

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

2024

May 10, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Cadence Bank Center



**CENTRAL
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Program

Sing, My Child..... Sarah Quartel	Central Texas College Chorus Directed by Dr. David Thomas Professor, Music and Choir Director, Central Texas College
Processional: Pomp and Circumstance Sir Edward Elgar, Arr. Victor Lopez	Central Texas College Band Directed by Dr. Brad Bolick Professor, Music and Band Director, Central Texas College
Posting of Colors	Army ROTC Central Texas College and Texas A&M University - Central Texas
The Star-Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key, arr. Sargent	Central Texas College Chorus Directed by Dr. David Thomas Professor, Music and Choir Director, Central Texas College
Invocation	Rev. Jimmy Towers Chair, Board of Trustees, Central Texas College District
Welcome/Introduction of Platform Party	Dr. Melanie Baak Dean of Career and Technical Instruction, Central Texas College
Greetings from the Chancellor.....	Dr. Michele J. Carter Chancellor, Central Texas College
Greetings from the Faculty	Professor Celinda Hallbauer Professor, Music (Fine Arts), Central Texas College
Greetings from the Graduates	Nichole Noel May Social Science Graduate
Greetings from the Board.....	Rev. Jimmy Towers Chair, Board of Trustees, Central Texas College District
Greetings from Fort Cavazos	COL Chad Foster Chief of Staff, III Armored Corps, Fort Cavazos
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Dr. Melanie Baak Dean of Career and Technical Instruction, Central Texas College
Commencement Address	Mr. Ray Martinez III, JD President and CEO, Texas Association of Community Colleges
Certification of Graduates	Dr. Robin Garrett Provost/Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Success, Central Texas College
Conferring of Certificates and Degrees	Dr. Michele J. Carter Chancellor, Central Texas College
Announcer	Mr. Fred Chavez Central Texas College Retiree
Benediction	Mrs. Brenda Coley Secretary, Board of Trustees, Central Texas College District
Closing Remarks	Dr. Melanie Baak Dean of Career and Technical Instruction, Central Texas College
Recessional: La Réjouissance from Royal Firework Suite..... G.F. Handel	Central Texas College Band Directed by Dr. Brad Bolick Professor, Music and Band Director, Central Texas College



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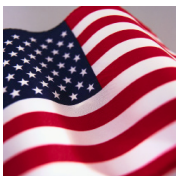
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Ray Martinez III, J.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Texas Association of Community Colleges

Ray Martinez serves as the President & Chief Executive Officer of the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC), a comprehensive membership association comprising a diverse mix of 48 community colleges across Texas. Public community colleges in Texas play a critical role in supporting the continued growth of our state's economy by expanding access to high-quality and affordable academic programs, workforce education training, and continuing education instruction. As President and CEO of TACC, Martinez provides leadership to advance state policy, institutional practice, research, and developing meaningful multisector partnerships in support of Texas community colleges.

Before joining TACC, Ray served as Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Workforce Education for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, where he led the agency's critical functions in academic programs, workforce education, and postsecondary readiness and success. Martinez brings a deep understanding of higher education to TACC. He previously served as President of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas and Chancellor of Western Governors University (WGU) Texas, and he has held senior government affairs positions at Rice University and Texas A&M International University. Ray has also served as the director of the Committee on Higher Education in the Texas Senate.

In addition, Ray has substantial federal policy experience, having served in the Clinton Administration as regional director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and on the White House staff as deputy assistant to the president for Intergovernmental Affairs. Ray returned to federal service in 2003 after being nominated by President George W. Bush – and confirmed by the United States Senate – to serve as a commissioner on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, a bipartisan federal agency responsible for assisting state and local governments to improve the process of election administration.

Beginning in 2007, Ray served as an adjunct professor of public policy at The University of Texas School of Law and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, where, over a seven-year period, he taught a course on election administration, redistricting, and campaign finance. Ray has also served on the Board of Trustees for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), which implements the accreditation process for public and private higher education institutions in an eleven-state region, including Texas.

