

# Laredo College

25th Ammal Commencement Summer Graduation

# 2023 Graduation Program

BASORGL/AS/AA Friday, August 11, 2023 • 9 a.m.

Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs Student Ambassador Presentation of Colors . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Laredo Fire Department Color Guard Professor of Music/Voice Welcome .......Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs Laredo College President Presentation and Conferring of Candidates for Bachelors of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership (BASORGL), Associate of Science Degree (AS), Associate of Arts Degree (AA) Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Minita Ramírez Laredo College President Director of Bachelors of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership Dr. Horacio Salinas Dean of Arts and Sciences Dr. Esmeralda Vargas Dean of Health Sciences Laredo College President

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

# 2023 Candidates for Summer Graduation

## Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership

Aguilar, San Juanita C. Arredondo, Elisa L. Avila, Geraldina Cantu, Adriana Yvette

Carreon, Vikky De Los Angeles

Chapa, Maria De Jesus De La Cruz, Rosalinda Dominguez, Elisa Flores, Joseph Abraham

Flores, Joseph Abraham

Flores, Magaly Flores, Norma Leticia Gonzalez, Bryant Ivan Gonzalez, Erika Gonzalez, Marisol Hernandez, Patricia

Leal, Olivia

Maldonado, Andrea Renee

Martinez, Juan Jose Medina, Edelmira T. Moreno, Stephanie R. Olivares, Cassandra Pedraza, Angie Rose Prado, Alexandra Proa, Cesar Ramon, Dinorah Rangel, Joanna Rangel, Sara Alicia

Salinas, Casandra Renee Santos Dominguez, Melissa Denise

Vazquez, Lizandra Citlaly Velasquez, Ana M. Villanueva, Emanuel Zapata, Aurora

# Associate of Science

Aguilar, Marylol Amaya, Joanna Yvette

Anaya, Sahyly Bustos, Joel Javier

Castaneda, Sarah Michelle

Castillo, Josue Cervantes, Monique Chavana, Jose Roberto Contreras, Yesenia Cruz, Dominique Davila, Dinorah De Leon, Alejandro

Escamilla, Edwin Alejandro

Espinoza, Claudia Flores, Priscilla Kaye Galindo, Mayany Alejandra

Garcia, Albert Garcia, Yesenia Gardea, Victoria Garza, Anette M. Garza, Elmer

Gonzalez, Joseph Brian Guerrero, Jose Antonio Hernandez, Rolando

Hodge, Charles Joseph

Jalomo, Eduardo

Juarez, Christopher Martin Juarez, Gisselle Noelia Juarez, Natalia Bethsave Lara, Alondra

Ledesma, Andrea

Lopez, Daniel Guadalupe

Loza, Bianca Vianey

Lozano, Alexa

Lozano, Jose Gerardo Madrigal, Larissa Andrea

Magana, Sarina Medina, Christina A. Mendoza, Jessica

Molina, Christine Elizabeth

Montemayor, Heidi Joanna

Morin, Leslie Rubi Muniz, Salma Navarro, Fatima Y. Oviedo, Alexandra Parra, Victoria Nichole Pedraza, Ricardo Carlos Pena, Jose Alberto

Perez, Alexa Perez, Ricardo J.

Ramirez, Samantha Renea Ramos, Elssa Samantha Ramos, Stephanie Karen Resendez, Mauricio Rodriguez, Carlos Manuel Salinas, Frida Mariana Sanchez, Crystal Denise Sanchez, Maria Guadalupe

Segura, Sergio Arturo Soto, Frida Sofia Suarez, Charlie

Tijerina, Anthony Robert Trevino, Allison Melani

Trujano, Samantha Naila

Varela, Omar Vela, Alexandria Viejo, Daniel Armando Villarreal, Crystal

Villarreal, Kadence Alexis Villarreal, Luis Gustavo

# Associate of Arts

Acosta, Omar E. Alarcon, Frank Jonathan Arispe, Priscilla Marie Arriaga, Janett Oneyda Arrocha, Gabriel Andres

Baca Izquierdo, Jennifer Alejandra

Benavides, Alejandra Benavides, Josecarlos Cadena, Gerardo Camacho, Kimberly Cantu, Daniel Cantu, Leah Elizabeth Cavazos, Sophia

Cazares, Ana Cecilia Cervantes, Citlali Carolina Cuellar, Angela Samantha

Cuellar, Miriam Cueva, Karla Edith Dominguez, Ana S.

