



2021

Spring Commencement

May 13, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

Truman Arnold Student Center

# TEXARKANA COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

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Introduction .....	Dr. Donna McDaniel   <i>Vice President of Instruction, Texarkana College</i>
The Procession .....	The Mace Bearer   Faculty   Platform Participants   Board of Trustees President of the College   Candidates for Degrees
Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance .....	Shelma Pickings   <i>Graduate, Associate of Arts in Teaching</i>
National Anthem .....	TC Music Students
Texarkana College Anthem.....	Marc-André Bougie & Mary Scott Smith   <i>Faculty, Texarkana College</i>
Welcome .....	Dr. Jason Smith   <i>President, Texarkana College</i>
Student Address .....	Maia Brown   <i>Graduate, Associate of Arts with Concentration in Fine Arts</i>
Presentation of Graduates .....	President Jason Smith
Conferring of Degrees .....	Kaye Ellison   <i>President, Board of Trustees</i>
Benediction .....	Terrance Harris   <i>Graduate, Certificate in Welding</i>
Recession	

## PARTICIPATING GRADUATES

Graduates receiving associate degrees with a 3.25 or higher GPA are wearing royal blue honor cords to recognize this accomplishment.

Graduates who have completed our rigorous Honors College curriculum are wearing silver Honors College medallions. Graduates who are military veterans and in Phi Theta Kappa are wearing red, white and blue honors cords. Graduates who are first-generation college graduates are wearing blue and green cords.

The students listed in this program for diplomas and those listed for honors are candidates. Official status will be determined by final semester grades.

	Ambria Nicole Adams	Child Development		Cerwin Dawayne Coleman	Air Conditioning /Heating & Refrigeration Technology
*#	Lindsay R Adams	Nursing		Jose Collazo	Welding
**	Alexi C Alsobrook	Business Administration		Amber Collum	Culinary Arts
*	John Edward Altenbaumer	Nursing		Eric Alan Conner	Music
**	Veronica D. Anderson	Medical Office Careers		Joel Lee Cooley	Industrial Maintenance
***	Britney Ariana Ankon	General Studies		Cassidy Chace Cooper	Pharmacy Technician
***	Whitney Briana Ankon	General Studies	*	Quenitra Neshay Cornelius	Behavioral Science
*	Binamra Aryal	Computer Technology & Information Systems	*	Carrie Elizabeth Craver	Nursing
	Tanner Ashmore	A+ Certification		Conner Scott Crocker	General Studies
	Sara Rena Atchley	Behavioral Science		Courtney Byers	Criminal Justice
Δ~	Destiny Authement	Nursing		Angel Crump	Education - EC-6
	Symone M Autrey	Behavioral Science	**	Robin Currens	Criminal Justice
***	Kyla Nicole Barnes	General Studies	**#	John Michael Daddato	Nursing
***Δ~	Kailey Paige Barrett	Health Science		Jeffrey Hunter Daugherty	Electronics Technology/Instrumentation
**	Ashley Danielle Barrick	Biology	***Δ~	Joseph Benjamin Davis	General Studies
**#Δ~	Cannon Batchelor	Biology	***#	Tracy Cornelia Davis	Business Office Technology
	Elizabeth Danielle Benson	Cosmetology	**	Melissa Nicole Day	Nursing
	DeLayne Bias	Education - EC-6	**	Queen Janxel Bonocan de la Cruz	Nursing
	Tempestt R. Blaylock	Criminal Justice	***	Shelby DeTombe	General Studies
	Janene Roshelle Blissit	Behavioral Science	*	Zandra Faye Dickerson	Fine Arts
	Mary Boley-Finley	Cosmetology	*	Cindy Do	Nursing
	Kimberly Bradbury	Fine Arts		Josey Dooley	Cosmetology
*	Grace Bradley	Nursing	*	Jady Duke	Behavioral Science
**	Bobbie McKalyn Brannan	Education - EC-6		Kinsey LeAnn Dunson	Education - EC-6
***#Δ~	Madison Brannan	Behavioral Science		Brian Alejandro Duran	General Studies
	Latekka S. Brewer	Behavioral Science	***	Isabel Rose Dutchover	Nursing
***	Stephanie Brooks	Education - EC-6		Catherine S. Ellis	Behavioral Science
*Δ~	Bradley Ty Brown	General Studies	**	Jackson Ryan Feemster	Culinary Arts
***	Christopher Braiden Brown	General Studies	***#	Deaseara Monique Fields	Education - EC-6
***#Δ~	Maia Mackenzie Brown	Fine Arts	*	Taylor Anise Flinchum	Business Administration
*	Makinsey Cheyenne Bruce	Nursing	*	Lakyn Fluker	Nursing
	Olivia Claire Bruggeman	Cosmetology	*	Lesla Forte	Business Office Technology
	Brittney N Bryant	Education - EC-6	***#Δ~	Hayle Morgan Foster	General Studies
	David Buford	General Studies	**	Micayla Nicole Fretwell	Nursing
	Josie Layne Bull	Cosmetology		Jenelle Norely Garcia Mendoza	Education - EC-6
*	Guadalupe Crista Bustamante	Biology		Edward Latrel Garza	Business Administration
	Stephanie Brianna Capps	Mathematics		Jonathan Gearlds	Welding
**Δ~	Madison Pearl Carlisle	Nursing		Christal Giles	Cosmetology
	Alejandro Steven Chavez	Construction Technology	**#	Kara Rae Giles	Criminal Justice
	Blythe Christian	Chemistry		Elfreda Dianne Gilliland	Criminal Justice
*	Jada Helena Cobos	General Studies		LaTijera Shonique Gipson	Education - EC-6

