

**TEXAS CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER (CPM) PROGRAM VIRTUAL  
GRADUATION**

**THURSDAY JUNE 17, 2021  
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
VIA ZOOM**

**TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

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WILLIAM P. HOBBY CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**

**RECOGNIZING THE JUNE 2021 CPM GRADUATES FROM:  
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
SAN MARCOS, ROUND ROCK AND ARLINGTON, TEXAS  
AND**

**JUNE 21 CPM GRADUATES FROM:  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO-GRANDE VALLEY**

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**Welcome from Texas State University  
Dr. Howard R. Balanoff  
William P. Hobby Professor and  
Director Texas Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program**

**Introduction of Graduation Speaker by Gregory W. Rushin  
Deputy City Manager, Public Safety Services, Plano, Texas**

**CPM Graduation Speaker  
Mark Israelson, City Manager  
Plano, Texas**

**Recognition of Spring 2021 Recipients of Don Kinnett Scholarship  
Mark Hanson  
Danielle Lerma**

**Recognition of Graduates  
Texas State University  
Arlington, Texas CPM Program  
Remarks by James Earp, Director CPM., Director Arlington CPM Program**

**June 2021 Arlington Graduates**

Jeffrey C. Arnsward  
Ryan Michael Arthur  
Jessica Baca  
Jason Barber  
Thad Chambers  
Leslie Karen Cloer  
Andrea Cockrell  
Krystal Ann Crump  
Stacy Garcia  
Herb M. Gilliland  
Clayton Gray  
Eva Sebestyén Gregory  
Dustin Henslee  
Rashad J. Jackson  
Tommy A. Ludwig  
Gumaro Martinez  
David Orr  
Marc J. Pate  
Linda Rhodes  
Gregory W. Rushin  
Shannon S. Stephens  
Gincy Thoppil, AICP  
Tommy Daryl Uptmore  
Stoney Mike Ward, Jr.  
Bradley J. Wilcox

**Recognition of Graduates****Texas State University****Round Rock, Texas****Remarks by Dr. Miha Vindis and Marilyn Balanoff, Directors, Round Rock, CPM Programs****June 2021 Round Rock Graduates**

Kenneth J. D'Alfonso  
Yanira I. Oliveras

**Recognition of CPM Graduates****Texas State University****San Marcos, Texas CPM Program****Remarks by Sue Breland, CPM., Director, San Marcos CPM Program****June 2021 San Marcos Graduates**

Mark Hanson  
Melinda Pearl Hodges

Chris Ulibarri

**Recognition of CPM Graduates from:**

**University of Houston**

**Houston, Texas**

**Remarks by Chelsea O'Hara, Director, University of Houston CPM Program**

**June 2021 University of Houston Graduates**

Ronald R. Burton

Chaise Cary

Heather Cherry

Jeremy Edge

Kirk Jackson

LaTia Jutan

Lindsay Koskiniemi

Michael Kramm

Timothy Lancon

Kelly Lathrem

Merid Lopez

Sandra Lopez

John Naron

Gary Ratliff

Kathie Reyer

Dalton Rice

Jaime Sherill

Tommy Tarver

Jason Tovar

Stephen Vavrecka

Charlene Warren

Caitlin Weinheimer

Sloan Witter

**Recognition of CPM Graduates from:**

**Stephen F. Austin State University**

**Nacogdoches, Texas CPM Program**

**Remarks by Dr. Rick Herzog, CPM Director, Stephen F. Austin State University CPM Program**

**June 2021 Stephen F. Austin State University Graduates**

Jennifer Billings

Michael Shane Burleigh

Sam Durham

Benny Yazdanpanahi

Rudy Zepeda

**Recognition of CPM Graduates from:  
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
Edinburg, Texas CPM Program  
Remarks by John Milford, CPM Director, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

**June 2021 University of Texas Rio-Grande Valley Graduates**

Reynaldo Cano  
Gabriel Ramirez  
Angel Luis Sanchez Dekony

**Closing Remarks**

**Dr. Howard Balanoff, William P. Hobby Professor and  
Director Texas Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program**



**Mark Isrealson, City Manager, Plano, Texas**

**MARK D. ISREALSON**

Mark D. Israelson is the City Manager for the City of Plano, Texas (population 284,070) and was appointed to the position on May 1, 2019. As Chief Administrative and Executive Officer for the City of Plano, Mr. Israelson is responsible for the daily operations of the City. He oversees a city containing:

- \$2.5 billion in assets

- 2,359 full-time employees
- 867 part-time/temporary employees
- A total combined budget for Fiscal Year 2018 to 2019 of \$578 million
- A General Fund budget of \$317 million with a Capital Improvement Program budget of \$195 million

Mark joined the City of Plano in 1999 as a Budget Analyst and has held the positions of Assistant to the City Manager, Director of Customer and Utility Services, Director of Policy and Government Relations, and Assistant City Manager. In the Spring of 2015, the City of Plano loaned Mark to the City of Kilgore to serve as Interim City Manager where he functioned as the Chief Administrative and Chief Executive Officer. Mark was subsequently appointed Deputy City Manager for the City of Plano in July 2016.

Mark is an active member of International City Management Association, Texas City Management Association, North Texas City Management Association, and is a lifetime member of the University of North Texas Alumni Association.

He is a graduate of the City's Management Preparation Program Class 2003, Leadership International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Class 2007, Leadership Plano Class 22, and Leadership North Texas Class 5. Mark was recognized as one of 21 leaders for the 21st century by Collin County Business Press, was the recipient of the 2009 Joy Sansom mentor award, and the 2014 Outstanding Alumnus for the University of North Texas Public Administration program.

He earned undergraduate and Master of Public Administration degrees from the University of North Texas. He and his wife Maile are avid runners, enjoy traveling, and spending time with their kids Mason, Carter, Brandon and Hailey.