DECORUM AND COURTESY

The faculty and staff at The University of Texas Permian Basin congratulate you on your academic achievement and wish to ensure that the commencement ceremony will be a fitting conclusion to this phase of your education!

The University of Texas Permian Basin commencement ceremony is, by its very nature, a festive occasion. The festivity manifests itself in many different ways, including the dress of the students; the faculty adorned in academic regalia; and the warmth, joy, and satisfaction of accomplishment. The ceremony is also marked by a seriousness that signifies the long, hard work on the part of everyone involved: students, faculty, administrators, and families. As a result of the serious nature of the ceremony, students and guests are expected to maintain a measure of decorum consistent with the occasion.

The UTPB community requests that audience participation be of respectful celebration. Please remain seated for the Processional and Recessional, and remain seated until all graduates exit the hall. Following the Recessional, audience members can then leave their seats and join their graduate in the lobby.

Walking across the stage is an unforgettable moment for our graduates, and each deserves the respect and celebration befitting this achievement. Thank you for taking part in this significant moment to celebrate the class of 2023.

#FalconsUp!
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Sandra K. Woodley, DBA
President

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Richard Sax, PhD
College of Arts and Sciences, Interim

Cynthia Warrick, PhD
College of Health Sciences and Human Performance - Executive in Residence

Steven Beach, PhD, CIPM
College of Business

Larry G. Daniel, PhD
College of Education

Dwayne McCay, PhD
College of Engineering, Interim

Michael Frawley, PhD
Dean of Student Success and Associate Professor of History

Corey J. Benson, MEd
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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Processional*

Pomp and Circumstance – Edward Elgar, UTPB Orchestra conducted by Dr. Jean Gómez

College of Arts and Sciences and College of Health Sciences and Human Performance:
Faculty Senate President, Dr. Kevin Badgett
Mace Bearer, Dr. Maria Avalos
Faculty Marshals, Dr. Michael Frawley and Dr. Sebahattin Ziyank
Student Marshals, Mr. Clark Moreland and Dr. Milka Montes

College of Business, College of Education, and College of Engineering:
Faculty Senate President, Dr. Kevin Badgett
Mace Bearer, Dr. Maria Avalos
Faculty Marshals, Dr. Michael Frawley and Dr. Amin Davoodi
Student Marshals, Mr. Clark Moreland and Dr. Shelly Landreth

National Anthem

Star-Spangled Banner – John Stafford Smith (1750-1863)
Georgina Roacho, soprano

Special Music Presentation

Somewhere – Leonard Bernstein, arr. Roger Edgerton
UTPB Falconers – conducted by Ms. Lauren Clark

Welcome and Remarks

Dr. Sandra K. Woodley, President

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Dr. Raj Dakshinamurthy - Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Sandra K. Woodley

Awarding of Diplomas

Dr. Sandra K. Woodley

Readers

Dr. Joe Sanders, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and University Registrar
Corey Benson, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Recessional*

UTPB Drumline directed by Dr. Andrew Veit

Reception

Mariachi Halcones conducted by Dr. Jean Gómez

Graduation Photos

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Candidates for the Master’s Degree
College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Arts

ENGLISH

Anabel Sanchez
Odessa, TX

Donna M. Voelk
Allen, TX
Thesis: "Existential Themes in Plague: From Mary Shelley’s The Last Man to COVID-19 “Stories from Quarantine.”

PSYCHOLOGY

Jadzia Nicole Espinoza
Midland, TX

Ifeoma Chidinma Okoli
Abuja, Fct, Nigeria
Thesis: "The Use of Cognitive and Sensory Interventions to Redirect Behaviors and Improve Learning in Nonspeaking Autistic Individuals: An Exploratory Analysis of Rapid Prompting Method (RPM)."

