



# EAST TEXAS A&M

— UNIVERSITY —

## Spring 2026

### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

East Texas A&M University

#### GRADUATE CEREMONIES

Friday, May 8, 2026

Masters

1:00 p.m.

College of Business

College of Science & Engineering

College of Innovation & Design

Doctoral and Masters

4:00 p.m.

College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

College of Education & Human Services

College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts

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#### UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONIES

Saturday, May 9, 2026

College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

8:30 a.m.

College of Business

College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts

College of Education & Human Services

11:30 a.m.

College of Science & Engineering

College of Innovation & Design

2:30 p.m.

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### *East Texas A&M University Regents Professors:*

Julia Ballenger, Professor of Educational Leadership  
Derald Harp, Professor of Horticulture  
Tracy Henley, Professor of Psychology and Associate Dean  
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  
Brian Zator, Professor of Music and Director of Percussion

### *Name Announcers:*

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

### *Assisting with Names:*

Ancy Thomas, Graduate Program Specialist  
Dylana Williams, Academic Advisor

### *Photography: Flash Photography*

### *Commencement Committee:*

Paige Bussell, Chair; Amy Barrow, Jason Connell,  
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Jeremy Gamez, Paul Golden, John Harris, Jeff Knusta, Mason Little,  
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Bryan Vaughn, Katrina Watkins, Carrie Williams



## Ceremonial Brass

Michael Morrow, Associate Professor of Horn

**Trumpet**  
Roberto Garza Jr.  
Daniel Moss  
Juan Perez  
Richard Villafranco

**French Horn**  
Analise Flores  
Wesley Wilt

**Trombone**  
Andrew Luna  
Nathan Patil

**Tuba**  
Declan Cundiff  
Frida Ibarra

# University Commencement

## Spring 2026

Processional

Welcome ..... Dr. Mark Rudin  
President

National Anthem ..... Audience Standing and Singing

Greetings to Graduates ..... Ms. Amanda Lowe  
Director of Alumni Engagement

A&M System Greetings and Authorization to Confer Degrees 1:00 p.m. .... R. Brooks Moore  
General Counsel, The Texas A&M University System

A&M System Greetings and Authorization to Confer Degrees 4:00 p.m. .... Nikki Cobb  
Vice Chancellor for Government Relations, The Texas A&M University System

Introduction of Speakers ..... Dr. Tammi Vacha-Haase  
Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs

Speaker for the 1:00 & 4:00 p.m. Graduate Ceremony ..... Mr. Andy Kumar  
Owner, McDonalds

Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees ..... Dr. Jennifer Schroeder  
Dean of the Graduate School

Speaker for 8:30 a.m. Undergraduate Ceremony ..... Mr. Diego Flores  
Bachelor of Arts in English

Speaker for 11:30 a.m. Undergraduate Ceremony ..... Mr. Jason Otah  
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Speaker for 2:30 p.m. Undergraduate Ceremony ..... Ms. Tiffany Norman  
Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences in Public Admin City Planning

Presentation of Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees on behalf of the Deans ..... Dr. Tammi Vacha-Haase

College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources ..... Dr. Bryan Rank  
Dean

College of Business ..... Dr. Nancy Albers  
Dean

College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts ..... Dr. Joseph Romero  
Dean

College of Education & Human Services ..... Dr. Raymond Green  
Dean

College of Science & Engineering ..... Dr. Andrea Graham  
Dean

College of Innovation & Design ..... Dr. April Sanders  
Dean

Awarding of Degrees ..... Dean of Respective College/School

Alma Mater ..... Audience Standing and Singing

Recessional



## **Glenn Hegar** **Chancellor, The Texas A&M University System**

Glenn Hegar became chancellor of The Texas A&M University System in July of 2025. As chancellor, he leads one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation, with a budget of \$7.3 billion and an enrollment of more than 165,000 students across 11 universities. Additionally, the System has a comprehensive health science center, eight state agencies, a research-and-education campus at Texas A&M-Fort Worth and an applied research campus at Texas A&M-RELLIS. System-wide, research and development expenditures of the System exceed \$1.5 billion and help drive the state's economy.

Hegar was raised on a farm in the small town of Hockley, just outside Houston. While he ultimately earned his degree in political science at Texas A&M in 1993, he started his college career at a local community college in order to continue helping on the farm. Those early years taught him determination, honesty and integrity, but most importantly, they taught Hegar the value of hard work.

Hegar went on to earn a law degree at St. Mary's University School of Law, where he met his wife, Dara. He also graduated with a master's degree in law from the University of Arkansas.

Hegar then spent his career in service to the people of Texas. He served in the Texas Legislature as a state representative and a state senator, and he later became the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, where he developed a reputation for delivering results, prudently managing billions in taxpayer funds and leading with principle.

