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COLLEGE

2024

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH

9:00 AM

Commencement

HISTORY OF NAVARRO COLLEGE

Navarro College was founded in 1946 by a group of local citizens committed to furthering the educational opportunities of the local community. The first students began classes in September of that year, on the site of the former Air Activities of Texas Flight School located six miles south of Corsicana.

In 1951, the campus was moved to its present location, which currently includes 117 acres, 13 academic buildings, and 24 student housing units.

In an attempt to address the growing needs of its service area, which consists of Navarro, Ellis, Freestone, Limestone, and Leon counties, the College began offering courses in these counties and eventually established the following permanent locations: Navarro College Mexia, located in Limestone County, Navarro College Waxahachie, and Navarro College Midlothian, both located in Ellis County.

Navarro College has had eight presidents: Mr. Ray Waller, the founding president served until his death in 1956; Dr. Ben W. Jones served from 1956 until 1973; Dr. Kenneth P. Walker served from 1974 until 1988; Dr. Gerald E. Burson served from 1989 until his retirement in January 1998; Dr. Richard Sanchez served from 1998 until his first retirement in 2013 and returned again from 2016 - 2018; Dr. Barbara Kavalier served from 2013 until 2016; and Dr. Kevin G. Fegan, the current District President, began his service in September 2018.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NAVARRO COLLEGE SEAL

The Navarro College seal is the official symbol of the institution. It is round to represent the perpetual search for "Wisdom," "Truth," and "Knowledge," the three Greek words inscribed on the seal. In the center of the seal stand the "Doors of Opportunity" which welcomes all students who seek to join the tradition of excellence. Since it was chartered in 1946, the doors have been the hallmark of Navarro College.

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Processional

Pomp and Circumstance

Invocation

The National Anthem

Shellie Buckley, Ed.D.
Professor of Speech

Welcome

Sina Ruiz
Vice President of Student Success

Introductions

Kevin G. Fegan, Ed.D.
District President

Greetings from the Board of Trustees

Mr. Phil Judson
Board Chairman

Recognition of Outstanding Graduates

Jeanetta Johnson, Ed.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Presentation of Candidates for Graduation

Jeanetta Johnson, Ed.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees

Kevin G. Fegan, Ed.D.
District President

Navarro College Alma Mater

Sina Ruiz
Vice President of Student Success
Recorded by Navarro College Band and Choir

Closing Remarks

Kevin G. Fegan, Ed.D.
District President

Recessional

Pomp and Circumstance

Special appreciation goes to Professor of Speech, Shellie Buckley, Ed.D.,
Associate Professor of Speech, Danielle Pillans, and
Professor Speech & Philosophy, Jeff Magruder, D.Min., for announcing
the names and honors of each graduate at this year's commencement ceremony.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

Honors denoted are based on December 2023 overall GPA

Roel Aguilar	Andrew Foust	Reagan Parra
Madison Alford	Carlos Gaviria	Latiffha Pascall
Ana Karen Alvarado	J Alejandro Gonzalez**	Reagan Penn
Madison Alvarez	Ellen Grubbs	Daniel Perez**
Estefany Andazola Gonzalez	Jasmine Gutierrez Aguilera	Faith Perez
Logan Anders	Gabriel Hawthorne	MacKenzie Presley
Marcela Anzueto Pira	Madeline Hough	Janneth Puentes
Kylie Auster**	Taylor Hunt	Gabriel Reese
Lissette Aviles	Juan Jimenez	Jasmin Reyes
Cheyenne Baker	Lauren Kovacevich**	Devin Rickard-Koffski**
Cooper Ball***	Kaleb Lyles**	Destiny Rodriguez
Michael Barton	Maxwell MacKey	Isai Rodriguez*
Tre'Vionte Bluitt	Briana Maldonado	Alex Rogers**
Kendall Lopez	Azucena Martinez	Anatu Sadat
Shelby Borden	Malysa McGowan	Hollee Spencer
Courtavious Bryant	Noah Mendoza	Bryan Spotwood
Kyndl Bryant	Trevor Menzel	Emma Stansberry
Markeelon Bryant	Lory Mesker	Maxwell Tucker
Davian Cepeda	Steven Milligan	Trenton Verigan
Jasmine Clark	Austin Mims*	Shannon Wiley
Katelyn Conn	Jayden Moore	Elijah Williams
Jessa Daniel	Victoria Navarrete	Makayla Williams
Stevie Davis*	Marisol Navarro	Carah Woods**
Vianai Dominguez	Erica Nelms	Makayla Worley
Ashanti Evans	Amalia Nevarez	Arturo Zavala
Aliah Foremar*	Raul Nuncio	
Tammy Foster		