\*Honor Graduates (Grade Point 3.25-3.49) | \*\*High Honor Graduates (Grade Point 3.50-3.74) | \*\*\*Highest Honor Graduates (Grade Point 3.75-4.00)  
# Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society | Δ Honors College Graduates | ~ Presidential Scholar | (C) Certificate

	Memorie Dawn Gipson	Cosmetology Instructor	*	Trisha Miller	General Studies
	Valerie Nicole Gipson	Nursing		Andrea Nicole Mitchell	Cosmetology
	Katrina Ann Golston	Music	**	Bobbi Jo Katherine Montgomery	Nursing
	Shanika Green-Floyd	Construction Technology		Chloe Dorgan Moody	Cosmetology
**	Ariel Greene	General Studies		Heather Michelle Morris	Education - EC-6
	Taylor Baylee Grimm	Cosmetology		Rose Isabel Moya	General Studies
*Δ~	Amanda Grisham	Biology		LaMeshia Muldrew	Cosmetology
**Δ~	Alexis Elizabeth Halcomb	Nursing	***	Khuong Hoang Munson	Nursing
	Kiedotta Jean Hall	Automotive Technology		Brittany C. Murphy	Business Administration
***	Kaitlyn Ann Harris	General Studies		Makayla Breann Murphy	Cosmetology
*#	Laressa Leann Harris	Nursing		Jasmine Neal	Criminal Justice
	Terrance Harris	Welding		Lawanya Neal	Behavioral Science
**	Cathy Hartline	Nursing	**#	Kendall Nichols	Criminal Justice
*	Stacy Marshelle Haskins	General Studies	**#	Rachel Renee Noble	Nursing
	April Denise Hawkins	Pharmacy Technician		Tavurus O'Guinn	Electronics Technology /Instrumentation Basic
Δ~	Blair McKenzie Hearron	Cosmetology	**	Rosa Maria Zuniga	Nursing
	Lareeba Rochell Hendrix	Behavioral Science	*	Amy Scott Oliver	Nursing
	Bobbie Sharon Henry	Culinary Arts		Felyctie Oliver	Pharmacy Technician
	Shanteka Monique Henry	Criminal Justice	***	Jordan Owens	Business Office Technology
	Taylor Nicole Henry	Cosmetology	*	DaJuan A. Pannell	Business Administration
*	Leigh Ann Hickmott	Business Administration	**	Hanna Parker	General Studies
	Randall Cade Hicks	Business Administration		David Andrew Patillo	Industrial Maintenance
*Δ~	Ashlynn J. Hill	General Studies		Emily Alexandra Patterson	Nursing
	Jared Mitchell Hill	Auto Body Technology		Anthony Pearce	Auto Body Technology
	Juan Houff Jr	Culinary Arts	*	Jennifer Perez	Education - EC-6
	Mackenzie Nicole Huddleston	Nursing		Dylan H. Perry	Business Administration
*	Felicia Hudson	Behavioral Science		Niesha Nicole Peterson	Drug & Alcohol Abuse Counseling
***	Elizabeth Hunter	General Studies		Amanda Renee' Phillips	Cosmetology
	Cheyenne Marie Ingvarsdn	Business Administration	*	Ashlee LaRae Phillips	Nursing
	Shelby Christine Jackson	Nursing	*#	Shamela Pickings	Education - EC-6
	Desiree L Jefferson	Behavioral Science		Devan Pizzalato	Business Administration
*	Hailey Ashley Johnson	Nursing	*#	Christopher Austin Plunkett	Drama
Δ~	Madeline Johnson	Cosmetology	*	Prapti Pokharel	Nursing
