A Narrative Inquiry into Cultural Discontinuity: The Case of Iranian Students in the United States*
Major: English
Major Advisor: Dr. Christian Hempelmann

Camposeco-Bustamante, Jesus Junior, EdD

BS, Texas Woman's University, 2004
MS, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2009
Dissertation: *Investigating the Characteristics of Grades K-3 Teachers Resistant to Literacy Coaching Support*
Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction
Major Advisor: Dr. David Brown

Critton, Sarah C., EdD

BS, University of North Texas, 2008
MEd, The University of Texas at Arlington, 2014
Dissertation: *An Exploration of Teachers' Experiences with the Teacher Incentive Allotment Program and Their Motivation to Stay at High-Needs Schools*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Teresa Farler

Franco, Maria, EdD

BA, The University of Texas at Austin, 2006
MEd, The University of Texas at Arlington, 2012
Dissertation: *Principal Perceptions of Dual Language Programs*
Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction
Major Advisor: Dr. Juan Araujo

Hamilton, Rina, EdD

BS, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, 2007
MEd, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2010
Dissertation: *A Narrative Inquiry into the Lived Experiences of Resilience in African American Secondary Male Teachers on Predominantly White Campuses*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Julia Ballenger

Healey, Jolee, EdD

BS, Texas A&M University, 1992
MEd, Texas Woman's University, 1997
Dissertation: *School Turnaround: Student Achievement Sustainability*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Melissa Arrambide

Jambon, Mignon Mulvey, PhD

BA, University of North Texas, 2002
MA, Nichols State University, 2007
Dissertation: *Examining Targeted Factors That Influence High Conflict Divorce Parenting Behaviors for Future Interventions*
Major: Counselor Education and Supervision
Major Advisor: Dr. Ajitha Kumaran

Kimbriel, Janet M., EdD

BS, State University of New York, 1997
MA, San Diego State University, 2006
Dissertation: *Improving Coaching Skills of University Supervisors to Support Pre-Service Teacher Candidates Through Performance Assessments*
Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction
Major Advisor: Dr. Kathryn Dixon

Louis, Marcia M., PhD

BS, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2008
MA, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, 2012
MS, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2021
Dissertation: *An Investigation of Transition Programs Relations Between Self-Efficacy and Sense of Belonging at a Southwestern Regional University*
Major: Educational Psychology
Major Advisor: Dr. DeMarquis Hayes

Lowman, Karen Marie, EdD

BMed, University of Kansas, 1980
BMed, University of Kansas, 1981
MEd, University of North Texas, 1992
MEd, The University of Texas at Arlington, 2005
Dissertation: *An Interpretive Qualitative Study Exploring the Perceptions of Elementary Music Teachers on Long-Term, Campus-Wide Professional Development*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Julia Ballenger

Mountain, Jennafer Paige, PhD

BA, Texas Tech University, 2006
MA, Dallas Baptist University, 2010
Dissertation: *The Relationship Between Pelvic Floor Dysfunction, Female Sexual Dysfunction, and a History of Childhood Sexual Abuse*
Major: Counselor Education and Supervision
Major Advisor: Dr. LaVelle Hendricks

Stewart, Vicki M., EdD

BS, Jacksonville State University, 1983
MS, Alabama State University, 2000
Dissertation: *Effects of Transformative Sustainability Education in Accounting on Male and Female Students' Attitudes Toward Sustainable Development*
Major: Higher Education
Major Advisor: Dr. Kibum Kwon

Stillwell, Sarah, PhD

BA, University of North Texas, 2012
MS, Southern Methodist University, 2017
Dissertation: *The Necessity for Affirmative Therapy Training: Initial Development and Validation of the Stillwell Affirmative Counseling Competency Scale (SACCS)*
Major: Counselor Education and Supervision
Major Advisor: Dr. LaVelle Hendricks

Trejo, Shannon Lee Jagers, EdD

BS, The University of Texas at Austin, 1994
MEd, The University of Texas at Arlington, 2000
Dissertation: *The Impact of Texas Reading Academy Training on Reading Scores for African American and Emergent Bilingual Elementary Students in a North Texas School District*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Teresa Farler