Known for his hands-on leadership and deep commitment to public service, Hegar is now focused on one primary mission: unlocking the full potential of the A&M System to build the next generation of Texas leaders.

Hegar and Dara have three children, Claire, Julia and Jonah.



## **Mark Rudin, Ph.D.** **President, East Texas A&M University**

Dr. Mark Rudin was appointed president of East Texas A&M University by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents on August 16, 2018. 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 preparedness, expanded research, and economic development are among Rudin's top priorities as president. His vision for East Texas A&M 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 East Texas A&M, Rudin served as the vice president for Research and Economic Development at Boise State University. During his 11 year tenure at Boise State, he played a central role in expanding research activity and developing collaborative partnerships with both public and private entities.

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. 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



Anand Kumar is a North Texas entrepreneur whose story reflects relentless hard work, humility and the belief that life offers an opportunity every day if you're willing to take it. He is the owner/operator of 19 McDonald's restaurants with a team of 1,300+ employees and a growing real estate portfolio. But his path to success began far from where he stands now.

Anand came to the U.S. in 2000, arriving from India with little money and big dreams. He had earned degrees in science and law in India, but earning credentials to practice law in America required two more years of college, which he couldn't afford. So, he accepted his reality but not his limits and took what he thought would be a temporary job at a gas station "for just a few days," which turned into six years. During that time, he learned the culture and language of America, as well as the discipline of long hours.

With grit and determination, he turned that rundown gas station into a profitable business and used the cash flow to enter single family real estate. But he always wanted to do something bigger, something that created jobs, opportunity and community impact. So, not knowing anything about owning a McDonald's franchise, he applied anyway, was accepted and eventually became a McDonald's owner/operator. Building 19 restaurants in just eight years, he became one of the fastest growing franchisees in North Texas.

Anand's restaurants are more than businesses; they are community hubs. He creates jobs for young people, supports local schools, and gives back through civic and nonprofit collaborations. His work has earned recognition from elected officials, government leaders, police chiefs and community organizations across the region.

Married and a proud father of three children, Anand leads with humility, gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility. His journey from a gas station attendant with no money to a major employer and respected community leader is a testament to resilience, faith and the power of hard work.

# Commencement Speakers

## Mr. Diego Flores

### Bachelor of Arts in English

Diego Alexander Flores will be graduating from East Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Interdisciplinary Studies. During his time at East Texas A&M, Diego supported countless students on their path towards becoming better writers, serving as The lead undergraduate writing consultant for the East Texas A&M University Writing Center. Additionally, he led a research project throughout the 2025-2026 academy year exploring Lexicon and Colloquialism Certification systems for universities nationwide, presenting research at regional research conferences such as the SCWCA conference at the University of Oklahoma. A aspiring artist and established writer, Diego plans to establish a joint career as a technical writer and photographer.



## Mr. Jason Otah

### Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Jason Otah is from Sugar Land, TX, and is the son of Ese and Kenneth Otah. While at East Texas A&M, Jason was heavily involved with the Honors College, completing multiple internships with Dr. Curt Carlson in his Crime Lab and at the Commerce Community Clinic, and earning a scholarship for his work studying abroad in Belize. He was also the chair of academic affairs for our Student Government Association, an assistant at Hospice Care, and the President of Psi Chi. He served as a Peer Mentor since his second semester, working his way up to become a Peer Mentor Lead for 2 years. Additionally, he was a student-athlete for the university, making an impact on the gridiron and earning various accolades on and off the field throughout his years on campus. Jason is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in Interdisciplinary Studies, earning a 3.56 GPA. He plans to earn his master's in Clinical Psychology from Northwestern State University and become a Psychiatrist.



## Ms. Tiffany Norman

### Bachelor of Applied Art and Sciences in Public Admin City Planning

Tiffany Norman is graduating with a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Public Administration and City Planning. She brings over a decade of experience in operations and project management in corporate dining within the tech industry and over 20 years of work experience. She made the intentional decision to return to school and complete her degree in order to pursue a career more closely aligned with her interests in public service and community development. Drawing on this diverse background, Tiffany is now focused on applying her experience to public administration and city planning, where she hopes to help shape thoughtful development in the communities where she lives and serves.

She lives outside of Austin, Texas with her husband and two sons. She hopes to show them that it's okay to take a different path, and that choosing your direction with purpose matters more than following what's expected.



