



— FALL 2021 —
COMMENCEMENT



National Champions

In April 2021, the UTRGV Chess Team defended its title as national collegiate chess champions and claimed its third consecutive President's Cup in the Final Four of College Chess.

First-class University

UTRGV recently ranked as a Top 100 university in the country and 3rd best college in Texas behind Texas A&M and UT Austin, according to Washington Monthly.

Tuition Advantage

Launching in Fall 2022, Tuition Advantage will cover the cost of tuition and mandatory fees for students with a family income of \$100,000 or less who have unmet financial need.

Seal of Excelencia

In October 2021, UTRGV was one of 24 schools to receive the Seal of Excelencia, a comprehensive certification awarded by Excelencia in Education that recognizes a university's commitment and ability to accelerate Latino student success.

Transforming Healthcare

UTRGV's School of Medicine graduated its inaugural class in May 2020 and soon will graduate its second cohort. The 39 graduates received their medical degree and are now continuing their clinical training in residency programs at hospitals here in the Rio Grande Valley, across Texas, and throughout the United States. UT Health Rio Grande Valley, the clinical practice of the UTRGV School of Medicine, is proudly supporting the Valley's medical response to the pandemic and currently has 30 clinical sites providing over 100 miles of care spanning from Rio Grande City to Laguna Vista.

Philanthropic Support

UTRGV has received close to \$200 million in private fundraising, including:

- A \$40 million donation from MacKenzie Scott and Dan Jewett
- A \$38 million donation to establish the THRIVE medical hub project
- The naming of The Robert C. Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship
- The establishment of hundreds of undergraduate and graduate endowed scholarships
- Gifts to UTRGV contributing to a \$170 million Endowment Market Value

Grand Opening

In November 2021, UTRGV, the city of Harlingen, and Harlingen CISD hosted the ribbon-cutting of the UTRGV Harlingen Collegiate High, where high school students are able to take dual enrollment courses with UTRGV faculty.



Dear Fall Class of 2021,

On behalf of everyone at the university, congratulations on your graduation!

You have truly accomplished something remarkable: You have gotten through the most disruptive period ever in the history of American higher education. Along the way, you learned about resiliency and perseverance — important life lessons that will only help you, as you embark on your professional career.

Chances are, you can probably name a few people who helped shape you into the person you've become. Your graduation milestone is also for them.

UTRGV stands alongside your family and friends with a great sense of pride in your achievement. All the hard work and sacrifices you made have paid off. Though the homework and late-night study sessions are over, the friendships you made at UTRGV along the way will always remain with you.

You are now a UTRGV graduate, and you join a family of over 100,000 prideful and successful alumni across the world. Like those who came before you, you have paved the way for students who will follow in your footsteps. As you begin the next chapter of your life, remember that the stature of UTRGV and the success of future students will be significantly enhanced by your success.

The Office of Alumni Relations invites you to stay connected with your alma mater and share your accomplishments. Follow the Office of Alumni Relations on Facebook at UTRGV Alumni and Legacy or email them at alumni@utrgv.edu.

Again, congratulations on your graduation. We wish you continued success, and we remind you that UTRGV will always be your home. You will forever be part of our Vaqueros family. Your friends, family, and everyone at UTRGV salute you - **V's Up!**

Sincerely,

Guy Bailey, President

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley



ORDER OF EXERCISES

Welcome Remarks	Master of Ceremonies
National Anthem	Monica Garza, UTRGV School of Music Alum
Presidential Remarks	Guy Bailey, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President and Provost’s Remarks	Janna Arney, Ph.D.
Dean’s Remarks and Conferral of Degrees by College	Deans
Presentation of Graduates by College	Deans

BELL RINGERS

Brownsville Ceremony

Roy Manuel Cantu, Jr. College of Liberal Arts	Roman Sanchez Martinez College of Sciences
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Edinburg Ceremonies

8:30 a.m.	12 p.m.	3 p.m.
Ashley Wals College of Sciences	Denise Kourtnie Hernandez College of Health Professions	Alexandra Smith-Macias College of Liberal Arts
Ricardo Galvan Cruces Robert C. Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship	Gabriela Valdez College of Health Professions	Merary De La Fuente College of Liberal Arts

MASTER OF CEREMONIES AND ANNOUNCING THE CANDIDATES

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COSTUMES AND CUSTOMS OF COMMENCEMENT

The colorful costumes and traditional customs of college commencements trace their beginnings back to the origins of the contemporary university in medieval Europe. Modern American colleges and universities carry on many traditions that began at Oxford and Cambridge to demonstrate the continuity of learning over the centuries and to emphasize the importance attached to commencement exercises. Academic regalia refer to the distinctive attire worn by students, faculty, and other university officials at commencement. The origins of academic dress date back to the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric. Though the custom of wearing academic dress was brought to America in colonial times, it was not until 1895 that a standardized code of academic dress was established and followed by most colleges and universities. The gown, hood, cap, and additional ornaments are the main categories of academic regalia and are distinctive for each degree.