Valentin-Rosas, Yashira M., EdD

BBA, Universidad De Puerto Rico En Aguadilla, 2012
MA, Universidad Internamericana De Puerto Rico, 2017
Dissertation: *A Descriptive Study of Individual-Level Factors that Influence Secondary Content Teacher Language Ideologies*
Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction
Major Advisor: Dr. Sarah Guthery



Master Degrees - Friday, August 11, 2023

Shiva Teja Adla	Forrest Freeman Ferrell	Mohammad H. Kordwaly	William Steven Robinson II
Maulik Agarwal	Kimberly Ann Finke	Goutham Kosaraju	William Fain Roby
Suraj Agrahari	Brittany Nicole Fisk	Sathvika Kota	Itzel J. Rodriguez
Ala' Mohammad Ahmad	Hannah Rae Fitch	Shambhu Kunwar	Jessica L. Romero
Afzal Uddin Ahmed	Christopher Jon Fleming	Chelsea Lauren Lane	Logan C. Roper
Jazmin Aleman	Jonathan Andrew Flores	Sarah Langley	Andrea Cristina Ruales
Hussain Ali	Andrea Jade Folzman	Allen Franklin Lawrence II	Ashton Blake Russell
Lora Leann Alomari	Lynntavia T. Fountain	Kevinalan J LeDee	Chauntae' R. Russell
Mohammad Ahmed Maher Amro	Mariah Suzanne Fredregill	Oshuan D. Lewis-Phillips	Gungor Sahin
Sydney Andrews	Minnie Fehr Froese	Mary Nichole Limon	Patricia Salazar
Samir Ahmed Ansari	Danielle Gaines	Alecsander Raul Lopez	Vidal De Chantal Salazar
Madia Nicole Arredondo	Suraj Gantyalala	Maria R. Lopez	Victoria A. Sanchez
Reza Ataiy	Elda M. Garcia	Moniquia Lyons	Sheila Daneille Sapp
Revathi Ayyaswami	Cortney J. Garland	Eric LaTrelle Mamon	Benjamin C. Schulteis
Trevor J. Banks	Raquel C. Garza	Britni Marshall	Tahsin Shahnewaz
Abdullah Abdul Bari	Vaishali Gattle	Annalisa Masch	Tahirr Shaik
Minako Bass	John Wayne Geyer, Jr.	Jeslyn Mayalil Matthew	Starla Sharpe
Brittany Dominique Bates	Venu Gopala Krishna Gieraboni	Justin Mathews Mayalil	Xingguang She
Hillary Becerra	Christopher N. Gillespie	Megan A. McBay	Tasnem Zeyad Ass'Ad Sheikh Hasan
Jessica L. Bednar	Elisha D. Gilley	Bryce R. McKee	Megan Nicole Shelton
Abhinav Reddy Beeravolu	Lauren Goff	Carlos Mejia	Kimberly Lauren Siebert
April Nicole Bell	Delma M. Gomez	Caylin Menard	Megan L. Simison
Murtaza Biscuitwala	Susie Keila Gomez	Jason M. Mendoza	Misty D. Simpson
Michael L. Bortz	Katerine P. Gonzales	Christie Mignon Milam	Nisreen Singharaj
Ryan Gunnar Boyle	Megan Elizabeth Gonzales	Roana Nicole Santiago Miller	Grayson T. Skarnulis
Kristi Allyson Bragg	Edwin Simon Gonzalez	Hayley Michelle Mince	Elizabeth Renee Slough
Emily Kate Bravenec	Nikhil Raj Gourishetty	Blake Minor	Payton Small
Luz Adriana Brito	Blake D. Grace	Tara Leigh Monk	Jazzmine Kierra Smith
Daniella Alyssa Brown	Hannah Nicole Carrington	Jonathan David Morgan	Kardelia N. Smith
Evelyn Michele Brown	Cedric T Griffin	Rachel R. Morisseau	William N Smith
Tara L. Brown	Nathan Jeffrey Griffin	Melody Morton	Jessica Smithers
Taylor Stamey Buckner	Princess Latisha Grinkley	Robin Brooke Mote	Kayla Denise Solomon
Janira Buitron	Keugmo Gu	Christin Paige Lee Murphy	Madhu Murari Srikantam
Eric William Burns	Mahesh Babu Gummalla	Todd Andrew Murray	Amber N. Stinson
Hailey Rexine Burt	Michelle Gutierrez	Christopher Robert Muscianese	Thomas W. Stunkard
