

# South Texas ISD Science Academy

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Graduation Ceremony | Walk of Honor



2020-2021





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Sylvia Gamboa  
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### Senior Class Sponsors:

Miguel Celio-Torres  
Michelle Garza

**Class Color:** Maroon

**Class Flower:** Red Rose

**Class Song:** "Good Old Days" by Macklemore Ft. Kesha

**Class Motto:** “I see now that the circumstances of one’s birth is irrelevant, it is what you do with the gift of life that determines who you are.” — Mewtwo



# Graduation Ceremony | May 28, 2021

- I. Processional ..... Pomp & Circumstance
- II. Pledge of Allegiance ..... Krish N. Patel
- III. Pledge to Texas Flag ..... Lovin Sajeev George
- IV. National Anthem ..... Bianca V. Villalta
- V. Invocation ..... Alessandro J. Bernini
- VI. Introduction to Board Members ..... Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
- VII. Welcome from the STISD Board of Directors ..... Douglas Buchanan, President of the STISD Board of Directors
- VIII. Welcome from the Principal & Introduction of Salutatorian ..... Lorena Madrigal
- IX. Salutatorian Address ..... Alvaro David Mayorga-Kintanar
- X. Introduction of Valedictorian ..... Lorena Madrigal
- XI. Valedictorian Address ..... Raul Eduardo Hernandez
- XII. Certification of Graduates ..... Superintendent and Principal
- XIII. Presentation of Diplomas ..... The STISD Board of Directors
- XIV. Closing Remarks by the Principal ..... Lorena Madrigal
- XV. Recessional



## Science Academy Class of 2021

Noel Aguilar (Edinburg) .....	The University of Texas at Austin	§*⊕
Haider Ahsan (Mission) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	§*
Korede Johnmary Alabi (Harlingen) .....	Texas A&M University	§*⊕
Rolando Federico Alaniz (Alamo) .....	Texas A&M Higher Education Center at McAllen	§*
Kilee Elizabeth Allen (Edcouch) .....	The University of Houston	¶*
Israel Almeida (Pharr) .....	Emory University	§*⊕
Diego Jose Amaya Lopez (McAllen) .....	Baylor University	§*⊕
Marco Esteban Araneda (Harlingen) .....	Texas Tech University	§*⊕*
Michelle Cristina Aude (McAllen) .....	Columbia University	§*
Sara Elizabeth Azua (San Benito) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	§*⊕
Hugo Barcenas Jr. (Weslaco) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	¶*
Alexander Norman Barr (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas at Austin	§*⊕
Leonel Guadalupe Barrera (Harlingen) .....	Texas A&M University	¶*
Rhys Belo (Mission) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	¶*
Zuleyka Benavides (Weslaco) .....	St. Edward's University	¶*
Alessandro Jose Bernini (Mission) .....	The University of Texas at Austin	§*⊕
Stephano Mateus Boyer-Paulet (Weslaco) .....	Princeton University	§*⊕
Aspen Camille Burke (Harlingen) .....	Texas A&M University	§*⊕
Landon Jeremy Burns (Harlingen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	©*
Mary Grace Feliciano Calara (Harlingen) .....	The University of Texas at Austin	§*⊕
Arturo Daniel Cantú (McAllen) .....	St. Mary's University	§*⊕
Julian Moses Cantu (Weslaco) .....	Western Governor's University	*
Giovana Monique Castillo (Weslaco) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	§**
Samuel Rey Castillo (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	©*
Victor Castillo (Harlingen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	©*
Fabian Cyrus Cauldwell (Weslaco) .....	Seton Hall University in New Jersey	¶*
Ana Karen Cedillo Bocanegra (Mission) .....	Undecided	§*
Swadeepto Chakraborty (Edinburg) .....	The University of Texas at Austin	§*⊕
Santos Gabriel Chapa II (La Feria) .....	U.S. Air Force	©*
Luis' Miguel Chavez (Harlingen) .....	The University of Texas at San Antonio	*
Ricardo Chavez Avina (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	©*