CAPS

Headwear is an important component of the cap and gown, and the academic costume is not complete without it. The standard commencement headwear is the Oxford cap: a skullcap topped by a square cloth-covered board - the reason for its "mortarboard" nickname. Some doctoral faculty members wear a softer Cambridge version of the cap that is a velvet tam with four, six, or eight corners. Usually, the color of the cap matches the color of the gown. Caps are worn throughout academic processions and during the ceremony of conferring degrees.



TASSEL

The tassel is attached to a button on the top of the cap and hangs down to the right for bachelor's candidates until their degree is conferred. Many universities ceremoniously have graduates move their tassel from the right to the left. Both master's and doctoral candidates' tassels often begin and remain on the left.

GOWNS

The gown is the most basic of academic regalia. The Costume Code calls for three types of gowns: doctoral, master's and bachelor's. Most gowns are black, but some universities have adopted distinctive colors. The bachelor's gown is the simplest of the three, a plain gown with long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown is distinctive for its extremely long, closed sleeves (originally used as a place to carry small books or other materials), the arms protruding through a slit at the elbow. The doctoral gown is the most elaborate, with front-facing velvet and three velvet bars on each of the full, billowing sleeves. The velvet can be black, Ph.D. blue, or the academic color to which the degree corresponds.



HOODS

The hood is derived from the cowls worn by clerics in the Middle Ages for warmth. Today, they are worn symbolically, hanging down the back. Master's hoods are 3 1/2 feet in length and have a velvet trim along the edge. Doctoral hoods are 4 feet in length and have a wider velvet trim. The satin lining of the hood, worn so that it can be seen, reflects the colors of the degree-granting institution. The color of the velvet trim signifies the academic discipline of the wearer's degree. As codified by the American Council on Education, some of the official colors associated with the various degrees and disciplines are:

- White: Arts and Letters
- Drab: Business/Accounting
- Light Blue: Education
- Orange: Engineering
- Purple: Law
- Lemon: Library Science
- Green: Medicine
- Pink: Music
- Brown: Fine Arts
- Apricot: Nursing
- Olive Green: Pharmacy
- Dark Blue: Philosophy
- Sage Green: Physical Education
- Salmon Pink: Public Health
- Golden Yellow: Science
- Citron: Social Work
- Peacock Blue: Public Administration



In the case of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree, the dark blue color represents the mastery of learning and scholarship in any field, not just the field of philosophy.

ADDITIONAL ORNAMENTS

Some participants in the commencement ceremony will wear additional ornaments such as colored cords, medallions, stoles, or sashes. These ornaments signify the wearer's membership in an honor society or special group.

CHAIN OF OFFICE AND PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The presidential medallion is the official insignia of the university president and is worn at commencement and other ceremonial occasions. Like many academic traditions, the display of a heavy "chain of office" comes from medieval regalia and represents the weight of responsibility for the wearer.

The UTRGV medallion and chain were designed in 2015 and executed by the jewelry students, jewelry faculty, and craftsman Lino Guiza in the UTRGV College of Fine Arts. The medallion is made up of two parts: the seal of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley surrounded by an abstract sunburst created with a brick and mortar design. The cactus flowers on the outer edges of the seal are placed at the four cardinal points with the largest flower pointing south. The counter weight to the medallion is a representation of the native sabal palm. The Chain of Office is a circlet of art deco-inspired links representing the past, while revealing an infrastructure of bridges, aqueducts, and gears that speak to the importance of our solid foundation, water, and movement into the future. The chain features many aspects of the Rio Grande Valley that aid our growth and commitment to higher education:

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Arches | Abacus | Butterfly |
| Water | Bone | Tortoise |
| Turbine | Binary Code | Finger Print |
| Neuron Tree | Leaves/Quills | Road Junction |
| Circuit Board | | Satellite |



CEREMONIAL MACE

In medieval times, the mace was a symbol of authority and carried before or set near a high official when ceremonies or sessions were being conducted. Today, the mace symbolizes the university's governing authority and signifies the proceedings are officially sanctioned. Traditionally, the chair of the Faculty Senate acting as the Grand Marshal carries the mace to lead the academic procession at commencement and other special ceremonies.

The UTRGV 47" ceremonial mace was designed in 2016 by students in the College of Fine Arts and a committee of faculty from anthropology, archeology, geology, history, communication, and art. The head and seals of the mace were 3D printed and cast at the UTRGV College of Fine Arts. The mace is intricately imbued with historical, cultural, and architectural meaning.

The handles of the mace are made of mesquite wood locally sourced in the Rio Grande Valley and engraved with a decorative pattern of the state's official turtle, the Ridley, and wind turbines.

The helix, between the handles, represents the coming together of the legacy institutions. The helix is made of petrified palm, the official stone of Texas.

The base is crafted from mesquite and inlaid with blue selenite, thought to be associated with mental clarity, truth and honesty, and to represent the Rio Grande River.