Dyan N. Burton	Ruth A Harvey	William Omar Nails	Abdul Mujeeb Syed
Jeffrey David Camacho	Amber N. Heath	Luke Newpower	Ruksha Juhi Syed
Angela T. Carreno	Brianna Ashlee Hegney	Ifeoluwa Oluwakemi Oladele	Shahriyaar Syed Misba
Alysia G. Carrizales	Shelbee K. Hensley	Yinka James Ololade	Saketh S. S. P. Tadepalli
Jeff Carrizales	Monica Hernandez	Mariah Paige	Fnu Tasneem
Christine Casey	Fernando Hernandez-Garza	Bhargav Sai Pakam	Amanda Selene Tate
Devika Chaturvedi	Hannah Noelle Herrera	Radha Sai Paluri	Sucharitha Tati
Teja Chilukuri	Blake Hill	Anil Pantha	Imani A. Taylor
Sudheer Goud Chitla	Tori Shea Hindman	Rolanda Shanell Parham	Tina Terrell
Ashley Elizabeth Cline	Tommy Phu Hoang	Jefferson Parrish	Sandeep Thimapuram
Tyler Jaye Connelly	Jennifer S. Holliday	Manthan Prafulbhai Patel	Srividhya Thirupathi Raja
Hannah N. Cope	Randall Lee Hoover, Jr.	Karla Yareli Patino	Krista Leighnet Marie Thomas
Tricia Beth Corder	Everette Sterling Howell	Alison Holmes Patterson	Shawn Thomas
Jesse Corfield	Briannah Nicole Hunt	Erica Patterson	Kiley P Towne
Ashley M. Culwell	Sarah Louise Hunter	Faith A. Patton	Araceli Trejo
Britnee Marie Curtis	Constantin Iliopoulos	Tomin Paul	Dana M. Tucker
Kelli D. Davis	Shanice Isidore	Kara Lane Petty	Joan Elizabeth Turner
Kelvin J. Davis, Jr.	Shahrukh Islam	Eden N. Pfahler-Jones	Martin Vela, Jr.
Javed Dawoodani	David Charles Jackson	Anh Hoang Pham	Ravikishore Vemula
Jeffery L. Dehart	Tanvi Jaiswal	Navya Pillarisetty	Mickilee Carol-Ann Ver Steeg
Deserae Patricia DeLoera	Jeremy Andre Jaramillo	Kayla Pinales	Carlos Villalobos
Bente Angelique Dewitt	Ronald D. Jenkins	Yaswanthsrishuryateja Pinninti	Briana Tanee Wade
Robert Cole Digges	Michael Vernon Jernigan	Sangram Vamshi Polkam	Steven Vankeith Wade
Christopher A. Dobbins	LaTasha Dionne Johnson	Kricia Lynn Ponder	Michael D. Wagliardo
Laura Dobbins	Matthew Michael Johnson	Vanisia Sasche Powell	Ryan Taylor Walker
Maria A. Dominguez	Rachel E. Johnston	Lindsay H. Power-Key	Delia P. Wallace
Zechariah A. Donaldson	Monica L. Jones	Rebecca Lynn Preston	Quincy Xavier Walter
Kayla Shenise Drones	Ange Cedric Kadio	Umesh Ramanna Pujari	Aleah Williams
Robin Nicole Duhon	Surya Teja Kamiseti	Taylor Daniele Pyle	Ariana Corrine Williams
Kathryn Latrall Dunlap	Krishna Mahesh Kanumuri	Tyler Allen Radel	Kristal R. Williams
Mousami Dwivedi	Anish Kumar Kappa	Naga Siri Chandana Rama	Tristan S. Williams
Chikheang Eak	Srujana Karanam	Joceline Ramirez	David Michael Wittkopf
Elena Michelle Ellazar	Raga Amrutha Bala Karuturi	Ryan Luis Ramirez	Amber Marie Woodard
Quarterman H. Ely	Sravani Kesamsetti	Georgina Marie Ramsey	Josiah D. Woods
Kimberly Kay Enquist	Mikaela Diane Kiddy	Cynthia G. Rendon	Alyssa Lyn Works
Bhavitha Enuganti	Bhargavi Kilaru	Jake E. Richter	Sai Sunaina Yaramakula
Gabrielle A. Evans	Kayleigh Marilyn Dionne Kirby	Frederick Anthony Ridge	Charita Chowdary Yarlagadda
Chizobam-Uloma Karen Eze	Hayden Robert Kissee	Jakeb R. Rising	Lakshmi Kavya Yeruva
Oluwafisayo O. Fakinlede	Kenneth Koester	Armando Luis Rivera	Stephanie Young
Amy Lenai Fernon	Gnanender Reddy Kommula	Taylor Nicole Rivers	Steven M. Young



Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Saturday, August 12, 2023

College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

Amanda J. Alvarado
Raegan R. Barnum
James C. Briscoe
M'Lane Marie Cunningham

Madison Grace Edwards
Litzzy Garcia
Briston McKinley Garner
Landri Claire Hicks

Kaylee Rae Holt
Jardena Ashabi Macfoy
Shelby Ann Niblett
Presley S. Spoonemore

Christina M. Verver-Polykalas
Alexia N. Wallace
Steven R. Webb

College of Business

Stephanie Adjaho
Daisy Anay Ayala
Makyla N. Bain
Pritam Budhathoki
Brianna Alia Butler
Maria G. Campos
Alexandria Rene Cardona
Brittany Chairez
Ryan W. Coleman
Audrey Alaina Cox
Jolie F. Croslin
Jessenia Yvonne Dale
Jacoby Jamal Deloach
Tommie Richard Dewberry

Destiny Kimare Florence
Evee Kate Floyd
Aaliyah A. Gabriel-Johnson
Nicolas A. Greenwell
Eileen Guzman
Jeremy Glenn Harris
Demaria I. Heath
Laurel A. Heinen
Torree Shadoe Hughes
Jack M. Humphries
Sandra Edith Ibarra
Christopher T. Keller
Kayla L. Kelly
Shivam Lakhmani

Arrian Bel Martinez
Dyana T. Matthews
Patrick J. McCarthy
Averi Lynn McCoy
Cameron McNeil
Joseph M. Medeiros
James Trey Minefee
Tyler Glenn Mitchell
Anthony Montalvo
Ryan Blake Mussett
Destiny Nicole Neshyba
Ashley Nichole Olvera
Clayton J. Parnell
Emily Anelle Pugh

Jeffrey Mitchell Ray, Jr.
Adam Dakin Ritchie
Giovanni A. Rodriguez
Olivia Marie Russell
Lilibeth Sanchez
Joy Bernice Shaw
Anju Shrestha
Haley M. Timko
Anushma Tripathhee
Joeluis Vasquez
Joann May Wade
Hailey A. Wintermute

College of Education & Human Services

Timothy Felix Aldridge
Jalyn Breshay Baker
Lauren K. Banning
Brittany Rose Elizabeth Barbour
Shea Elizabeth Brasher
Lesley E. Brown
Brandy C. Burton
Annina G. Cangelosi
Ali R. Cleaves II
Joseph B. Cordova
Zoe C. England
Raegan Devon Freeman
Celeste Mayleen Fregoso-Velasco

Jada J. Garrett
Ariana Nicole Green
Kayla D. Johnson
Lakyria Kamyra Jones
Joseph A. Khabaz
Dely Khin
Emily K. Koif
Chelsea A. Kyeremeh
Nathan Earl Lewis
Spencer J. Long
Cameron Rashaud Macon
Skye E'Mon Maxey
Nathan Alasdair McCulloch

Lisa Joanne McMillen
Madelyn Kate Moser
Brayana Nicole Mumphrey
Lluvia D. Nava
Angelle TyTrese Norman
Kittiphong Phaithuncharoensuk
Kirk Raymiel Poquiz
Mekhi James Roberson
Megan D. Ryan
Kelvin Deshaun Scott
Anna Gayle Simpson
Selamawit L. Teferi
Julie Anne Tillman

Marshall Drake Tousant
Haley Fay Turner
Madison Michelle Vickery
Nayeli Villa
Bryanna Aliese Washington
Destiney N. Watkins
Makenna Shynez Watson
Talea V. Westbrooks
Ayanna Janelle Williams
Justice T. Williams

