TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
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Graduate and Baccalaureate Program

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Friday, May 12, 2017, 9 a.m.
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Processional

The National Anthem

Student Expression of Appreciation

Greetings and Authorization to Confer Degrees

Presentation of Degree Candidates and Conferring of Degrees

Presentation of Diplomas

Induction into The Association of Former Students

“The Spirit of Aggieland”

Recessional
Faculty Marshals

Mace Bearer
Dr. John R. August, Dean of Faculties and Associate Provost

Stage Party
Ms. Venesa A. Heidick, Registrar
Mr. Scott McDonald, Assistant Vice President for Academic Services
and Director of Admissions

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Ms. Nora Cargo, Director, Scholarships & Financial Aid
Mr. Mark Edwards, Traffic Director, KAMU-FM
Mr. Mike Fitch, Transcript Analyst, Office of Admissions
Judge Rick Hill, Brazos County Justice of the Peace Precinct 3

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College of Agriculture and Life Sciences .... Mr. Joshua Robert Sutton
College of Architecture .................... Ms. Madelyn Grace Walker
Mays Business School ....................... Mr. Christopher Joseph Naeger
College of Education and
Human Development ...................... Mr. Atik Shakeel Lalani
College of Geosciences ..................... Mr. Ben Watson Gremillion
Bush School of Government and
Public Service ........................ Mr. Said Mohammad Azam
College of Liberal Arts ...................... Ms. Katherine Barbara Wood
College of Liberal Arts ...................... Ms. Nicole Nadine Schultz
College of Nursing ........................ Mr. Gilbert Costello III
School of Public Health ..................... Mr. Michael Anh Tuan Luu
College of Science ........................ Ms. Meghan Ashley Shanks
College of Veterinary Medicine and
Biomedical Sciences ...................... Ms. Molly Marie Wierzbowski

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Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence Award

The Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence Award, inaugurated by former Texas A&M University President Robert M. Gates, provides for presentation each spring of two Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence Awards, each with a $25,000 stipend and designation as “Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence” for the remainder of the recipient’s career at this institution. This award is believed to have the highest monetary value of any teaching award of its type in the nation. These teaching awards are in addition to those already presented annually, including the many given on both the University and college levels by The Association of Former Students. The recipients of the spring 2017 Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence Award are described below.

Dr. Tatiana Erukhimova

Tatiana Erukhimova, instructional associate professor and outreach coordinator in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, earned her Ph.D. from the Russian Academy of Sciences. She came to Texas A&M in 2001 as a postdoctoral research associate, later serving as an assistant research scientist in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences in the College of Geosciences. She joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy in the College of Science in 2006. During the first part of her teaching career she taught “Atmospheric Thermodynamics: Elementary Physics and Chemistry.” She now teaches a two-semester sequence of introductory physics. As the outreach coordinator for the Department of Physics and Astronomy, Dr. Erukhimova organizes and manages the Physics and Engineering Festival that annually attracts several thousand people of all ages to campus for an entertaining and informative day of lectures and funny, puzzling and fascinating hands-on experiments. She also has developed the traveling Physics Show and makes presentations to off-campus organizations, ranging from elementary school classes to adult clubs and former students groups. Students know Dr. Erukhimova for her passion and enthusiasm for teaching, as well as for being generous with her time helping them outside the classroom. She brings creative demonstrations to class; she posts old tests on her website—with the solutions; and she is constantly introducing novel ways to explain difficult concepts. She is a recipient of the Texas A&M University Association of Former Students Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching.
Dr. Reuben A. Buford May

Reuben May, professor of sociology and Glasscock University Professor in Undergraduate Teaching Excellence, earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He joined the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts in 2005. His research expertise includes race and ethnicity, urban sociology and sociology of sport. His research has been widely honored, and his 2008 book, *Living Through the Hoop: High School Basketball, Race and the American Dream*, received the Book of the Year award from the Association of Humanist Sociology. His most recent book, *Urban Nightlife: Entertaining, Race, Class and Culture in Public Space*, published by Rutgers University Press (2014), has already garnered positive reviews by highly regarded race scholars, such as William Julius Wilson and Frederick Wherry. Dr. May is known for engaging his students and for the enthusiasm and energy he brings to lectures, including “rhymes” and occasional instructional rapping he intermixes with the Socratic method. Dr. May was the recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Visiting Professorship at MIT and was awarded a prestigious fellowship from the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University. He subsequently received three teaching awards while on the faculty of the University of Georgia and is a recipient of the Texas A&M University Association of Former Students Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching.
Brown Foundation–Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award

Through a gift from the Brown Foundation of Houston, Texas, the Brown Foundation-Earl Rudder Outstanding Student Award was established to honor the memory of the late President Earl Rudder and to provide public recognition to outstanding senior students graduating each year from Texas A&M University. Each college may nominate up to two students to be considered by a special committee appointed by the Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Studies. From these nominations, the committee selects the award recipient(s). Final selection for the Brown-Rudder award is subject to approval by the President. The awards are presented at the LAUNCH Recognition Ceremony. This year’s recipients are listed below.