Christina Ritter
Midland, TX

Cynthia R. Warren
Goldsmith, TX

SPANISH

Vanessa Yadira Arato
Brownsville, TX

Edith Elizabeth Garza
Brownsville, TX

Angelica S. Goebel
Tucson, AZ

Elizabet Leal
Mission, TX

Isamar Marmolejo
Midland, TX

Bertha Mireya Mendoza
Bangs, TX

Wendy Murillo
Katy, TX

Roberto Agustin Pellon
Katy, TX

Katarzyna Rzynek
Park Ridge, IL

Ananda San Miguel
Georgetown, TX

Master of Public Administration

Sumayyah Abiff David
Midland, TX

Natalia Renee Cazares
El Paso, TX

Karina Alexandra Espinoza
Midland, TX

Enrique Holguin
El Paso, TX

Andrea Latrice Matney
Adkins, TX

Maria Guadalupe Prieto
Odessa, TX

Sophia Hernandez Sanchez
Midland, TX

Analee Tarango
Odessa, TX

Meredith Walker
Midland, TX

Master of Science

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Chibundu Egboh
Wylie, TX

Julio Garcia
Odessa, TX

Damilola Olufemi Onanuga
Lagos, Nigeria

Tanishka Rathore
Dhar, India

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

Sarah Michelle Carabjal
Tuleta, TX

Zachary Wayne McCammond
Midland, TX

Dago Rodriguez
Dallas, TX

Steven A. Sidoti
Mount Laurel, NJ

GEOLOGY

Sandra Barrera
Houston, TX

Karla Alejandra Davila Medina
Dallas, TX
Thesis: "Facies Evaluation and Correlation of Late Ordovician Strata in the Luck Pot Field, Borden County, Texas."

Clayton Matthew Humpert
Midland, TX

Devin Tracy
Independence, MO

Azuka Ifeanyichukwu Udeh
Aachen, Germany

Cody David Wisniewski
Midland, TX

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College of Health Sciences and Human Performance

Master of Science
EXERCISE SCIENCE
Sara Alysse Cammer
Boerne, TX
Lucretia King
Odessa, TX
Shaud Ra'Shae Williams
Andrews, TX

Bachelor of Arts
COMMUNICATION
Kirsten Elizabeth Aucoin
Watertown, MA
Joseph Mark Calvillo
Edinburg, TX
Jacob Neal Frost
Odessa, TX
Artist Alonzo King
Odessa, TX
Mekiela Maple *
Allen, TX
April Lynn McMahon
Leonard, TX
Tatiana Andreina Sandoval
Midland, TX
James Aidan Stewart
Austin, TX
Antione Darnell Tanner
Antioch, CA

CRIMINOLOGY
Joanna Argumedo
San Elizario, TX
Monica Lomeli
Chandler, AZ

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San Elizario, TX
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Chandler, AZ

Evelyn Aidee Loya
Odessa, TX
Elizabeth Belem Lozano *
Presidio, TX
Lauren Brooke Padgett
Midland, TX
Ever Lujan Renteria *
Presidio, TX
Crystal Gabrielle Rios
Big Spring, TX
Ashley Rojas
El Paso, TX
Hayley Marie Sawyer
Midland, TX
Joseph Williams
Long Beach, CA

ENGLISH
Destinie Lanae Brooks
Corpus Christi, TX
Cash Coats
Andrews, TX
Aubrey Danielle Collard *
Monahans, TX
Jacquelyn Nicole Fansier *
Aledo, TX

HISTORY
James Drew Clendenen
Cran, TX
Michael Craig Graves
Midland, TX
Morgan Jade Robertson
Midland, TX
Jesiah Michael Whittington
Cedar Park, TX

HUMANITIES
Peter Kohinoor Bawa
San Antonio, TX
Mary Beth Campbell *
Lubbock, TX
Mariah Heaven Gomez
Odessa, TX
Kimberly Marguerite Griffith
Hamlin, TX
Sabeen Hasan
Austin, TX
Maria Linda Mabry
San Antonio, TX
Brett Lee Vessel *
Hereford, TX
Candidates for the **BACHELOR’S DEGREE**
College of Arts and Sciences

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Jesse Cardoza**
Fort Worth, TX

**Jessica Lewis**
Katy, TX

**Christina Eleanor Maxwell**
San Antonio, TX

**Lemia Ntor-Ue**
Saint Paul, MN

**Randi B. Pineda** *
Odessa, TX

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**Ariana Aranda**
Odessa, TX