College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts

Kathryn M. Austin
Brooke Ashlee Bennett
Erica Michelle Carranza
Meena L. Fernandes
Alexi Guerrero
Courtney C. Hayes

Martha L. Hill
Jada Marie Hood
Tyris Jefferson
Tyrae Yvonne Jones
Kennedy Danielle Jordan
Karen Mendoza

Jordan O. Polk
Chauncy N. Rabb-Montgomery
Elizabeth Reyes
Greg S. Robinson
James Richard Smith
Anthony J. Thompson

Nicholas B. Tillar
Rachel Johanna Wasson
Sabrina Latrice Woodard



College of Innovation & Design

Laura Valentina Aguirre
 Latise Indigo Alderson
 Derrick S. Alexander
 Mandi M. Alexander
 Amanat Ali
 Andrea Justinee Allison
 King Josiah Ambers
 Marcus Drake Trevion Anderson
 Melissa Ann Anguiano
 Kathleen Renee Anker
 Cody P. Anthony
 Brittney Vishay Ards
 Camrone D. Armstrong
 Joshua Lynn Armstrong
 Zaina B. Attili
 Alexa Idalia Ayala
 Tanequa L. Azu
 Ashley Laree Baker
 Emily D. Barraza
 Shalyndrea Rose Barrett
 Maria Guadalupe Barrientos
 Jaxon Kale Baughn
 Rhonda Beltran
 Randy L. Bench
 Elizabeth Diane Blanchard Browne
 Justine Elizabeth Bolton
 Clyde Blake Bostick
 Carlee M. Bradley
 Jackson Beau Bridgeman
 Marsha L. Briscoe
 Audrey Lane Brown
 Lindsey Blake Brown
 Xavier D. Brown
 Jason Bryon Caffey
 Elijah Damone Cain
 Judith G. Cano
 Jennifer Carreon
 Alex Cazares
 Kristie Renee Chavez
 Thayer Anakin Chennault
 Carlee Jo Childress
 Kuziwa Chimimba
 Stoney C. Clement
 Cody J. Close
 Cameron Scott Coduti
 Nicholas Gregory Crane
 Richard Crociata
 Alexandria Chanel Cruthird

Molly Anne Daniel
 Danielle N. Davis
 Melissa L. Davis
 Misty Antoinette Davis
 Justin D. Dean
 Traci W. Dillon
 Dulce Judith Dominguez
 Melissa L. Drane
 Monica S. Eaker
 Florentino Lee Escobedo
 Makenzie B. Estrada
 Billy L. Farrier
 Anthony Earl Franklin
 Michael D. Franklin
 Vicki Jo Franze
 Andre Jerrel Frierson-Scott, Jr.
 Lauren Nicole Gadwal
 Christopher W. Gage
 Brittany Nicole Garner
 Kevin Leslie Garza
 Joshua A. Gentry
 Inge Maria Gilliam
 Katilyn L. Gipson
 Monique S. Goode
 Emily Rae Gracy Manguno
 Gary Don Green
 Ryan Gerald Greger
 Esmeralda Guerra
 Jonathan P. Hays
 George Clifford Henson IV
 Julie G. Hitt
 Maci Kristine Hoffman
 Zachary Robert Hoffman
 Ashley Rebecca Honzell
 Demareus Hosey
 Shantierra P. Jackson
 Brittney Deshawn Jackson
 Christopher John Jackson
 Aubrey M. Johns
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Honors College

The Honors College at Texas A&M University-Commerce is a learning community of students that strive to gain a better understanding of the world around them and of themselves. Honors College students challenge themselves through completion of an interdisciplinary honors curriculum, culminating in the completion and successful defense of a thesis directed by esteemed faculty, a meaningful internship experience, or study abroad. Honors College students also enjoy the opportunity to live in Honors-designated housing and to participate in service to the community.



Regents Scholar Program

The Regents Scholar program at Texas A&M University-Commerce encourages students to pursue a degree in their chosen field while also working to develop a greater sense of self-awareness and understanding of international trends and issues. The globally-focused curriculum culminates in a capstone of studying abroad in Western Europe. In addition, these scholars experience leadership training and experiences which encourage them to think of themselves as change agents, both on campus and in the world.



