

## THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AND ACADEMIC REGALIA

### THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The academic commencement ceremony at Texas A&M University-Commerce enjoys a rich tradition and is carried out with solemnity and dignity. All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the occasion and the traditions of academe. **In keeping with these traditions, all participants are requested to refrain from any semblance of celebration as they proceed across the stage following receipt of the diploma. It is also requested that you inform your guests in the audience to refrain from making distracting noises during this time. Since candidates proceed across the stage in a fairly rapid order. Such interruption may override the name of the next graduate. Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely solicited.**

### ACADEMIC REGALIA

Robes and caps appropriate to the degree earned may be purchased through the University bookstore. Academic tradition has prescribed robes particular to the level of degree earned: Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral. Bookstore personnel will assist degree candidates in selecting and ordering appropriate regalia.

Dress: To enhance the dignity of the commencement ceremony, degree candidates are urged to dress appropriately, particularly for the portions of clothing that are apparent under the academic robes. It is recommended that men wear white shirt and tie (coats are unnecessary) since the collars are visible, and dark trousers and shoes. Women are encouraged to wear dark shoes. **Mortarboard caps should be worn parallel to the ground with the tassel on the left.** Decorations, Greek letters, initials, or other additions to the academic regalia should not be used.