Dear Graduate:

On this the happiest and most important day of your academic career, you are also making history, because you are a member of the first graduating class to earn a diploma from the newest Tier One university in Texas – one of only 109 institutions thus classified nationwide.

An added value to your degree is the recent inclusion of the University of Houston in The Princeton Review’s “Best 376 Colleges: 2012 Edition,” which places UH in the top eight percent of all 4,700 colleges and universities in America!

As we reflect on this achievement, always remember that the University of Houston is a very special place. It is the place that welcomed you, helped you grow intellectually, and encouraged you on your journey. It is the place that, thanks to our incredible diversity, has provided you with the experiences to work, feel at home, and succeed anywhere in the world. And it is the place where your dreams of a top-tier college education have become a reality with the support and guidance of your parents, families, friends, and professors.

As you leave here today – proud alumni of the nationally ranked University of Houston – you will do so in the knowledge that you are a member of the best prepared, best educated, and best equipped class this university has ever produced. You will carry with you the knowledge your professors have shared with you, the wisdom you have gained as you matured, and the personal experiences and friendships that will last you a lifetime.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

Renu Khator
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THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
The University of Houston, Texas’ premier public metropolitan research and teaching institution, is home to more than 40 research centers and institutes and sponsors more than 300 partnerships with corporate, civic and governmental agencies. UH stands at the forefront of education, research and service. The largest and most comprehensive component of the University of Houston System, UH offers a full range of undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and special professional degrees. UH public service and community activities, such as cultural offerings, clinical services, policy studies and small-business initiatives, serve a diverse metropolitan population. Likewise, the resources of the Gulf Coast region complement and enrich the university’s academic programs, providing students with professional expertise, practical experience and career opportunities. UH has awarded more than 230,000 degrees, and approximately 75 percent of our alumni remain in the Houston area.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
The University of Houston System is the state's only metropolitan higher education system, encompassing four universities, two multi-institution teaching centers and the largest university distance learning program in Texas. With more than 54,000 students and 3,000 faculty, it is the largest metropolitan public system of higher education in Texas. The UH System universities include the University of Houston, a nationally recognized doctoral degree-granting, comprehensive research university; the University of Houston-Downtown, a four-year undergraduate university beginning limited expansion into graduate programs; and the University of Houston-Clear Lake and the University of Houston-Victoria, both upper-division and master’s-level institutions. The UH System brings the resources of its four universities in partnership with area community colleges to offer bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the UH System at Cinco Ranch and UH System at Sugar Land teaching centers.
ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic costume of today has a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townspeople wore long flowing robes and gowns. The materials and colors used were governed by royal decree. Gradually, distinctive gowns were developed for the various professions, trades and guilds. Scholars wore robes and hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head and the hood became a cape that could be pulled over the head during unpleasant weather. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adapted by their faculties for bachelors (apprentices of arts), masters (teachers) and doctors (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies). When caps and hats came into fashion in the 15th century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back. The academic hat was first worn as a symbol of the master’s degree and existed in various forms. The mortarboard style comes to us from Oxford University. When academic costumes came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe they still are; however, in our country, usage has been standardized by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.

UH LAW CENTER

Master’s Degree
Hood: Purple
Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree
Hood: Purple
Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Bachelor’s Degree
Hood: Olive
Tassel: Black

Master’s Degree
Hood: Olive
Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree
Hood: Olive
Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Master’s Degree
Hood: Gold
Tassel: Black

Doctor of Philosophy Degree
Hood: Royal Blue
Tassel: Red

Doctor of Optometry Degree
Hood: Seafoam Green
Tassel: Red

GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Master’s Degree
Hood: Citron
Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree
Hood: Citron
Tassel: Red
HISTORY & TRADITION

CEREMONIAL SYMBOLS

THE SEAL
Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston’s and UH System’s seals bear the Official Seal of Arms of General Sam Houston, as handed down to him from noble ancestors. It includes the escutcheon in the center of the seal—consisting of checkered chevrons denoting nobility and three martlets, gentle lowland birds that symbolize peace and deliverance. A winged hourglass is above the shield. Surmounting this is the motto “In Tempore” (In Time). The greyhounds indicate speed in giving aid. The UH seal was adopted in 1938 in conjunction with the establishment of the present campus. The first official version was etched into the floor of the Roy G. Cullen Building.

UNIVERSITY MACE
The Mace, which is carried in academic processions, is a staff symbolizing the university’s authority and unity. The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a university president’s symbol of authority.