# Candidates for Graduate Degrees

## Doctoral Degrees - Friday, May 8, 2026

### Ayers, Bailey Danielle, PhD

BS, East Texas A&M University, 2020  
MS, East Texas A&M University, 2023

Dissertation: *Mental Versus Physical Effort: Weighing the Decision to Offload*  
Major: Experimental Psychology  
Major Advisor: Dr. Lacy Krueger

### Ballotti III, Reynolds John, PhD

BS, East Texas A&M University, 2017  
MS, East Texas A&M University, 2023

Dissertation: *AI Assistance and Metacognitive Calibration*  
Major: Experimental Psychology  
Major Advisor: Dr. Shulan Lu

### Berry, Melinda Leigh, EdD

BS, Sam Houston State University, 1995  
MA, Texas &M University-Corpus Christi, 1998

Dissertation: *Navigating College Life: A Narrative Inquiry into Basic Needs Insecurity and Support Interventions Among First-Generation Community College Students*  
Major: Higher Education  
Major Advisor: Dr. Leslie Ekpe

### Blank, Melissa Denise, EdD

BA, Texas A&M University, 1997  
MA, St. Mary's University, 2000  
MEd, Texas Woman's University, 2012

Dissertation: *A Qualitative Study Exploring Children's Mental Health Needs and Solutions Including School-Community Partnerships in Texas Border Communities and Beyond*  
Major: Educational Administration  
Major Advisor: Dr. Peter Williams

### Brown, Keith Alan, EdD

BA, Mid America Nazarene College, 1992  
MS, East Texas A&M University, 2001

Dissertation: *The School Principal and Teachers' Perspectives on Kindergarten Readiness: A Descriptive Case Study*  
Major: Educational Administration  
Major Advisor: Dr. M. Nathan Templeton

### Brown, Diana LeAnn Simmons, EdD

BA, University of St. Thomas, 2007  
MEd, East Texas A&M University, 2013

Dissertation: *An Argument for Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy: A Content Analysis of One Eighth Grade Emergent Bilingual Curriculum*  
Major: Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction  
Major Advisor: Dr. Kathryn Dixon

### Evans, Trisha Eileen, EdD

BS, Texas Wesleyan University, 2002  
MEd, Texas Wesleyan University, 2008

Dissertation: *Changes in Exclusionary Discipline Rates and Disciplinary Disproportionality Over Time in North Texas Independent School Districts*  
Major: Educational Administration  
Major Advisor: Dr. Danna Beaty

### Evans, Cheryl Kathleen, PhD

BA, University of Oklahoma, 1996  
MEd, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, 2010

Dissertation: *Evaluating Professional Identity Development in School Counselors: The Role of the Texas Evaluation Model for Professional School Counselors, Third Edition*  
Major: Counselor Education and Supervision  
Major Advisor: Dr. Zaidy Mohdzain

### Graham, Tellauance Lemond, EdD

BGS, University of Louisiana at Monroe, 2002  
MEd, Louisiana Tech University, 2010

Dissertation: *Developing the Professional Capacity of Teachers with Alternative Certifications: An Exploration of Principals' Lived Experiences*  
Major: Educational Administration  
Major Advisor: Dr. Melissa Arrambide

### Guillory, Justin Dontrelle, EdD

BA, Northwestern State University, 2018  
MEd, East Tennessee State University, 2020

Dissertation: *"I Actually Do Belong Here:." How the Anti-DEI Movement Reshapes Belonging for Black and Latino Male Students*  
Major: Higher Education  
Major Advisor: Dr. Tony Lee

### Hardin, Candice Rae, EdD

BSIS, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2006  
MEd, Sam Houston State University, 2012

Dissertation: *Early College High School as a Platform for Promoting Postsecondary Readiness Among Underrepresented Populations*  
Major: Educational Administration  
Major Advisor: Dr. Danna Beaty

### Herndon-Lewis, Sharon Lorraine, EdD

BS, Missouri State University, 1979  
MEd, East Texas A&M University, 1989

Dissertation: *Secondary Teachers' Perceptions of Professional Development Aimed at Assisting Black Male Adolescents who Struggle with Reading*  
Major: Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction  
Major Advisor: Dr. Tami Morton

### Kamp, Melissa Jillee, PhD

BA, Texas Tech University, 2008  
MEd, Texas Tech University, 2009

Dissertation: *The Intersection of Literature and Activism in Selected Works of Elizabeth Garver Jordan, Mary Keaton Vorse, and Edith Franklin Wyatt*  
Major: English  
Major Advisor: Dr. Karen Roggenkamp

### Miles, Jr., Michael L., PhD

BA, Langston University, 1997  
MEd, Lamar University, 2009

Dissertation: *Blank Screens: Visualizing Cultural Expressions Through the Tyler Texas Black Film Collection*  
Major: English  
Major Advisor: Dr. Karen Roggenkamp

### Nisbet, Katie Nicole, EdD

BA, Vanderbilt University, 2007  
MA, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 2011

Dissertation: *Workforce Degrees with an Emphasis in Humanity*  
Major: Higher Education  
Major Advisor: Dr. David Tan