**Rosa Maria Arceo** *
Lubbock, TX

**Clarissa Arevalos** *
Woodway, TX

**Adam Mendez Balcazar**
Big Spring, TX

**Kasey Anamarie Bales**
Odessa, TX

**Kelsey Deanne Bilski**
Llano, TX

**Ciara Tanae Brannon** *
Midland, TX

**Shaily Michelle Brant**
Gardendale, TX

**Amanda Cagnetto** *
Corinth, TX

**Tammie Lee Chancey** *
Rowlett, TX

**Andrea Delgado**
Odessa, TX

**Charli Diem Derry** *
Forney, TX

**Maximus Stephen Diaz** *
Odessa, TX

**Danielle T. Dimuro** *
Meadows Place, TX

**Isabel Dominguez** *
Midland, TX

**Amber Christine Dunn** *
Lufkin, TX

**Alma Delia Estrada** *
Floresville, TX

**Cynthia Yvonne Gomez**
Midland, TX

**Reyna Renae Gonzales**
Big Spring, TX

**Sarahi Granados**
Donna, TX

**Priscilla Marie Greene** *
Round Rock, TX

**Lauren Elizabeth Hernandez**
Houston, TX

**Amaris Renae Hollis**
The Woodlands, TX

**Jessica Dawn Hollis** *
Odessa, TX

**Kevin Hurd, Jr.**
La Vernia, TX

**Palwasha Javed** *
Odessa, TX

**Aaliyah Kellee Johnson**
Fort Worth, TX

**V’Jah T’Hise Johnson**
Houston, TX

**Daniel Humberto Jurado** *
Kermit, TX

**Patryk Jakub Kosinski**
Pilchowo, Poland

**Kim Cheree Marin** *
Houston, TX

**La Tarra Chanel McIntire**
Odessa, TX

**Jennifer Zoyia Mokari-Hammett** *
Georgetown, TX

**Stefani Natividad**
Midland, TX

**Michelle N. New**
Jones Creek, TX

**Jordi lee Lois Jean Nix**
Stanton, TX

**Princeton Palmer** *
Lubbock, TX

**Britney Lauren Pantermuehl** *
Fischer, TX

**Ethan Gregory Parks** *
Abilene, TX

**Shayden Nicholas Payne**
Abilene, TX

**Chelsea Richardson** *
Kerrville, TX

**Christi Lowry Ridgle** *
Eustace, TX

**Michael Aaron Ruiz**
Odessa, TX

**Maiya Russell**
Knoxville, TN

**Matthew Kye Sandoval** *
Pecos, TX

**Lauren Rebecca Shelton** *
Irving, TX

**Lauren Alexandra Snellen**
Midland, TX

**Madison Marie Tapia** *
Odessa, TX

**Logan Taylor Terrazas**
Big Spring, TX

**Linda C. Thurman**
Big Spring, TX

**Patrick Anthony Tipton** *
Roanoke, TX

**Lourdes Torres**
Killeen, TX

**Rebecca Ward Wetendorf** *
Midland, TX

**SOCIOLOGY**

**Chasnea Leshea Harris**
Georgetown, TX
Candidates for the Bachelor’s Degree
College of Arts and Sciences

Kylie Tuesday Molina *
Dallas, TX

Manuel Olivo, Jr.
San Antonio, TX

Allison Julie Rowan *
Abilene, TX

John Stephen Watkins *
Houston, TX

SPANISH
Arleth Gameros
Odessa, TX

Bachelor of Fine Arts
ART
Aliyah Jade Hernandez
Odessa, TX

Bachelor of Music
MUSIC
Lauryn Ashley Escalante *
Odessa, TX

Brianna Danielle Galindo *
Odessa, TX

Mariah Heaven Gomez
Odessa, TX

Jeffery Mark Howell *
Odessa, TX

Brandon Kane Lippert *
Smithville, TX

Bachelor of Science
BIOLOGY
Oluwagbemiga Vincent Ajibola *
Odessa, TX

Netanya Allison
Fulshear, TX

Jeffrey Dean Brown *
Odessa, TX

Maggie Jane Bullard
Odessa, TX

Isis Arlene Corral *
Odessa, TX

Ian Jacob Essary *
Odessa, TX

Pedro Nestor Gamez *
Odessa, TX

Kaylee Garcia Granados *
Odessa, TX

Emilia Gutierrez
Odessa, TX

Jesus Manuel Hernandez
Odessa, TX

Jacquelyn Mari Lopez *
Odessa, TX

Erika Marquez *
Odessa, TX

Chasadea Brianne Potter *
Odessa, TX

Nataly Sotelo *
Odessa, TX

Jose Armando Zapata *
Odessa, TX

CHEMISTRY
Hannah Elizabeth Gloden
Midland, TX

Cynthia Hernandez Villalobos
Midland, TX

Isaak Damian Lujan *
Odessa, TX

Luis Enrique Muniz Sanchez, II
Odessa, TX

Michael Dylan Nino-Sanchez
Andrews, TX

Gwynne Hope Tolentino *
Odessa, TX

COMPUTER SCIENCE
Omero Carrasco Campos, III
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Michael T. Coley
Spring, TX

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Midland, TX

Eric Kirchner *