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David Chi (Mercedes) .....	Texas A&M University	§*Ⓢ
Liliana Linda Conde (Mercedes) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
John Wayne Conover (Edinburg) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Larissa Marie Cortez (Brownsville) .....	Undecided	℄*
Andrea Victoria Cortinas (Mission) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ*
Korbin Blake Cruz (San Benito) .....	Undecided	℄*✱
Maya Lyn De Castro (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	§*
Nea de Dios (Mission) .....	The University of Texas at Arlington	§*
Sebastian Elias Duran (Mission) .....	Utah State University	*
Kirsten Ebert (Mission) .....	Brigham Young University--Idaho	§*Ⓢ
Angelina Renee Elizondo (Hidalgo) .....	Texas State University	℄*
Adrian Escobar (Mission) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄*
Daniel Aaron Escobedo (McAllen) .....	Baylor University	ℳ*Ⓢ
Xochitl Espericueta (Weslaco) .....	The University of Texas at San Antonio	*
Darren Espinoza (Pharr) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	§*✱
Juan Farias IV(Mission) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Gerardo Faz (San Benito) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Claudio Enrique Flores (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ*
Sofia Andrea Flores (Edinburg) .....	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	§*Ⓢ
Daisy Elia Fuentes (Weslaco) .....	The University of Texas at Dallas	*
Andres Manuel Galindo (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄*
Cedric Xavier Galorport Santos (Edinburg) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ*
Isabel Gamboa (Donna) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*Ⓢ
Kevin Jerry Garcia (Mission) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ*
Mark Anthony Garcia (Weslaco) .....	Texas A&M University	*
Valentin Antonio Garcia (Mission) .....	Penn State Abington	*
Alysha Estella Garza (Alamo) .....	The University of Texas at San Antonio	ℳ*
Angel Mario Garza (Weslaco) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄*
Emily Victoria Garza (Donna) .....	Texas A&M Higher Education Center in McAllen	ℳ*
Juan Moises Garza (Harlingen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Sara Kristina Garza (Edinburg).....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄*

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Lovin Sajeev George (McAllen) .....	Rice University	§*Ⓢ
Abigail Olivia Gomez (Edinburg) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	§*
Alicia Alejandra Gomez (Mission) .....	Savannah College of Art and Design	§*
Pres Nicholas Gomez (San Juan) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	¶*
Edgar Guy Gonzalez (Edinburg) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*Ⓢ
Jessica Jeanette Gonzalez (Edinburg) .....	St. Mary's University	*Ⓢ
Megan Rae Gonzalez (McAllen) .....	Bates College	§*Ⓢ
Pedro Luis Gonzalez (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Fausto Javier Gonzalez Canales (Mission) .....	The University of Texas at San Antonio	¶*
Emmanuel Gonzalez Ibarra (Mission) .....	Undecided	
Alvaro Guerra (Alton) .....	Texas A&M University	§*
Ali Ammar Halloum (Harlingen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Ⓒ*
Jerid Tyler Harms (Harlingen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Ⓒ*
Samuel Ellis Hawk (McAllen) .....	Rochester Institute of Technology	§*Ⓢ
Raul Eduardo Hernandez (McAllen) .....	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	§*ⓈⒶ
Tom Kevin Hernandez (Harlingen) .....	Undecided	Ⓒ*
Efrain Ibarra III (Penitas) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Ⓒ*
Karen Ibarra (Brownsville) .....	Undecided	Ⓒ*
Tommy John Izo (Brownsville) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Doralhi Jimenez (San Juan) .....	Texas A&M University	¶*
Michael Angel Jimenez (McAllen) .....	Undecided	
Reagan Everett Justis (Brownsville) .....	Texas Southmost College	Ⓒ*
Vivek Amit Keval (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas at Austin	§*Ⓢ
Maryam Khalil (Rancho Viejo) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	§*Ⓢ
Muhammad Saad Khan (Brownsville) .....	The University of Texas at Austin	¶*Ⓢ
Daniel Peter Kim (McAllen) .....	Stevens Institute of Technology	§*
Joseph Furlan Kimball (Harlingen) .....	Texas A&M University	§*Ⓢ
Oliver Krauss Gonzalez (Rancho Viejo) .....	Undecided	¶*
David Isaac Leal (Alamo) .....	The University of Texas at Dallas	§*
Lillian Lopez (Edinburg) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	¶*
Marco Antonio Lopez (Brownsville) .....	Texas A&M University	§*