The tip of the mace is made of El Sauz chert excavated and donated by Dr. Juan L. Gonzalez.



BELL

Our stately bronze bell, circa 1850 is rung during commencement to symbolize a rite of passage and proclaims that a worthy and well-qualified individual has passed from one station in their life to a loftier one. Our bell is also the icon for the Bell Scholarship Endowment. Two outstanding students are selected to ring the bell at each commencement.



MEMORY STOLE

When students graduate from UTRGV they know they did not make the journey alone. The Memory Stole, a symbol of appreciation, is worn by graduates during the commencement ceremony. Following the ceremony they are encouraged to present the stole to a special family member, professor, or friend as a symbol of gratitude and appreciation for their support, inspiration, or mentorship.

UTRGV COLLEGE GONFALONS

The college gonfalon—or banner—with roots in the Middle Ages, was a symbol of units or family groups. Today, gonfalons are used at official university ceremonies as heraldic devices and are frequently carried during processions at commencement.

At UTRGV, each college has a custom-designed banner signifying its academic unit. Each flag is rich in unique symbolism while also showing unity through size, shape, and color. The swoop at the bottom of each gonfalon represents the border of Texas, and the field of blue with gold stars of Texas represents the distributed nature of UTRGV—from Rio Grande City to South Padre Island.



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Symbols:
The central pattern intertwines the caduceus—a symbol for medical practice—with the tree of life.
This pattern is surrounded by a DNA helix—the foundation for all living beings — and roots, which connect the human condition with all forms of creation.

Colors:
Blue for healing, green for earth, and white for air.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Symbols:
A thousand petal lotus is the highest depiction of soul. Seven chakras symbolize the connection between mind, body, and spirit. Metatron's cube is for the profession's feminine and masculine side. Nightingale's Lamp represents beginning, laurel leaves for education and honor, and water for purity and source of life.

Colors:
Apricot for nursing, green, and blue for health professions.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Symbols:
Hands represent care and trust, while the rays of color are specialized paths guiding individuals on their road to recovery. The micro, macro, and mezzo programs are represented by three humans, and the lotus flowers symbolize how a beautiful life can bloom, even in the toughest of situations.

Colors:
Citron for social work, gold for honor and wisdom, and blue and green for caring and healing nature.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & P-16 INTEGRATION

Symbols:
The torch represents the guiding light – the ability for graduates to serve as a beacon for others and for the college to serve as a light that will lead the way for others.
The multicolored flame symbolizes the forward-thinking nature of the college, bringing power to ideas.

Colors:
Light blue for education, wisdom, intelligence and integrity.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Symbols:
The dominant image is an interpretation of Moore's Law: Every year, computer chips and components are able to compute twice as much data.
The eye of providence symbolizes the grand architect. In this case, the engineer takes all things into consideration.

Colors:
Orange for engineering and the metals involved in the processing and development of technology. Deep blue for social ethics.

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Symbols:
The waves represent the flow of the mind, freedom, imagination and knowledge. The three waves symbolize creativity, imagination, and motivation.
The interlocking shapes represent unity and strength between the arts and sciences.
The hummingbird stands for joy, beauty, strength, movement and independence.

Colors:
Wineberry for writing, khaki for fine arts, gold for art, and pink for music.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Symbols:
The dominant image is the peony flower, symbolizing health and medicine in Greek mythology; Paeon was turned into the flower by Zeus because Asclepius was threatened by his pursuit of knowledge.
The two snakes are Asclepius representing health and Hygeia representing wellness.

Colors:
Blue for the caring nature of the health professions and green for health and medicine.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Symbols:
The trivium is derived from the medieval symbol for the seven liberal arts and sciences.
The symbols of the lion and the scales of justice represent the dialogue between the value of the emotions, power, and creativity within the rational, law, and historical institutions.

Colors:
Crimson, gold, silver and blue represent the disciplines within the college.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Symbols:
The infinity symbol for math and physics also represents perfection, unity, and balance.
The atom represents the sciences and the vertical pillars represent the foundation of all life and biology, while the vertical lines signify energy.

Colors:
Golden yellow is the color of science, mathematics, and physics, while gold represents wisdom, understanding, and enlightenment.

ROBERT C. VACKAR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Symbols:
The two-headed eagle represents power and authority, while also symbolizing collaboration. Both heads are facing north, signifying innovation, looking forward, and success. Their wings are open, ready to fly and discover new horizons, and being open to new ideas. Wheat symbolizes wealth.

Colors:
Rust for economics, brown for business, and purple for leadership.

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Alma Mater

Gather as one in voice ascending
raising the song and anthem to thee.
Orange and grey, your reign's unending;
Hail to the mighty UTRGV!

Chorus:

Strength and devotion, we shall sustain.
True to your colors we shall remain.
Ever our song shall be raised on high.
UT Vaqueros til' we die!

Joyful our days in halls eternal
knowledge and skill forever endured.
Let it be said "your love's maternal".
Nurturing wisdom which all are ensured.
(Repeat Chorus)



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