

SOUTH TEXAS ISD

HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Commencement Ceremony



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Counseling Department

Fatima Garza..... Counselor
Ezelina Marroquin..... Counselor
Lauren Payne Counselor

Senior Class Sponsors

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Class Officers

Meron Gashaw Teferi, President
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Class Color
Class Flower
Class Song

Gold
Zinnia
"See You Again" by Tyler the Creator

Class Motto

*"Only those who risk going too far
Can possibly find out how far they can go." – T.S. Eliot*

Class of 2020

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 30, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance Alexandra Rio Piccio, Senior Class President, Class of 2020

National Anthem.....Kailee Nicole Amezcua, Class of 2020

American Sign Language InterpreterBrigitte Diaz, Class of 2020

Welcome Douglas E. Buchanan, STISD Board President

Salutatory AddressYasmin Hammami

Valedictory Address Dominic Yosef Bihag Seno

Certification of Candidates Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent
Rigo Olivarez, Health Professions Interim Principal

Presentation of Graduates and Virtual Graduate WalkFatima Garza, Health Professions Counselor
Ezelina Marroquin, Health Professions Counselor
Lauren Payne, Health Professions Counselor

Closing Comments San Juanita Ortiz, Health Professions Assistant Principal

Class Video Senior Class Officers 2020

Valedictorian

☞ Dominic Yosef Bihag Seno (Edinburg) University of Texas - Austin

Salutatorian

☞ Yasmin Hammami (McAllen) Texas A&M University - College Station

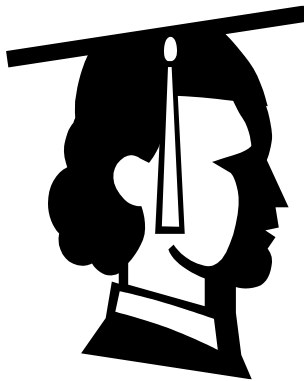
Graduates 2020

Andrea Anahi Aguilar (Pharr) Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi
☪ Gilberto Josue Aguilera (Edinburg) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Emilia Alanis (McAllen) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Judith Lily Alaniz (Weslaco) South Texas College
☞ Mia Skye Almaguer (Mission) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Paulina Isabel Almanza (Mission) Texas A&M University - College Station
☪ Hailey Alonso (Mercedes) United States Army
☪ Beatriz Alvarado (Edcouch) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Thalia Alvarez (McAllen) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley - Brownsville
Biomedical Program
☪ Camila Tatiana Alvarez Barriga (Edinburg) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Kailee Nicole Amezcua (McAllen) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Justin Patrick Apolinario (Pharr) University of Texas – San Antonio
Azyadee Arevalo (Brownsville) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Jose Santiago Arriaga-Gonzalez (Brownsville) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☞ Jericho Aznar (Pharr) University of Houston
Victoria Nicole Baez (Weslaco) United States Air Force
☪ Bianca Galilea Balderas (Edinburg) University of Texas – San Antonio
☪ Kaitlyn Gisselle Barbosa (Harlingen) Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
Jisselle Guadalupe Beltran (Mercedes) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☞ Maria Katrina Binamira (Edinburg) University of Houston
☞ Ina Deogracias Biteng (McAllen) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☞ Umar Ali Broola (Harlingen) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Madison Nicole Buenrostro (Mercedes) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Marylu Cabello (McAllen) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Marysol Cabello (McAllen) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☞ Chanel Angelica Oribello Caga-anan (Mission) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Christopher Robert Canales (Mission) South Texas College
Elizabeth Merari Carrillo (Mission) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Arin Skylar Casarez (Donna) Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
☪ Shakira Castano (Donna) South Texas College
☪ Maximiliano Castillo (Mission) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Rafael Castro Orenday (Pharr) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Allen Cervantes (Hidalgo) University of Texas – San Antonio
☪ Bryan Cervantes (Weslaco) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Daniela Alejandra Chapa (Mission) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Denzel Nathan Chapa (Edinburg) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Maria De Jesus Chavero (Harlingen) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Angela Ande Chavez (Hidalgo) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☞ Faith Emmanuelle Chua (Edinburg) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Katherine Milagro Davila (Edinburg) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Christian Cabagay De Chavez (Weslaco) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