### Resendez, Alberto, EdD

BS, Texas A&M International University, 2007  
MS, Texas A&M International University, 2010  
MS, Texas A&M International University, 2018

Dissertation: *Identifying Principal Leadership Behaviors that Mitigate the Achievement Gap Among Migrant Students in Texas*  
Major: Educational Administration  
Major Advisor: Dr. Teresa Farler

### Roberts, Amanda, EdD

BSIS, East Texas A&M University, 2008  
MEd, Lamar University, 2012

Dissertation: *Education Investments and Student Success: Analyzing the Relationship Between School Funding and Math Achievement in District X*  
Major: Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction  
Major Advisor: Dr. Karyn Miller

### Shelton, Kendal Kay, EdD

BA, Southwestern University, 2008  
MEd, Lamar University, 2012

Dissertation: *The Dual Enrollment Experience: Exploring African American Students' Insights and Persistence in High School Through College*  
Major: Educational Administration  
Major Advisor: Dr. Peter Williams

# Candidates for Graduate Degrees

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**Washington, Racquel L., EdD**

BS, University of North Texas, 1996

MS, East Texas A&M University, 2009

Dissertation: *Factors that Influence Retention of Teachers Working in  
Child Care Deserts*

Major: Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction

Major Advisor: Dr. Julia Persky

**Welsh, Halie, PhD**

BS, University of Pittsburg, 2017

MEd, Southern Methodist University, 2019

Dissertation: *Factors that Influence Early Childhood Well-Being*

Major: Experimental Psychology

Major Advisor: Dr. Kendra Saunders



## Specialist in School Psychology - Friday, May 8, 2026

Rachel Brianne Bramer  
Morgann Bailee Davis

Jilliyn FuShuang Geremonte  
Grace Kelli Hackney

Jimyia W. Harris  
Misty Dawn Locke

Ashton C. Pickens



## Masters Degrees - Friday, May 8, 2026

Lena H. Abushaar  
Xochil Adame  
Sujata Adhikari  
Emmanuel Nadson Agenor  
Anirudh Agrawal  
Yesenia Sanchez Aguilar  
Bridget Serwaa Akwatia  
Md Jahangir Alam  
Karlee Ann Alexander  
Patricia J. Alexander  
Takiya Deenay Alexander  
Abdullah Mohammad Alshare  
Mirella Alvarado  
Sarah E. Aly  
Derrick Dewayne Amittai  
Kyree T. Anderson  
Victoria Marie Andolina  
Donna Yadira Andrade  
Moses Antwi  
Barnabas Narteh Apaflo  
Deyci Arellano Espinoza  
Azul Arevalo  
Ivory B. Ashby  
Razan Ali Ashour  
Bobbie Jo Askew  
Rebecca Audra Atherton  
Roja Atluri  
Cavin Afrane Atuahene  
Tia Noelle Avila  
Rosemary T. Babcock  
Mari Ilene Baccus  
Ouays Bakcha  
Jonathan Robert Leo Baker  
Josiah Baker  
Brandon Chase Ballard  
Shruthi Ballem  
Anjolaoluwa Balogun  
Ishaminah Lashawn Banks  
Tereso Mario Barbosa  
Matthew A. Barton  
Syed Sohail Ahmed Basheer  
Sai Sudha Battula  
Johnathon Allen Baxter  
Isaiah Y. Beah  
Demetrius A. Beasley  
Shon Allen Bellah  
Julie E. Bennett  
Kailee P. Bennett  
Niraj Bhusal  
Camila M. Bioca Lenertz  
Bernice Elberta Blakney  
Trey A. Bowers  
Breona Christine Bradley  
Julian Thomas Brazil, Sr.  
Ariva Shavon Brown  
Patrick T. Brown  
Tikka Marie Brown  
Aniecia D. Browning  
Yvonne Lynn Bunch  
Felisha Michelle Burleson

David Lee Burns  
Lauren Jessica Buth  
Jeremy Butler  
Alecia R. Byrd  
Angelica Caldera  
Lagloria F. Campbell  
Palmer Michael Campbell  
Ar donna L. Cardines  
Ivy J. Carey  
Zoe Paige Carlisle  
Latora Carruth  
Kolby Gene Cato  
Jewnelia S. Chalk  
Ginger N. Chaney  
Pranita Mayuresh Chaudhari  
Robert Erwin Chiles  
Charlie Dominic Chio  
Jonathan Ray Chitty  
Da Min Choi  
Chu Hyun Hannah Chung  
Jannati Islam Chy  
Caleb M. Cilumba  
James Ray Clark III  
Julie Clark  
Shelby Clements  
Emily Conde Garcia  
Lauryn Elizabeth Corley  
Trezjon C. Cothran  
Je'Mya Y'Zhane Coulter  
Hailey E. Cramer  
Quentavaise Crowder  
Amelia McKenzie Crumm  
Ivana S. Crumpton  
Joe Anthony Cruz  
Johanna Cuestas  
Emily A. Cunningham  
Tejaswini Damodara Kannan  
Hannatu Anita Danjuma  
Andy Dao  
Brianna Nicole Davis  
Christina Katherine Davis  
Robin L. Davis  
Adrian Andrew De La Fuente  
Xavier Degrate  
Jasmin Rocio Del Castillo  
Jose David Delcid-Martinez  
Harshitha Divakarreddy  
Ashia C. Donahue  
Emmalee R. Doss  
Hannah Dunacusky  
Lisa L. Dunagan  
Karen Felicia Dunn  
Mikayla B. Dunn  
Brendan M. Eades  
Blessing T. Ebangit  
Tharun Ebenezar  
Brice Bertrand Aristide Eboule  
Andriana Jene Edwards  
Trinity S. Egerton  
Steven Eiger

