

South Texas ISD

Health Professions

Graduation Ceremony | Walk of Honor



2023-2024





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Senior Class Sponsors:

Adriana Leal Science Teacher

Claudia Flores Science Teacher

Class Color: Lavender

Class Flower: Astrophytum Pink Cactus Flower

Class Song: "A Sky Full of Stars" by Coldplay

Class Motto: "Twenty years from now you'll be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than the things you did do. So Explore, Dream, Discover."



Graduation Ceremony | May 19, 2024

I.	Processional.....	Pomp & Circumstance
II.	Pledge of Allegiance.....	Manuel Bernal
III.	Pledge to the Texas Flag.....	Sofia Martinez
IV.	National Anthem.....	Kareen Garza, Ava De La Garza, Leonisa Escalada, & Victoria Herrera
V.	Invocation.....	Rigoberto Cepeda
VI.	Welcome from the Principal.....	Dr. Michele Guajardo
VII.	Welcome from the Superintendent and Introduction of Board Members.....	Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
VIII.	Welcome from STISD Board of Directors.....	Henry LeVrier, President of the STISD Board of Directors
IX.	Introduction of Salutatorian.....	Dr. Michele Guajardo
X.	Salutatorian Address.....	Danielle Arispe
XI.	Introduction of Valedictorian.....	Dr. Michele Guajardo
XII.	Valedictorian Address.....	Alfia Bilal
XIII.	Certification of Graduates.....	Superintendent and Principal
XIV.	Presentation of Diplomas.....	The STISD Board of Directors
XV.	Closing Remarks by the Principal.....	Dr. Michele Guajardo
XVI.	Recessional	



Health Professions Class of 2024

Valedictorian

Alfia Bilal (Edinburg) Princeton University $\mathfrak{S}, \mathfrak{A}, \diamond$

Salutatorian

Danielle L. Arispe (Donna) Rice University $\mathfrak{S}, \mathfrak{B}, \diamond$

Ivan A. Acosta (Edinburg)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\diamond$
Victoria R. Acosta (Weslaco)	The University of Texas Austin	$\mathfrak{S}, \diamond$
Haylin Aguilar (San Juan)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{C}, \diamond$
Jose M. Aguilar (Edcouch)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{C}, \diamond$
Merari B Alcantara (Monte Alto)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{M}, \diamond$
Julia Alvarado (Donna)	Texas A&M University Kingsville	$\mathfrak{C}, \diamond$
Chrystalee A. Alvarez (Donna)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{S}, \diamond$
Danna P. Alvarez (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{C}, \diamond$
Zuhair A. Aman (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{M}, \diamond$
Maya A. Ambriz (Harlingen)	Texas A&M University Corpus Christi	$\mathfrak{C}, \diamond$
Danielle L. Arispe (Donna)	Rice University	$\mathfrak{S}, \diamond$
Aaliyah G. Avila (Mercedes)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\diamond$
Hannah G. Baez (Hidalgo)	South Texas College	$\diamond$
Eva M. Barrera (McAllen)	Texas State University	$\mathfrak{M}, \diamond$
Lindsay A. Barrera (Edinburg)	Texas Women’s University	$\diamond$
Manuel Bernal (Brownsville)	Texas A&M College Station	$\mathfrak{M}, \diamond$
Alfia Bilal (Edinburg)	Princeton University	$\mathfrak{S}, \diamond$
Otis J. Bouwsma (Los Fresnos)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{M}, \diamond$
Marium Z. Broola (Harlingen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{M}, \diamond$
Estebanie M. Camero (Weslaco)	Texas A&M University San Antonio	$\mathfrak{M}, \diamond$
Axel Candanoza (Edinburg)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\diamond$
Rigoberto Cantu Zepeda (McAllen)	Grinnell College	$\mathfrak{S}, \diamond$
Araisa A. Cardoza (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{S}, \diamond$
Emma M. Castillo (Edinburg)	Austin Community College	$\mathfrak{C}, \diamond$
Alejandro Cervantes (Alamo)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\diamond$
Jeremiah Chavez (Weslaco)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\diamond$
Mariajose Chavez (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{S}, \diamond$
Emily Coronado (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{S}, \diamond$
Kimberly Coronado (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{S}, \diamond$
Leilani D. Cortez (Mercedes)	Texas A&M University Kingsville	$\mathfrak{M}, \diamond$
Carolina D. Cuellar-Mendoza (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\diamond$
Ava C. De La Garza (Harlingen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{S}, \diamond$
Gael De La Garza (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{C}, \diamond$
Jasmine N. De La Rosa (Weslaco)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\diamond$
Alana M. De Leon (Weslaco)	South Texas College	$\diamond$
Valeria E. Delgado (Edinburg)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{M}, \diamond$
Anna S. Enchenattil (Edinburg)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{M}, \diamond$
Elizabeth Enriquez (Mission)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\diamond$
Leonisa M. Escalada (Edinburg)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{C}, \diamond$
Gabriel A. Escobedo (Weslaco)	South Texas College	$\diamond$
Esai A. Espinoza (Mercedes)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	$\mathfrak{C}, \diamond$
Jesus Espinoza (McAllen)	Texas State Technical College	$\diamond$
Renata S. Espinoza (Donna)	Texas A&M Kingsville	$\mathfrak{M}, \diamond$