*	Allison Kathryn Jones	General Studies	***	Haylea Marie Potts	General Studies
***#	Kailee Brooke Jones	Nursing	*	Stacy L. Powell	Nursing
	Madison Jones	Business Administration	***Δ~	Shyla Debrae Pree	Criminal Justice
	Tyler Jones	A+ Certification		Sarah Qualls	Cosmetology
**	Leonard Scott Kelley Jr.	Computer Networking	*#	Jennifer Raney	Cosmetology
*	Harli Jewel Kilgore	Nursing		Miranda J Razzi	Criminal Justice
*	Dakota Reyann King	General Studies		Trenton J. Reed	Biology
	Tylecia Renee Koontz	Cosmetology	***	Bailey M Reinsch	General Studies
	Robert Dale Krider II	Air Conditioning / Heating & Refrigeration Technology		Kyle Lewis Reynolds	Automotive Technology Service Technician
	Devin Larey	Education - EC-6		Candace L. Richardson	Criminal Justice
	Brady Sha'Rhonda Latson	Business Administration	**	Trevor Daniel Richey	Industrial Maintenance
	Gabriel Orian Lee	Criminal Justice		Alantress Ricks	Behavioral Science
	Kayla Michelle Lee	Nursing	**	Kimberly Gail Rierson	Education - EC-6
	Mary Jeanette Rouw	Pharmacy Technician	*	Savannah Grace Smith	General Studies
***	Justin Campbell LeGrand	General Studies		Emma Rios	A+ Certification
	Marlisha Takeese Lewis	Child Development		Spencer Col Roberts	Nursing
	Tori Lisko	Pharmacy Technician	**Δ~	Alexis Robinson	Behavioral Science
	Judith Loredo Gonzalez	Nursing		Teresa R Rollins	General Studies
*	Aubrey Luecke	Nursing		Cyndi Dilene Rosales	Cosmetology
*	Laura E Maddox	General Studies	*	Kristen Brooke Rose	Health Science
	Carl James Malina	Computer Technology & Information Systems		Alexis Michelle Runnels	Biology
	Isidro Mariano Jr.	Welding	**#	Jacqueline Rachel Russell	General Studies
*	Rebekah Lynn Martin	Nursing		Kristen Dainelle Russell	Nursing
***Δ~	Evette Yessenia Martinez	Health Science	**	Cassie Michelle Sager	Behavioral Science
	Felina Martinez	Behavioral Science	**	Graham Maddox Sams	Nursing
	Allyson G Mathews	Health Science		James Pete Sams	Electronics Technology /Instrumentation Basic
***Δ~	Tatianna Mathis	Music		Matthew Joseph Schreiner	Welding
	Shunnikia Matlock	Pharmacy Technician	**#	Heather B Sellers	Nursing
	Jewlia Anne Maxwell	Business Administration	*#	Deb Azalea Senft	Behavioral Science
	Emily McAlexander	Behavioral Science		Laura Jane Shipp	Criminal Justice
	Quinta McBride	General Studies		Steven Shorter	Air Conditioning /Heating & Refrigeration Technology
	Kaitlyn Nickole McDaniel	General Studies	**	Kelly Johnson Shumake	Drug & Alcohol Abuse Counseling
***	Alexandra McHargue	Drama		Kaitlyn D Simmons	Cosmetology
	Carter B. McPherson	Criminal Justice	**	Peyton Sims	General Studies
***#Δ~	Emily Mendez	Health Science	*	Raysha Slaton	Education - EC-6
	Makenzie Meredith	Criminal Justice		Gary Dewayne Smith Jr	Business Administration