Abin Siby Elamthottam  
Ashanti Sharice Else  
Carla J. Emery  
Christopher England  
Kebret Eshetu  
Alberta Eshun  
Divine Eyong Eyong Mbi  
Meagan De Ann Fails  
Kelsey L. Falls  
Jason Farovitch  
Martin A. Figueroa  
Jasmine D. Finley  
Irina Fisher  
Elaina D. Flynn  
Neville W. Foncha  
Hoi Kei Fong  
William E. Ford  
Joshua A. Foster  
Cassandra M. Frank  
Elijah E. Fulmore  
Alexandra Monique Gamez  
Sielo Garcia  
Sandy Manika Gardner  
Kelli Belle Garza  
Oriana Jelanda Gee  
Toranala Ghargaye  
Colten Christopher Gibson  
Katlyn Gibson  
Christina H. Gipson  
Courtney Glasgow  
Jason Glass  
Alana Golubinski  
John R. Gomez  
Claudia Jeanette Gomez Norena  
Taylor Nicole Goodrich  
Francisca Govea  
Kennady Dale Grant  
Danielle Renee Green  
Destiny Loran Green  
Laura Green  
Julie A. Greer  
Hailey R. Griffin  
Christian Alexander Guillen  
Juan Fernando Gurrola  
Ezella Guyton-Causey  
Holli H. Gwartney  
Robert Haddard  
Cody J. Haggerty  
Brittney Faye Hagins  
Emily Catherine Hale  
Lauren Mae Hall  
Felecia Shenette Hardeman  
Heather Ashley Harder  
John N. Harms  
Jace Bronson Harris Courtney  
Haycraft  
Heather Marie Hayes  
Alysha Helmstetter  
Megan Elizabeth Henderson

Christian Bryce Hernandez  
Ricardo Hernandez, Jr.  
Matthew Lee Herrera  
Katherine J. Hickman  
Jill Marie Higginbotham  
Lyn My Hoang  
Eakita M. Hobbs  
Madison Mckenzy Grayce Hodges  
Cassidy Alanna Hodo  
Kent C. Holiman, Jr.  
Kaitlyn Holmes  
Monica Lee Housden  
Shi Hong Huang  
Heidi A. Hubacek  
Kailey M. Humes  
Amy A. Hurley  
Muhammad Sarim Hussain Farshori  
Sai Viswasri Immaneni  
Biro Inaltekin  
Kristina L. Ingerson  
Isen Ismaili  
Andrea Jackson  
Riya Jain  
Guisselle Maria James  
Shannon Marie James-Bates  
Amanda Lee Jenson  
Davarion Micah Johnson  
Raelynn Jane Johnson  
Ty Mabry Johnson  
Christina Y. Jones  
Jasmine M. Jones  
Jordan Stanford Jones  
Timothy Alan Jones  
Payton N. Joost  
Manu Jose  
Micah E. Justice  
Selorm Kakrada  
Steven Kekombe  
Md Yeasin Khan  
Angel Kim  
Doweon Kim  
Hyeon Kim  
Koby-Sebasen J'Sean King  
Raven Samone Kirven  
Gabriela H. Kisner  
Mary-Jane G. Klaumann  
Marsha Knox  
Joshua Kommer  
Lancey Konate  
Bret Kopp  
Jean Michel Donovan Kore  
Sarah M. Koukalik  
Ablavi Dina Kpeglo  
Veronika Kramarenko  
Anastasia N. Krasutsky  
Kacie Mae Kresta  
Jennifer Lac  
Kenna Belle Lane  
Keiori Nakelle Lee  
Mang U Lei

