



Laredo College

76th Annual Commencement Fall 2023 Graduation

Friday, December 15, 2023 • Sames Auto Arena



Commencement Program

Friday, December 15, 2023 • 1:30 p.m.

Mistress of Ceremonies Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina
Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs

Invocation Student Government Association President

Presentation of Colors Webb County Sheriff Office Color Guard

National Anthem Laredo College Faculty

Introductions Dr. Minita Ramírez
Laredo College President

Student Respondent Monica Garcia
Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership

Presentation and Conferring of Candidates for Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership Degree (BASORGL), Associate of Science Degree (AS), Associate of Arts Degree (AA), Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS), Certificate in Career and Technical Education (CERT)

Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina
Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Minita Ramírez
Laredo College President

Roll Call of Graduates College Deans and Program Directors

Concluding Remarks Dr. Minita Ramírez
Laredo College President

Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina
Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs

2023 Candidates for Fall Graduation

Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership

Alfaro, Jay J.
Alonso, Silvia
Alonzo, Karla Elizabeth
Alvarado, Jessica
Cienfuegos, Margarita Cristina
Cruz, Yadira
De La Cruz, Rocio D.
Frausto, Nancy B.
Gamez-Johnston, Hermelinda
Garcia, Monica
Garcia Reed, Rebeka Aida
Gonzalez, Jesus Robert
Gonzalez, Lisa Nicole
Haynes, Azucena V.
Huskey, Ciani
Juarez-Pena, Valeria
Lopez, Angel A.
Lozano, Olga Ivette
Pacheco, Francisco Javier
Pardo, Yesenia L.
Rivera Marin, Alondra Livier
Rodriguez, Oscar Javier
Royster, William Matthew
Rubio, Maria Ines
Ruiz, Alyssa Mozzelle
Salazar, Analisa
Vidaurre, Joya Rosa

Associate of Science

Alvarado, Austin Joseph
Alvarado, Crystal
Andrade, Vivian
Arce, Conrado
Baldazo, David
Barrera, Neftalyn Jaanai
Blevins, Garrick I.
Bondoc, Jody Isema
Camarillo, Federico
Cantu, Alexa
Cantu, Arlette Ivonne
Cantu, Derrek Sean
Cantu, Joshua
Cantu, Marcos Josue
Cardenas, Marlen
Carreon, Salma
Castanon, Joseline
Castillo, Juan Abraham
Castro, Carlos Alberto
Cedillo, Karina Ghislaine
Cranston, Rogelio Dominic
Cruz, Penelope
Cuevas, Karla Alejandra
Davalos, Denizea Monzerratt
Davila, Agustin
Dominguez, Liliana Sophia
Duenas, Frida Denise
Escamilla, Angelica
Esparza Molina, Diana Michelle
Estrella, Dylana Isabel
Fernandez Garcia, Fernanda Denisse
Flores, Amanda Dennise
Frayre, Manuel Felipe
Garcia, Alyssa Alexis
Garcia, Dylan
Garcia, Jakeline
Garcia, Karyme Cecilia
Garcia Cora, Jesliam Marie
Garza, Alan Enrique
Garza, Daisy Alejandra
Garza, Diego Alejandro
Garza, Julissa

