

Lamar Community College



Class of 2026



Adult High School Diploma Ceremony

Saturday, May 16, 2026



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the entire Lamar Community College community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you on this important and meaningful achievement. Today, we celebrate not only your graduation but also your determination and commitment to creating new opportunities for yourselves and exemplifying to your loved ones the importance of reaching milestones that matter to you.

As the inaugural graduating class of the state's first Rural High School Diploma Program, you are pioneers. Your success represents the power of perseverance

and the importance of access, lifelong learning, and educational opportunity. We are deeply honored to have walked alongside you on this journey and are incredibly proud of your accomplishment. Many of you balanced work, family, personal responsibilities, and life's challenges while pursuing this goal.

No accomplishment is achieved alone. We also celebrate the families, friends, faculty, staff, and supporters who encouraged you along the way and helped make this milestone possible.

Graduates, this diploma represents far more than completion of a program. It opens doors to new career opportunities, continued education, personal growth, and greater economic mobility. More importantly, it sends a powerful message to your children, families, and communities about what is possible through persistence and hard work.

We hope you leave today with pride in what you have achieved and confidence in all that lies ahead. You will always hold a special place in the history of Lamar Community College as the first graduating class of this important program.

May your future be filled with continued success, purpose, and opportunity.

With great pride and admiration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Reyes'.

Dr. Rosana Reyes
Lamar Community College President

Order of Ceremony

PROCESSIONAL

Please stand as the graduates enter with the faculty

A MESSAGE FROM ACE Program Manager

Annisia Forney, Director of Library and Learning Support Services

WELCOME ADDRESS

Dr. Rosana Reyes, President

INVOCATION

Salvador Jesus Hernandez '26

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Diona Espinoza '26 | Divina Espinoza

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER

*Chad DeBono, Vice President of Administrative Services/
Institutional Effectiveness*

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN

Vincent Aguilera '26 | Julia Aguilera '26

CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATING CLASS

Kelly Emick, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services

CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS

Dr. Rosana Reyes, President

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Kelly Emick, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services

BENEDICTION

Shawntay Cheerie Melgoza, Graduate '26

CLOSING

Dr. Rosana Reyes, President

RECESSIONAL

Please remain seated until all students exit.

Immediately after the ceremony, please join us for refreshments.

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Julia Marie Aguilera
Vincent Ray Aguilera
Haiven Alysia Appel
Sonia Camacho
Marisol Casillas
Julian Chairez Almarez
Jhonaiker Emilio Escalante
Diona Lee Espinoza
Juan Jose Gomez
Taylor Dawn Henry
Salvador Jesus Hernandez
Shawntay Cheerie Melgoza
Maria Gloria Pacheco
Shilynn Marie Vega



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Faculty & Staff

ACE Program Manager:

Annissia Mickalene Forney, MS

Faculty:

Ian Torres, MA, Civics

Maria Isabel Sarmiento, Math

Vikranth Kodavatikanti, MLS, English

Lamar Community College Administration

Dr. Rosana Reyes, President

Kelly Emick, Vice President of Academic and Student Services

*Chad DeBono, Vice President of Administrative Services/
Institutional Effectiveness*

Dr. Brian Gauck, Dean of Academic Services

***“Lamar Community College proudly
celebrates the accomplishments of students
completing the High School Diploma Program.
This milestone represents perseverance,
growth, and commitment to education.”
- Annissia Forney***

***“The future belongs to those who believe in
the beauty of their dreams.”
— Eleanor Roosevelt***



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