



EAST TEXAS A&M
— UNIVERSITY —

Fall 2025
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
East Texas A&M University

GRADUATE CEREMONY

Friday, December 12, 2025

Master's College of Business College of Science & Engineering	1:00 p.m.
Doctoral and Master's College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources College of Education & Human Services College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts	4:00 p.m.

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONIES

Saturday, December 13, 2025

College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources College of Education & Human Services	8:30 a.m.
College of Business College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts College of Science & Engineering	11:30 a.m.
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
Ben Jang, Professor of Chemistry
Bao-An Li, Professor of Physics & Astronomy
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Sang Suh, Professor of Computer Science
Matt Wood, Professor of Physics and Astronomy
Brian Zator, Professor of Music and Director of Percussion

Name Announcers:

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Photography: Flash Photography

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Robert Williams, Professor of Agricultural Sciences

Commencement Committee:

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Ceremonial Brass

Michael Morrow, Associate Professor of Horn

Trumpet

Amatis Campbell
Roberto Garza Jr.
Daniel Moss
Richard Villafranco

French Horn

Analise Flores
Wesley Wilt

Trombone

Andrew Luna
Nathan Patil

Tuba

Declan Cundiff
Roman Rodriguez

University Commencement

Fall 2025

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. Ms. 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 Dr. Joseph Showell
Executive Director of Student Services, Birdville ISD

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

Speaker for 8:30 a.m. Undergraduate Ceremony. Ms. Carlyne Savage
Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness

Speaker for 11:30 a.m. Undergraduate Ceremony. Ms. Faye Lambert
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Speaker for 2:30 a.m. Undergraduate Ceremony. Mr. Scott Askew
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

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 Education & Human Services Dr. Raymond Green
Dean

College of Business. Dr. Nancy Albers
Dean

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



Dr. Joseph Showell **Executive Director of Student Services, Birdville ISD**

Joseph Showell, Ph.D., is an educational leader with more than 30 years of service to Texas students, families, and communities. He currently serves as Executive Director of Student Services for Birdville ISD, overseeing districtwide initiatives, including safety, attendance, and student conduct. Known for his steady leadership, Dr. Showell is widely respected for his expertise in crisis response, student discipline, and campus safety. He also mentors aspiring school administrators as a field supervisor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at The University of Texas at Arlington.

Dr. Showell's previous leadership as Executive Director of Student Services for Lancaster ISD strengthened community partnerships, expanded mentoring programs, and advanced key district initiatives in alternative education and safety planning. Additionally, he earned recognition for his tenure as principal of Lancaster High School from 2012 to 2017. Under his leadership, the school grew to more than 2,000 students while maintaining a 96–98 percent graduation rate, achieving a zero percent dropout rate for three consecutive years, and earning multiple state distinctions.

He holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, a M.Ed. in Educational Administration from The University of Texas at Arlington, and a B.S. in Mathematics from East Texas State University (now East Texas A&M University). At East Texas A&M, he was a team captain on the Lone Star Conference champion football team and later an inductee into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame. He also completed executive training at Harvard University.

A dynamic presenter, Dr. Showell has delivered keynotes and professional sessions across Texas and nationwide. He presents on crisis response, school reunification planning, instructional leadership, school reform, and equity in education. His work has been featured at the Texas School Safety Center, the Texas Association of School Administrators, the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, and the National Alliance of Black School Educators, among other notable organizations.

Deeply engaged in professional and civic life, Dr. Showell is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and multiple state leadership associations. He is a deacon at St. John Church Unleashed in Southlake. He has been honored with numerous awards, including the Grand Prairie NAACP Distinguished Educator Award and the Grand Prairie High School Alumni Educator of the Year Award.

Above all, Dr. Showell is most proud of his family. He has been married to his wife, Debbie, for 31 years, and their son, Joseph, remains his greatest joy and inspiration.

Commencement Speakers

Ms. Carolynne Savage

Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness

Carolynne Savage, of LaRue, Texas, is the daughter of Chad and Robyn Savage. During her time at East Texas A&M, she served as a student worker for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR), where she helped facilitate college-wide events, including the Agricultural Networking Night and the Sustainable Agriculture FFA career development event.