THE ALMA MATER

All hail to thee,

Our Houston University.

Our hearts fill with gladness

When we think of thee.

We’ll always adore thee

Dear old varsity.

And to thy memory cherished,

True we’ll ever be.

Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942
GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011 • 1:00 P.M. • CULLEN PERFORMANCE HALL

OPENING PROCESSION

WELCOME
Ira C. Colby, D.S.W.
Dean and Professor

GREETINGS
Jarvis V. Hollingsworth
Member, University of Houston System Board of Regents

SPECIAL GUEST
Walter Kase
Holocaust Survivor & Honorary Degree Recipient

AWARDS
Ivy Crank and Luz Macias
GCSW Student Association Awards Presenters

SPEAKER
Frances Tarlton Farenthold, J.D.
Human Rights Advocate, Educator and former Legislator

FIELDS OF PRACTICE RECOGNITION
Paul R. Raffoul, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Administration and Information Technology

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES
Dean Colby

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Regent Hollingsworth

HOODING OF PH.D. CANDIDATES
Dissertation Advisers

PRESENTATION OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES
Dean Colby

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Regent Hollingsworth

HOODING OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES
Louis Torres, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

CLOSING REMARKS
Dean Colby

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CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

MAY AND AUGUST 2011

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Energy and Anti-energy Drinks: Beliefs, Norms and Drug Use Among College Students
Dr. Susan P. Robbins, Chair
Larry Eugene Hill Jr.
Green Collar Economy, Metropolitan Universities, and their Neighboring African American Communities
Dr. Ira Colby, Chair

Eili Kaganoff
Assessment of Cue-Induced Nicotine Craving Using Virtual Reality: Clinical and Laboratory Implications
Dr. Patrick Bordnick, Chair

Brett S. Needham
Integrative Multidisciplinary Treatment: An Intervention for Complex Mental Health Patients in a Public Sector, Teaching Hospital Setting
Dr. Susan Robbins, Chair

Corrine M. Walijarvi
Grief and/or Growth among Bereaved Adults
Dr. Maxine W. Epstein, Chair

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Christina Alanis
Amy Aragon
Tammy Arrington
Tracy Atkins
Kelli Black Ayers
Meghan Baker
Larissa Barnhart
Elisha Bess
Troy Binegar
Abigail Bohn
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Jeffrey Burgert
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Cynthia Cedillos
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Ashley Class
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Jennifer Connatser
Codi Court
Katherine Marie Dilger
Christen Dobbs
Haley Druian
Marianne Dublado
Claudia E. Duran
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Stephanie Eguia
Matthew Estey
Laura Evanoff
Dany Federman
Aimee McAndrew Fernandez
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Melanie Godkin

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Alicia B. Hicks
Blair Hix
Tehmina Hyder
Meghaan Jarrell
Angelle Johnson
Armentha Johnson
Lakeisha Jones
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Acasha Kerr
Majeda Khan
Emily Koehn
Debra Konopik
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Joyce Davoy
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Alandria Sharp
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Synell Smith
Katie Tate
Jeremy Tatum
Carly Wagenheim
Jennifer Walden
Sarah Elizabeth Wenk

GCSW MILESTONES

Graduate School of Social Work is established by the Texas Legislature 1967
GSSW is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education 1970
50 students admitted; total enrollment reaches 106 1973
Enrollment exceeds 500 and nearly 450 degrees have been awarded 1978
First curriculum specialization is offered in Health Care; 40 students enroll 1985
Office of Community Projects is established at the GSSW 1992
GSSW’s AH program sponsors the first Underwood Lecture 1996
Inaugural GSSW Scholarship Gala 2001
GSSW inaugurates the first Gerson David Lecture; Perspectives on Social Work, first GSSW Doctoral Student Journal published 2003
Launching of Legislative Internship Program; First Doctoral Student Symposium; 3,000 M.S.W. degrees have been awarded 2005
GCSW turns 40 2006

1968  First class of 26 students is admitted
1972  GSSW Alumni Association is established
1973  Part-time social work admissions becomes a reality; 500 applications are received
1974  March 23 dedication of the 63,000-square-foot Social Work Building
1986  First Social Work Future’s Conference is held
1988  Revised curriculum includes: Health Care, Mental Health, Gerontology, Children and Families and Political Social Work
1993  American Humanics (AH) joins GSSW with focus on nonprofit management
2000  GSSW inaugurates the first Jenkins Lecture; GSSW’s first formal international exchange agreement signed
2002  UH celebrates its 75th Anniversary; GSSW confers 150 M.S.W. and 4 Ph.D. degrees
2004  Jody Williams, 1997 Nobel Laureate for Peace, joins GSSW faculty; GSSW’s first endowed professorship established, The Kantambu Latting College Professorship
2008  GSSW becomes the Graduate College of Social Work