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Gonzalo Felix (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Al
Tamara S. Flores-Santoyo (Edinburg)	University of Texas San Antonio	C
Norma I. Gamez (Alamo)	South Texas College	♦
Johan Garcia (Edinburg)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Al
Luciana Garcia (McAllen)	The University of Texas Austin	S
Michael R. Garcia (La Feria)	Texas A&M Kingsville	Al
Andrea Garza (Alamo)	Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León Facultad de Medicina	C
Kareen Garza(Hidalgo)	Texas A&M University College Station	S
Kaylen D. Garza (Mission)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	C
Natalie N. Garza (Mission)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	C
Victoria Garza (Pharr)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	♦
Mayela Garza-Rodriguez (San Juan)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Al
Ava R. Gomez (Edinburg)	The University of Texas Austin	S
Denisse Gomez (Weslaco)	Pensacola Christian College	Al
Alexandria M. Gonzalez (South Padre Island)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	S
Ashanette Gonzalez (Weslaco)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	♦
Marck A. Gonzalez (Mission)		Al
Estela Guajardo (Pharr)	Texas A&M University College Station	Al
Claudia E. Guajardo-Cano (Hidalgo)	Texas A&M University College Station	S
Cesar Guerra (McAllen)	South Texas College	Al
Carina R Guerrero (Edinburg)	South Texas College	C
Justin I. Gumn (McAllen)	Texas A&M University College Station	S
Andrea G. Hernandez (San Benito)	Texas A&M University College Station	S
Lorena Hernandez (Weslaco)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	S
Maria F. Hernandez (Alamo)	Baylor University	C
Mariah K. Hernandez (McAllen)	Texas A&M Corpus Christi	C
Marielle Hernandez (Hidalgo)	University of Texas San Antonio	C
Evelyn P. Hernandez-Schiffer (Donna)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Al
Victoria B. Herrera (Edinburg)	University of Texas San Antonio	♦
Linzi Y. Hinojosa (Weslaco)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Al
Celia J. Jasso (Weslaco)	University of Texas San Antonio	C
Aliyah N. Jimenez (Pharr)	Texas State University	Al
Jin J. Jung Jackson (McAllen)	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	Al
Mathias G. Lara Serna (Alamo)		♦
John Emmanuel Lava (Edinburg)	Texas A&M Corpus Christi	S
Rogelio J. Leal (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	C
Sophia L. Leon (Edinburg)		♦
Matthew P. Liou (Edinburg)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	♦
Leah J. Longoria (San Benito)	Texas State University	C
Hannah M. Lopez (Mercedes)	Texas A&M University Kingsville	Al
Jesus Lopez (McAllen)	Texas A&M University San Antonio	S
Orlando F. Lopez (Edinburg)	Texas A&M University College Station	S
Vivianna Lopez (Mission)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	C
Yessenia L. Lopez (Harlingen)		Al
Patricia S. Lorenzo (Weslaco)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	S
Kenneth U. Marquez (Progreso Lakes)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Al
Hector Martin (McAllen)	University of Texas San Antonio	♦
Jorge H. Martinez (Pharr)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	♦
Karyme S. Martinez (Pharr)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	♦