Dorantes, Mariana De Jesus

Duran, Karla Aracely Duron, Juan Angel Flores-Malacara, Leah Jade Galicia, Christopher Sebastian

Galindo, Angelo Garcia, Heather Lizzete Garcia, Jazmin De Jesus

Gonzalez, Eduardo

Garcia, Lindsey Rae Garcia, Nathan Alexander Garcia, Sergio Manuel Garibay, Alondra

Gonzalez, Gloria Patricia Gonzalez, Julissa Guerrero, Salvador Gutierrez, Jesus Nithesh

Hernandez, Kevin Alexander Hernandez, Maria

Hill, Alexandra Maree
Leal, Juan Alberto
Lopez, Rocio
Macias, Rolando
Martinez, Kayla Victoria
Mendoza, Ulisses Ivan
Mireles, Claudia D.

Montemayor, Alexandra Isabel

Montemayor, Jessica Moreno, Clara Moreno, Naid Gabriela Olmos, Alejandro Paez, Julian Paez, Kimberly Alexa

Paez, Kimberly Alexa Pena, Linda Marlene Perez, Cristina Anahi Ramirez, Armando Paul Reyes, Kathryn Danielle Reyes, Luis Alejandro Reynoso, Litzy V. Rincon, Stephanie

Rivera Garcia, Heidy Nahomi Rocha, Alessandra Chanel Rocha, Andres Alberto

Rocha, Ashley

Rodriguez, Alyssa Michelle Rodriguez, Jose Armando Rodriguez, Magda Edith Rodriguez, Vanessa

Ruiz, Pedro Salazar, Natalia

Sanchez, Marco Antonio Santiago Montoya, Rogelio

Silva, Norma Irene Torres, Janie S. Torres, Kristian Ivan Trejo, Klarissa Varela, Karla Roxana Vasquez, Jaime Vasquez, Jeanette Vazquez, Kimberly Azeneth Villarreal, Mario Alberto

Villasana, Maximiliano

Zavala, Alonzo

# 2023 Graduation Program AAS/CERT Friday, August 11, 2023 • 2 p.m.

Mistress of Ceremonies
Ilnvocation
Presentation of Colors
National Anthem
Welcome
Introductions
Presentation and Conferring of Candidates for Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) and Certificates (CERT)  Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs
Dr. Minita Ramírez Laredo College President
Roll Call of Graduates
Ms. Sandra Cortez Dean of Community Education
Concluding Remarks
Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs

# 2023 Candidates for Summer Graduation

## Associate in Applied Science

Chavez, Juan Alberto Claudio, Jose David Garcia, Barney Dean Garcia, Madeline Francyne

Garza, Angela Garza, David Amador Garza, Vanessa Beatriz Gomez, Cristina Alicia Gomez, Jacqueline Leija, Jocelyn Gisell Lopez, Cindy

Lopez, Ernesto Macias, Cecy Evelyn Melendez, Tabatha Shanis Miller, Brian Anthony Moreno, Sarah Leticia Orellana, Dariana Ornelas, Amanda Padilla, Christina Nicole Reyes, Edgar Vidal

Torres, Veronica Martinez Verino, Carlos Neri Vichareli, Rolando Von Ziegler, Karla Marlen