Odessa, TX

Jason Omar Lambert
Odessa, TX

Angel Pilar Martinez
Odessa, TX

Erick Adrian Nevarez
Odessa, TX

Amaya Jalyn Pryor
Midland, TX

Rodrigo Oliveira Rogatto *
Santos, Brazil

Jacob Daniel Stump *
Midland, TX

Trey Alexander Tarango
Midland, TX

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Stevie Renee Burtchell
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Perla Camargo-Aldaco
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Hailey Marie Cho *
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Mandie Ann Dodd *
Gatesville, TX

Sarah Jade Iglehart
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Izdel Nieto
Odessa, TX

Allison Danyne Renee Robinson
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**CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES**

- Caleb Andrew Freeland
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  Midland, TX
- Iris Jimenez *
  Odessa, TX
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  Odessa, TX
- Yolanda Freeman Moncada
  Arlington, TX
- Samantha Jordan Muecke
  San Antonio, TX

- Valeria Alexandra Olivas
  Midland, TX
- Christi Lowry Ridgle *
  Eustace, TX
- Brandon Michael Wooten
  Odessa, TX

**GEOLOGY**

- Traejen Alexander Sanchez
  Amarillo, TX
- Jose M. Valdez *
  Del Rio, TX

**INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

- Nathaniel Tyler Mack
  Odessa, TX

**MATHEMATICS**

- Victoria Rey *
  Midland, TX

**Bachelor of Science**

**ATHLETIC TRAINING**

- Dylan Mauldin *
  El Paso, TX

**EXERCISE SCIENCE**

- Oyuki Juarez Aguirre
  Odessa, TX
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  Palm Beach, FL
- Savannah Lo’Ree Falcon
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- Jericho Florez
  Odessa, TX
- Natalie Gallegos *
  Andrews, TX
- Briana Renee Garcia
  Edinburg, TX

- Angelica Gonzalez
  Odessa, TX
- Shaquiri Lanae Graham
  Midland, TX
- Alexandrea Noelle Haman *
  Cypress, TX
- Michael Wayne Hawthorn *
  Crane, TX
- Kevin Mark Henderson *
  Odessa, TX
- Christopher Bruce Henson, II
  Pecos, TX
- Noah Anthony Sadun Issa *
  Pflugerville, TX
- Matthew Jakob Kozera
  Rosenberg, TX
- Rachel L. Medina
  Odessa, TX
- Emily Lauren Nanez
  San Antonio, TX

- Bud Vicente Navarrette, Sr. *
  Monahans, TX
- Aleister Thawne *
  Odessa, TX
- Lucas Rey Torres *
  Midland, TX
- Mariela Zubia
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**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

**NURSING**

- Adeola Deborah Abatan
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- Karime Alvarez
  Odessa, TX
- Oluwatunmise Oluwaseun Amusa, Jr.
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Rohanna Dorothy Andrade *
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Bryanne Brittany Barker
Lubbock, TX

Rosamond Stevee Bianco
Midland, TX

Hannah Elizabeth Bynum *
Odessa, TX

Lily Ayum Ejeh
Odessa, TX

Donald Henry Fishel
Houston, TX

Jazlyn M. Gonzalez *
Odessa, TX

Mariah L. Herron *
Bolingbrook, IL

Emma London *
Odessa, TX

Erica L. Loustaunau *
El Paso, TX

Kimberly Montes *
Wink, TX

Jessamy Amarissa Ramirez
Monahans, TX

Corey Rogers *
Big Spring, TX

Victoria Faith Swindle
Odessa, TX

Selena Marie C. Torres
Crane, TX

Candidates for the Master’s Degree
College of Business

Master of Business Administration

Fernando Aguilar
Mission, TX

Mutlaq Aldossari
Al-Ahsaa, Saudi Arabia

Mohammed Khalid Alfohaid
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Mohammad Salem Alsari
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Philemon Che Ambe Muyanwi
Forney, TX