*** denotes summa cum laude

** denotes magna cum laude

* denotes cum laude

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Honors denoted are based on December 2023 overall GPA

San Juana Arreola	Lorena Gonzalez*	Alexys Mulkey
Perla Arriaga	Alexys Goodman	Holly Nash
Joshua Ayala	Monserratte Gutierrez	Brittany Owens*
Triniti Barksdale*	Abbigail Holt	Kasey Pair
Amber Britt	Kyndall Hullum	Makenzie Petton
Darneicia Coleman**	Leo Jordan	Leticia Portillo**
Jessica Criswell	Alexis Lewis	Jennifer Rios
Paola Elizondo	Sophie McIntier	Kelsey Strickland
Kayla Esa	Hannah Meer	Yadira Yepez**
Courtney Garcia	Alexes Mendez Flower	Bree Ann Zaidle
Julian Garza		

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Honors denoted are based on December 2023 overall GPA

Patria Acosta	Lainey Bartlett	Kyler Carreon
Julio Aguilar Herrera	Ihsane Behlock**	Alya Carrillo
Alexandria Alaniz	Kaylee Billock	Briana Castaneda
Kianna Aldana	Dresean Blake	Ayshia CerveraM
Sanaa Alexander	Grace Boozer	Kaylee Chandler
Haylee Allen	Nicholas Brijil	Edwardo Chavez
Esmeralda Almaguer	Jason Brown	Augustine Chibuko
Ayham Alqurneh	Jud Brown	Cecil Clayton
Liyam Alqurneh*	Anthony Bryant*	Sieana Coger
Karimi Alvarado	Brinly Burke**	Elijah Colclough
Sabrina Alvarado	Kentavion Bursej	Mary-Margaret Conley
Basma Amer	Kai Burton	Getsemani Contreras-Medina
Kimberly Anderson	Briana Cabrera	Leander Corbett
Jannealyn Aquino**	Erika Calderon	Darbi Corder
Maria Aragonex	Suli Camacho	Anfernee Crease
Rebecca Arreola	Elizabeth Campbell	Caleb Criner
Robin Autrey	Jorge Canas	Cole Cruz
Cardell Bailey	Areli Cardona	Braedyn Cunningham
Cristian Balderas	Edith Cardona	Rodshay Cure
Maiden Barber	Macy Cariaga	Courtney Dagen
Claire Barham	Ariana Caro**	Brenda Damian Garcia
		McKenzie Daniel

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COMMENCEMENT SIGNIFICANCES

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COLORS OF THE ACADEMIC REGALIA WORN BY THE FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION OF NAVARRO COLLEGE

The color of the velvet edging of the hood indicates the degree, and the color of the lining indicates the college colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

The hood for the Master of Arts displays a white velvet edging; the Master of Science, a gold edging; the Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology, a scarlet fringe; the Doctor of Laws, purple; the Doctor of Medicine, kelly green; the Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Psychology, blue; the Doctor of Literature, white; and the Doctor of Education and Specialist in Education, light blue.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MEDALS WORN BY THE FACULTY OF NAVARRO COLLEGE

Faculty members wearing pewter medallions have been presented with the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) teaching excellence award. Faculty members are nominated for this honor by their peers based on their dedication to the teaching profession.