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Sofia A. Martinez (Pharr)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Σ
Emanuel Martinez Hernandez (Alamo)	Universidad Mexico Americana del Norte	Σ
Judith A. Mercado (Weslaco)	Texas Tech University	℄
Jaden R. Meza-Garcia (Mission)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄
Constanza Miranda (Pharr)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄
Cordelia Miranda (McAllen)	Texas A&M University College Station	℥
Keyla Mora (Progresso)	South Texas College	℄
Dante Moran (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄
Yen T. Nguyen (McAllen)	University of Houston	Σ
Shaliny Nmuthoo-Limon (Mission)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Σ
Meredith Nunez-Aleman (Edinburg)	The University of Houston	℥
Ruthann A. Nwanne (Weslaco)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Σ
Gabriel Ochoa (Edinburg)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℥
Gabriel A. Ordonez (Mission)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Σ
Victory U. Oriekwu (Mission)	Texas A&M University College Station	Σ
Angel A. Ortiz (San Juan)	South Texas College	♦
Valerie V. Ortiz (Mission)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Σ
Kisha R. Patel (Weslaco)	University of Texas Austin	Σ
Shreya R. Patel (McAllen)	University of Texas Austin	Σ
Hector I. Perdomo (La Feria)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	♦
Lizette Pina (Weslaco)	South Texas College	♦
Samantha Pogue (Edinburg)	South Texas College	℥
Divija R. Posani (Harlingen)	Texas A&M University College Station	Σ
Jason R. Puckett (La Feria)	The University of Incarnate Word	Σ
Analisa A. Pulido (Elsa)	Texas State University	Σ
William L. Quinton (Harlingen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℥
Vivian Ramirez (Weslaco)	The University of Incarnate Word	℥
Luqmaan H. Rana (Weslaco)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	♦
Deborah A. Rangel (Pharr)	The University of Texas Dallas	℥
Faith D. Regino (Donna)	Texas A&M University College Station	Σ
Christopher E. Rendon (San Juan)	The University of Texas San Antonio	℄
Ximena Renteria (San Juan)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Σ
Ulani G. Reyes (Weslaco)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	♦
Ruben R. Reza (Weslaco)	Texas A&M University College Station	℥
Hunter J. Rhodes (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄
Genaro D. Rincon (Weslaco)	South Texas College	♦
Samantha Rincon (Hidalgo)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℥
Lindsay Rodriguez (Mercedes)	South Texas College	℄
Nickolas Rodriguez (Pharr)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℥
Adam L. Rosales (Pharr)	Texas A&M University Kingsville	℄
Bobbie L. Rubio (Donna)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	♦
Edward A. Ruiz (Mission)	The University of Texas San Antonio	℥
Ryann F. Saldivar (Donna)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Σ
Mariana Salinas (McAllen)	The University of Texas San Antonio	Σ
Monique M. Salinas (Donna)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℥
Daniel Sanchez (Penitas)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	♦
Marco A Sanchez (Pharr)	The University of Texas San Antonio	℥
Ivanna Sanchez-Cruz (Hidalgo)	The University of Texas San Antonio	℄
Marselle Sandoval (Edinburg)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄

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Michelle Sevilla (Alamo).....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.....	✦
Mahnoor H. Shah (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ
Serena Simon (McAllen)	Texas Christian University.....	ℳ
Sophia Simon (McAllen)	The University of Texas Austin	ℳ
Tommy L. Tamayo (Mission).....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	✦
Marisa J. Thomas (Edinburg)	The Art Institute of Chicago.....	ℳ
Valeria Tirado (Weslaco)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ
Allysa A. Torio (Edinburg).....	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ
Aaron A. Tovar (Weslaco)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	✦
Pablo I. Trevino (Mercedes).....	The University of Texas San Antonio	✦
Inari A. Vargas (Pharr)	Texas A&M Kingsville	℄
Luis D. Verdiguél (Mission)	University of the Incarnate Word.....	ℳ
Ricardo A. Viader (Harlingen).....	Texas A&M University College Station	ℳ
Karla J. Vidal (Donna)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄
Nathalie Villicana (Edinburg).....	University of Texas Austin	ℳ
Stephen I. Yeomans (McAllen)	United States Navy.....	✦
Andrea Zuniga-Orozco (McAllen)	The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄

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