✚ Elizabeth Mercedes De Hoyos (Pharr)	Texas A&M University Higher Education - McAllen
Eva De Jesus (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Yasmin De La Torre-Loza (Monte Alto)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Alejandra De Leon (Weslaco)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
✚ Brigitte Leann Diaz (Edinburg)	University of Houston
☪ Maria Fernanda Diaz Ascencio (Mission)	St. Edward's University
Berenice Dimas (Weslaco)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Diego Paz Elizondo (Weslaco)	South Texas College
Debanhi Alegri Esparza (Donna)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
✚ Audrey Renee Espinoza (Weslaco)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Aurora Maria Fernandez (La Feria)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
German Flores Jr. (Mission)	South Texas College
☪ Tamiris Vatia Frank (Mission)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Axel Fu (Hidalgo)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Malaquias Fuentes (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Jeremiah Martin Gali (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Kevin Jafet Galindo-Gonzalez (Palmview)	South Texas College
✚ Aida Galvan-Gutierrez (Pharr)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
✚ Joshwa Alexander Gandy (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Andres Garcia Jr. (Donna)	University of Texas – San Antonio
✚ Anna-Leah Garza (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley – Biomedical Program
☪ Astrid Isamar Garza (Alamo)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Daniel Garza Jr. (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Michelle Analinda Garza (Weslaco)	South Texas College
✚ Victoria Elizabeth Garza (Donna)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Justin Truong Giang (Edinburg)	University of Southern California
Alejandra Anahi Gonzalez (San Juan)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Gabriel Eduardo Gonzalez (Hidalgo)	South Texas College
Lizette Gonzalez (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Victoria Gonzalez (Edinburg)	Baylor University
✚ Katherine Gonzalez Cuetara (McAllen)	United States Navy
Katia Guajardo (Weslaco)	South Texas College
✚ Andres Alberto Guerra (Brownsville)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Kayla Nicole Guerra (Monte Alto)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Jenny Nell Guerrero (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Orlando Guerrero (Mission)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Sebastian Henriquez-Lince (Pharr)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Ashley Hernandez Rico (Mission)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Brisa Indely Herrejon (Pharr)	Texas A&M University - Kingsville
☪ Mia Nelly Hinojosa (Edinburg)	South Texas College
☪ Bryce Cole Hoelter (Mission)	Seton Hall University
Keyla Andrea Huitron (Pharr)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
✚ Anna Laura Jara (Edcouch)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Ingrid Susana Jeppesen (McAllen)	South Texas College
☪ Tomin Joseph (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Sarah Danielle Leija (La Feria)	South Texas College
✚ Jadin Anali Lopez (Weslaco)	South Texas College
Martin De Jesus Lopez Jr. (Alton)	South Texas College
✚ Jesanne Amber Mandujano (Harlingen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Esmeralda Mariano (Mercedes)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Astryd Martinez (Pharr)	South Texas College
Belem Martinez (Edinburg)	South Texas College
☪ Maely Martinez (Edcouch)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Michael Martinez (Pharr)	South Texas College

