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Commencement Exercises

SUMMER 2024

Guadalupe and Lilia Martinez Fine Arts Center

Commencement Program

CEREMONY I • Friday, August 9, 2024 • 9:00 a.m.

Mistress of Ceremonies Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina
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Invocation Student Government Association President

Presentation of Colors Customs and Border Protection Color Guard

National Anthem Officer JoAnna Lee Villarreal McClinton

Introductions Dr. Minita Ramírez
Laredo College President

**Presentation and Conferring of Candidates for
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN),
Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (ADN),
Certificate in Vocational Nursing (VN)** Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina
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Roll Call of Graduates College Deans

Concluding Remarks Dr. Minita Ramírez
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Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership (BASORGL),
Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS),
Certificate in Career and Technical Education (CERT)**
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2024 Candidates for Summer Graduation

CEREMONY I - 9:00 a.m.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Casarez, Valerie
Del Bosque, Denise
Espinoza, Antonio
Gaona, Cristina Yvette
Garza, Israel Francisco
Nava, Izamar
Osorio, Adriana Elizabeth
Padilla, Christina Nicole
Sanchez, Jennifer
Vargas, Roxanne Marie

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

Rivera, Samantha Nicole
Soto, Kaylee Alexis

Certificate in Vocational Nursing

Alonzo, Nancy E.
Alvarado, Monica Lizbeth
Arana, Ricardo
Arellano, Kassandra
Arredondo, Daniela
Black, Madisyn Rae
Briseno, Janell Nichole
Cabello, Lisa Shawn
Cantu, Linzzy Giselle
Casso, Grecia Maricela
Celada, Kiara
Cerde, Paola Mane
Chapa, Sara Alicia
Cooper, Delaney Ann
Daniel, Jovanna
De La Cerda, Azeneth
Delgadillo, Karla Lizeth
Delgado, Elsie
Esquivel, Valerie Yvonne
Gamino, Salma Adamaris
Garcia, Alicia Galilea
Garcia, Angelica
Garcia, Ernesto Rosendo
Garcia, Vanessa
Garibay, Jacqueline Nicole
Gomez, Enrique
Gomez, Krystelle Alexandra
Gonzalez, Angela
Gonzalez, Casandra
Gonzalez, Martha
Gonzalez, Samantha E.
Guel, Johanna
Lara, Debbie Stephanie
Leija, Paulina Alejandra
Lopez, Anali
Magallanes, Ashley Denisse
Marlin, Britany V.
Martinez, Andrea Adriana
Martinez, Janelli
Montalvo, David Ryan
Montes, Alexia
Murillo, Dilayla G.

Murillo, Vanessa Abigail
Navarro, Christina Sophia
Nunez, Michelle Jocelyn
Perez, Anaid
Placencia, Osmar Rene
Ponce, Mariana Beatriz
Ramon, Amanda Lorraine
Ramos, Maria Virginia
Recendiz, Flor Maria
Resendiz, Irvin Ivan
Robles, Maria Alyssa
Rodriguez, Alijah Dena
Rodriguez, Paola Janeth
Saldivar, Angelica Maria
Valdez, Vanessa Clea
Vazquez, Zaira
Verastegui, Samantha Yvette
Villeda, Jamie
Zapata, Melody Yvette

CEREMONY II - 12:00 p.m.

Bachelors of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership

Aguilar, Raquel
Avila, Lisa
Benavides, Ruby Ann
Castillo, Judy Marie
Cruz, Kassandra Edith
Escamilla, Kayla Gabriela
Flores, Vilma Ann
Galvan, Juan Alberto
Garcia, Elizabeth Maria
Garza, Angela
Garza, Cassandra
Gloria, Cynthia Ivonne
Gomez, Zaddie Lizette
Guevara, Gabriela Alexandra
Hernandez, Reymundo Reynaldo
Hernandez, Sergio Arturo
Juarez, San Juanita
Laurel, Sandra Kristina
Lopez, Yanira
Mendoza, Mitchelliz Yvette
Palacios, Juan Isidro
Perez, Marbeth Elizabeth
Rabago, Roberto
Ramirez, Amy Alexa
Ramirez, Krystal Karolina
Reyes, Monica Aracely
Rodriguez, Emma
Rodriguez, Raul
Rubalcava, Camila
Sifuentes, Jose Luis
Stilwell, Clinton P.
Turner, Erika Selina
Villalobos, Maria Victoria
White, Jayne Geraldyn