SIGNIFICANCE OF SUMMA CUM LAUDE, MAGNA CUM LAUDE AND CUM LAUDE HONORS

Summa Cum Laude

Summa Cum Laude is an honor bestowed upon students receiving associate degrees who have compiled a perfect academic record. To graduate summa cum laude, a student must have achieved a 4.0 grade-point average on all work attempted at Navarro College and other post-secondary institutions attended.

Magna Cum Laude

Magna Cum Laude is an honor bestowed upon students receiving associate degrees who have compiled an almost perfect academic record. To graduate magna cum laude, a student must have achieved a 3.50 grade-point average on all work attempted at Navarro College and other post-secondary institutions attended and have no grade lower than "C."

Cum Laude

Cum Laude is an honor bestowed upon students receiving associate degrees who have compiled a superior academic record. To graduate cum laude, a student must have achieved a 3.25 grade-point average on all work attempted at Navarro College and other post-secondary institutions attended and have no grade lower than "C."

COMMENCEMENT SIGNIFICANCES

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE REGALIA WORN BY THE NAVARRO COLLEGE GRADUATES

HONORS STOLES

Phi Theta Kappa

Students who have earned a 3.5 or better grade-point average are invited to join the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for community colleges. The three ideals represented by Phi Theta Kappa are three Greek words meaning wisdom, aspiration, and purity. The symbols shown on the stoles worn by the graduates convey the three ideals. The gold Phi Theta Kappa honor stole may also display a symbol noting the graduate's pursuit of academics and athletics in National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), the academic study of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), or excellence in Nursing studies.

COMMENCEMENT STOLES

These stoles are uniquely designed to distinguish different credentials.

White - Certificate of Completion

Black - Associate Degree

Red - Bachelor Degree

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MILITARY CORD

Navarro College recognizes graduating veterans by inviting them to wear red, white and blue cords as a special form of recognition for their service to our country. The cord signifies the appreciation Navarro College has for our military and veteran students for their commitment, selfless service, and sacrifice.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BULLDOGS UNITE MEDALLION

Navarro College presents these medallions to all who participate in the Bulldogs Unite Ceremony, an affinity celebration, bringing together students, faculty, staff and community to celebrate Navarro College and the importance of being a member of the Bulldog Family.

The listing of graduates is based upon information provided prior to printing of the program. The appearance or absence of any name in the program does not constitute recognition or denial of completion of degree requirements nor the conferring of honors.

The program is issued as a ceremonial publication and is not an official record of graduates. The awarding of degrees will be based on the outcome of final examinations and final grades. The College apologizes for any errors or omissions.

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Richard L. Aldama, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	Corsicana, Texas
A.L. Atkeisson	Kerens, Texas
Faith D. Boyd	Corsicana, Texas
Loran Seely	Corsicana, Texas
K.C. Wyatt	Corsicana, Texas

NAVARRO COLLEGE
DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Kevin G. Fegan, Ed.D.

NAVARRO COLLEGE
DISTRICT AND CAMPUS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Jeanetta Johnson, Ed.D.	<i>Vice President of Academic Affairs</i>
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Guy E. Featherston	<i>Executive Dean of Health Professions and Navarro College - Waxahachie</i>
Jeanette Underwood	<i>Dean of Dual Credit and Navarro College - Midlothian</i>
Christina Mims	<i>Assistant Dean of Navarro College - Mexia</i>
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Susan Womack	<i>Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness</i>
Karen Simons	<i>Executive Assistant to the District President</i>

ALMA MATER

Hail Navarro, Hail Navarro
Loyal sons are we.
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Hail, all hail to thee.
Lift your voices, sing her praises,
Cheer for victory;
Honor to thee, proud Navarro.
Glory now to thee.



FIGHT SONG

Fight on you Bulldogs, fight till you win,
fight on to victory. We'll back the red and white
and our men with loyalty.
Let's give a cheer and make echoes ring,
let's yell, yell with all our might.
The vic'try is sealed; our team never yields,
Bulldogs fight, fight, fight.
B-U-L-L-D-O-G-S! GO BULLDOGS!