Mays Business School
Layeeka M. Ismail

College of Liberal Arts
Joshua T. Fuller
Robert M. Gates–Muller Family
Outstanding Student Award

Through a gift from the Muller Family of Galveston, Texas, the Robert Gates-Muller Family Outstanding Student Award was established to honor former President Robert M. Gates and to provide public recognition to outstanding senior students graduating each year from Texas A&M University. Each college may nominate students to be considered by a special committee appointed by the Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Studies. From these nominations, the committee selects the award recipient(s). Final selection for the Gates-Muller award is subject to approval by the President. The award is presented at the LAUNCH Recognition Ceremony. This year’s recipient is listed below.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Joshua R. Sutton
The Doherty Award was established by Mr. W.T. Doherty in memory of his parents, William and Kathleen Doherty. The award is given to a graduating senior who has spent four years in the Corps and who has earned a commission in one of the armed forces. Among the criteria, the winner must be of high moral character, exhibit patriotism for both country and state, and be a faithful Aggie who has earned the trust and admiration of the Corps, the student body at large, and the Officers of the campus military establishment. This year’s recipients are listed below.

U.S. Air Force ROTC
Zachary J. Williams

U.S. Army ROTC
Garrett N. Roberts

U.S. Navy/Marine Corps ROTC
Davis R. Vercher
The Association of Former Students
Distinguished Achievement Awards

Each spring, The Association of Former Students honors faculty and staff members at Texas A&M University for their dedication to students, leadership in their fields, and accomplishment in their careers. A campus-wide committee, composed of current and former students, faculty and staff selects recipients in the categories of Teaching, Research, Individual Student Relations, Graduate Mentoring, Staff, Administration, and Extension, Outreach, Continuing Education and Professional Development. This noble distinction serves as a testimony to the high esteem in which they are held.

Receiving the Distinguished Achievement Award is among the highest honors that can be bestowed on a member of the University community. In 2017, 24 individuals were presented a cash gift, a gold commemorative watch and a framed certificate. Since the program’s establishment in 1955, more than 1,000 awards have been presented totaling more than $3 million in cash gifts.

The Association of Former Students is able to present these awards and to support other academic and student programs at Texas A&M through the generous support of former students, Aggie Parents, faculty, staff and friends of Texas A&M University.

**Teaching**
- James D. Batteas  
  Department of Chemistry
- Ben F. Bigelow '05  
  Department of Construction Science
- Christian Brannstrom  
  Department of Geography
- Audrey K. Cook  
  Department of Veterinary Small Animal Clinical Sciences
- Alan Dabney  
  Department of Statistics
- Amy E. Earhart ’99  
  Department of English
- Larry Johnson  
  Department of Veterinary Integrative Biosciences
- Mary P. McDougall ’97  
  Department of Biomedical Engineering
- Mary Margaret “Meg” Penrose  
  School of Law
- Connie D. Weaver  
  Department of Accounting
Research
Wendy R. Boswell
Department of Management

Timothy R. Elliott
Department of Educational Psychology

Paul E. Hardin
Department of Biology

Casey J. Papovich
Department of Physics and Astronomy

Ping Yang
Department of Atmospheric Sciences

Hong-Cai “Joe” Zhou ’00
Department of Chemistry

Individual Student Relationships
Elizabeth Crouch ’91
Biomedical Sciences Program

Henry Musoma ’00
Center for International Business Studies

Administration
Mark A. Hussey ’79
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Extension, Outreach, Continuing Education and Professional Development
John T. Cooper Jr. ’92
Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning

Staff
Kevin Gustavus ’08
Business Office, College of Architecture

Veronica (Sprayberry) Stilley ‘90
Department of Information and Operations Management

Graduate Mentoring
Robert S. Chapkin
Department of Nutrition and Food Science

Yalchin Efendiev
Department of Mathematics
Candidates for Commissions in
The Armed Forces of the United States
Brigadier General Joe E. Ramirez, Jr. (Ret.)—Commandant