## Masters Degrees (continued)

Meagan Nichole Leigh-Manuell	Cherie Dionna Murray-Scott	Hannah Brooke Ray	Alyssa Shanta Spencer
Ruth Melissa Lemieux	Hannah Myers	Cedrick Adel Record	Taylor Jade Spencer
Amanda Kate Leverett	Jyothi Swaroop Myneni	Moirra Reed	Kaitlyn Stalcup
Padmini M. Lingaiah	Rithika Nagpal	Toby W. Reed	Ke'Asia R. Stanford
Isabel Lira	Paola Alejandra Navarrete Seefoo	Anosha Rehan	Andrew Michael Stapp
Ashley M. Lopez	Andy Alberto Navarro	Jason E. Reid	Patricia G. Stephens
Elba Guadalupe Lopez Canales	JaBria Sheree'Nycole Neal	Cristina Restrepo Paniagua	Shondon Lashon Stoker
Darian Chandler Mack	Gaby R. Neason	Courtland Seth Reyes	Gabriella Lynn Stout
Valerie Natasha Mack	Nathalie Neilan	Jessica Anne Rhudy	Bjorn J. Strotzman
Amanda A. Maestas	Kathy Kim Nguyen	Jacob A. Richardson	John Guanhan Su
Prajeena Maharjan	Tung-alex P. Nguyen	Norma Jean Richardson	Spencer Surratt
Himabindu Mallidi	Danielle J. Nicholson	Orlando Richardson	Taronika Camille Sweet
Ali Hussain Maredia	Pranav Sriram Nikku	Megan Marie Riederer	Erin E. Swingley
Orfa Nery Marin Acosta	Tyler Jacob Ninalga	Brandon Michael Rivas	Sarah Elizabeth Tallant
Juanita Marin Tabares	Felix Edem Nyator	Priscilla R. Rivera	Nibhal Tamrakar
Vanessa Martinez	Cole P. O'Dwyer	Shalonda Lane Roberson	LaBotta Taylor
David Christopher Massie	Eunice Acheabea Offei	Jamie Roberts	Luzviminda Jimenez Thomann
Addison Taylor Maxwell	William Kanayochi Ohakam	Quincy Ryan Roberts	Arthe A. Thomas
Lindsey R. Mayfield	Ikemefuna C. Ojukwu	Chrystal Robinson	Jamin Biju Thomas
Tanner T. McCarter	Sylvester Okonkwo	Eric I. Rodriguez	Krista Leighnet Marie Thomas
Dajinae Tashae McCarty	Anisa Lee Olavarria	Roman Alexis Rodriguez Zapata	Julie Anne Tillman
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 Michael Moses Pilla  
 Ross Craig Pohlmeier  
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 Regan Kylie Purnell  
 Samuel Morgan Pyland  
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 Martin Daniel Torres  
 Alejandro Tovar  
 Andrea Renee Trout  
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 Rozelva B. Tucker  
 Sierra Beth Tucker  
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 Haley A. Valencia  
 Stephan Michael Victor  
 Denise Elizabeth Vitek  
 Kasey Shawn Wade  
 Amanda Marie Walker  
 Jeremiah Lee Walker  
 Megan C. Wallace  
 Quintin D. Wallace  
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 Taylea F. West  
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 Sanghoon Woo  
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## Honors College

The Honors College at East Texas A&M University is a learning community of students who strive to gain a better understanding of the world around them and of themselves. Honors College students complete a challenging interdisciplinary honors curriculum, culminating in the successful completion and defense of a thesis, an internship, or a study abroad experience.



## The Honors Fourragère and Pin

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

The fourragère's blue and gold colors represent the university, but they are also symbolic. Blue is the color of sincere intellectual endeavor, a tradition that carries forward from ancient Egypt and is reflected 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. The gold is a 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, to the Honors College and East Texas A&M University.

Students who successfully defend a thesis are also awarded an Honors pin in blue and gold, to be worn on the graduation regalia and kept as a reminder of their hard work.



# Spring 2026 Honors Graduates

## College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

### Kaitlyn Alise Anderson

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Agricultural Science & Technology  
Capstone: Internship: Secondary Education Field Experience  
Mentor: Dr. Whitney Figland

### Jaidan Sierra Bates

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Agricultural Science  
Capstone: *Thesis: The Overlap of Faith, Creativity, and Mental Health*  
Advisor: Josephine Durkin, MFA

### Cayden John Barton

Bachelor of Science with Highest Honors  
Department of Agricultural Sciences  
Capstone: *Thesis: Exploring Undergraduate Students' Perceptions of Agriculture*  
Advisor: Dr. Maggie Salem

## College of Business

### Kennedy Jade Baker

Bachelor of Business Administration with High Honors\*  
Department of Marketing & Business Analytics  
Capstone: *Thesis: How does social media influence the mental health, body image, and identity of preteen and young adult black women in North Texas?*  
Internship: Hunt County Shared Ministries  
Advisor: Dr. Chris Meyers

### Matthew B. Massingill

Bachelor of Business Administration with Honors  
Department of Accounting & Finance  
Capstone: Study Abroad: Castles