As an Honors Scholar, Carolynne completed research in agricultural economics and presented her work at the 2025 Southern Agricultural Economics Association annual meeting. She also broadened her academic experience by attending multiple agricultural conferences throughout her studies.

Carolynne is graduating Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness. This spring, she will begin a master's program in agricultural sciences while serving as a graduate assistant for CASNR. Looking ahead, she aspires to use her education and experience to help strengthen the profitability and sustainability of the agricultural industry for future generations.



Ms. Faye Lambert

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

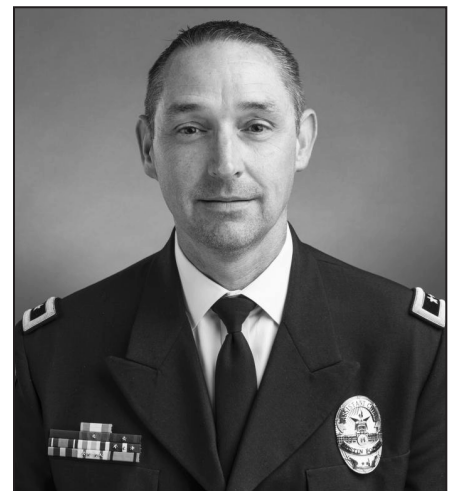
Faye Lambert is graduating from East Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a minor in sociology. During her time at East Texas A&M University, she completed an internship under Professor Purdon, where she assisted with research, data cleanup, lesson planning, teaching and classroom observation. Faye plans to pursue a career as a Crime Scene Investigator and hopes to continue building her skills in forensic science and criminal investigations. She looks forward to starting her next chapter with determination, curiosity, and a commitment to helping others.



Mr. Scott Askew

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Scott Askew is one of six Assistant Chiefs with the Austin Police Department, overseeing operations for the department in Austin, the 11th largest city in America. He has dedicated his life to public service, bringing 27 years of experience in law enforcement. Currently, Askew provides Director-level supervision for APD's force review unit, technology, executive protection, and special events operations. He is a proven technology innovator and has managed all APD-deployed technology for several years. His extensive experience includes supervising investigative units focusing on violent crimes. He has also led high-profile national security investigations as part of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force. Additionally, Askew has managed complex internal issues, conducting and supervising both administrative and criminal investigations involving police officers and executives. He has collaborated with the U.S. Secret Service, FBI, and Department of Public Safety. Askew is graduating Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Law Enforcement Leadership.



Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Doctoral Degrees - Friday, December 12, 2025

Ashcraft, Jennifer Lea, EdD

BSN, Arkansas Tech University, 1996
MSN, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 2014
Dissertation: *Teaching Psychomotor Skills in Nursing: Evaluating the Difference Between Online and Face-to-Face Instruction*
Major: Higher Education
Major Advisor: Dr. Michael Ponton

Beck-Smith, Brian Tenell, EdD

BS, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2005
MED, University of North Texas at Dallas, 2017
Dissertation: *Using a Spiral Intervention to Lessen the Mathematics Achievement Gap in an AP Precalculus Classroom: A Mixed Methods Study*
Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction
Major Advisor: Dr. Melanie Fields

Butler, Chen-An, EdD

BS, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2002
MS, Brooklyn College, 2007
Dissertation: *Lived Experience of Nontraditional Students Enrolled in Child Development Associate Courses at a Large Suburban Community College in Texas*
Major: Higher Education
Major Advisor: Dr. David Tan

Colvin, Michael Blaine, EdD

BGS, West Texas A&M University, 2007
MED, Abilene Christian University, 2012
Dissertation: *Leading for Equity: Exploring Leadership Practices for Increasing Academic Outcomes of Marginalized Students*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Danna Beaty

Dominguez-Mena, Yesenia Jacquelinne, EdD

BS, The University of North Texas, 2016
MBE, Southern Methodist University, 2019
Dissertation: *Parent Perceptions of a Family Literacy Program*
Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction
Major Advisor: Dr. Julie Mills