# Certificates

Aguilar, Jacob Theadore Aguilar, Jacqueline Aguilar, Jesus Alberto Alfaro, Priscilla Alvarado, Diana Alvarez, Marcus Alec Andrade, Ernesto Alejandro Arispe, Liliana Isabel Barrientos, Valentina Beltran, Claudia Carolina Benavides, Carlos Uriel Benavides, Nancy Benavides, Ruben Isai Benavides, Vicente Brewer, Arthur Joseph Camarillo, Claudette Anais Cantu, Vanessa Yasmeen Castillo, Melanie Ita-ii Castillo, Moises Castro Herrera, Monica Cisneros, Miguel

Cortez, Frida Cruz, Belen

Cuellar, Brianna Alejandra

Climaco, Ricardo Daniel

Contreras, Homero Fernando

Cuellar, Edgar

Cuellar, Melinda Altagracia Davila, Isaias Eduardo De Los Santos, Alycia Kiana

De Luna, Valeria

Delgado, Jose Guadalupe

Diaz, Emiliano Diaz, KC Monique Dominguez, Eduardo Enriquez, Joanna E. Espinoza, Issac

Espinoza, Kristian Amanda

Esquivel, Maritza Yvette Fernandez, Nadia Valeria

Flores, Aaron

Flores, Karla Elizabeth Gallegos, Monica Evedel Gamez Moran, Natalie Anne

Garcia, Grecia

Garcia, Kassandra Adamaris

Garza, David Amador Garza, Jannet Jassive

Garza, Oscar Gonzalez, Cynthia Gonzalez, Jessica Mayeli Gonzalez, Kimberlee Ann Gonzalez, Priscilla Lee Grisham, Maria Joana Guerra, Jose Javier Guerrero, Gerardo Gutierrez, Ezequiel Gutierrez, Sergio Daniel Guzman, Justin Manuel Hernandez, Crystal

Hernandez, Samantha Azeneth Herrera, Summer Breeze Jaramillo, Francisco Javier

Landa, Daniela

Ledezma, Julio Alberto

Little, Brigitte

Llanes, Koraima Gabriela Lopez, Rebecca Paulina Macias, Cecy Evelyn Martinez, Elizabeth Martinez, Jose A. Martinez, Karina Ursula

Martinez, Leslie Martinez, Nancy Lizette Martinez, Nicholas Micheal Martinez, Priscilla Ann Medina, Dayna Angelica Mejia, Leonardo Abiel Mendoza, Jose Alberto Mendoza, Richard Miranda, Richard Montoya, Zaira Noemi Moreno, Alejandro

Murillo, Emmanuel Alejandro

Orellana, Dariana Ornelas, Isaac Ortiz, Aylin Isabel Osoria, Claudia Yojana Padilla de Lopez, Rosa

Moulton, Clarissa

Parra, Amanda

Pedraza, Diego Fernando Pedraza, Diego Fernando Perez, Jacinda Mia Perez, Marco Antonio Perez, Patricia Ann Ponce, Manuel Ramiro Pruneda, Chrissy Napua Quintero, Veronica Gissell Ramirez, Emily Marlette Rangel, Arely Jacqueline Resendiz, Victor Manuel

Resendiz Mota, Mariela

Reyes, Anissa Paula Rivera Figueroa, Christian Joel Robles, Brandon Alexander

Rodriguez, Jazbeth

Rodriguez, Maria Fernanda Rodriguez, Tanya Lizzette

Rojas, Priscilla Ruiz, Celeste Grisel Saavedra, Samantha Nicole

Saenz, Rolando Salas, Claudia Selina Saldivar, Ilynne Salinas, Ashley N. Sanchez, Luis Fernando Serna, Angel Argenis

Terrazas, Luis Eduardo Tiznado, Karla Eloisa Trevino, Abraham Ugartechea, Yesenia Valdez, Fernando Vargas, Katlyn Michelle

Soliz, Sebastian

Vasquez, Eduardo Vasquez, Itzel Vasquez, Rachel Veliz, Enrique Alberto Vichareli, Rolando Victorino, Alejandra Victorino, Carlos Daniel