United States Army
Colonel Robert B. Brown—Professor of Military Science
Second Lieutenants, U.S. Army

Jennifer Lisa Armstrong
* Eryn Marie Behne
* Caleb Barrington Bickham
* John Barrett Breland
Corbin Vincent Cali
* Spencer Edwin Coberly
Jerry Dale Dobbs, Jr.
Daniel James Edwards
* Jane Susan Edwards
Joshua Pearson Ellenburg
Samuel Joe Essary
Samuel Forrest Ferrero
Hans Otto Fetterhoff
* Hayden Hudson Florence
Trevor Michael French
* Daniel Luke Garza
* Gramm Woods Guillory
Charlie Burnett Hurdt
* William Francis Jones
Adam Daniel Lambert
* Zachary Aldor Lancot
Christopher Bryan Larson
Donald Jacob Longmire-Murdaugh
Lauren Nicole Manley
* Anthony Thomas McKee
Dakota David Nettle
William Thomas Newman
* Kathleen Majella Nolen
William Spencer Old
* Jeremy Brent O'Neil
Joe Gabriel Ortiz
* Emily Rebecca Rose Otto
Jack Baker Peabody
John Luke Pipkin
* Melodie Ann Raese
Mary Christine Reddick
* Jeremy Kyle Reece

United States Navy
Colonel James Bright—Professor of Naval Science
Ensigns, U.S. Navy

Marcus Alexander Bolles
Alexander Scott Brown
Ricky Glenn Hill
Lauren Leigh Ladner
Michaela Josephine Miller
David Jacob Moore
Cristal Nallely Rubio
Sheldon Cain Snyder

Clayton Robert Tennies
Jacob Lloyd Waggoner

* Distinguished Graduate
United States Marine Corps
Colonel James Bright—Professor of Naval Science
Second Lieutenants, U.S. Marine Corps
Christopher Anthony Akin
Everett Forrest Findlay
Joshua Dean Glasson
Garrett Parker Hamm
David Aldridge Heggland
Brandon Thomas Hoyer
Austin James Jeter
Theoharis Robert Kaberides
Cullen Michael Martin
Justin Taylor Martinez
David Aaron McBrayer
Eric Gene Sayers
Chad Christopher Schutz
Michael Hunter Spangler
Colin Thomas Taylor
John Moore Toon
Davis Robert Vercher
Connor Dane Vokey

United States Air Force
Lieutenant Colonel Jeffery A. Bounds—Professor of Aerospace Studies
Second Lieutenants, U.S. Air Force
Lance T. Badoni
Bryan Earl Bonnette
Matthew Christopher Connelly
Trenton Lemont Dickey
Ryan Paul Dietzius
Trevor Lane Dutt
Ray Raymon Freeze
Alex Rashid Gaines
Heather Marie Glover
Charles Everette Hogan
Alexandria Coszette Howard
Jessica Berneda Knowles
Adam Christopher Knutson
Matthew Stephen McClure
Rishi P. Patel
Taylor McClain Pence
John Michael Penkunis
Ryan Adam Reers
Rex Andrew Ritchie
* Colton Lee Roberts
Matthew Dennis Rollins
Daniel Bradley Rosenfield
Samantha Jolene Scher
* Daniel Scott Schultz
Kyle David Steele
Joni Leigh Taylor
Moriah Grace Thompson
Alec Justin Thrower
* Nicholas Phillip Warner
* Sean Gabriel Whitney
Zachary John Williams

*Distinguished Graduate
Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

Presented by Dr. Karen Butler-Purry
Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies

Graduate and Professional Studies

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Doctor of Education

Sharon Marie Freeman ...................................... Agricultural Education
Chair: Steven D. Fraze
Co-Chair: Timothy H. Murphy

Doctor of Philosophy

Luiza Maria Teophilo Aparecido ............... Ecosystem Science and Management
Dissertation: “Plant-Atmosphere Responses to Wet Canopy Conditions in a Mature Tropical Forest”
Chair: Georgianne Moore

Elba Veronica Arias Rios ......................... Food Science and Technology
Dissertation: “Standardization of Inoculation Procedures for Salmonellae and Surrogate Bacteria for Validating Spice/Herb Pathogen Reduction Processes”
Chair: Alejandro Castillo Ayala

Charli D. Baker ............................................. Biochemistry
Dissertation: “Phospholipid Requirements for Mitochondrial Respiratory Chain Function”
Chair: Vishal Gohil