Douglas, Jayson, EdD

BA, Bethune-Cookman University, 2015
MS, University of Central Florida, 2018
Dissertation: *Wah Dem Tek Wi Fah: A Case Study on Second-Generation Jamaican Student Activists Challenging Institutions and Shaping Change*
Major: Higher Education
Major Advisor: Dr. Dimitra Smith

Faircloth, Patrick Anthony, PhD

BME, Ouachita Baptist University, 1996
MS, Columbus State University, 2019
Dissertation: *The Experiences of Significant Others in Relationship with Post-9/11 Military Veterans Diagnosed with Combat-Related Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder*
Major: Counselor Education and Supervision
Major Advisor: Dr. LaVelle Hendricks

Freeling-Blackburn, Donna S., EdD

BS, East Texas A&M University, 1978
MED, Prairie View A&M University, 1982
Dissertation: *Identity and Math Achievement in African American Male Secondary School Students in STEM programs*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Mack Hines

Garza, Marisa L., EdD

BBA, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, 2001
MED, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, 2006
Dissertation: *Resilience Capacities of Principals in High-Needs Schools in the Rio Grande Valley: A Qualitative Descriptive Study*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Peter Williams

Hudson, Jennifer E., EdD

BS, East Texas A&M University, 2007
MS, East Texas A&M University, 2009
Dissertation: *A Phenomenological Study Exploring Full-Time Non-Tenure Track Faculty Perceptions of Mattering and Engagement*
Major: Higher Education
Major Advisor: Dr. Leslie Ekpe

Lenhart, Brian Lee, EdD

BA, The University of Texas at Austin, 1980
MS, Corpus Christi State University, 1986
Dissertation: *How Military Leadership Experience Relates to Successful Higher Education Leadership*
Major: Higher Education
Major Advisor: Dr. David Tan

Leverette, S. Craig, EdD

BS, University of Houston, 1991
MS, East Texas A&M University, 1994
Dissertation: *Student Perceptions of Dual Credit in Relation to College Preparedness and Success in First-Year College Students*
Major: Higher Education
Major Advisor: Dr. David Tan

Little, Laura A., EdD

BBA, Texas Tech University, 1997
MS, East Texas A&M University, 2005
Dissertation: *Virtual School Principals' and Teachers' Perceptions of Leadership Practices in the Virtual Environment: A Descriptive Qualitative Study*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Teresa Farler

Loper-Maxwell, Marie, EdD

BS, George Mason University, 1997
MAT, Dallas Baptist University, 1999
Dissertation: *Literacy Teacher Educators' Knowledge About Developmental Dyslexia*
Major: Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction
Major Advisor: Dr. Julia Persky

Maycock, Ryan Leslie, PhD

BS, East Texas A&M University, 2010
MS, East Texas A&M University, 2013
Dissertation: *The Lived Experiences of Male International Students and Faculty Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Programs*
Major: Counselor Education and Supervision
Major Advisor: Dr. Ajitha Kumaran

Meek, Darla Lynne, EdD

BME, Dallas Baptist College, 1989
MM, Southern Methodist University, 2002
Dissertation: *The Impact of Singing and Purposeful Movement on Music Listening Skills in Fourth-Grade Students*
Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction
Major Advisor: Dr. Josh Thompson

Nichols, Christopher Casey, EdD

BS, Texas A&M University, Texarkana, 2002
MED, Sam Houston State University, 2009
Dissertation: *Teachers' Perceptions of Ability Grouping in Early Literacy as Supported by Instructional Leaders: A Qualitative Study*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Teresa Farler

Phillips, Diondria Rochelle, EdD

BS, The University of Texas at Austin, 2004
MED, Southern Methodist University, 2009
MED, The University of Texas at Arlington, 2012
Dissertation: *School Leader Tenure and Discipline in Texas: A Quantitative Study*
Major: Educational Administration
Major Advisor: Dr. Sharonda Pruitt