Elissa Beth Bahm
Odessa, TX

Shiela Ruth Tempongo Baldoz
Dumfries, VA

Matthew Boswell
Odessa, TX

Aaron Walter Bradley, III
San Antonio, TX

Abdallah Khalid Busbait
Dammam, Saudi Arabia

Shawn Edward Callarman
Arlington, TX

Marco Carrasquero
Midland, TX

Yen Yu Cheng
San Jose, CA

Olivia Celeste Claude
Lacombe, LA

Margarita Corral
Odessa, TX

Morgan Rhea Eaton
Midland, TX

Breana Nicole Fleming
Seagroves, TX

Roxana Garcia
Lewisville, TX

Leslie Gonzalez
Odessa, TX

Patricia Griffith
Mesquite, TX

Theresa Ann Gustafson
Friendswood, TX

Manuel Stephen Heald
Odessa, TX

Erick Jordan Hernandez
Odessa, TX

Maria Angelina Hernandez-Norris
Austin, TX

Meredith Kay Smiley Holmes
Bridgeport, TX

Wesley James Joseph
Jourdanton, TX

William Arnold Lemke
El Cajon, CA

Joe Van Ly
La Crosse, WI

Philip Michael McCrackin
Tomball, TX

Kyle Alan Mills
Bremerton, WA

Brittany Nichole Molinar
Odessa, TX

Hayley Moore
McKinney, TX

Samuel Albert Nastri
Dallas, TX

Ahmad Khodr Nehme
Dearborn Heights, MI

Alistair George Olivier
Hamburg, Germany

David Orenday
Odessa, TX

Samuel Tetteh Partey
Nairobi, Kenya
Candidates for the **Master’s Degree**
College of Business

### Master of Professional Accountancy

- **Hunter Brooks**
  - Lubbock, TX
- **Krishnaben Patel**
  - Midland, TX
- **Ilse Herminia Patino**
  - Andrews, TX
- **Hina Saqib**
  - Richardson, TX
- **James Michael Spann**
  - Slaton, TX

### Master of Science

#### Energy Business

- **Jessica Kent**
  - Midland, TX
- **Cesar Antonio Macias**
  - Odessa, TX

### Master of Arts

#### Bilingual Education

- **Perla Carbajal Quintana**
  - Odessa, TX
- **Yoobin Choi**
  - Gyeonggi-Do, Republic of Korea
- **Ingrid Del Castillo**
  - Odessa, TX
- **Rosalba Garcia Valles**
  - Midland, TX
- **Madilyn Rose Goertzen**
  - Boise, ID

### Medicine

- **Alison Smith**
  - Lake Worth, FL
- **Joseph Vaughan**
  - Kyle, TX
- **Harry Lockwood Wheat**
  - Taft, CA

#### Finance

- **Alfonso Aragon**
  - Cullera, Spain
- **Olivia Anderson Bancroft-Nieto**
  - Big Spring, TX
- **Tyler S. Harrington**
  - Somerville, MA
- **Joel Hope**
  - Odessa, TX
- **Rachel Elaine Madden**
  - Carthage, TX
- **Alisha Mahat**
  - Odessa, TX
- **DeAnna Yvette Maldonado**
  - Odessa, TX
- **Lea Mjertan**
  - Midland, TX
- **Sergio Daniel Morgado**
  - Dallas, TX
- **Kasper Wallstroem**
  - Odessa, TX
- **Amber Kay Price**
  - Wesley Chapel, FL

#### Counseling

- **Desirae Cardona**
  - Odessa, TX
- **Juliett Arlene Gomez**
  - Midland, TX
- **Savannah Ince**
  - Odessa, TX

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Master of Science

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Daili Barroso Gainza
Midland, TX

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

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Candidates for the
MASTER’S DEGREE
College of Education