### Isabella Jayne Burns

Bachelor of Business Administration with Highest Honors  
Department of Accounting & Finance  
Capstone: *Thesis: An Investigation into the Student and Faculty Knowledge, Perception, and Usage of ChatGPT*  
Advisor: Dr. Robert Rankin

### Hunter K. Saxon

Bachelor of Business Administration with Honors  
Department of Accounting & Finance  
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Accounting & Finance Field Experience

### Katelyn Elizabeth Chappell

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Business Administration  
Capstone: Internship: Wolf City Independent School District  
Mentor: Lindsay Svane, MS

### Vanessa Sereno

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Business Administration  
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Student Rights & Responsibilities Department

### Christian Eliseo Vargas-Booth

Bachelor of Business Administration with Honors  
Department of Accounting & Finance  
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Alumni Engagement Department  
Mentor: Laura Lucas

# College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts

## **Marshall Owen Axsom**

Bachelor of Music with Honors  
School of Music

Capstone: Study Abroad: Castles

## **Rose Brown**

Bachelor of Music with Highest Honors  
School of Music

Capstone: *Thesis: An Electronics-Free Elementary Music Classroom*

Internship: Secondary Residency in Teaching

Advisor: Dr. Darla Meek

## **Cullen John Caldwell**

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with Honors  
Department of Social Sciences

Capstone: Internship: Delta County Sheriff's Office & Delta County Attorney's Office

## **Ritika Deivasigamani**

Bachelor of Music with Highest Honors  
School of Music

Capstone: *Thesis: Pedagogical Vertical Alignment in Instrumental Music Education*

Internship: Secondary Residency in Teaching

Advisor: Dr. Darla Meek

## **Chloe A. Gage**

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Social Sciences

Capstone: Study Abroad: The Pursuit of Peace & Happiness

## **Abby O. Harris**

Bachelor of Fine Arts with Highest Honors  
Department of Art

Capstone: *Thesis: Behind The Scenes: An Examination of the Realities, Misconceptions, and Practices of Graphic Design*

Advisor: Cathy Foster, MFA

## **Nathan S. Norris**

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Social Sciences

Capstone: Study Abroad: Castles

## **Makenna Rose Van Huss**

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with Honors  
Department of Social Sciences

Capstone: Internship: Commerce Municipal Court & Delta County Attorney's Office

Mentor: Miranda Phillips

# College of Education & Human Services

## **Gracie Leann Aldridge**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing with Honors  
School of Nursing & Health Sciences  
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Nursing Field Experience

## **Alexander Davis Calicott**

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Health & Human Performance  
Capstone: Internship: Hulsey Therapy Services, PC  
Mentor: Dr. Michael Oldham

## **Alexis Meadow Daniels**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing with High Honors\*  
School of Nursing & Health Sciences  
Capstone: Study Abroad: Castles  
Internship: ETAMU Nursing Field Experience

## **Nadia Sinclair Dotson**

Bachelor of Science in Public Health with Honors  
Department of Health & Human Performance  
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Public Health Program  
Mentor: Rachel Aumann, MPH

## **Abigail Grace Fields**

Bachelor of Science with High Honors\*  
Department of Psychology & Special Education  
Capstone: Study Abroad: The Pursuit of Peace & Happiness  
Internship: ETAMU Psychology Research Apprenticeship  
Mentor: Brittney Yager, MS

## **Aubrey Elizabeth Hamm**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing with Honors  
School of Nursing & Health Sciences  
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Nursing Field Experience

## **Madison Grace Henzen**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing with Highest Honors  
School of Nursing & Health Sciences  
Capstone: *Thesis: Examining the Prevalence and Sources of Common Health Misconceptions Endorsed by College Students*  
Internship: ETAMU Nursing Field Experience  
Advisor: Rachel Aumann, MPH

## **Jason Otah**

Bachelor of Science with High Honors\*  
Department of Psychology & Special Education  
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Psychology Research Apprenticeship  
Study Abroad: School of Social Work Field Experience  
Mentor: Dr. Demarquis Hayes

## **Taylor N. Storms**

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Psychology & Special Education  
Capstone: *Thesis: Attentional Biases, Cognitive Interference: What's Love Go to Do with It?*  
Advisor: Dr. Kelly Carrero

## **Kristen Casey Sultz**

Bachelor of Science in Public Health with Honors  
Department of Health & Human Performance  
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Public Health Program

## **Lisa Maria Van Dieden**

Bachelor of Science with High Honors\*  
Department of Curriculum & Instruction  
Capstone: Study Abroad: The Pursuit of Peace & Happiness  
Internship: Clinical Teaching Field Experience  
Mentor: Brittney Yager, MS