Candidates for Graduate Degrees

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Raymond, Lesli, EdD

BS, Texas Woman's University, 1996
MS, East Texas A&M University, 2014

Dissertation: *Teaching Math Word Problem-Solving to Students with High-Incidence Disabilities: A Case Study*

Major: Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction

Major Advisor: Dr. Karyn Miller

Saldaña, Allicia Catherine, EdD

BA, The University of Texas at Brownsville, 1999
MLS, Texas Woman's University, 2010
MED, Lamar University, 2014

Dissertation: *A Comparison Study of Hispanic Students College Readiness in Public High Schools and Charter Schools in Texas's Lower Rio Grande Valley*

Major: Educational Administration

Major Advisor: Dr. Mack Hines

Skinner, Jennifer LeeAnn, EdD

BS, The University of Texas at Tyler, 2005
MA, The University of Texas at Tyler, 2011

Dissertation: *Smartphone Usage: The Impact on Face-to-Face Communications Skills of Students in College*

Major: Higher Education

Major Advisor: Dr. Anissa Guerin

Sparks, Kayla J., EdD

BS, Tarleton State University, 2009
MED, Tarleton State University, 2012

Dissertation: *A Qualitative Study of Educator Perceptions on the Implementation of Restorative Practices*

Major: Educational Administration

Major Advisor: Dr. Peter Williams

Thurman, Catherine M., EdD

BA, Schreiner College, 1996
MS, Oklahoma State University, 1998

Dissertation: *Academic Choices Influencing Completion Rates for Developmental Math Students: A Logistic Regression Study*

Major: Higher Education

Major Advisor: Dr. Dimitra Smith

Wilder, Lara, EdD

BS, Texas State University, 1998
MED, Texas State University, 2003

Dissertation: *Program Evaluation of Trauma-Informed Educational Systems and Supports*

Major: Educational Administration

Major Advisor: Dr. Melissa Arrambide

Wyatt, April D., EdD

BA, Hutson-Tillotson College, 2002
MED, East Texas A&M University, 2007

Dissertation: *Texas Principals' Perceptions of T-TESS Appraiser Preparedness Related to Self-Efficacy: An Interpretive Qualitative Study*

Major: Educational Administration

Major Advisor: Dr. Teresa Farler



Master of Fine Arts - Friday, December 12, 2025

Rodolfo Sebastian Perez



Master's Degrees - Friday, December 12, 2025

Samantha Jeanine Abbott
Taziamoma D. Abraham
Soha Aburahma
Bashar Ziad Abuzurairq
Pravesh Acharya
Leslie D. Achmar
Dacoda L. Acker
Kwame Tweneboa-Kodua Adomako
Jacob A. Aguilara
Opeyemi Henry Alabi
Andrew T. Allen
Paige M. Allred
Mayva Z. Almanza
Nathalie Almazan
Hatem Alrais
Anns Altaf
Zaina Firas Altal
Jordan Alexandra Alvarado
Haley D. Anderson
Marisol Brighth Arce Euscatigue
Jayda Makenna Argumon
Oluwaseun Elijah Arogundade
Syed Abdullah Asim
Samuel Bailey
Amna Sharif Bajwa
Meriwether Ball
Daisy Banda
Brandon O'Keith Barber
Daniel Joel Barrientes
William Patrick Bass
Kyyimbrazshia Dayshanell Battle
Devon T. Beamesderfer
Reghan P. Beezley
Jennifer May Belcher
Dina Berezan
Kushal Bhandari
Smriti Bhatt
Anubhav Bhattarai
Aaditya Bhusal
Jeoffery A. Blueitt
Lindsey K. Bowden Shelley
Rishmitha Brahmadevara
Jacob J. Brantley
Madison Faith Bridgers
Eboni Sharell Bridges
Wendy L. Bridges
Nadia G. Briones
Anna Lisa Brooks
Christopher Charles Brown
Mackeshia T. Brown
Mckenzie Cynthea Brown
Michael David Brown
Ryan A. Browning
Zackery Michael Burgin
Andrea Nicole Burleson-Burgos
Alejandro Bustamante
Olivo Bustamante
Melissa E. Butler
Sherwaun Butler
DaMeon B. Camilleri
Robert Glenn Campbell II
Lisseth Noemy Campos
Margarita Ruby Campos
Thang Cao
Ginger Capron