Ariadna Lujan
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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Karey Ann Grametbaur
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LITERACY

Dominique Lara Rosales
San Antonio, TX

Kendra Salgado
Odessa, TX

Monique Sanchez
Monahans, TX

Robin Marie Veale
Burleson, TX

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Jeremiah L. Magby
Odessa, TX

Demi Bogan Moorhead
Midland, TX

Sylvia R. Olivas
Odessa, TX

Regenia Shea Phelps
Odessa, TX

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Brooke Ayala
Weatherford, TX

Makayla Laree Cooper
Odessa, TX

Paulina Fowler
Odessa, TX

Oscar Martinez Zavala
Houston, TX

Sharon H. McGowan
Friendswood, TX

Brenda Taylor Padilla
Odessa, TX

Sayra Pamela Padilla
Odessa, TX

Denise Lynell Sanders
Hewitt, TX

Lalaine Joanne Caniel Santomin
Saipan, MP

Melissa Ann Torres
Midland, TX

Brooklyn Pangelinan Ybanez
Saipan, MP

Candidates for the
MASTER’S DEGREE
College of Engineering

Master of Science

Daili Barroso Gainza
Midland, TX

Monica Paige Driscoll
Abilene, TX

Tazrian Ismail
Odessa, TX
Thesis: “Effects of Structural Modifications on the Quantum Capacitance of Nanosheet-Based Supercapacitors for Wearable Technologies: A Non-Equilibrium Green’s Function Based First-Principles Study.”

James Rajan Kattirath Sydney
Odessa, TX

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

Thomas William Holt
Atlanta, TX

Bryan Steven Mateus
Odessa, TX

Candidates for the
BACHELOR’S DEGREE
College of Business

Roberto Ruben Chapa, Sr.
San Marcos, TX
candidates for the Bachelor's degree
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Bachelor of Business Administration
ACCOUNTANCY

Keelie M. Brown
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Stephanie Viviana Carrasco
Odessa, TX

Sergio R. De La Garza
Odessa, TX

Abigail Garcia
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Anna D. Jaquez
Odessa, TX

Alejandra Navarrete
Midland, TX

Katherine Leah Patterson
Midland, TX

Elizabeth Ramos-Perez
Odessa, TX

Cathleen Diane Rodriguez *
Wichita Falls, TX

Gayla Dawn Smith
Odessa, TX

Caitlyn Tatro *
Sterling City, TX

Irwin Jesus Tavarez *
Presidio, TX

Crystal Valderaz
Odessa, TX

Celina Kristyn Villafranco *
Midland, TX

Eduardo Villanueva
Midland, TX

Emily Janine Williams *
Odessa, TX

Lacey Wilson
Midland, TX

FINANCE

Timothy Dante Griner
Monahans, TX

Pablo Oloriz Calvo Young
Harris, GA

Sakshi Patel *
Odessa, TX

Megan Christine Ramos
Midland, TX

Griselda Guerrero Rodriguez
Odessa, TX

Adrian Dean Vasquez
Odessa, TX

MANAGEMENT

Claudia Isela Avitia *
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Jonathan Joshua Chacon
Odessa, TX

Madeline Rae Condon *
Highland Village, TX

Natalie Contreras Rangel *
Winnemucca, NV

Andres Gustavo Delao
Odessa, TX

Vivian Espinoza
Midland, TX

Dylan Graham *
Walnut Creek, CA

Madelem Jaquez *
Midland, TX

Briana Nicole Jones
Amarillo, TX

Emerald Kennedy *
Euless, TX

Jason Kyle Limbaugh, Sr.
Waco, TX

Cindy Vidales Mata *
Odessa, TX

Rylan Cole Meek
New Braunfels, TX

Blake Ancle Morgan
Midland, TX

Scott R. Morton
Big Spring, TX

Brittany Mugica *
Buda, TX

Marco Olano *
Midland, TX

Joah Ray Quiroz
Odessa, TX

Alejandra Ruby Ramirez
San Antonio, TX

Lane Ramos
Odessa, TX

Paula Valtierra Rodriguez
Odessa, TX

Briana Danielle Rose
Snyder, TX

Thomas Samuel Sheridan
Buda, TX

Austin Sledd-Vijil
Leander, TX

Lanre Mutairu Tijani
Midland, TX

Anais Valdivia *
Presidio, TX

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Leo Del Busto
Lamesa, TX

Jack Anthony Delfeld
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Aicha Ibrahima Guisse
North Richland Hills, TX

