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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Today, we celebrate a significant milestone in your journey, one that is marked by perseverance, dedication and an unwavering commitment to excellence. As proud Palomino graduates, and with power and purpose, you move forward to make a difference in the world outside our institution.

Whether you are joining the workforce or planning to continue your studies and pursue another degree or certification, today is a day to remember how far you have come in your journey.

Those among you today have demonstrated remarkable resilience and strength. You have all faced struggles throughout your lives, and this achievement is something that can never be taken away from you. Education is your superpower, and I know you will use it to bring forth the best in one another.

As we make our way to success, we reflect on what Laredo College has represented for each of you. Many of you are the first in your families to attend Laredo College, while others continue a proud legacy of education and achievement. Regardless of your path, you have all contributed to the rich fabric of our community.

Every instructor you met here and learned from, every friendship or bond you created with fellow students and every lesson you learned in class, is something that you can cherish and remember.

May this moment be a testament to the quiet yet powerful strength that we all carry with us every day. For many of you, this milestone demonstrates your resolve to achieve things you never imagined possible and your resilience to power through the many challenges you have faced in life.

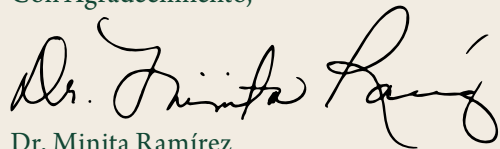
Our Palomino family has seen your growth and accomplishments firsthand, and we are all incredibly proud of each and every one of you. Your hard work and determination have not only shaped your future but will also be a guiding light for current and future students to follow.

Remember, this is just the beginning. The knowledge and skills you have gained here at Laredo College will serve as the foundation for your future. Continue to lead with purpose, give back to your communities and strive to build a stronger future for all.

Congratulations, Palomino graduates! I wish you all the best as you embark on this new chapter of your lives.

Laredo College will always be home to you. As proud Palomino graduates and brand new alumni, I know that you will represent us well in everything you do.

Con Agradecimiento,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Minita Ramirez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "R".

Dr. Minita Ramirez

2025 Commencement Program

Ceremony • BASORGL | AS | AA | AAS | CERT • Friday, December 12, 2025 • 10 a.m.

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

Invocation **Lindsey Ballesteros**
Student Government Association President

Presentation of Colors **Laredo College Police Department**
Under the direction of Chief Jose Hernandez

National Anthem **Dr. Joseph Crabtree**
Professor of Music/Voice

Introductions **Dr. Minita Ramirez**
Laredo College President

Student Respondent **Jack E. Keefer, Jr.**
Associate of Arts

Presentation and Conferring of Candidates for
Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership (BASORGL)
Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Arts (AA)
Associate of Applied Science (AAS), Certificate (CERT) **Dr. Marisela Rodriguez Tijerina**
Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Minita Ramirez
Laredo College President

Roll Call of Graduates **College Deans**

Concluding Remarks **Dr. Minita Ramirez**
Laredo College President

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

2025 Candidates for Fall Graduation

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Aguilar, Rachel Marie
Ayala, Leonel
Dawkins, Asha Hadija
Dominguez, Liliana Sophia
Gamez, Cassandra
Garcia, Victoria
Gonzalez, Jeanette A.
Gonzalez, Vanessa
Gutierrez, Javier A.
Lopez Penagos, Brenda Paola
Macias, Cecy Evelyn
Maisonet, Norma F.
Martinez, Elizabeth
Martinez, Josue Jordan
Moreno, Angela
Moreno, Carla Alicia
Nunez-Gomez, Angelita
Pachicano, Laisha
Ramirez, Jacqueline Abigail
Rangel, Delia Beatriz
Reyna, Juan Enrique
Robles, Maria Elizabeth
Tovar, Sam Hector
Velasquez, Fred Fox

