On behalf of the College of Liberal Arts faculty and staff, I am delighted to welcome our students, their families and friends to the 2010 Spring Pre-Commencement Ceremony honoring all UTEP Liberal Arts graduates. Tonight we honor all graduating seniors and master’s and doctoral candidates, and students who have been selected to receive special awards for extraordinary academic achievement and service.

Human potential can be found everywhere, but academic excellence and success is realized when students dedicate themselves to exceptionally hard work, an uncompromising personal commitment to learning, and the willingness to spend countless hours in classrooms, studios, laboratories, seminars and libraries. Every graduating student we recognize today has not only succeeded in his or her academic studies, they have also excelled in deftly balancing the many complex and competing demands of daily life, including caring for family members, working to pay living and school expenses, and continuing to be responsible citizens by helping others in their school and community.

The College of Liberal Arts graduates that we honor tonight have demonstrated intellectual skills, remarkable resilience, persistence and ingenuity in the pursuit of their personal goals and aspirations. Therefore, I am confident that all of our graduates are well prepared to serve as future leaders and problem solvers.

We are proud of our graduates, and we look forward to their accomplishments as successful University of Texas at El Paso alumni.

Howard C. Daudistel, PhD
Dean
PROGRAM

Procension of Banner Bearers and Student Marshals

Dean’s Address

Presentation of Department and Program Awards

Recognition of Undergraduate Candidates

Hooding Ceremony for Master’s Candidates

Recognition of Doctoral Candidates

Closing Remarks

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Reception:
Reading Room, Geological Sciences Building, Third Floor

DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM AWARDS

DEAN’S OFFICE

University Banner Bearer
Davi Israel Kallman – BA, Organizational and Corporate Communication; Minor, Political Science
Liberal Arts Banner Bearer
Porfirio Diaz III – BM, General Music with All Levels Certification
Liberal Arts Undergraduate Student Marshal
Anthony Michael Jimenez – BA, Double Major in Sociology and Communication Studies
Graduate School Banner Bearer
Scott C. Comar – MA, History
Liberal Arts Graduate Student Marshal
Nicholas Andrew Emerick – MA, Sociology
Liberal Arts Pre-Commencement Design Award
Jesus Javier Medrano – BFA, Graphic Design; Minor, Painting

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Carter G. Woodson Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Cornelius Allen Miller – BA, Organizational and Corporate Communication; Minor, African American Studies

ART

Outstanding Graduating Senior
Jose Luis Ponce – BFA, Graphic Design; Minor, Printmaking

CENTER FOR INTER-AMERICAN AND BORDER STUDIES

Outstanding Graduating Senior in Latin American and Border Studies
Gilberto Garcia – BA, Double Major in Latin American and Border Studies and Spanish
Outstanding Graduate Student
John Meza – MA, Latin American and Border Studies
DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM AWARDS

ENGLISH
Outstanding English and American Literature Major
Adam Nathaniel Jimenez – BA, English and American Literature; Minor, Communication Studies
Outstanding English Language Arts Major
Sandra Flores – BA, English Language Arts; Minor, Secondary Education
Outstanding English and American Literature Minor
Nancy Ortega – BA, Anthropology; Minor, English and American Literature
Outstanding Graduate Student in English and American Literature
Marianna R. Hendricks – MA, English and American Literature
Outstanding Academic Achievement in English: Rhetoric and Writing Studies
Cecilia Cantú – MA, English: Rhetoric and Writing Studies
Outstanding Community-Based Project in English: Rhetoric and Writing Studies
Audrey F. Cisneros – MA, English: Rhetoric and Writing Studies

HISTORY
Outstanding Academic Achievement
Hilda Vanessa Turner – BA, History; Minor, Political Science
Outstanding Contribution to the Community
Vanessa Inez Romero – BA, History; Minor, Women’s Studies
Outstanding Graduating Senior
Alan Bryan Arellano – BA, History; Minor, Translation and Interpretation
Outstanding History and Secondary Education Major
Lorenzo Amardo Rubio – BA, History; Minor, Secondary Education
Outstanding Graduate Student
Scott C. Comar – MA, History

INTER-AMERICAN JEWISH STUDIES
Outstanding Graduating Senior
Syretta Tanesha Massey-Jimenez – BA, English and American Literature; Minor, Women’s Studies

CHICANO STUDIES
Outstanding Chicano Studies Minor
Ivo Gomez – BA, History; Minor, Chicano Studies