Joshua Scott Hargrove
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Shanon Lankster - Johnson
Carrollton, TX

Christopher Charles Ray Owens
Argyle, TX

Ruben Perez, Jr.
Odessa, TX

Laura Lee Rivera
Seminole, TX

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Schertz, TX

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San Antonio, TX

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Bachelor of Arts

CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES

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Midland, TX

Rosa Yareli Fierro Madrid *
Monahans, TX

Joslynn Christine Johnson
Midland, TX

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Odessa, TX

Estefani Ortiz *
Gardendale, TX

Denise Baeza Rodriguez
Odessa, TX

Stacey Nicole Sanchez *
Midland, TX

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Crane, TX

Sarah Ann Sirgo
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EDUCATION

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Odessa, TX

Kayla Skye Barrera *
Midland, TX

Jared Andru Benavente
Fort Stockton, TX

Jaclyn Blocker
Midland, TX

Angela Christian Fleenor *
Balmorhea, TX

April Marie Fuentes *
Pecos, TX

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Denton, TX

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Odessa, TX

Melinda Jeanette Kelly *
Odessa, TX

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Odessa, TX

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Midland, TX

Bethany Nell Mackey *
Midland, TX

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Odessa, TX

Kalissa Nicolette Martin *
Odessa, TX

Cheyenne Dae McDaniel
Crane, TX

Maeghan Cassandra Medrano *
Odessa, TX

Amanda Melendez *
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Keena Marlene Mendoza *
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Lacey Kay Presley
Andrews, TX

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New Braunfels, TX
Brittany Salas *
Midland, TX
Victoria Salazar
Odessa, TX
Norma Lee Salinas *
Odessa, TX

Hallie Cate Stark *
Odessa, TX
Reagan Michelle Tyler *
Midland, TX
Hannah Alynn Unruh *
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Candidates for the Bachelor’s Degree
College of Engineering

Bachelor of Science

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Alexander Salvador Gonzalez
Odessa, TX
Derrick Mbong
Midland, TX
Nayeli Nunez
Odessa, TX
Jazmin Walls
Big Spring, TX

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Slaton C. Bird *
Stanton, TX
John Escontrias
Odessa, TX

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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Odessa, TX
Felipe Andres Astete Salinas
Midland, TX
Anthony Carrasco
Odessa, TX

Richard Fernandez
Odessa, TX
Marilyn Marie Gonzales
Andrews, TX
Roger Hague
Midland, TX
Marque Andrea Jacquez
Odessa, TX
Seth Lee Marsh
Odessa, TX
Evette McClure
Odessa, TX
Justin Travis Neal *
Elkhart, TX
Paola Ordonica
Midland, TX
Oscar Portillo
Odessa, TX
Garrett Grayson Rathbun *
Odessa, TX
Ellenie Fair Richardson *
Midland, TX
Daniel Sotelo Cardenas
Gardendale, TX
Pedro Trujillo *
Odessa, TX

PETROLEUM ENGINEERING

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Odessa, TX
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Micah N. Hugo
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Academic Procession

The academic procession is led by the University Marshal, who is the president of the Faculty Senate. The University Marshal bears the original mace of The University of Texas Permian Basin.

The first group, which is also led by two faculty marshals, is composed of the students who are candidates for degrees. The undergraduate students who will receive bachelor’s degrees enter first, followed by the graduate students, who have already earned a bachelor’s or higher degree and today are receiving their master’s degree. The candidates are grouped by degrees and wear academic regalia appropriate to the degree that will be conferred upon them today.

Two other faculty marshals lead the second group. The faculty wear regalia signifying their highest earned academic degree. The third group is comprised of those individuals who will take part in the commencement ceremonies. They are dressed in appropriate academic regalia. The final individual in the academic procession, bearing the second mace, is the chair of the Graduate Council.

The University Maces

The mace traces its roots to the medieval period when it was a weapon used by mounted knights. It has been a symbol of scholarship and integrity for universities since the 11th century. Today, maces are used to indicate the solemnity of the occasion and the confirmation of the academic process. The University of Texas Permian Basin uses two ceremonial maces.