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	Justin Smith	Culinary Arts
	JuWanna LaTrice Smith	Criminal Justice
*	Leslie Erin Smith	Health Science
***#	Sarah Beth Smith	Behavioral Science
*#	Brianna Paige Son	Nursing
	Humberto Soto Garcia	Electrical Technology
	Tosha Nicole Stanley	Nursing
***#	Julie A. Stern	General Studies
	Dulce Karen Suares	Pharmacy Technician
	Diavian Quinette Taylor	Biology
	Calli Teer	General Studies
	Mary Helen Terry	Business Office Technology
	Jacey Blair Thomas	Nursing
**	India Raven Thompson	Nursing
**	Tessa Washington	Education - 4-8
*	Anna Claire Timmons	Nursing
***#	Kevin James Tommie	Criminal Justice
*	Jason Woodrow Townsend	Electrical Technology
***	Summer Townsend	Child Development
	Sharnell Traylor	Business Administration
	Marcella A. Troxel	Cosmetology
	Tyler Frances Turnage	General Studies
	Emma Kathryn Sams Tye	Cosmetology
	Tiffany Nacole Tyson	Medical Office Careers
***	Trista Diane Underwood	Education - EC-6

**	Daniel Vammen	Nursing
**	Julie Elizabeth Van Eman	Nursing
***	Frank Matthew Van Kam	Industrial Maintenance
	Elizabeth Vanderveer	Cosmetology
	Michelle Marie Vandever	Cosmetology
*#	Catherine Michelle Wadkins-Clinton	Drama
	David G. Walker	Business Administration
	Shaundra Walker	Behavioral Science
	SheCarrie Walker	Medical Office Procedures
***	Tommy Wall	Behavioral Science
	Savanna C. Watkins	Behavioral Science
	Zachary Lane Watkins	General Studies
	Benjamin West	General Studies
	Brittany Taylor Westfall	Behavioral Science
	Latia Avounnisha Wheeler	Cosmetology
	Darrell Withworth	Welding
	Kayra Wickliffe	Journalism
	Lindsey Kay Williams	Education - EC-6
	Regina M. Williams	Culinary Arts
	Rosalind M Witcher	Culinary Arts
	Bennett Womack	Welding
	Kylee Wyatt	Nursing
	Jordan A. Young	General Studies
	Morgan Christine Young	Nursing

## Featured Speaker

# MAIA MACKENZIE BROWN

*Graduate, Associate of Arts with Concentration in Fine Arts*

Maia Mackenzie Brown will graduate this evening with an Associate of Arts degree with a concentration in Fine & Studio Arts. Maia was born in Texarkana, Texas and raised in Atlanta, Texas. She lives with her parents, Nikki and Greg Brown and her brother Eli. She is a Queen City High School 2019 Alumna. She is a Presidential Scholar and Honors College student and has served as a student ambassador.

Maia is the president of the Zeta Sigma chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and the president of Texarkana College Student Government Association where she has served on the Awards Committee on the regional and state level.

Maia has served on several committees and has chaired honors projects with a goal of improving the community and the college. She has served as a presenter at district and state conferences. Maia runs a small business, Maia's Digital Studio, where she uses her artistic abilities to create stickers, keychains, and t-shirts.

After she graduates from Texarkana College, Maia plans to attend Texas A&M University-Texarkana to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood – Grade 6. After finishing school, she plans to teach art for a local school district.



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# THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

In colleges and universities, academic degrees are conferred at commencement exercises. Originally, the term meant the inception of the student graduate as a teacher and his recognition as such by his master and other members of the profession. Thus, the term once marked an actual beginning.

The processional and recessional of students and faculty dressed in academic regalia is a traditional part of these commencement exercises.