Garza, Sabrina Yasmin
Gomez, Raquel
Gonzalez, Amanda Lee
Gonzalez, Brianna Nicole
Gonzalez, Jennifer Concepcion
Gonzalez, Melissa
Gonzalez, Rebekah Noemi
Gonzalez, Yesenia
Granados, Dyanira Giselle
Guel, Ashley
Guerrero, Grace Ariana
Gutierrez, Rochelle
Hale, Shawn Paige
Hart, Meshell Kathleen
Hernandez, Alejandra
Hernandez, Italy
Jaime, Alejandro Javier
Labra, Dalila
Lancon, Christelle P.
Lancon, Kayla K.
Landeros, Martha Yesenia
Lavida, Rodrigo
Lawton, Jesus Elihut
Leyva, Juan Abelardo
Lira, Cesar Mario
Lopez, Gisselle
Lozano, Alexa
Magnon, Camille Megan
Mares, Allison Carie
Martinez, Arturo Noe
Martinez, Daniel
Martinez, Deborah Lizzette
Martinez, Joel David
Martinez, Lizeth Michell
Mata, Veronica
Mauleon, Araceli B.
Mendieta, Pamela Alessandra
Meraz, Silvia Nicole
Montemayor, Mariana
Munoz, Bianca
Munoz, Jazmine Itzel
Ocampo, Stephanie
Ochoa, Vanessa
Ornelas, Marina
Ovalle, Diana
Peralta, Manuel Alberto
Perez, Ashley Linney
Perez, Josselyn Denisse
Plasencia, Mia Leila
Ponce, Myriam Andrea
Prado, Jonathan Phillippe
Quintana, Emily
Quintanilla, Alexandria Marie
Ramirez, Juan Antonio
Ramirez, Kristy Ally
Ramirez Manuel, Lizbeth
Ramirez Vielma, Daniela
Ramos, Eduardo Andres
Rangel, Jorge A.
Raz, Abigail
Rebollar, Lizeth America
Reyes, Hilario
Rios, Rolando
Rios, Romina
Rivera, Josette
Robles, Daniela Anahi
Rocha, Anthony
Rocha, Jessica
Rodriguez, Fatima
Rodriguez, Gizell A.
Rodriguez, Gwyneth
Rodriguez, Jayleen

Rodriguez, Kassandra Kay
Rodulfo Huerta, Rosabel
Rubio, Angela
Ruiz, Carlos A.
Ruiz, Paulina Monserath
Ruiz Martinez, Rene Guadalupe
Saavedra, Justin Ryan
Saenz, Adriana A.
Salas, Edgar Guadalupe
Saldivar, Alejandra Lizette
Saldivar, Victoria Danielle
Salinas, Ruben Ruperto
Salinas, Valeria
Sanchez, Alexis
Sanchez, Ivette
Sanchez, Orlando
Sanchez, Vianca
Sanchez-Chavez, Sylvia C.
Sanmiguel, Ahtziri
Santillana, Priscilla
Santos, Alissa
Santos, Corina Nickole
Sendas, Sandra
Solis, Carlos E.
Sosa, Nayeli
Stilwell, Alexandra Jade
Terrazas, Michelle Adamari
Torres, Alfonso Christian
Torres, Jose Gerardo
Torres, Michael Alexander
Tovar, Leslie
Tristan, Vanessa
Valdez Figueroa, Cassandra
Valenzuela, Jesse Ray
Vargas Sarabia, Veronica Crista
Vasquez, Jenneffer Guadalupe
Vazquez, Daniela Michelle
Vazquez, Ivan
Velazquez, Nalleli Maria
Viera, Joshua A.
Villa, Abraham Alexander
Villanueva, Andrea Ailed
Villarreal, Emmanuel
Villarreal, Phebe Rochelle
Wright, Britney
Zapata, Gael

Associate of Arts

Ayala, Edgardo
Bailleres, Geraldine
Barrera, Melanie Aislinn
Bernal, Michael Andrewz
Bocanegra, Elizabeth
Cabrera Mendoza, Miguel Angel
Cantu, Jorge
Cardenas, Sofia
Carreon, Victoria Christina
Carrizales, Juan Carlos
Casanova, Melissa Ariana
Castaneda, Marsha Emerita
Castillo, Diego Alejandro
Castillo Gonzalez, Gloria Elidett
Castro, Kassandra Breanne
Chapa, Luis Alberto
Chavez, Destiny Charlene
Cisneros, Daniel Ismael
Colmenares, Jennifer
Cruz, Sasha Yvette
De La O, Marina Melissa
Esparza, Jaime Alejandro
Espinoza, Kaila Agustina
Fernandez, Eva