Jun Cao ..................................................... Agricultural Economics
Dissertation: “An Economic Analysis of Ghana’s Savannah Accelerated Development Program”
Chair: Bruce McCarl
Co-Chair: Fred O. Boadu

Karthik Reddy Chamakura ............................... Biochemistry
Chair: Ryland Young

Priyanka Revansiddha Chaudhary ........ Horticulture
Dissertation: “Postharvest Treatment Effects on Health Promoting Properties and Flavonoid Genes of Grapefruit”
Chair: Bhimanagouda S. Patil

Junyi Chen ............................................. Agricultural Economics
Chair: Bruce McCarl
Co-Chair: Edwin Price
Sihong Chen ............................................ Agricultural Economics
Dissertation: “Three Essays on Commodity Markets and Health Economics”
Chair: Ximing Wu
Co-Chair: Yu Zhang

Nan-Yen Chou ............................................ Plant Breeding
Dissertation: “Novel Hybrid Rice Seed Production Method Incorporating Herbicide Tolerance”
Chair: Steven S. Hague

Kelly Ann Churion ............................................ Genetics
Dissertation: “Hox DNA Binding: From Monomers to Fibers”
Chair: Sarah Bondos

Marjorie Angela Green Clendenin ............................................ Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication
Dissertation: “The Value of Source Credibility and Trust During Emergencies and Disasters”
Chair: Tracy A. Rutherford

Caitlyn Elizabeth Cooper ............................................ Agronomy
Dissertation: “Oak and Pine Physiological Responses to Resource Availability”
Chair: Georgianne Moore

Chen Ding .................................................. Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
Dissertation: “Volunteerism at Natural Resource Management Agencies: Examining the Effects of Volunteers’ Motivation, Satisfaction, and Generativity on Volunteer Commitment”
Chair: Michael Schuett

Camille L. Duran ............................................ Genetics
Dissertation: “Noncanonical NF-κB Signaling Drives Glioma Invasion by Promoting MT1-MMP Activation, Pseudopodia Formation, and ITGA11 Expression”
Chair: Kayla J. Bayless

Elida Maria Espinoza ............................................ Entomology
Chair: Roger Gold
Co-Chair: Jeffery Tomberlin

Lu Fang .................................................. Agricultural Economics
Chair: David Bessler

Akihito Fukudome ............................................ Molecular and Environmental Plant Sciences
Dissertation: “Functions of Arabidopsis C-Terminal Domain Phosphatase-like 4 in Global Transcriptional Regulation”
Chair: Hisashi Koiwa

Drew Miller Gholson ............................................ Soil Science
Chair: Diane Boellstorff
Kyle Edward Harrison ........................................ Entomology
Dissertation: “Ecological Factors Explaining Genetic Differentiation in
Aphidomorpha Associated with Pecan and Water Hickory
Trees”
Chair: Raul Medina

Josie Lynn Hilley ................................................. Genetics
Controlling Height Variation in Sorghum”
Chair: John Mullet

Ordom Brian Huot ........................................... Entomology
Dissertation: “Molecular and Biological Mechanisms of Host Plant
Responses to an Insect Vector and a Bacterial Pathogen”
Chair: Cecilia Tamborindeguy

Nicolas Fisher Jacobsen ................................. Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
Dissertation: “Lions, Livestock, and Livelihoods: Understanding Human-
Predator Relationships in Botswana”
Chair: Amanda Stronza

Ji Youn Jeong ................................................ Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
Dissertation: “An Empirical Investigation into the Effects of Selected
Price Heuristics on Tourists’ Purchase Decisions in Three
Different Cultures”
Chair: John Crompton

Mahnaz Kianifariz ........................................ Molecular and Environmental Plant Sciences
Dissertation: “Transcriptome Analysis During Stem Development and
in the A4 Cytoplasmic Male Sterility System of Sorghum”
Chair: Patricia E. Klein
Co-Chair: Robert Klein

Larissa Leigh Kitchens ................................ Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
Dissertation: “Origin and Population Connectivity of Yellowfin Tuna
(Thunnus albacares) in the Atlantic Ocean”
Chair: Jay Rooker

Jennifer Purvi ance Leo ................................. Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
Dissertation: “Modelling Environmental and Habitat Effects on Young
Brown Shrimp Production in Galveston Bay, Texas, U.S.A.”
Chair: William Grant
Co-Chair: Thomas Minello