COMMUNICATION
Outstanding Communication Studies Major
Anthony Michael Jimenez – BA, Double Major in Communication Studies and Sociology
Outstanding Electronic Media Major
Sofía Isabel Chávez Barroso – BA, Electronic Media; Minor, General Business
Outstanding Media Advertising Major
Angel E. Cancino – BA, Media Advertising
Outstanding Print Media Major
Lizette Angélica Espinosa – BA, Print Media; Minor, Women’s Studies
Outstanding Academic Achievement in Organizational and Corporate Communication
Laura Andrade – BA, Organizational and Corporate Communication; Minor, Legal Reasoning
Outstanding Student Contributions in Organizational and Corporate Communication
Davi Israel Kallman – BA, Organizational and Corporate Communication; Minor, Political Science

CREATIVE WRITING
Outstanding Graduate Student
Juana Moriel – MFA, Creative Writing

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Outstanding Academic Achievement
Stephanie Gomez – BA, Criminal Justice; Minor, Psychology
Outstanding Research Achievement
Alejandro F. Baeza – BA, Criminal Justice; Minor, Psychology

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DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM AWARDS

LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS
Outstanding Graduating Senior in French
Nancy Patricia Garcia – BA, French; Minor, Secondary Education and Spanish

Outstanding Graduating Senior in Spanish
Silvia Estela Royval De Villa – BA, Spanish; Minor, Secondary Education
Outstanding Translation and Interpretation Minor
Alan Bryan Arellano – BA, History; Minor, Translation and Interpretation

MILITARY SCIENCE
Outstanding Graduating Senior
Brandon Wade Alford – BA, History; Minor, Military Science

MUSIC
Outstanding Graduating Senior in Music Education
Porfirio Diaz III – BM, General Music with All Levels Certification
Outstanding Graduating Senior in Performance
Mariana Aún – BM, Music Performance and Commercial Music
Outstanding Graduating Senior in Theory and Composition
Luis Antonio Sanchez – BM, Music Theory and Composition

PHILOSOPHY
Outstanding Graduating Senior
April Garcia – BA, Philosophy; Minor, English and American Literature

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Outstanding Graduating Senior
George Mansouraty – BA, Political Science; Minor, History
Outstanding Graduate Student
Douglas Block – MA, Political Science

PSYCHOLOGY
Outstanding Bachelor of Arts Academic Achievement
Claudette Ivana Barragán Palma – BA, Psychology; Minor, Sociology

Outstanding Bachelor of Science Academic Achievement
Angélica Aguirre Llanas – BS, Psychology; Minor, Biology

Outstanding Research Achievement
Rosa Hazel Delgado – BA, Psychology; Minor, Women’s Studies
Outstanding Scholarship
Veronica M. Johnson – BA, Psychology; Minor, Women’s Studies

SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY
Outstanding Academic Achievement in Anthropology
Nancy Ortega – BA, Anthropology; Minor, English and American Literature

Outstanding Academic Achievement in Sociology
Anthony Michael Jimenez – BA, Double Major in Sociology and Communication Studies
Special Academic Recognition in Sociology
Samuel Sosa – BA, Sociology; Minor, English and American Literature
Outstanding Graduate Academic Recognition in Sociology
Rocio Clarisa Lemus – MA, Sociology
Special Graduate Academic Recognition in Sociology
Nicholas Andrew Emerick – MA, Sociology
Special Graduate Academic Distinction in Sociology
Aurelio Saldaña, Jr. – MA, Sociology

TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM
Outstanding Graduating Senior
Nancy Patricia Garcia – BA, French; Minor, Secondary Education and Spanish
DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM AWARDS

THEATRE AND DANCE
Outstanding Graduating Senior in Theatre Arts
Orlando Felipe Rodriguez – BA, Theatre: Tech and Design; Minor, Communication Studies
Outstanding Artistic Contributions to Dance
Michelle Renee Pacillas – BFA, Dance

WOMEN’S STUDIES
Outstanding Women’s Studies Minor
Carmen Marie Meza – BA, English and American Literature; Minor, Women’s Studies

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

HONORS DEGREE
Alejandra M. Acosta – BA, Organizational and Corporate Communication; Minor, Anthropology
Sonja Esquivel – BA, English and American Literature; Minor, Secondary Education
Davi Isreal Kallman – BA, Organizational and Corporate Communication;
Minor, Political Science