The roster of graduates and candidates for graduation does not include the names of those students who chose to withhold information under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.
GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK AWARDS

BARBARA JORDAN UNITY AWARD
This award is in the name of the first Black woman elected to the Texas Senate and the first W. S. Representative for Houston’s 18th District, known for her tenacity and perseverance. The recipient of this award is a part-time or Advanced Standing student who has demonstrated discipline, determination, and a high standard of excellence.

THE JANE ADDAMS AWARD
This award is named for one of the social work profession’s founders and examples of conviction put into practice. This award is given to the student who best demonstrates service to the GCSW, professionalism, scholastic achievement, leadership and the ability to establish and maintain faculty-student support and rapport.

MAHATMA GANDHI PEACE AWARD
Gandhi provides the inspiration for the GCSW’s un-official motto, “We must become the change we want to see.” This award is given to the student who most exemplifies the power of this principle. This student is innovative in leadership style, thought and character and is known as someone who embodies the change they work to achieve.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD
This award is named for one of society’s greatest contemporary examples of advocacy, empowerment and the championing of social justice and is given to the student who embodies these same principles. As a leader, this award recipient has shown the power to cooperatively determine goals and unite others behind their causes.

MARY RICHMOND AWARD
This award is given in honor of one of the social work profession’s community practice pioneers. The student who receives this award has performed exceptional community service beyond employment or field practicum. Additionally, the recipient of this award represents the epitome of social work values and ethics and supports a traditional casework philosophy.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND CHANGE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE FACULTY AWARD
This faculty has demonstrated dedication to building a movement of vulnerable population by working with the people to effect change. Through education, this faculty has engaged students and inspired commitment and action to attain social justice.

OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD
This award was initiated by the Student Association to honor and recognize a member of the GCSW faculty who demonstrates exceptional class performance, supportive student interaction, professional role modeling and advocacy on behalf of students. The faculty member chosen for this award will have the honor of placing Master’s degree hoods on candidates for graduation at today’s ceremony.

OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD
This award is given to honor a staff member who has provided outstanding friendship and support to students throughout the academic year. Although this person may not have instructional interaction with students, he/she is chosen based on their commitment to the GCSW and the promulgation of social work education, values and ethics.
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May 13, 2011

Dear 2011 GCSW Graduate,

Today is a remarkable milestone in your life. What an outstanding accomplishment to be crossing the stage with your Master of Social Work degree from the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work! It is my sincere hope that your time in graduate school rewarded you with many learning and growing experiences, some perhaps life-changing. Today is remarkable, not only because it symbolizes all your hard work and dedication, but because it is the beginning of the next chapter in your life, where you now get to facilitate life-changing moments. Congratulations!

As President of the UH Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association, it is an honor to welcome you to the social work community as an alumnus of the Graduate College of Social Work. You are joining the ranks of a prestigious group of individuals. I look forward to hearing about your contributions to our university, our college, and our community, just as all alumni that have gone before you.

Today, you received a UH lapel pin during the “Michael Roberts Pinning Ceremony.” Michael was a UH GCSW Class of 2002 alumni, who served on the GCSW Alumni Board for many years and particularly enjoyed personally congratulating each new graduate. We hope you wear your pins with Cougar Pride!

On behalf of the GCSW Alumni Association Board of Directors, I’d like to personally invite you to join the alumni organization. Becoming a member of the GCSW Alumni Association is the best way to stay in touch with the University of Houston, the Graduate College of Social Work, incoming and current students, and fellow alumni. The Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association (GCSW-AA) was created to strengthen the relationship between alumni and the GCSW and to advance the interest and promote the welfare of the GCSW, its graduates, and the clients they serve.

Your membership dues support our efforts providing programs for networking, continuing education (remember, you need 30 hours every 2 years!), student outreach through financial support to the GCSW Student Association, and the Charlotte Campbell Scholarship. Joining the GCSW-AA gives you the opportunity to engage in professional development, mentor social work students, and support both our university and our college. The GCSW-AA is a constituent group of the University of Houston Alumni Association (UHAA); so, when you pay your membership dues to UHAA, you are automatically accorded membership in the GCSW-AA.