The Honors Fourragère, Pin, and Regents Stole

Originally, a Fourragère was awarded to members of a military unit for distinguished service. The students we honor here today have shown themselves courageous in the battle for academic excellence, and they have earned the right to wear these braids of distinction.

Blue and gold in color, to echo the University's colors, the Fourragère is to be a reminder of Texas A&M University-Commerce, but the colors are symbolic, as well. Blue is the color of sincere intellectual endeavor—a tradition that carries forward from Ancient Egypt, and that is reflected today in the blue velvet on a doctoral graduation gown. The blue in this braid represents the fulfillment these Honors students have attained from their work. Joined separately with the blue is gold, the symbol of public achievement, as in a gold medal. We have every reason to believe these graduates are entering successful and fulfilling futures, bringing credit to themselves and to the Honors College and Texas A&M Commerce.

Students who successfully defend a thesis are also awarded an Honors pin, also in blue and gold, to be worn on the graduation regalia and kept as a reminder of their hard work. Regents Scholars, likewise, receive an academic stole to wear with their regalia as a mark of their honorary status.



Summer 2023 Honors Graduates

College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

Christina M. Verver-Polykalas
Bachelor of Science with Honors
Equine Studies
Capstone: Land Sustainability in the Equine Industry

College of Education & Human Services

Emily Koif

Bachelor of Science with Honors
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
Thesis: *Preparing Pre-Service Elementary School Teachers for Differentiated Instruction through Texas Educator Preparation Programs*
Advisor: Dr. Kristan Pearce

Haley Fay Turner

Bachelor of Science with Honors
Department of Psychology and Special Education
Capstone: Study Abroad

College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts

Martha L. Hill

Bachelor of Arts with Honors
Department of Literature and Languages
Thesis: *The Reclamation of Christianity by Queers as Displayed in Lil Nas X's "Montero (Call Me By Your Name)" Music Video*
Advisor: Dr. Zachary Palmer

Nicholas B. Tillar

Bachelor of Science with High Honors
Department of Political Science
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
Thesis: *Between Reform and Transformation: How Radical Revolutionaries Shaped Late Imperial Russia, 1860-1885*
Advisor: Dr. Sharon Kowalsky

College of Science & Engineering

Alyson Lee Cave

Bachelor of Science with Honors
Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences
Thesis: *Computational Study of Guest Binding through Halogen and Hydrogen Bonding*
Advisor: Dr. Stephen Starnes

Taylor Marie Beaver Nicely

Bachelor of Science with Honors
Department of Chemistry
Thesis: *A Computational Study on the Effects of Anion-II Bonding on Host Binding of Anions*
Advisor: Dr. Stephen Starnes

Sebastian William Mayfield

Bachelor of Science with Highest Honors
Department of Engineering and Technology
Thesis: *Rapid Prototyping of the Transmitting and L-Shaped Receiving Antenna Arrays for Real-Time 2D Direction-of-Arrival (DOA) Estimation for Multiple Non-Correlated Signals*
Advisor: Dr. Perry Moler

Austen Reid Somerville

Bachelor of Science with Honors
Department of Computer Science and Informational Systems
Capstone: Regents Scholar Program



Academic Distinction

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

The level of attainment will be determined by the overall Texas A&M University-Commerce grade point average.

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Magna Cum Laude

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James C. Briscoe

M'Lane Marie Cunningham

Cum Laude

Madison Grace Edwards

College of Business

Summa Cum Laude

Tommie Richard Dewberry
Evee Kate Floyd
Jack M. Humphries

Kayla L. Kelly
Anushma Tripathee
Joeluis Vasquez

Magna Cum Laude

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Laurel A. Heinen
Sandra Edith Ibarra

Arrian Bel Martinez
Averi Lynn McCoy
Joy Bernice Shaw

Cum Laude

Daisy Anay Ayala
Audrey Alaina Cox
Jolie F. Croslin

Jeremy Glenn Harris
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Nayeli Villa

Cum Laude

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Kittiphong Phaithuncharoensuk
Makenna Shynez Watson
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Magna Cum Laude

Nicholas B. Tillar

Cum Laude

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