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Acosta, Leyzar Eduardo
Aguilar, Ashley Marian
Aguilera, Jennifer
Almeida, Jacqueline Alicia
Alvarez Martinez, Victoria
Amaro, Jeremiah Zackery
Aranda Solis, Angel Adrian
Baker, Brianna Nicole
Balderas, Estrella
Barberena, Regina
Barron, Giselle Janet
Batres, Miriam E.
Becerra, Naomi Karin
Becker, Elijah
Benavides, Desiree Ruth
Bermudez, Brandon Tristan
Bermudez, Cassandra
Boswell, Michael Edward
Brown, Leobardo
Cabral, Lesley
Campbell, Christina, Elizabeth
Campbell, Dana Sophia
Campos, Alejandra
Campos, Alyzza
Campos, Isabella Marie
Canales, Franti Yair
Canales, Joshua Alejandro
Cantu, Jorge Luis
Castaneda, Bethany Jeralyn
Castanon, Alexis
Castanon, Karla
Castellanos Martinez Julia
Cazares, Edgar Antonio
Chavana, Ricardo Jose
Chavira, Ashley Berenice

Cisneros Castillo, Dominga Yamileth
Contreras, Ana
Cornejo, Jessica Ruby
Cribbs, Mya Rae
Cruz, Reynaldo
Cuevas De La Cruz, Odalis
Davalos, Ramon
De La Cruz, Briana Lynn
De La Cruz, Karina
De La Cruz, Mia
De La Cruz, Patricia
De La Rosa, Alejandra
De La Rosa, Briana
De La Rosa, Leticia
Del Bosquez, Ashley Vanessa
Del Toro, Gerardo
Delgado, Jessel
Diaz, Genesis, S.
Dominguez, Marcus Angel
Eguia, Alejandro
Escobedo, Heriberto
Esquivel, Jhonatan Guadalupe
Esquivel, Perla Crystal
Estrada, Kelsey
Feliciano Pagan, Leean J.
Flores, Alexis
Flores, Jocelyn Lizeth
Flores, Josie Jesseka
Flores, Ricardo Andres
Flores, Saleen
Franco Estrada, Emily Jane
Fructuoso, Emmanuel
Fuentes, Paola
Galarza, Ashley
Gamez, Alexis
Garcia, Amanda Nicole
Garcia, Amy Marie
Garcia, Armando
Garcia, Ashley Lizette
Garcia, Brianna Guadalupe
Garcia, Brianna Lizbeth
Garcia, Claudia
Garcia, Genesis Vianey
Garcia, Julissa
Garcia, Julissa
Garcia, Kaley Melanie
Garcia, Karla Alejandra
Garcia, Cassandra Adamaris
Garcia, Layla Nicole
Garcia, Lizette
Garcia, Sergio
Garza, Brianna Christina
Garza, Dariela Yamilet
Garza, Kimberly Arely
Garza, Osvaldo
Garza, Raiza Azeneth
Garza, Sofia
Gonzalez, Alejandro
Gonzalez, Alyssa Jesile
Gonzalez, Carolina Celest
Gonzalez, Daniel
Gonzalez, Emely
Gonzalez, Genesis Dennis
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Gonzalez Garza, Samira Terene
Gonzalez Mercado, Elias Jared
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Jimenez, Yaeli Alejandra
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Palacios, Biviana Isabella
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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
Green - medicine
Dark blue - philosophy
Yellow - science
Brown - architecture and fine arts

Pink - music
Orange - engineering
Light brown - business
Lemon yellow - library service
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 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 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.

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.



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 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.



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 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.

ALMA MATER

The student of today is being challenged, as never before, to bring intelligent leadership and skilled workmanship to a world in great need of economic and social stability.

We of Laredo College accept that challenge with willingness and enthusiasm, and will strive to make our curriculum a stepping stone to professional fields and a workshop for good citizenship.

We are young — our “growing pains” have been many. However, step by step, we have moved forward with confidence and wisdom in our achievements.

Let us continue to proceed with courage, to meet the problems of tomorrow.