Garcia, Alan
 Garcia, Amy Marie
 Garcia, Annika Marie
 Garcia, Fidencio
 Garcia, Jesus Ricardo
 Garcia, Jorge Luis
 Garcia, Melanie Janelle
 Garcia, Mindy Marie
 Garza, Angela
 Garza, Savannah
 Gomez, Jose Angel
 Gonzalez, Delia J.
 Gonzalez, John
 Gonzalez, Miguel
 Gregory, Emily Ann
 Greig, Ashton Blake
 Guardiola, Jose Miguel
 Guerrero Hernandez, Catherine Lorena
 Guevara, Kimberlyjo
 Gutierrez, Carolina
 Hafner, Harry Matthew
 Hernandez, Andrea
 Hernandez, Cecilia Michelle
 Herrera, Jaime
 Herrera, Venessa R.
 Jamaica, Matthew
 Jasso, Kazandra
 Jimenez, Maria Elena
 Lopez, Cecilia Yamilet
 Lopez, Vicente Adolfo
 Lugo, Jacquelyn Ashley
 Macias, Monica Andrea
 Maldonado, Sasha Ivette
 Manrique, Jessica Melissa
 Marchan, Naydelin Dibanhi
 McCabe Garcia, Rosa M.
 Medina, Roberto Rene
 Medrano, Kassandra Lizbet
 Meraz, Raul
 Morales, Rosa Icela
 Moreno, Daniel Alfonso
 Morietta, Sophia J.
 Ocampo, Sebastian
 Ochoa, Rodrigo
 Ojeda, Jessica
 Orozco, Amy Mariel
 Ortega, Daniel
 Ortiz, Karime
 Pina, Juan Manuel
 Ramon, Daniel
 Reyes, Karyn N.
 Reyes, Sydney Madeline
 Reyna, Juan Enrique
 Rodriguez, Jesus Alexandro
 Salas, Karen Lynn
 Salazar, Kelsey Esthela
 Sanchez, Ivonne
 Sanchez, Litzy Ailyn
 Schlentz, Jacob Matthew
 Segovia, Krystal Alexis
 Smith, Victoria
 Soriano, Britney Sharanne
 Soto, Andres A.
 Trejo De La Cruz, Angel Andre
 Vargas, Angie Lizette
 Vera, Gerardo
 Villarreal, Elias Jeremy
 Zapata, Kassandra Lanaye

Associate of Applied Science

Alvarado, Azalea Yamilet
 Barrera, Keila Sarai

Chavez, Stephanie
 Garcia, Brandon
 Garcia, Julian
 Garza, Ana L.
 Hernandez Villarreal, Dariana
 Izaguirre, Brianna Nicole
 Lucio, Miriam
 Maldonado, Erika Jean
 Mares, Kassandra Suzet
 Montoya, Jorge Andres
 Moreno, Sarahi
 Perez, Marbeth Elizabeth
 Rivera, Yaritza
 Robles, Brandon Alexander
 Saracho, Evelyn
 Solis, Daniella Starr
 Vega, Karol Naim
 Velasco, Alejandro
 Ynchausti, Marko Alejandro
 Zepeda, Edward

Certificates

Alba, Monica Rocio
 Alonzo, Ramiro
 Alvarado, Azalea Yamilet
 Amaro, Joshua Gilbert
 Ancira, Santiago
 Arellano, Antonio
 Arrambide, Eduardo Javier
 Arreola, Luis F.
 Arroyo, Angel Alberto
 Avalos, Jason Cesar
 Barrera, Keila Sarai
 Bautista, Jaime E.
 Benavides, Manuel
 Botello, Hector
 Cadena, Dair Osvaldo
 Camacho, David
 Campos Esquivel, Juan D.
 Cantu, Juan Gerardo
 Cardenas, Bryan Alexis
 Cardenas, Gael Alejandro
 Castillo, Antonio Reymundo
 Castillo, Denise Alexandra
 Castro, Juan Manuel
 Castro, Julio C.
 Chaires, Ricardo Alberto
 Chapa, Diego Eduardo
 Chapa, Esteban Javier
 Chavez, Stephanie
 Cisneros, Rodolfo
 Collazo, Enrique Alejandro
 Collazo, Jesse Gerardo
 Cruz, Angel Alverto
 Cruz, Luis Alberto
 De Anda, Linda Jackeline
 De La Cruz, Jose
 De La Cruz, Leonel
 Deleon, Juan Daniel
 Diaz, Daniel Irineo
 Diosdado, Juan Lorenzo
 Dovalina, Jose M.
 Duran, Esteban
 Echeverria, Destiny Alexa
 Ehrenzweig, Eddie
 Elizondo, Daniel Alexander
 Elizondo, Ramiro Roldan
 Esparza, Jennifer J.
 Espinoza, Alexis
 Estrada, Stephanie Alexis
 Flores, Joel
 Fox, Randal Kenneth