Viera, Vanessa

#### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Arredondo, Elisa L. Cuellar, Angela Samantha Garza, Anette M. Lara, Alondra Loza, Bianca Vianey Maldonado, Andrea Renee Ramos, Stephanie Karen Reyes, Edgar Vidal Santiago Montoya, Rogelio

Suarez, Charlie Torres, Kristian Ivan Villarreal, Kadence Alexis

# MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Aguilar, Marylol Benavides, Josecarlos Cantu, Adriana Yvette Chavana, Jose Roberto Davila, Dinorah Espinoza, Claudia Flores, Joseph Abraham Galindo, Angelo

Galindo, Mayany Alejandra

Garcia, Albert

Garcia, Jazmin De Jesus Gomez, Jacqueline Gutierrez, Jesus Nithesh

Lopez, Ernesto Lozano, Alexa Macias, Cecy Evelyn Medina, Christina A. Miller, Brian Anthony Molina, Christine Elizabeth Moreno, Clara
Morin, Leslie Rubi
Muniz, Salma
Ornelas, Amanda
Reyes, Kathryn Danielle
Rodriguez, Carlos Manuel
Rodriguez, Jose Armando
Sanchez, Marco Antonio
Torres, Janie S.
Torres, Veronica Martinez
Vichareli, Rolando
Viejo, Daniel Armando

# **CUM LAUDE**

Amaya, Joanna Yvette Baca Izquierdo, Jennifer Alejandra Cadena, Gerardo Cantu, Daniel Cavazos, Sophia Cazares, Ana Cecilia Chapa, Maria De Jesus Cruz, Dominique Dominguez, Ana S. Escamilla, Edwin Alejandro Flores, Priscilla Kaye Flores-Malacara, Leah Jade Galicia, Christopher Sebastian Garcia, Lindsey Rae Gonzalez, Bryant Ivan Gonzalez, Julissa Gonzalez, Marisol Hernandez, Patricia Hill, Alexandra Maree Hodge, Charles Joseph Ledesma, Andrea Lopez, Cindy Lopez, Rocio Macias, Rolando Mendoza, Jessica Montemayor, Alexandra Isabel Montemayor, Heidi Joanna Montemayor, Jessica Orellana, Dariana Paez, Kimberly Alexa Perez, Ricardo J. Prado, Alexandra Proa, Cesar Reyes, Luis Alejandro Reynoso, Litzy V. Rocha, Ashley Ruiz, Pedro Santos Dominguez, Melissa Denise Segura, Sergio Arturo Soto, Frida Sofia Trujano, Samantha Naila Vazquez, Lizandra Citlaly Vela, Alexandria Villarreal, Crystal



# **District Board of Trustees**

Ms. Lupita Zepeda
Mr. Jorge "JD" Delgado
Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos
Ms. Erica Benavides Garcia
Ms. Cindy Liendo
Mr. Mercurio Martinez Jr
Mr. Esteban Rangel
Ms. Karina "Kari" Elizondo
Ms. Ernestina "Tita" C. Vela
A descinitativativa Office and
Administrative Officers  Dr. Minita Ramírez
Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina
Mr. Cesar Vela
Dr. Federico Solis Jr
Dr. David Arreazola
Dr. Diana Ortiz

# **Mace Bearer**

Ms. Juliana Kelley

# 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

ASSOCIATED STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEDALLION: Awarded to officers and senators

**PRESIDENTIAL STUDENT AMBASSADOR MEDALLION:** Awarded to students who have completed two years of service for Laredo College

VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDALLION: 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.



#### 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.



# 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





Community College

Congratulations Chaduates!

for the second s

On behalf of the Friends and Family of Laredo College, we invite you to join our Laredo College Alumni Community.

Your participation ensures the continued quality of higher education services for our students.

If you attended
Laredo Junion College,
Laredo Community College
or Laredo College scan
the OR code to tell us a

the QR code to tell us a little more about yourself.



Laredo College is an equal access, equal opportunity organization.

Learn more at https://www.laredo.edu/title-ix/index.html.