Associate of Science

Acosta, Melanie Ann
Alvarez, Maria A.
Arellano, Gaddiel Ian
Ayala, Alejandro
Ayala, Leonel
Belbase, Prabhat
Benavides, Sylvia Berenice
Camarillo, Deneen Michelle
Carreon, Karyme Gitzel
Carreon, Natalia Shaley
Castillo, Amber Nicole
Castillo, Ivy
Catindoy, Justin
Chavez, Carlos Alfredo
Chavez, Victoria Alejandra
Contreras, Alexa Dariana
Contreras, Maria De Jesus
De Luna, Luis David
Elizondo, Emily Mia
Escobedo, Antonio
Fernandez, Allan E.
Flores, Cesar
Flores, Eric Haziel
Galvan, Daniella A.
Garza, Reymundo
Gonzalez, Erika
Hernandez, Tryana
Hurtado, Ivan
Landa, Steven Alexander
Landeros, America
Lopez, Justin Adrian
Lopez Molina, Erika Sofia
Loredo, Jorge Alexander Massimo
Medina, Michael A.
Merino, Chris Anthony
Montemayor, Ricardo
Ochoa, Kevin
Padilla, Valentina Ava
Pena-Garcia, Rocio Del Pilar
Pina, Anita Josefina
Ponce, Jose
Ramirez, Heaven Carol
Rangel, Miguel Angel
Reyes, Julissa Alexa
Riojas, Kristina Alexis
Rodriguez, Justin
Romo, Hailey Brooke
Salinas, Daniela Tonantzin
Salinas, Rafael Antonio
Sandoval, Edna Veronica
Sepulveda, Gerardo
Valdez, Jesse James
Vasquez, Lyndsey Renee
Villarreal, Viviana Paola

Associate of Arts

Aguilar, Abigail Jessica
Barrera, Britney Michelle
Barrera, Karyna

Batres, Silbia
Contreras, Maria Fernanda
Diaz, Hector
Falcon, Larissa Jazel
Farias, Romeo Easi
Flores, Jessica Denise
Garcia, Anna L.
Garcia, Ricardo
Garcia, Victoria
Garza, Carlos X.
Gutierrez, Alejandro Miguel
Inocencio, Michael Brandon
Lopez, Luis Edmundo
Madrigal, Vivian Rochelle
Martinez, Jackeline
Martinez, Victoria
Perusquia, Malysa Rae
Popocatl Pazarán, Luis
Ramos, Britney Jazzlee
Ramos, Max
Ramos, Toula
Rincon, Alyssa Fey
Rivera, Delia
Rodriguez, Alexis
Ruiz, Amanda Renee
Salas, Jocelyn Amber
Salinas, Christina Alexandra
Salinas, Nayla
Serna, Marlene Judith
Verino, Lorenzo
Villarreal, Manuel Alberto
Villasenor, Viviana V.

Associate of Applied Science

Cuellar Garcia, Dianaly
De Alba, Juan Carlos
Delbosque, Alejandra
Garcia, Stephanie
Gonzalez, Adrian
Gonzalez-Perez, Escarlen
Hernandez, Marcela Janeth
Linares, Ruby
Lopez, Kayla Azzeneth
Martinez, Aesha Aileen
Mireles Garza, Deyla
Moreno, Eduardo Ivan
Quintero, Esmeralda Michelle
Saldivar, Arleth
Sanchez, Jorge Alberto
Trevino, Maribel
Vasquez, Rocky
Velasquez, Fred Fox