Garay, Luis Enrique
 Garcia, Angel Sebastian
 Garcia, Brandon
 Garcia, Jennifer Itzel
 Garcia, Joey
 Garcia, Jose Rolando
 Garcia, Julian
 Garcia, Michael Anthony
 Garza, Adrian
 Garza, Ana L.
 Garza, Mario
 Garza, Michael Gant
 Garza, Rogelio Rolando
 Garza, Rolando
 Garza Segura, Carolinda
 Gomez, Michael
 Gonzalez, Gael
 Gonzalez, Martin
 Gonzalez, Oscar Jahir
 Gonzalez, Vanessa Shekina
 Gonzalez Tamez, Alan Alexandro
 Gonzalez-Perez, Escarlen
 Guardiola, Isabella
 Guerra, Alexa Isabel
 Guerra, Jose Dolores
 Guevara, Josue Isaac
 Guevara, Pete G.
 Gutierrez, Ezequiel
 Gutierrez, Louis Angel
 Hernandez, Diego
 Hernandez, Jacqueline
 Hernandez, Osiris Rameses
 Hernandez, Sergio Arturo
 Hernandez Lobo, Angela Sarai
 Ijeoma, Gerardo Ramon
 Izaguirre, Brianna Nicole
 Jaramillo, Abdyel Gibrain
 Jaramillo, Francisco Javier
 Jasso, Kevin
 Juarez, Eduardo
 Lara, Sergio Luis
 Leal, Aaron
 Leal, Veronica
 Lecea, Leopoldo
 Leos Gudino, Edwin
 Lopez, Luis Gerardo
 Lopez, Ruben
 Lopez Carranza, Jose Emiliano
 Loya, Miguel Angel
 Lozano, Joseph Lee
 Lucio, Miriam
 Lujano, Edgar
 Luna, Allen
 Macias, Jorge Arturo
 Macias, Kiara Yarelli
 Mares, Kassandra Suzet
 Martinez, Albert David
 Martinez, Alberto David
 Martinez, Alejandro
 Martinez, Enrique
 Martinez, Juan Enrique
 Martinez, Luis Enrique
 Martinez, Osiel
 Martinez Jaime, Gerardo
 Mejorado, Joshua
 Melendez, Alfonso A.
 Mendez, Cesar
 Molina, Jonathan Allan
 Montante, Roberto
 Morales, Miguel Enrique
 Munoz, Hector Mario
 Nunez, Ezequiel Raymundo

Ochoa, Denise
 Oliver, Kacie
 Ortiz Perez, Jennifer
 Perez, Isaías Simon
 Perez, Leonardo
 Perez, Marbeth Elizabeth
 Perez, William
 Perez, Xavier
 Perez Rubio, Aurelio
 Pintor, Julio Alberto
 Ramirez, Elaine Pamela
 Ramon, Ashley
 Ramos, Gabriel
 Ramos Garcia, Temoc Joy
 Reyes Martinez, Karen Gitzel
 Rico, Jose Juan
 Rivera, Adriana
 Rivera, Yaritza
 Rocha, Marianna Aracely
 Rodriguez, Eduardo
 Rodriguez, Fidel
 Rodriguez, Gael
 Rodriguez, Gustavo
 Rodriguez, Jonathan Yahir
 Rodriguez, Oscar Mario
 Rodriguez Sifuentes, Cesar
 Rodriguez Sifuentes, Raul
 Ruiz, Michael
 Salazar, Joel Daniel
 Saldivar, Jesus Del Angel
 Sanchez, Patricio Eduardo
 Sanchez, Victor Manuel
 Sanchez, Wendy Patricia
 Sandoval, Juan Raymundo
 Sandoval, Markus Andrew
 Sandoval, Rogelio
 Sarreon, Anselmo
 Silva, Beverly Alexandra
 Solis, Daniella Starr
 Solis, Francisco Ruben
 Soto, Adan
 Suarez, Esai
 Tobias, Modesto Emiliano
 Trevino, Sergio Gerardo
 Urbina, Juan Francisco
 Varela, Jaime
 Varela, Jesus Luis
 Vargas, Bryana Chanel
 Vasquez, Aurelio
 Vasquez, Leonardo
 Vasquez Hernandez, Diego Alexis
 Vega, Alexandro
 Vega, Carlo
 Vega, Karol Naim
 Vela, Andrew
 Vela, Carlos Alfredo
 Veloz, Ryan Eliel
 Villalobos, Liliana
 Villarreal, Guillermo
 Villarreal, Maisie Lou
 Villarreal, Shawn Douglas
 Ynchausti, Marko Alejandro
 Zapata, Luis E.
 Zaragoza, Abraham Justin