Paola Angelica Martinez (Edinburg)	South Texas College
Teresa Iliana Martinez (Donna)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Daritza Ineth Mascorro (Edinburg)	Texas State University
☪ Kristen Michelle Matias (Mission)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Ariane Renee McCranie (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Samantha Jemima Mendo Rangel (Raymondville)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Meagan Nicole Mendoza (San Juan)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Victoria Ann Morales (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Daniela Moreno (Hidalgo)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Sarah Elizabeth Moreno (Edinburg)	St. Edward's University
☪ Tiany Soledad Moreno (Weslaco)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Katherine Amelie Moya (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Alexandra Muro (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Emmanuel Chidozie Nelson (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Meimy Stephanie Nerio (Edinburg)	South Texas College
☪ Elizabeth Caroline Newton (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Sandy Buuthy Nguyen (Edinburg)	University of Texas - Austin
☪ Phillip Julian Bardaje Nicart (Brownsville)	University of Houston
Adam Hasan Noubani (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Maria Mikhaila Olivia Ocampo (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Isabella Celeste Ochoa (Weslaco)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Esequiel Olvera Jr. (Harlingen)	South Texas College
Karina Araceli Ortega (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Millianie Xavianne Ortiz (Harlingen)	Texas A&M University College Station
☪ Divya Rakesh Patel (Edinburg)	University of Texas - Austin
Alan Axel Pena (Brownsville)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Alexandra Rio Piccio (Brownsville)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Jillian Isabella Pina (La Blanca)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Jenna Renee Puckett (La Feria)	South Texas College
☪ Austin Quinton (Harlingen)	South Texas College
☪ Tyler Quinton (Harlingen)	South Texas College
☪ Gabriela Alexandra Ramirez (McAllen)	Columbia University
☪ Brailie Ellen Ramos (Edcouch)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Pauline Althea Laqui Ramos (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Evan Mitchell Rendon (San Benito)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Martina Maria Rey (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Isabella Rios (Donna)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Nataly Rivera (Pharr)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Zachary Douglas Rivera (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Lydia Noelle Roberts (McAllen)	South Texas College
Jenna Nikole Rodriguez (Donna)	South Texas College
☪ Jimena Rodriguez (Donna)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Alexa Renee Roman (Edinburg)	University of Incarnate Word
☪ Korinna Annissa Ruiz (Weslaco)	Rice University
Edward Ruiz-Moreno (Pharr)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Luis Abdiel Salazar (Pharr)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Angelina Isabella Saldivar (La Feria)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Vanessa Salinas (Mission)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Jaime Miguel Lagasca Saveron (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Andrea Nicole Silva (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Freja Marie Kristine Simonsson Hodge (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Katia Geraldine Soler (Weslaco)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
☪ Christina Son (Pharr)	University of Texas – Austin
☪ Jordan Tyler Sustaita (Santa Rosa)	Texas A&M College Station
☪ Meron Gashaw Teferi (Harlingen)	University of Texas - Austin

Perla Larissa Teran (San Juan) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 ☪ Olivia Celine Thomas (Edinburg) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 Itzely Nirel Torres (Weslaco) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 ☪ Eugene Thien Tri Tran (Harlingen) St. Mary's University
 ☪ Nathaniel Thien Nang Tran (Harlingen) St. Mary's University
 ☪ Chloe Sofia Trevino (McAllen) Texas A&M University – College Station
 ☪ Jose Ernesto Troncoso (Mission) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 ☪ Ysabella Rosal Uy (Edinburg) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 Randy Valdemar (Mercedes) United States Navy
 ☪ Cariam Marie Valentin Rivera (McAllen) University of Texas - Austin
 ☪ Camila Vallejo (McAllen) Universidad Autonomia Nuevo Leon, Monterrey, Mexico
 ☪ Natalia Rocio Vallejo (McAllen) University of Texas San Antonio
 Aisha Soledad Vanegas (Edinburg) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 ☪ Nihanna Vega (Harlingen) United States Navy
 ☪ Jamie Denise Velasco (Edinburg) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 ☪ Victoria Lynelle Villarreal (Edinburg) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 ☪ Kathryn Marie Malaga Wahing (McAllen) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 ☪ Trevor Aidan Wyatt (Mercedes) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 Mel Jaelon Zamora (Mission) United States Navy
 Lesley Edith Zamora-Guerra (Pharr) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley



☞ Summa Cum Laude ☞ Magna Cum Laude ☞ Cum Laude
GPA at or above 95 GPA at or above 90 GPA at or above 85

- *Gold Stoles are worn by Distinguished Graduates*
- *White Stoles are worn by members of the National Honor Society*
- *Silver and Purple Cords are worn by members of the National Technical Honor Society*
- *Multi-colored Cords are worn by members of the National Art Honor Society*
- *Red Cords are worn by students earning at least 75 hours of community service*
- *Red, White, and Blue Medals are worn by Texas Scholars*

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