The history of academic dress goes back to the medieval universities. In the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form, they were under the jurisdiction of the church. Those studying wore a habit or cloak to which was attached a cowl or hood which could be pulled up over the head or thrown back, according to weather conditions. Later, the gown served the dual purpose of providing warmth in the unheated halls as well as uniformity of dress.

The hood seems to have had three uses: a covering, a shoulder cape, and a bag for collecting alms. It is believed that when large wigs were worn, the cape part of the hood was cut open in front and the entire garment, cape and hood proper, was allowed to fall back, producing approximately the effect seen today.

Agriculture.....	Maize
Arts & Letters .....	White
Commerce and Accountancy .....	Drab
Economics.....	Copper
Education .....	Light Blue
Engineering .....	Orange
Fine Arts (including Architecture).....	Brown
Forestry.....	Russet
Humanities .....	Crimson
Law.....	Purple

After wigs went out of fashion, the original shape was not restored. The master's hood is longer than the bachelor's, and the doctor's longer than the master's.

Gowns commonly worn in the colleges and universities of this country have pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree, long closed sleeves (with a slit for the arm) for the master's degree, and bell-shaped, open sleeves for the doctor's degree.

The master's and the bachelor's gowns have no trimming. The gown for the doctor's degree is faced down the front with black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves: or these facings and cross bars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

The cap is an essential part of the academic dress and it is to be retained on the head throughout all academic exercises except during prayer. In particular, the cap is not to be removed at any point in the conferment of a degree.

All hoods are lined with silk showing the official colors of the institution which conferred the degree, and all are trimmed in specified width with velvet signifying the degree as follows:

Library Science.....	Lemon
Music.....	Pink
Nursing .....	Apricot
Oratory.....	Silver Gray
Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Physical Education .....	Sage Green
Public Health .....	Salmon Pink
Science .....	Golden Yellow
Social Science .....	Citron
Theology .....	Scarlet

## A SHORT HISTORY OF TEXARKANA COLLEGE

Texarkana College was established in 1927 as a public junior college and as a branch of the Texarkana, Texas Public School Systems governed by the Texarkana Independent School District Board of Trustees. First located at 16th and Pine Streets, the campus was comprised of classrooms, laboratories, offices, and a gymnasium. The Col-lege experienced a slow but steady growth from the 109 students in 1927 until the end of World War II at which time it became increasingly apparent that the growth in enrollment caused by returning veterans demanded expansion.

A 1948 bond issue led to the purchase of a new, 20 acre campus and construction began in 1950 of an administration building and gymnasium. In 1953, the College relocated to its present site on Robison Road with an enrollment of 589 students. In 1957, the Texarkana Independent School District Board of Trustees voted to "divest itself control, management and operation of the Texarkana Junior Col-lege District" and to create a separate Board of Trustees for TC. In the 1960s and 70s, the College continued to increase annual enrollment and expand services as it transitioned from the junior college model to a community college.

In November 2012, the citizens of Bowie County voted to expand the college's taxing district from its original 16 square mile district to encompass the whole county. At the same time TC received designation as a Leader College among community colleges in the nation through the Achieving the Dream network—a national organization dedicated to improving student success and completion in community colleges. Today, TC's beautiful main campus sits on 90 acres and includes a two-acre nature reserve. The College offers academic classes, workforce programs, and high quality continuing education. Expansion and growth continue with the addition of new programs, partnerships with surrounding school districts, and customized training for local businesses and industries. In 2017-2018, TC celebrated its 90th anniversary and served 8,405 students in its academic, workforce, dual credit and continuing education programs. The College also held the rank of #1 in the State of Texas for having the highest graduation rate for community colleges. As a result of its transformative work with students to improve success and completion, TC won national recognition with the prestigious Leah Meyer Austin Award through Achieving the Dream in that same year.

## TEXARKANA COLLEGE ANTHEM

*Words and arrangement by Mary Scott Goode and Marc-André Bougie*

Texarkana College,  
our hope, our home, our heart.  
A place to learn and grow and dream  
where bright tomorrows start.

Empowered and inspired  
by our future and our past,  
we work to build a home for all  
and goals achieved at last.

May all who join be blessed  
with knowledge, skill and art.  
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