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Chavez, Stephanie
 Cruz, Penelope
 Flores, Amanda Dennise
 Frausto, Nancy B.
 Lavidá, Rodrigo
 Mares, Kassandra Suzet

Quintanilla, Alexandria Marie
 Ramirez Manuel, Lizbeth
 Robles, Daniela Anahi
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Camarillo, Federico
 Cardenas, Marlen
 Carrizales, Juan Carlos
 Chavez, Destiny Charlene
 Cruz, Yadira
 De La O, Marina Melissa
 Dominguez, Liliana Sophia
 Escamilla, Angelica
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 Ramos, Eduardo Andres
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 Salinas, Ruben Ruperto
 Sanchez, Ivonne
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 Solis, Daniella Starr
 Soriano, Britney Sharanne
 Stilwell, Alexandra Jade
 Torres, Alfonso Christian
 Trejo De La Cruz, Angel Andre
 Tristan, Vanessa
 Vargas, Angie Lizette
 Vazquez, Ivan
 Villarreal, Emmanuel
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The Academic Regalia

The procession, which begins most commencement ceremonies, is a colorful and symbolic event steeped in history and tradition. Dating from Medieval times, the procession sets the mood for this solemn yet joyous celebration of student accomplishment.

The procession consists of administration, faculty and the candidates for degrees. Candidates are dressed in caps and gowns of similar design. Academic regalia dates from the Middle Ages when a warm gown and hood were useful for scholars and clerics in damp and unheated buildings. Until the Civil War, students in most American universities wore caps and gowns daily. These varied in design until they were standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission in 1894 when it was decided that all robes would be black. Now many institutions of higher education design their own distinctive academic garb.

Standard academic regalia for faculty includes colorful hoods and gowns, which signify both the degree they hold and the institution conferring it. The more advanced the degree, the more elaborate the gown. The color of the facing on the hood indicates the discipline of the degree earned.

AMONG THESE ARE:

White - arts and letters, including journalism	Pink - music
Green - medicine	Orange - engineering
Dark blue - philosophy	Light brown - business
Yellow - science	Lemon yellow - library service
Brown - architecture and fine arts	Citron yellow - social work

Honors achieved by Laredo College students are acknowledged with the following additions to the academic regalia.

Ceremonial Distinctions

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Summa Cum Laude – two white cords
- Magna Cum Laude – two gold cords
- Cum Laude – one gold cord
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society – gold stole with the PTK letters on it and/or blue and gold honor cords
- LC Honors Program – gold stole and medal

U.S. VETERANS: Red, white and blue cords, attached together, to honor students who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP: Peacock Blue colored stole.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: Apricot color stole and medal.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEDALLION: Awarded to officers and senators.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: Silver cord awarded to students who have given at least 45 hours of community service.

DUAL ENROLLMENT GRADUATES: Intertwined green and gold cords are awarded to students who have completed a program of study as a dual enrollment high school student.