Please visit www.houstonalumni.com to join today! As a new graduate, your first year of membership is only $10.00. Believe me, the benefits you will reap from joining the Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association are worth every penny. You can learn more about additional benefits, like library access and an alumni parking pass, on-line when you submit your application. The Board of Directors looks forward to having you as a member of our outstanding organization. Your active involvement is encouraged!

Again, I say, welcome to our newest alumni members! Please feel free to contact me for additional information, any interest you have in serving on a committee or the Board of Directors, and suggestions for alumni events/activities at allison.harter@gmail.com or 713.725.2609.

Best wishes,

Allison Harter, LMSW
Class of 2009
President, GCSW-AA
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
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  Assistant Dean for Student and Professional Affairs
Commencement Marshall Louis Williams
  Associate Professor
Golden Cougars Class of 1961
  Mr. Bruce Biundo
  Ms. Wellesley Chu Lee
  Mr. Harold Pieratt
Graduates
Platform Party

WELCOME
  F. Lamar Pritchard
  Dean

GREETINGS
  Andrew Cobos
  Member, University of Houston Board of Regents

ADDRESS TO STUDENTS
  Dennis Golden, O.D.
  Member, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

PRESENTATION OF PH.D. GRADUATES
  Dean Pritchard

CONFERRING OF PH.D. DEGREES
  Regent Cobos

PRESENTATION OF M.S. GRADUATES
  Dean Pritchard

CONFERRING OF M.S. DEGREES
  Regent Cobos

RECOGNITION OF HONOR PHARM.D. GRADUATES
  Shara Zatopek
  Associate Dean for Operations

PRESENTATION OF PHARM.D. GRADUATES
  Dean Pritchard

CONFERRING OF PHARM.D. DEGREES
  Regent Cobos
OATH OF A PHARMACIST

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession’s moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

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The Impact of a Real-Time, Dynamic, Pharmacotherapy Alerting System to Provide Feedback During Order Verification in an Acute Care Setting
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Comparative Safety Outcomes of Atypical Antipsychotics in Older Adults: A Retrospective Claims Data Analysis
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New FDA Organ-Specific Warning Requirements for Over-The-Counter Acetaminophen Product Label: Impact on Consumer Risk Perception
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Antidepressant Persistence and Associated Healthcare Expenditures in Children With Depression.
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Attitudes of Physicians Towards the Role of Pharmacists in the Patient-Centered Medical Home
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Cardiovascular and Neurological Adverse Event ofSelective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor and Atypical Antipsychotic Combination in Medicaid Children and Adolescence
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Consumer’s Awareness, Attitude and Intention to Fill a Prescription Using Generic Drug Discount Programs
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Effective Format and Sequence of Over-The-Counter Drug Facts Label Information on Consumer Comprehension
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Invitation
Immediately following the Convocation,
the College of Optometry will hold a reception
in honor of its 2011 graduates at the
University of Houston
College of Optometry - J. Davis Armistead Building

All graduates and their guests are cordially invited to attend.
HONORS

Doctoral students who complete their degree requirements will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the Doctor of Optometry program at the University of Houston.

3.75 to 4.0  Summa Cum Laude
3.50 to 3.74  Magna Cum Laude

SUMMA CUM LAUDE
Carol Ann Aune
Carla Hanson Carter
Eric Lee Ketchum
Nicole Dawn Leroux
Lauren Rinando Nelson
Tyler Charles Smith
Rebecca Marie Williams

MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Kelly David Fallin
Stephanie Nicole Grabowski
Erin Belgard Pitts
Amanda Catherine Quelly
Michael Joseph St. Peter
Stephanie Kiyomi Turk
Katie Lynn Wicks

2011 GOLD KEY INTERNATIONAL
Carol Ann Aune
Taylor Kate Ballard
Brandon Leon Smith
Alireza Somji
Diane Thi Minh Chau Ta
Erin Marie Tongoun
William Wesley White

2011 BETA SIGMA KAPPA
Honor Graduates
Carol Ann Aune*
Taylor Kate Ballard
Clay Barnett
Shelly Buyn
Anita Bianca Carleo
Carla Hanson Carter*
Ryan Antonio Cazares
Fan Chen
Nick Chu
Amy Annette Clem
Kelly David Fallin*
Michelle Lee Flint
Stephanie Nicole Grabowski*
John Brandon Guillory
Kathryn Hengst
Sandy Huynh
Emily Suzanne Jordan
Eric Lee Ketchum*
Nicole Dawn Leroux*
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Thu Khanh Tran
Stephanie Kiyomi Turk
Katie Lynn Wicks*
Rebecca Marie Williams*