Kayla Brooke Carico
Anthony James Carr
Brittany Carrington
Kellanee J. Carter
Christopher Thomas Cason
Maddison Jole Cason
Meredith Leigh Chase
Hayley Alexis Chase-Tarantino
Michael Scott Chavez
Richard H. Cheatham
Hadleigh Grace Childers
Brandy Michelle Chisenhall-Hurtado
Mira Cho
Caleb Mbuyamba Cilumba
Brooke M. Clifton
Michelle Elaine Cocklin
Lara Elizabeth Coggins
Gary L. Collins
Daniel R. Collinsworth
Craig Alan Combs
Yesenia Hidalgo Contreras
Heather Haley Copeland
Yazmin Cortez
Christian A. Cotten
Zachary Kinkade Cotten
Gifty Beatrice Coulon
Shanressa Nicole Craddock
Alexus Nichelle Crayton
Kyndall Y. Crenshaw
Shannon Nicole Daffan Cabiran
Carla Elaine Daniels-Hill
Madinath E. Daouda Diop
Katelyn A. Darracq
Vineet Daryani
Amanda Ashley Davis
Eric K. Davis, Sr.
Kharen A. Davis
Shawnette Davis
Kasidy NeCole Dawson
Lisamarie De La Torre
Carlos A. De Santiago
Justin D. Dean
Sarah E. Dean
Gagan Degala
Jisy DeLeon
Kimberly G. Desai
Varsha Deshmukh
Ozlem Deveci
Brenda Jamelett Diaz
Eric Andrew Dickey
Madison Paige Doherty
Nyree Nohely Dominguez
Ashia Christine Donahue
Harrell W. Doss
Buddy Glenn Driver, Jr.
Kyrach Marie Duckett
Shavon Leighann Duffey
Jasmine Mijoi Dunham
Adaesha Z. Dunkins
Shekema Dunlap
DeOntae Dunn
Marte Celeste Eager
Gideon Echefu
Kayli Nichole Edmondson
Ogheneovo Edward Ejus

Kenneth Eugene Edwards, Jr.
Donald Eseakpeme Chidiebere Egbedi
Ryan W. Elliott
Andrea Antwenette Ellis
Quarterman H. Ely
Sarah Michelle Enderlein
Venkata Siva Prasad Reddy Eppagunta
Fehintoluwa Egunoluwa Esan
Raquel Eloisa Escobar
Genesis Escobedo
Kiann Alyssa Esparza
Sebastian Paul Faro
Jill Fedderson
Luigi Ferguson
Andrew Baker Fields
Irina Fisher
Katherine Marie Flinn
Julie Elizabeth Florence
Eniola Samson Folorunsho
Camila A. Fonseca
Abigail L. Fort
Meghan Ceara Fraser
Sarah Fulgham
Jacob A. Fuller
Sri Thanishqa Gaddam
Aaliyah Nysha Gaines
Breanna Ashley Galaviz
Kim E. Ganado Salazar
Alyssa Michelle Garcia
Eliza Olivia Garcia
Yvonne Garcia-Martinez
Jaahnavi Garikipati
Mitchell Derrick Garner
Chakka Amir Hassaan Garnett
Erin Kristen Gayler
Bess Elaine Geiger
Kathleen A. Gentile
Chelsee R. Gibson
Kamalpreet Kaur Gill
Michele L. Gonzales
Stacie E. Gonzales
Caitlyn Alexandra Gonzalez
Muriel Gonzalez
Odalys Gonzalez
Viviano Gonzalez IV
Ra'Anna Lynea Gordon
Nicole S. Gray
Shawanna Neisha Green
Jacqueline D. Greenroad
Remi Cameron Greenwood
Hailey A. Griffith
Ryley Griffith
Alex Kiersten Guajardo
Blakely Guedea
Cynthia Guerrero
Christopher Sean Guillory
Gunjan Gurung
Aleisha Rochelle Hall
Dewayne Hall
Francis Wesley Hall*
Lacoya Rivion Hall
Maxwell David Hamilton
Ian A. Harper
Dedrick R. Harris II
Erin Christine Harris