Pan Liu ............................................................. Agribusiness and Managerial Economics
Dissertation: “Essays on Risk Management Modeling with Applications
to Energy Markets”
Chair: Dmitry Vedenov

Wei Lu ..................................................... Agricultural Leadership, Education,
and Communication
Dissertation: “An Examination of Social Online Shopping Attitudes of
Undergraduate Students Enrolled in the Department of
Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications
at Texas A&M University”
Chair: Theresa P. Murphrey
Co-Chair: James Lindner
Humberto Martinez Montoya ........................ Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
Dissertation: “Spiroplasma and Its Interaction with Drosophila: Genome Sequencing and Analysis of Potential Fitness Effects of Naturally Infected Populations”
Chair: Mariana Mateos

Ryan Franklin McCormick ................................. Genetics
Dissertation: “High-throughput Genotyping Analyses and Image-based Phenotyping in Sorghum bicolor”
Chair: John Mullet

Andrea Elisa Montalvo ................................. Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
Dissertation: “Meso-mammal Cave Use and North American Porcupine Habitat Use in Central Texas”
Chair: Roel R. Lopez

Marisela Moreno ................................. Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
Dissertation: “Retention Factors for Underrepresented University Students in the Natural Resource and Related Sciences at Texas A&M”
Chair: Roel R. Lopez

Ayoola Adebowale Onafowokan ........................ Food Science and Technology
Dissertation: “Impacts of Poultry Farm Management Techniques on Control of Salmonella”
Chair: Christine Z. Alvarado
Co-Chair: James A. Byrd

Maura Evelyn Palacios Mejia ........................ Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
Dissertation: “Phylogenetics and Diversification of Sailfin and Shortfin Mollies (Mollienesia, Poecilia, Poeciliidae)”
Chair: Gary Voelker
Co-Chair: Michael Tobler

Renato Jose Pires Machado .............................. Entomology
Chair: John Oswald

Zachary S. Schultzhaus .............................. Plant Pathology
Dissertation: “Endocytic Recycling Pathways in Aspergillus nidulans”
Chair: Brian Shaw

Sumit Sharma .............................. Agronomy
Chair: Nithya Rajan

Reed Michael Stubbendieck ............................. Genetics
Dissertation: “Discovering Linearmycins in Bacterial Competition: Lysis, Autolysis, and Resistance”
Chair: Paul Straight
Sandra Khavi Truong ............................................... Genetics
Chair: John Mullet
Co-Chair: Peter Howard

Crystal Michelle Waters ........................................... Animal Science
Dissertation: “Sorghum Bran as an Antioxidant in Frozen Meat and Poultry Products”
Chair: Rhonda K. Miller
Co-Chair: Jeffrey Savell

Xiaoyuan Xie .......................................................... Biochemistry
Dissertation: “Novel Players in Telomere Maintenance and Beyond”
Chair: Dorothy Shippen
Candidates for Master’s and Baccalaureate Degrees

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Presented by Dr. Mark A. Hussey, Dean

Department of Agricultural Economics

Master of Agribusiness

Agribusiness

Rodrigo Manuel Abed Mosciaro
Chieh-Ting Chu
Marcelo Coelho De Lima
Thomas William Czarnecki
Allison Marie Hamel

Yan Li
Macy Marie Moriarty
In Jun Seo
Jorge Luis Torrebiarte Sotomayor
Carlos Miguel Torrebiarte

Master of Science

Agricultural Economics

Kwadwo Amponsah
Amanda Marie Heath
Jeong Je Joo

Amy Michelle Loke
Tianliao Ma

Bachelor of Science

Agribusiness

Sara Lyn Baker
Colton Cooper Barnes
Brock Anthony Bean
Hannah Michelle Beneke
Danielle Bracho
Andrelle Lashae Brown
Abby Marie Christian
Gabrielle Leigh Cowart
Anna Kathryn Dement
Brooke Ellen Doherty
Raymundo Donjuan, Jr.
Javier Antonio Escobar
Tyler Jonathon Feenstra
Sean Michael Fletcher
Christopher Michael Flournoy
Carmen Michelle Harrity
Layton Rose Hart
*Macy Leigh Herzog
Austin Allen Hoelscher
Stella Jen Ingham
Dylan James Janek