*Members since 2007

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE SPECIALTY AWARDS

Low Vision
Daanya Noor

Optics
Lauren Rinando Nelson

Pediatrics
Summer Giana Lara

Cornea and Contact Lens
Amy Annette Clem

Primary Care
Michael Joseph St. Peter

Medical Eye Service
Carla Hanson Carter

Zelda Schiffman Neuro-Ophthalmology Award
Amanda Marie Troupe
FOURTH-YEAR PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Alcon Laboratories Excellence Award
Bryan Nathan Kuder

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
Amy Annette Clem

College of Optometrists in Vision Development
Nicole Dawn Leroux

Digital Corneal Reflex Pupilometer Award
Christopher Robberts Brownlee

Eschenbach Low Vision Award
Matt Sin Valdes

William Feinbloom Low Vision Award
Joy Ohara, O.D.

GP Lens Institute Clinical Excellence Award
Tyler Charles Smith

David J. Kerko Low Vision Award
Sarabjeet K. Singh

Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award
Summer Giana Lara

MiraMed Tech 20/20 Digital Software
Kelly David Fallin

Metro Optics Excellence Award
Lacey Nicole Smith

Ocular Instruments Award of Excellence
Anita Bianca Carleo

Tyler's Quarterly Excellence in Cornea and Contact Lens
Lauren Rinando Nelson

Varilux Student Grant Award
Lauren Rinando Nelson

Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care
Katie Lynn Wicks

UHCO CLASS OF 1961

The University of Houston College of Optometry's faculty, staff, students, and alumni salute the Class of 1961 on the 50th Anniversary of their Commencement.

Glenn Drew A. Browne, O.D.
Lewis A. Landsman, O.D.
Graham F. Lantz, O.D.
George M. Lipshy, O.D.

Frank S. Lobaccaro Jr., O.D.*
Elmer L. Nossaman, O.D.
Joseph Stewart Webb, O.D.

*Deceased

The roster of graduates and candidates for graduation does not include the names of those students who chose to withhold information under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.
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Clinical Assistant Professor

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Clinical Associate Professor
THE OPTOMETRIC OATH

WITH FULL DELIBERATION, I FREELY AND SOLEMNLY PLEDGE THAT:

• I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

• I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

• I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

• I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.

• I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

• I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

• I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

• I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

• I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

• I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

DOCTORS OF OPTOMETRY ARE:

Primary health care professionals who diagnose and treat eye health and vision problems.

OPTOMETRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON:

The four-year Post-Baccalaureate Professional Program includes:

• 3,216 hours of lectures and laboratories in optics, advanced human physiology, gross human and ocular anatomy, neuroanatomy, systemic and ocular pathology, general and ocular pharmacology, and vision and clinical sciences.

• 500 eye health and vision care experiences in the University Eye Institute’s family practice, cornea and contact lens, pediatric, low vision and medical services.

• 1,200 eye health and vision care experiences during two externships (32 weeks) at vision and health care centers. These centers include military hospitals, Indian Health Hospitals, community health centers, surgical centers, Veterans Administration Hospitals and multidisciplinary vision care centers and institutes.

LICENSING AND CREDENTIALING INCLUDE:

• National Board Examinations
  Basic Science
  Clinical Science
  Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease
  Comprehensive Patient Care and Clinical Examinations

• State Licensure Examination
  Optometric Jurisprudence Examination
PRELUDE
Selection performed by the Houston Lyric Brass

OPENING PROCESSION
Triumphal March from Aida (Verdi)

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Sung by Shari Wilkins ('93)

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
Dean Raymond T. Nimmer

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
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GREETINGS
Carroll Robertson Ray
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Douglas Moll
Beirne, Maynard & Parsons, L.L.P
Law Center Professor of Law

WELCOME FROM ALUMNI
Warren W. Harris ('88)
President, Law Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT
Xiao Chen
Class of 2011

CLOSING REMARKS
Dean Nimmer

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Rondeau (Mouret)

A reception in honor of the graduates will be held at the Law Center immediately following the commencement. All graduates, their guests, faculty, and other distinguished guests are cordially invited to attend.
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MAY 2011

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Kristina Marie Campbell
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Nan Carr
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Charles Wesley Hamilton
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Nabil Justin Hemmati
Jeffrey Michael Hemming
Kristina Maria Hernandez
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Lauren Yvonne White
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George Jerrell Wise
Alyssia Nicole Woodward ²
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