A native of Alice, Texas, Ray received his bachelor's degree from Southwestern University and his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center, and he recently completed postgraduate studies at the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard Graduate School of Education. Ray and his wife, Beth, a clinical social worker, reside in Austin.

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+ Graduates earned their associate's degrees and high school diplomas concurrently while attending Killeen ISD Early College High School on the Central Texas College campus.

▲ Phi Theta Kappa is an international community college honor society established in 1918. CTC's Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is the Sigma Iota Chapter. Membership is by invitation to students who have completed at least 30 semester hours, 12 of which are with CTC, and meet the minimum cumulative 3.5 grade point.

● Sigma Kappa Delta is the National English Honor Society for two-year colleges. The Central Texas College Chapter is Tau Beta. To become a member a student must have completed at least 12 semester hours in college credit, of which 9 semester hours must be English courses with a grade of "B" or higher. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA.

■ PSI Beta Psychology is the National Honor Society in psychology for community colleges. A student must have completed a college psychology course with a grade of B or higher; completed 12 semester credit hours in college credit with a cumulative college GPA of 3.0 or higher.

*Thank
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Audio-visual support for today's ceremony is provided by the Killeen Independent School District.

Graduation Ceremony Broadcast

View the livestream at <https://www.killeenisd.org/livetv>.

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The Significance and Tradition of Graduation

Graduation is the action of receiving or conferring an academic degree or the associated ceremony where students become graduates. The graduation ceremony begins with a procession where the students march in according to the degrees and certificates for which they are candidates. The procession also includes the faculty as well as guest speakers, members of the board of trustees, administrative officers and other members of the platform party.

Traditionally, "Pomp and Circumstance" will play during the procession. This common graduation song is a 1901 composition by Sir Edward Elgar as part of his "Pomp and Circumstance Military March" series.



Following the procession, the graduation ceremony consists of opening remarks, a commencement address, conferring of degrees and the awarding of diplomas. Prior to the distribution of diplomas, a college representative will ceremoniously recommend each class of candidates be awarded the proper degree or certificate which is then formally and officially conferred by the chancellor.

The ceremony concludes with a recession where the platform party and faculty leave the hall in that order. Graduates remain on the floor and may disperse from their seats to receive their families and guests once the first two divisions have left the hall.

Students and faculty dress in academic regalia for the ceremony. Historians believe the origins of academic regalia date back to the 12th century when university classes were taught by clerics who wore robes for warmth. Classrooms had no central heating so the teaching clerics wore robes with hoods which had a scarf tail that could be wrapped around the neck to keep warm.

Today's basic academic regalia includes a robe or gown, a hood, mortarboard or cap and tassel. Black is the traditional color of all gowns, though some colleges and universities use the school color(s). Each type of degree has a different style of gown. Hoods signify a doctoral or master's degree, although some colleges use a bachelor's hood. Associate degree and certificate candidates wear the same type of gown as that of baccalaureate candidates. The bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. Bachelor's gowns have pointed sleeves while master's gowns have narrow sleeves open at the wrist with the base hanging down. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and the front part has an arc cut away. The doctoral gown is the most elaborate of all with bell-shaped sleeves, velvet-trimmed front panels and three velvet bars on each sleeve.

The mortarboard or cap is flat and is usually black. The tassel on the cap hangs on the right side before the commencement and is moved to the left side after commencement. The moving of the tassel symbolizes the exact moment the degree or certificate is granted. Wearing of the academic regalia signifies a rich tradition of college life spanning more than 900 years.

The colors of the academic regalia represent the college and degrees earned by those wearing the robes. The college's colors and color of the discipline are lined in the hood. Pink represents music, light blue is education, drab is business, white is for literature, apricot represents nursing and citron is for social science. Although the scarf is no longer used, the robe and hood have remained intact since the 12th century.

Sources: American Council on Education; Academic Costumes and Regalia: A Brief History and Chronology(1), compiled by: Dr. Stephen E. Lunce, Texas A&M University.

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