The Degree and Certificate Banners



Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership

The colors for the banner are green, gold, white and peacock blue. Green and gold represent the Laredo College tradition of academic excellence and innovation. Peacock blue represents leadership; it also represents compassion and calm in the face of adversity. White represents peace, as students will become leaders who are catalysts for peace throughout the world. The banner is also adorned with two symbols: the chess knight and lamp. The knight, like leaders, is unique. It moves in ways that other chess pieces cannot, which makes it valuable and important. Likewise, leaders work strategically to create change, lead teams and make decisions that help drive their organizations forward. The second symbol on the medallion is the Laredo College Lamp of Learning. The lamp represents scholastic achievement, and the flame brings light into the darkness of ignorance.



Associate of Applied Science

The colors for the banner are red, black and white. These colors represent the student's unyielding willingness to lead a life of service. Red represents kindness and strength. Black represents wisdom, which applies to the knowledge gained by students to remain steadfast and practice their skill(s) with good judgment. White represents sincerity and the holistic approach to learning and applying knowledge ethically and humanely. The banner also has three symbols, which include hands, a dove with an olive branch and four elm leaves. Hands represent faith, sincerity and justice; qualities that we place in others to help heal, create and/or solve. The dove with the olive branch is a universal sign of good things to come, a positive influence that reinforces skill and perpetual good-will once students complete their educational endeavors. The elm leaves signify the dignity, poise and pride students maintain in challenging times as they serve their community with pride. The rays of the sun represent an enlightened mind, which transcends into personal and academic possibilities for the student.



Associate of Science

The colors for the banner are purple, gold, white and black. These colors represent achievement, success and individualism; prominent features found in tomorrow's leaders. Purple signifies the place science has in academia and together with gold they symbolize high rank of accomplishment in the student's quest for knowledge in its pure form. White and black signify the promise of new beginnings and determination and exactitude in seeking knowledge through an integration of education and research. The symbols found on the banner include an ink horn which represents an educated person who strives to learn and practice his/her academic discoveries. The lion represents the inner strength and valor needed to attain knowledge with ferocious determination, and the flames represent a student's enthusiasm for learning.



Associate of Arts

The colors for the banner are green, gold and white. These colors represent a well-balanced, academically entitled nature. Green represents hope, joy and loyalty; a commodity vested in the eagerness of youthful minds working toward a future in the academic arena. Gold represents comprehension and the power of knowledge that sustains an elevated mind. White represents peace and sincerity which serves as a seal of completion and/or continuation to pure knowledge. The banner also has three symbols which include a lamp that enlightens the darkness and clarifies the path ahead, an open book which represents the manifestation of knowledge that is learned and applied as a student progresses through his/her academic journey, and a castle which the student strives to build on a strong foundation that will provide comfort and safety for those they love.



Certificate

The colors for the banner are blue, gold and white. These colors represent the regal qualities of a leader. Blue represents the truth and loyalty; the foundation of a great mind. Gold represents the potential each student possesses to elevate his/her mind and develop their generous nature to learn and lead knowingly and attentively. White is the color that represents peace and sincerity. Each student strives to fulfill an educational goal that will transition into the workforce and give them the peace of mind of knowing they have the skills needed to be successful in their field of work. The banner also has three symbols, a ladder, a scroll and a pitcher. The ladder symbolizes a student's tenacity to continue moving forward until a goal is accomplished. The scroll symbolizes the scholarly achievement a student has undertaken and successfully completed in his/her academic journey, and the pitcher symbolizes the student's willingness to lead by serving as a vessel for others.

The Mace

The use of a mace during college graduation ceremonies combines symbolic communication with the principle of vested authority at the most traditional and sacred of academic celebrations. The Laredo College ceremonial mace is made of pine and symbolizes the history and traditions that have been established by the college. The mace adds meaning and dignity to the commencement ritual. It reminds both participants and spectators that education is one of the most cherished attributes of a free and democratic society

2023 Student Banner Bearers

Ms. Nancy Frausto	BASORGL Banner
Ms. Miriam Lucio	AAS Banner
Ms. Penelope Cruz	AS Banner
Ms. Michelle A. Terrazas	AA Banner
Mr. Miguel Enrique Morales	CERT Banner