The first mace is carried by the University Marshal. It was designed by the University’s first president, B. H. Amstead, and carved by former executive director of development Brig. Gen. H. W. Wise, USMC (Ret.) in 1973. The shaft is constructed primarily of koa wood from the slopes of the Hawaiian volcano Mauna Kea. The flame at the top of the mace is hand carved from West Texas mesquite.

Each of the four sides below the flame is carved. The lone star represents the State of Texas; the pump jack represents the oil industry that has made West Texas and the Permian Basin famous; the lamp symbolizes the quest for knowledge; and the letters UTPB represent the name of the University.

The four sides at the bottom of the mace have the following numbers carved: 1969—the year the legislature of the State of Texas established The University of Texas Permian Basin; 1112—the number of students enrolled for the first semester of classes in Spring 1973; 1974—the year of the first commencement; and 40—the number of degree candidates at the first graduation ceremony.

Originally, UT Permian Basin was established as an upper-level institution. The design of the mace’s shaft symbolizes the original upper-level status. The lower two rings of the shaft represent the first two years of college required for admission. The mace’s upper part is carved with three rings representing the three years of study originally available at the University: junior and senior years of undergraduate study and graduate studies.

The second ceremonial mace was commissioned in 1994 to recognize the addition of freshman and sophomore classes in 1991. Designed and crafted by William A. Watts, whose former roles include vice president for business affairs, professor of finance, and interim dean of the School of Business, the mace is fashioned of rugged mesquite wood and is carried by the chair of the Graduate Council.

The design is based upon the pentagon that is symbolic for the five student classes and the five points of the Texas star. The handle tapers up to the letters UTPB and supports five classes: freshman; sophomore; junior; senior; and master. Above all is the lone star representing the State of Texas.
Academic Costume and Regalia

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 a cleric. With few exceptions, the medieval scholar had taken at least minor orders, made certain vows, and perhaps been tonsured. Long gowns were worn and may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. Hoods seem to have served to cover the tonsured head until superseded for that purpose by the skull cap.

A statute of the University of Coimbra in 1321 required that all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” wear gowns. In England, in the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. In the days of Henry VIII of England, 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 to be a much later development, and one which was to be standardized only in the United States in the late 19th century.

American colleges and universities formed an Intercollegiate Commission made up of representatives of leading institutions to establish a system of academic apparel. The Commission met at Columbia University in 1895 and adopted a code of academic dress that regulated the cut, style, and materials of the gowns as well as prescribed colors which were to represent the different fields of learning.

**Cap**
Caps or mortarboards are generally recommended to match the gown. A tassel fastened to the middle of the cap should be black or the color appropriate to the area of study. Students begin the commencement ceremony with their tassels on the right and then switch them to the left as a group.

**Gown**
The gown for the bachelor’s degree is typically black and has sleeves that extend to the wrist. The gown for the master’s degree is also typically black and has sleeves that partially extend past the fingers with a pocket at the end of the sleeve.

**Stoles, Cords, and Hoods**
Bachelor’s degree candidates wear an orange stole embroidered with the University seal. The stoles of Latin Honors students are embroidered with the words “Latin Honors” opposite the seal. Latin Honors must be receiving their first bachelor’s degree, have completed at least 48 hours at UTPB, and have a 3.50 minimum cumulative GPA. Honors are awarded based upon the following scale:

- 3.50-3.79 Cum Laude
- 3.80-3.89 Magna Cum Laude
- 3.90-4.00 Summa Cum Laude

Members of the military and veterans wear a red, white, and blue cord around their necks.

The master’s hood, draped over the shoulders and down the back, indicates the subject of the degree and the university that conferred the degree.
CONGRATULATIONS!

UTPB CLASS OF 2023!
Today, you join an extraordinary group of men and women — our Falcon alumni. Commencement honors the hard work and dedication of each graduate, and reaching this milestone is a great achievement. While this day may symbolize the end of one chapter, it also celebrates new opportunities. Your success at UT Permian Basin has laid a strong foundation for a better life for you and your family and, by extension, for our entire community. Congratulations! Here’s to your bright future!

Dr. Sandra K. Woodley
President of UT Permian Basin