Ezaria S. Harris
Trace Allen Harris
Thomas Frank Harrison
April D. Hawk
Sharmane Laquice Davis Hawkins
Phillip Harper Hayes
Gabrielle M. Haynes
Melissa F. Haynes
Collin J. Hebner
Alysa J. Henderson
Braden Edward Henry
Nelda Hernandez
Maribel Alejandra Hernandez Gonzalez
Amanda Lee Heron
Matthew F. Herron
Molly Ann Holland
Timothy Olen Hollis
Joshua Evan Holt
Lindsey Noel Holt
Rifat Ara Hoque
Stephen W. Howard
Melba L. Huerta
Muskan Hussain
Bryan Hyman
Unaisa Irfan Rahim
Rahin Islam
Amavilia Jackson
Tamara Jackson
Tameisha Deshae Jackson
Scott R. James
Jiovanni Janoski
Shelby Anne Jaslow
Opal K. Jenkins
Walter D. Jimenez
Kyle Alan Johnson
Nicholas Johnson
Brian Jones
Corianne R. Jones
Jadin A. Jones
Ty R. Jones
Siddhi U. Joshi
Denesha Re-Shae Justice
Samantha Lynn Jwanouskos
Sejal Sachin Kalyankar
Ramya Kandula
Chaithra Kanikala
Krischanta Kathayat
Cheston Lamar Kelly
Mary Charlese Kelly
Krysta Michelle Kenney
Sherwin Devante Keys
Mohammed Hidayathullah Khan
Susan W. Kihara
Bradley D. King
Lana M. Kinney
Bowen H. Kirkbride
Austin James Knight
Melissa R. Knight
Susan Yen-Ting Kok
Paige Marie Konoza
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Sri Charan Reddy Kotha
Venkata Lakshmi Kothapalli
Mika Lobey Cassandre Kouakou
Dhara P. Lad

*Posthumous Degree

Master's Degrees (continued)

Alexander Lamar
 Jeremiah R. Lamarche
 Virginia L. Lambert-Holbrook
 Michael N. Lane
 Lillyvette Lara
 Mary Renee Laube
 Vi T. Le
 Edward Leblanc
 Bryant Quinton Lee
 Yeeun Lee
 Kathryn M. Lesh
 John Morgan Lewis
 Jiayue Liang
 Malaysia Shintell Lisbon
 Chi Cong Liu
 Karen Lopez
 Cristal Loreto
 Abner G. Lusung
 Candace Suzanne Lutz
 Kyla Lynch
 John Robert Lyons
 Naveesh Machap
 Marisol Macias
 Angel Maldonado, Jr.
 Dae'Quisha Monae Mallard
 Kelly L. Malone
 Sowmya Manchana
 Tanna Grace Manske
 Kaelyn Lance Marion
 Carolyn D. Markham
 Nancy Marmolejo Bustamante
 Ronnie Jason Ibanez Marquez, Jr.
 Gail Cynae Martin
 Melina Martinez
 Amanda Rene Mattingly
 Bionca M. Mays
 Khadijah Ariana McClinton
 Michelle Lee McCloud Carlile
 Justin Blake McCollum
 Anthony E. McConnell
 Dasia Linette McCray
 Mokshagna Taraka Brahma Teja Medarametla
 Rodolfo Medina
 Sarah Mehmood
 Noah Anthony Mena
 Wendy Mendez
 Cinthia Mendoza
 Lizeth Gabriela Mendoza
 Sue A. Mendoza
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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.