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Perla Ruby Lopez (Pharr) .....	Undecided	☉*⊕
Mario Roman Lopez-Marroquin (Mission) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Gustav Jaeger Lovestrand (Mercedes) .....	U.S. Air Force	☉*
Mohamed Abdelsalam Makhoulf (Edinburg) .....	Texas A&M University	☉*
Erika Daniela Maldonado (Brownsville) .....	Texas A&M University	☉*
Madison Rose Martinez (Edcouch) .....	Undecided	
Seth Leon Martinez-Constantino (Hidalgo) .....	South Texas College	*
Joel Joseph Mathew (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	☉⊕*
Alvaro David Mayorga-Kintanar (Mission) .....	Harvard University	☉*⊕☉
Joaquin Gabriel Mejia (Donna) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Ana Isabel Mendez (McAllen) .....	University of Southern Queensland	☉*
Nicolas Emiliano Meza (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Joshua Wesley Mitchell (Harlingen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	☉*
Cassandra Montalvo (Weslaco) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	☉*
Diego Eidan Montelongo (Edinburg) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	☉*
Bruno Morassi (McAllen) .....	South Texas College	☉*
Evelyn Denisse Moya (McAllen) .....	University of Colorado Boulder	☉*
Adrian Emiliano Munoz (Harlingen) .....	Blinn College--Brenham Campus	☉*
Jesus Olmeda III (Mission) .....	University of North Texas	☉*
Edgar Javier Otero (Mission) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	☉*
Breanna Alexia Pacheco (Alton) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	☉*
Nicolas Eloy Palacios (Edinburg) .....	St. Mary's University	☉*⊕
Patrice Danica Pamintuan (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	☉*
Krish Nehal Patel (Mission) .....	Georgia Institute of Technology	☉*⊕
Elizabeth Pena (Brownsville) .....	The University of Texas at Dallas	☉*⊕
Robert Haiyu Peng (Edinburg) .....	Purdue University	☉*
Arian Perez (Brownsville) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	☉*⊕
Brandy Perez (Mission) .....	American University in Washington, D.C.	☉*
Diego Alan Perez (Mission) .....	The University of Texas at San Antonio	☉*
Anyssa Nefret Puente (Edcouch) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	☉*
Kamila Quintanilla (McAllen) .....	Undecided	*

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Jose Manuel Ramirez Laguna Alvarez (Edinburg) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ*
Elvin Nathanael Razo (Donna) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ*
Sebastian Swen Regener (McAllen) .....	Texas A&M University	ℳ*⌚
Christian Luis Lee Reyes (Edinburg) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄*⌚
Emiliano Rincón (Hidalgo) .....	Texas A&M University	ℳ*
Orson Tyler Robertson (Mission) .....	Texas Tech University	ℳ*✳
Amanda Rodriguez (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ*✳
Armando Osiel Rodriguez Jr. (Edcouch) .....	Texas A&M University Kingsville	℄*
Emma Camila Romero Camacho (Harlingen) .....	The University of Texas at Austin	ℳ*⌚
Raquel Reese Rubiano (Harlingen) .....	The University of Texas at Austin	ℳ*⌚
Hunter Hiram Rubio (San Benito) .....	Undecided	*
Kevin Lars Sabrowskie II (Alamo) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄*⌚
Johan Eusebio Salas (Pharr) .....	Undecided	*
Arlynn Jael Salazar (Weslaco).....	Undecided	*
Steven Ray Salazar (Alamo).....	The University of Texas at San Antonio	℄*⌚
Dagan Levi Saldana (Mission) .....	Texas A&M University	ℳ*⌚
Alberto Daniel Salinas (Monte Alto) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ*
Jorge Arcadio Salinas II (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Eduardo Sanchez, Jr. (Mercedes) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄*
James Taylor Sanchez (Brownsville) .....	South Texas College	*
Abel Sobin Sebastian (McAllen) .....	Texas A&M University	ℳ*⌚
Yuliann Sepulveda (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ*
Sinjin Cole Smith (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas at Dallas	ℳ*
Gabriel Solis (Brownsville) .....	Rice University	ℳ*⌚
Vincent Ete Son (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas at Dallas	ℳ*
Sebastian Castillo Sy (Pharr) .....	Rice University	ℳ*⌚
Samuel Albert Tamez (Brownsville) .....	The University of Texas at San Antonio	
Daimion Marcuz Torres (Harlingen) .....	Undecided	*
Denise Desiree Torres (Edinburg) .....	St. Edwards University	*
Madison Hailey Trevino (Weslaco) .....	The University of Texas at San Antonio	ℳ*⌚

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Marcello Abel Twahirwa (Mission) .....	Northeastern University	Σ*
Alejandro Varela (Mission) .....	Texas A&M University	℄*⌚
Gerardo Miguel Vela (Mission) .....	University of the Incarnate Word	ℳ*⌚
Jonathan David Velasco (Edinburg) .....	School of Visual Arts, New York	
Juan Carlos Velazquez (Elsa) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Σ*⌚
Jordan Venecia (Mission) .....	United States Navy	℄*
Luis Mario Verduzco Serrano (McAllen) .....	Texas A&M University International	ℳ*
Valentina Vergara (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas at Dallas	ℳ*⌚
Bianca Vianey Villalta (Donna) .....	Abilene Christian University	ℳ*⌚
Adrian Villarreal (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Σ*
Antonio Villarreal (San Benito) .....	Undecided	Σ*
Samantha Rae Woo (Brownsville) .....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ*⌚📖
Dun-You Yan (Mission) .....	Texas A&M University	Σ*⌚
Ajad Ibrahim Yazji (McAllen) .....	The University of Texas at Austin	ℳ*

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