Jan Kristen Johnson
Clint Owen Kavanaugh
Erin Leigh Kolinek
Kalen Everette Malett
Bryan Edward McLaughlin
Jackson David McQueen
Haley Lynn Moeller
Tanner Lee Nix
Baylee Renee Parks
Brittany Elizabeth Parrish
Tyler Joseph Reiley
Collin Daniel Schroeder
Madeline Renee Siegrist
Reagan Lizabeth Smith
Ashlee Mikayla Speaks
Andrew Mackenzie Swink
Corina Hope Ventura
Jake Ryan Wear
Emily Deeann Williams
Ryan Mayes Young

* Double Major
Bachelor of Science

Agricultural Economics

Madison Marin Acker
Irery Jazmin Aguilar
Chancelor Mauree Alexander
Alexandria Morgan Andersen
Sarah Nicole Arrington
Jonie Raquel Bailey
Corey Winston Banks
Kristina Morgan Barber
Connor David Beardmore
Jordan David Berry
Jessica Nicole Blankenship
Colton James Bubela
Mitchell Allen Byrum
William Edward Campos
William Gray Carter
Elliot Warner Condos
Elizabeth Carol Contreras
Christine Rebecca Crowley
Brooke Ashley Davis
Madison Danielle Davis
Emmanuel Del Pozo
Kyle Granger Dewitt II
Forrest Bradshaw Dyer
Jonathan Aaron Ellison
Meredith Louise Enloe
Kendall Delaney Felps
Katherine Marie Fisher
Brandon Thomas Freeman
Michael Nikita Fuentes
Blake Ryan Garner
Colton Claude Garrett
Jose Manuel Gonzalez III
Chase Matthew Gray
Marshall Murrell Green
Trevor Keith Groves
Jack Dalton Gummm
Graham West Henkuhaus
Emilio Hunter Hidalgo III
Michelle Marie Holub
Blake Carl Jesssee
Katherine Lee Johnson
Rachel Virginia Johnson
Rebekah Lee Jones
Blakeney Edward Keller
Chase Vincent Kern
Tyler Karl Kiesling
Youngho Kim
Hailey Leah Kinsel
Katelyn Chris Knepple
Henry Campbell Kuehler
Lauren Paige Littlefield
Victoria Eileen Ludolph
Forrest Thomas Magee
Justin Michael Mayes
Logan Paul Maywald
Trenton McCallie
Trevor Allen McCarley
William Ty McDonald
Kegan Connor McFarland
Spencer Murphy McHaney
Jared Matthew Mercer
Victoria Lee Merryfield
Olivia Kaelynn Miller
Jarred Brice Minshew
Michael Joseph Mirabella, Jr.
Krystal Rose Moczygemma
Michael Austin Morrow
Henry Rogne Nelson
Kyle Davis Nelson
Chance Wendel Nohavitza
Casey Joe Parish
Corey Bruce Parish
Hunter Kane Patterson
Morgan Britany Pfeil
Jenny Lynn Pospisil
Ruth Camila Prudencio Aranibar
Emily Paige Pruitt
David Quintero
Hailey Ann Rhodes
Corina Isabel Rodriguez
Monica Ann Rodriguez
Nicholas Bradley Roy
Courtney Lynn Salisbury
Michael Anthony Sanchez, Jr.
William Paul Schlobohm
Lauren Ashleigh Schoebel
Laura Kathryn Schott
Caitlin Bette Seifert
Julian Alexander Selby
Haley Nicole Socha
Allison Elizabeth Stanley
Zachary Clay Stewart
Reid Allen Strnadel
Jeffrey Heath Thomas
Emily Gail Thomason
Nolan Joshua Townsend
Chase Austin Tucker
Ryan Anthony Tuso
Tarik Jamal Tyler
Marissa Lynn Vader
Andrew Jon Venghaus
Zulma Waleska Vigil
Mitchell William VonBorstel Grant Michael Winkelmann
Ty William Walsh Casey Garet Woodfin
William Tappen Walton William Riley Woodruff
Jonathan Charles Willberg Hailey Alane Zimont

Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication

Master of Agriculture

Agricultural Development

Paul Benjamin Bowers Carlos Lucio
Kyle Francis Gilmore Marcus Vincent Misztal
Mitchell Wayne Hill

Master of Education

Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication

Kacie Fallon Gallegos Lauren Rachelle Kirk

Master of Science

Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication

Matthew Lawrence Marr Sharon Pardes Wagner

Bachelor of Science

Agricultural Communications and Journalism

Katelin Michelle Agnew Jacob Benjamin Martindale
Leah Marie Bauer Remington Zane May
Tandra Lee Bearden Kathleen Frances Meredith
Parker Alan Brown Michaela Glynn Middleton
Sabrina Renee Casas James Bryan Palacios
Kristina Michelle Cerda Emmali Nicole Pankonien
Hannah Grace Chute Julienne Marie Percy
Morgan Leigh Crider Heather Michelle Plant
Sarah Elese Dockery Margaret Patricia Quam
Lauren Nicole Flint Callie Rae Rainosek
Emily Elizabeth Foreman Annelise Mary Sauer
Melissa Leigh Franklin Ashley Jane Seidenberger
Sarah Kate Grider Chase Ryan Shelton
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Foundation Honors