Certificates

Alaniz, Fabian
Benavides, Carlos Uriel
Briseno, Luis Alfonso
Cortinas, Jared Jesus
Cruz Jr., Juan Carlos
Deleon, Juan Daniel
Diosdado, Juan Lorenzo
Flores, Joel
Garcia, Jonathan

Gonzalez, Adrian
Gonzalez, Mauricio
Gonzalez, Oscar Jahir
Hernandez Lobo, Angela Sarai
Jaramillo, Abdyl Gibrain
Jaramillo, Cesar Angel
Juarez, Martha Alicia
Linares, Ruby
Lozano De Leon, Juan Ignacio
Magana, Andres Antonio
Martinez, Juan Enrique
Martinez Sifuentes, Emanuel
Mejia, Daniel Alberto
Molina, Ruben
Moreno, Steven
Nunez, Ezequiel Raymundo
Pena, Juan Alfonso
Perez, Felipe De Jesus
Perez, Heriberto
Perez, Xavier
Perez Rubio, Aurelio
Ramon, Ashley
Ramos, Eduardo
Reyna, Kimberley
Rodriguez, Lauro Alberto
Rodriguez, Oscar Mario
Sanchez Gonzalez, Alan
Segovia, Nelly
Suarez, Esai
Terrazas, Emiliano
Trujillo, Valentin
Valdez, Bryan Caleb
Vega, Carlo

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Arellano, Gaddiel Ian
Barrera, Karyna
Contreras, Maria De Jesus
De Alba, Juan Carlos
Garcia, Anna L.
Gomez, Zaddie Lizette
Landeros, America
Moreno, Eduardo Ivan
Pena-Garcia, Rocio Del Pilar
Rodriguez, Justin
Romo, Hailey Brooke
Salinas, Daniela Tonantzin
Vasquez, Lyndsey Renee

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Batres, Silbia
Belbase, Prabhat
Carreon, Karyme Gitzel
Carreon, Natalia Shaley
Casarez, Valerie
Chavez, Carlos Alfredo
Cruz, Kassandra Edith
Del Bosque, Denise
Diaz, Hector
Falcon, Larissa Jazel
Flores, Eric Haziell
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Verino, Lorenzo

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Acosta, Melanie Ann
Avila, Lisa
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Castillo, Ivy
Castillo, Judy Marie
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Contreras, Maria Fernanda
Elizondo, Emily Mia
Escamilla, Kayla Gabriela
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Rincon, Alyssa Fey
Riojas, Kristina Alexis
Rivera, Delia
Rivera, Samantha Nicole
Rodriguez, Emma
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Salinas, Rafael Antonio
Sanchez, Jennifer
Sandoval, Edna Veronica
Trevino, Maribel
Vargas, Roxanne Marie
Villarreal, Manuel Alberto

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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 high school students who have completed a program of study at Laredo College are proudly wearing their respective high school commencement regalia.

The Degree and Certificate Banners



Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The colors for the banner are apricot and white. The color white signifies purity, innocence, cleanliness, honesty and faith. These are qualities of the devoted and caring patient-centered nurse. Because apricot is a type of orange, the color meaning equates to themes of passion, energy, cheerfulness, fire and heat. The banner also has two symbols, which include the caduceus and the lamp. The caduceus, or staff with the snake, has long been a symbol of medicine and the medical profession. It originates from the story of Asclepius, who was revered by the ancient Greeks as a god of healing and whose cult involved the use of snakes. The oil lamp is one of the widely known symbols viewed in the medical field. Florence Nightingale, known as "The Lady with the Lamp" and founder of the modern nursing practice, is credited for creating the oil lamp symbol. Florence often cared for the sick and injured during the night, carrying a light so she could make her way through the darkness. Her dedication paved the way for future practitioners. She served in the Crimean War in 1853. Often used in pinning ceremonies for new nurses, the lamp represents nurses' dedication and selfless work. The lamp also means compassion, reliability, goodwill and everything significant to the nursing practice. Many nurses hold a lamp during the pinning ceremony to symbolize these meanings while reciting the Nurses Pledge. The pledge is meant to uphold the profession and maintain confidentiality.



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 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.



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 goodwill 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.



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.



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