Fall 2025 Honors Graduates

College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

Brianna Paige Jones

Bachelor of Science with Highest Honors
Department of Animal Science
Capstone: Thesis: *Loose Minerals VS. Block Minerals for Beef Cattle*
Advisor: Dameon White, MS

Carolynne Beth Savage

Bachelor of Science with Highest Honors
Department of Agriculture
Capstone: Thesis: *A Comparative Profitability Analysis of Hybrid Pima and Upland Cotton Cultivars in Northeast Texas*
Advisors: Dr. Jose Lopez & Dr. David Drake

Addie Kaitlan Weil

Bachelor of Science with Honors
Department of Animal Science
Capstone: Thesis: *Analysis of Dietary Impact on Cognition in C57BL/6J Mice*
Advisor: Dr. Venu Cheriyyath

College of Education & Human Services

Carly Lynn Bell

Bachelor of Science with Honors
School of Social Work
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Social Work Field Instruction

Sanai Lashae Mason

Bachelor of Science in Nursing with High Honors*
School of Nursing & Health Sciences
Capstone: Thesis: *Managing Diabetes in Undergraduates: A Comparative Study of Glucose Monitoring Technology and College Lifestyle Factors Affecting Glycemic Control*
Internship: ETAMU Nursing Program
Advisor: Dr. Jere Hammer

Bailey R. Neal

Bachelor of Science with Honors
Department of Curriculum & Instruction
Capstone: Internship: Residency in Teaching

Jaden Blayne Nelson

Bachelor of Science with High Honors*
Department of Health & Human Performance
Capstone: Study Abroad: Castles
Internship: ETAMU Health & Human Performance Applied Practice

JaMyia Marshay Toney

Bachelor of Science with Honors
Department of Health & Human Performance
Capstone: Internship: ETAMU Health & Human Performance Applied Practice
Mentor: Rachel Aumann, MPH

Emily A. Urban

Bachelor of Science with High Honors
Capstone: Thesis: *Do "Super Shoes" Improve Drop Jump Performance?*
Advisor: Dr. Vipa Bernhardt

College of Business

Eric Graff Anderson

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Honors
Department of Marketing & Business Analytics
Capstone: Thesis: *Does Anakin Skywalker Qualify as Aristotle's Tragic Hero in Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith?*
Advisor: Dr. Brad Klypchak

Kayla A. Gilbert

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Honors
Department of Marketing & Business Analytics
Capstone: Study Abroad: Castles
Mentor: Brittney Yager, MS

College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts

Emma Holley Isom

Bachelor of Science with Honors
Department of Liberal Studies
Capstone: Study Abroad: Castles
Mentor: Dr. Brad Klypchak

Nathan Wyman Mathews

Bachelor of Science with Honors
Department of History
Capstone: Thesis: *Untitled*
Advisor: Dr. Mark Moreno

Mary G. Roos

Bachelor of Science with Honors
Department of Literature & Languages
Capstone: Thesis: *Stitched Together: The Process and Development of Child-Friendly LGBTQ+ Literature*
Advisor: Dr. Karen Roggenkamp

Aiden Michael Scarberry

Bachelor of Science with Honors
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
Capstone: Internship: Photofax Private Investigations

Laura Jane Sharlow

Bachelor of Fine Arts with High Honors*
Department of Art
Capstone: Study Abroad: Death & Dying in the UK
Internship: Secondary Residency in Teaching
Mentor: Josephine Durkin, MFA

Eva Elizabeth Shutt

Bachelor of Science with High Honors*
Department of Liberal Studies
Capstone: Study Abroad: Castles
Internship: ETAMU Writing Center
Mentor: Dr. Brad Klypchak

Julio Cesar Villeda

Bachelor of Music with Highest Honors
School of Music
Capstone: Thesis: *Lineage: Finding my Creative Voice*
Advisor: Dr. Julia Bozone, DMA

*Denotes High Honors designation due to completion of multiple capstone experiences

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Annette Carrera

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Dominique Dinise Montoya
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 Richard Justin Berg
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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 a short, oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and may be worn open or closed. The master’s degree gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the doctor’s degree has bell-shaped sleeves and is usually worn closed.

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

Colors

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors’ gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, colors of some of the different disciplines are as follows: 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 and master’s are black. The tassel is fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap and lies as it will thereon. At most institutions, including East Texas A&M University, the tassel is worn on the left side.



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