## **Alexis R. Young**

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Psychology & Special Education  
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Metacognition Laboratory  
Mentor: Dr. Tracy Henley

# College of Science & Engineering

## Logan Cole Boxdorfer

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Engineering & Technology  
Capstone: Internship: Oncor Electric Delivery

## Collin Andrew Callagher

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences  
Capstone: *Interferon Stimulated Gene GIP3, Suppresses Golgi Localization of E-Cadherin in Breast Cancer Cell Line MCF-7*  
Advisor: Dr. Venugopalan Cheriyaath

## Nicholas Mcallister Cox

Bachelor of Science with Highest Honors  
Department of Physics & Astronomy  
Capstone: *Thesis: The Effects of Solvent Vapor Annealing on Organic Semiconductor Materials*  
Advisor: Dr. Heungman Park

## Karina Duarte

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences  
Capstone: *Thesis: Synergistic Anti-Proliferating Effects of Vinblastine and Bitter Gourd Combination in Breast Carcinoma*  
Advisor: Dr. Venugopalan Cheriyaath

## Caroline Ellerbrock

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences  
Capstone: Study Abroad: Castles  
Mentor: Dr. Hunkar Gizem Yesilyurt

## Jonathan Charles Enright

Bachelor of Science with Highest Honors  
Department of Mathematics  
Capstone: *Thesis: Area Comparison of Image Maps for Holomorphic Functions on Annuli*  
Advisor: Dr. Mehmet Celik

## Kole Ferreira

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Computer Science & Information Systems  
Capstone: Study Abroad: Castles

## Noel Alexander Gamon

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences  
Capstone: *Thesis: The Impact of Sex Education on College Student's Perceptions of Sexual Taboos*  
Advisor: Dr. Julia Meszaros

## Angel M. Griggs

Bachelor of Science with High Honors  
Department of Computer Science & Information Systems  
Capstone: *Thesis: Empowering Futures: Inspiring Young Girls in STEM Through Comics*  
Advisor: Dr. Ashanka Kumari

## Connor Bradford Hall

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences  
Capstone: *Thesis: Perfectionism, Anxiety, and Depression: A comparison of student mental health at East Texas A&M University: Honors vs Non-honors*  
Advisor: Adam Bowden, MS

## David Anthony Neaville

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Engineering & Technology  
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Waters Library Archives  
Mentor: Dr. Paul McCright

## Aedan Cole Kemp

Bachelor of Science with High Honors\*  
Department of Animal Science  
Capstone: Thesis: Investigating Eastern Gamagrass (*Tripsacum dactyloides*) Establishment in Northeast Texas  
Internship: ETAMU Biological Sciences Wildlife Internship  
Advisor: Dr. Grace Ogdén

## Neyda Marie Perez

Bachelor of Science with Highest Honors  
Department of Mathematics  
Capstone: *Thesis: Code-Switching: A Study on College Students' Language Practices*  
Advisor: Dr. Gavin Johnson

## Kimberly Yanira Resendiz

Bachelor of Science with High Honors\*  
Department of Mathematics  
Capstone: *Thesis: The Inner Workings of a Flipped Classroom*  
Internship: Clinical Teaching Field Experience  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Mills

## Erica Nicole Salinas

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Chemistry  
Capstone: *Thesis: Exploring the Synthesis, Characterization, and Aggregation Properties of Perylene Diimide Derivatives*  
Advisor: Dr. Stephen Starnes

## Karina Santana

Bachelor of Science with High Honors\*  
Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences  
Capstone: *Thesis: GIP3 Dysregulates Interferon-Stimulated Gene Expression In ER (+) Breast Cancer Cells*  
Advisor: Dr. Venugopalan Cheriyaath

## Zane Weston Smith

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences  
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Biological Sciences Research Lab  
Mentor: Dr. Hyun-Joo Nam

## Jacob R. Vaughn

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Department of Computer Science & Information Systems  
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Waters Library Archives

## Elizabeth C. Weinmann

Bachelor of Science with Honors  
Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences  
Capstone: Internship: The Nature Conservancy-Clymer Meadow Preserve  
Mentor: Dr. Grace Ogdén



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Lisa Maria Van Dieden  
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Sammantha Mercedes Waller  
Aubrey Page Watkins  
William Kinnick Witt  
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Arelis Lisseth Cardona  
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Yasmeen Din  
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# The Academic Costume

## Origins

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

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

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

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

## Gowns

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

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

## Colors

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors’ gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, colors of some of the different disciplines are as follows: Science—Gold; Business Administration—Light Brown; Social Work—Citron; Art—White; Music—Pink; Fine Arts—Dark Brown; Nursing—Peach; Specialist—Yellow. The dark blue of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree is used to represent the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field and is not intended to represent the field of philosophy.

## Hoods

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

## Caps

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