HONORS CERTIFICATE
Velia Herren – BS, Psychology; Minor, Biology
Nicole Josephine Martinez – BA, Philosophy; Minor, Sociology
Maegen Renee Ramirez – BA, Creative Writing; Minor, Film Studies

HONORS SENIOR THESIS
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UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES

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Jaymee Marie Aguirre
Brandon Wade Alford*
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Edward Dean Alvarado
Joseph Michael Alvarado
Steven Daniel Alvarado
Sylvia Alvarado
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Amanda Elizabeth Arrieta
Maria Guadalupé Ayala
Pamela Jane Baea
Andrew Christopher Barba
Claudette Ivana Barragán Palma***
Angelica G. Barrón
Alicia Beall
Amber Michelle Bennett
Andrew R. Bonney
Michael Gerard Borunda
Dominique Celeste Bringas**
Jonathan Robert Burton*
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Brenda G. Bustos
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Cristina Chavez
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Julia D. Díaz
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Sonia Esquivel*
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Felicia Marie Flores
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Alonso Garcia
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MASTER OF ARTS – HISTORY
Matthew McConnell, Macho Moderno, Macho Político, Macho Físico, and Chica Moderna: Changing Gender Roles in Mexican Comic Books, 1954 to 1985
Toni K. McNair, The Literary Fictioning of John Gregory Bourke's Imperialist Nostalgia

MASTER OF ARTS – INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
Elise Farah, The Challenges and Complexities of Adolescence
Marissa Vásquez, The House of Bernarda Alba: Unearthing the Madness that Lies Within

MASTER OF ARTS – LATIN AMERICAN AND BORDER STUDIES
Mirel Dalí Argueta Cordova, Latin American and Border Studies with a Concentration in Communication
Isaac Montes Márquez, Latin American Studies with a Focus on Political Science
John Meza, Latin American Studies with a Focus on Philosophy

MASTER OF ARTS – LINGUISTICS
Clifford S. Jones, Jr., Developmental Variation in Children's Acquisition of Metrical Structure

MASTER OF ARTS – PHILOSOPHY
Ruby A. Montana, Embodied Cognition as Refutation of Langer's “Illusory Powers” in Dance: “I Move, Therefore I Know”
Alejandra Olivas-Davila, Dispositions, Propensities and the Change of Conditions

MASTER OF ARTS – POLITICAL SCIENCE
Douglas Block, Central Bank Independence: Rules, Practices, and Outcomes
Sergio I. García-Ríos, Ni de Aquí Ni de Allá: Transnationalism and Political Participation in Latino/a Communities

MASTER OF ARTS – PSYCHOLOGY
José Alonso Cabriales, Smoking Cessation, Reduction and Motivation Change in a Predominantly Hispanic Sample
HOODING CEREMONY

MASTER OF ARTS – SOCIOLOGY
Nicholas Andrew Emerick, Social Disorganization and Geographic Distribution of Homicides in El Paso
Jacquelin Hawley, An Analysis of Secondary Data on the Causes and Consequences of Migration in Central American Children
Rocio Clarisa Lemus, Mujeres Haciendo Frente al Desplazamiento Forzado
Sandra I. Ramirez Garcia, The Latino/o Mental Health Paradox or Disparities? Depression among New Immigrants to the U.S.
Aurelio Saldana, Jr., The Effects of Acculturation on Healthcare in the Mexican-origin Community: El Paso County, Texas

MASTER OF FINE ARTS – CREATIVE WRITING
Dennis Bush, “Love or Whatever” and Other Works (Two Plays and a Screenplay)
Roberto Alejandro Santos, Exile in the Gramola: A Jewinican (Re)Collection

MASTER OF MUSIC
Hoi-Lam Ip, Vocal Recital
Rick McDole, Recitals: Vocal Music from Purcell to Blitzstein, and Romantic and Neo-Romantic Vocal Music from Mahler to Barber
Jennifer Rodriguez, The Piccolo from the 18th to the 21st Century: A Presentation of Historical Context and Performance of Great Solo Works for Piccolo
Michael Andrew Way, Recitals: Concerto Appearance with UTEP Symphony Orchestra: Cello Concerto in D Major by Franz Joseph Haydn and “The Complete Works for Cello and Piano” by Felix Mendelssohn

RECOGNITION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY – PSYCHOLOGY
Catherine Rieman Camilletti, Social Understanding and the Effect of Social Pressure on Children’s Suggestibility
Patti Fernandez, The Sunk Cost Fallacy and Individual Differences in Health Decisions