Students graduating with Foundation Honors must have completed at least one Honors course in each Core Curriculum area required by the University. Students must maintain at least a 3.5 cumulative Grade Point Ratio with at least a 3.25 Grade Point Ratio in Honors coursework.

Honors Fellows

Students graduating with Honors Fellows must have completed at least 30 hours of Honors course credit, including 9 hours in the University Core Curriculum and 12 hours in 300-400 level courses. Additionally, all Honors Fellows have completed a capstone project. Honors Fellows are required to remain active with the Honors Student Council and make an annual update to their ePortfolios. Students must maintain at least a 3.5 cumulative Grade Point Ratio with at least a 3.25 Grade Point Ratio in Honors coursework.

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Latin Honors

Students graduating with Latin honors distinctions have enrolled in and successfully completed a minimum of 60 undergraduate semester hours required for the baccalaureate degree. The category of Latin honors attained is determined by grade point ratio of all college hours attempted, excluding transfer hours. The categories are as follows:

**Cum Laude:** A student may be graduated *Cum Laude* with a Grade Point Ratio of 3.50 to 3.699.

**Magna Cum Laude:** A student may be graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with a Grade Point Ratio of 3.70 to 3.899.

**Summa Cum Laude:** A student may be graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a Grade Point Ratio of 3.90 or above.

Honors Stoles

Texas A&M undergraduates who complete the requirements for any of the distinctions listed above or for college- and departmental-level honors programs are awarded a gold satin stole to wear with their commencement robes. The university presents the stoles to honors graduates in recognition of their accomplishments.
Undergraduate Research Scholars

The Undergraduate Research Scholars program provides motivated undergraduates the opportunity to engage in quality, in-depth research experiences. Over two semesters Scholars work with faculty mentors to produce a formal undergraduate research thesis and a public presentation of their research results.

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**Academic Regalia**

Academic institutions throughout the world have created a wide variety of customs including distinctive dress, color and ceremony to indicate the accomplishments of scholars. English traditions originating
at Oxford and Cambridge led to the development of American academic regalia. By the twentieth century, institutions of higher learning in the United States had adopted a well-defined code of academic costume, which now includes the identification of the different academic degrees by distinctive gowns, hoods and colors. For instance, the baccalaureate gown is worn closed and is identified by long, pleated front panels and long, pointed sleeves. The master’s gown has very long sleeves, closed at the bottom, and the arms of the wearer are placed through an opening in the front of the sleeves. Doctoral gowns are distinguished by velvet panels around the neck and down the front of the gown. Three horizontal black velvet bars also mark the doctorate. In America, the hood is the most colorful feature of academic regalia. The bachelor’s hood, when worn, is comparatively short; the master’s, a bit longer; and the doctor’s, at four feet, reaches far down the wearer’s back. The outside of the hood is black and is bordered with a two-, three- or five-inch band of velvet in the color representing the degree received, and the hood is lined with the colors of the granting institution. For instance, the Master of Arts hood from Texas A&M has a white border, for the discipline color of Arts, Letters and Humanities, with a maroon and white lining; the Master of Science hood has a golden yellow border, for Science, with a maroon and white lining; and the Doctor of Philosophy hood has a border in the blue of Philosophy with a maroon and white lining. Among the other discipline colors are Agriculture—maize, Architecture—violet, Business—olive green, Education—light blue, Engineering—orange and Veterinary Medicine—gray. These colors represent the degree earned, not the academic major. The Ph.D. in Engineering, for example, would normally wear the dark blue of Philosophy on the hood and gown instead of the orange of Engineering. Official guests of the University and members of the Board of Regents wear the doctor’s gown with the blue of Philosophy on the front and hood.

**Ceremonial Mace**

The University mace, a gift of the Class of 1990, leads the academic procession at commencement and on other special ceremonial occasions. Historically, the use of a mace dates back to the Middle Ages and was carried before or placed near a magistrate or other dignitary as an ensign of authority. This mace is made of sterling silver, walnut and oak and depicts various University symbols. It was designed by Rodney Hill, Texas A&M architecture professor who also carved the staff. Silversmith Lane Coulter ’78, of Santa Fe, prepared the silver head of the mace and Lars Stanley ’74, of Austin, designed and manufactured the stand.
Gonfalons

The gonfalon, a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias. The gonfalons displayed represent the colleges of Texas A&M University. The colors of the University, maroon and white, are joined together in a pattern common to all of the flags. The top portion is the designated color for each unit. The white field serves as a background for the symbol of each.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. On a ground of white appears an emerging sun of yellow and russet rays. Yellow, the discipline color of science, russet, the discipline color of natural resources, and the center orange, color of engineering, combine to illustrate the intellectual interest in human and biological systems and structures. The interweaving ring encompasses the dawn making a full circle of life.

College of Architecture. The inner triangle represents the essential insight of the social, economic, and political forces that shape our environment. The surrounding pyramid is an ancient symbol of the creative intellect. The interweaving bands of white below the pyramid form the necessary interaction of science and art.

Mays Business School. The golden knot symbolizes unity and coordination of the disciplines of business administration. Surrounding the golden knot, a field of purple represents the rank of authority. The foundation of lozenges under the triangle illustrates the flow of order.

College of Education and Human Development. The flourishing flame blazoned with gold, light blue and royal purple signifies the burning zeal of the three missions of education--teaching, research and service. The hands hold the spiritual, social and intellectual flame of education.

College of Engineering. As the triangles collaborate alongside each other, projecting a diamond shape, they depict the strong relationship between the diverse engineering disciplines. The use of mathematics, science and technology provide the foundation of solving today’s challenging ideas between and within each engineering department. The center illustrates a circuit board to express the continuing growth in technology and engineering today, resulting in new industries and opportunities. The cohesive elements of this design work together as a whole symbolizing communication, interaction, teamwork, and balance in Engineering as the green, blue and navy color palette represents energy, loyalty, wisdom, professionalism and ambition.
**College of Geosciences.** The white field reveals a yellow sun representing our surrounding atmosphere. The mountain peaks and the horizontal band of golden land represent the lithosphere. The banded waves of white signify the hydrosphere. The atmosphere, lithosphere and hydrosphere form the total environment for life in our world.

**Bush School of Government and Public Service.** The star symbolizes pride and heritage in our great state of Texas. The two lines on either side of the star represent our connection with the past, and with the future, in an effort to build on experiences from history, while contributing and presenting new opportunities to future generations.

**College of Liberal Arts.** The golden torch symbolizes the various disciplines lighting the path to our goal, “Knowledge for Life.” The circle of blue, the traditional color of knowledge, represents the college’s unending, unbroken commitment to scholarship, learning, and responsible citizenship.

**College of Medicine.** The white field provides a background for the Aesculapian staff and serpent, long used as the symbol of the healing arts. The green color is the same displayed on the hoods and robes worn for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

**College of Nursing.** The stars on the College of Nursing gonfalon represent caring, innovation and empowerment, while the cross symbolizes the origins of nursing. The candle honors the founder of nursing, Florence Nightingale. Apricot is the color of nursing.

**School of Public Health.** The anchor and caduceus are adapted from the national Public Health Service, which evolved from the Marine Hospital Service to the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, and finally became the U.S. Public Health Service. The star represents the linkage of the School of Public Health with the Texas A&M Health Science Center and the State of Texas. The salmon color is the color of the public health hoods.

**College of Science.** This symbol’s segments represent the five departments of the College of Science–Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy, and Statistics. The interweaving of each depicts their close relationship to each other. The inner quilting represents the intellectual search in science and its continuing growth.

**College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.** Resting upon a ground of purity, a white snake stands for the science and the art of prevention, cure or alleviation of disease and injury to animals. It is found entwined around a herald’s green staff—the symbol of service. The golden radiant triangle atop the Aesculapius illustrates the breadth of veterinary medical science.
“The Spirit of Aggieland”

By Mimms-Dunn

Some may boast of prowess’ bold,
Of the school they think so grand,
But there’s a spirit can ne’er be told,
It’s the spirit of Aggieland.

Chorus

We are the Aggies—the Aggies are we,
True to each other as Aggies can be.
We’ve got to fight, boys,
We’ve got to fight!
We’ve got to fight for Maroon and White.
After they’ve boosted all the rest,
They will come and join the best,
For we are the Aggies—the Aggies so true,
We’re from Texas A M U.