# University of Houston Commencement

## Spring 2013

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May 2013

Dear Graduates:

Congratulations on one of the happiest, most memorable, and most important days of your life – the day of your graduation!

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 life experiences to work, feel at home, and succeed anywhere in the world.

You are graduating at a time of great triumphs for UH, from the Tier One designation by the Carnegie Foundation two years ago, to our inclusion by the Princeton Review on its list of best colleges in the nation, to being ranked by U.S. News and World Report for the first time in our history.

Several factors contributed to your success. The support of your parents and families, and the encouragement of your faculty, advisors, and staff played a significant part. But the most important factor is you, and the motivation, determination, and drive that brought you to this day, and will continue to serve you as you make your mark on your community and the world.

As you leave here today as proud alumni, know that you are a member of the best prepared, best educated, and best equipped class the University of Houston has ever produced.

With my best wishes for a successful career and a bright future,

Renu Khator
University of Houston System

Board of Regents

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Jacob M. Monty (J.D. ’93)
Mica Mosbacher
Gage A. Raba (MBA ’13)
Roger F. Welder
Welcome W. Wilson Jr.

University of Houston

President
Renu Khator

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University Libraries

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College of Optometry

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Cullen College of Engineering

Dan Wells
Interim, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

The University of Houston’s proud heritage dates back to its founding in 1927. In the beginning, UH was known as Houston Junior College. Classes for the first 230 students were held at San Jacinto High School and were taught by a faculty of eight. Over the years, the junior college grew and prospered, officially becoming the University of Houston in 1934. Two years later, the institution acquired land for a permanent campus and its first building, the Roy G. Cullen Building, opened in 1939. The university became a state institution in 1963.

Today, the University of Houston is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university, serving more than 40,000 students with more than 300 undergraduate and graduate programs. UH stands at the forefront of education, research and service with more than 40 research centers and institutes and sponsors more than 300 partnerships with corporate, civic and governmental agencies. 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 268,000 degrees, and approximately 80 percent of our alumni remain in the Houston area.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, teaching centers offering University of Houston degrees and classes opened in Clear Lake, downtown Houston and Victoria. Over time, these teaching centers became free-standing universities, offering education and opportunity to their communities. The University of Houston System was legally established in 1977. Today, the UH System is the region’s largest provider of comprehensive university services from the baccalaureate to the doctorate. The UH System plays a primary role in meeting the higher education needs of the Houston metropolitan area and Texas. It is comprised of four universities and six teaching centers. The accredited universities in the UH System are: University of Houston, UH-Downtown, UH-Clear Lake and UH-Victoria. The teaching centers are UH Sugar Land, UHS at Cinco Ranch, UH Northwest, UHD Northwest, UHCL Pearland and UHS at Texas Medical Center.
ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic costumes of today have a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townspeople wore long flowing robes and gowns. The materials and colors 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, skullcaps were worn on the head and the hoods 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 the 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.

**Graduate College of Social Work**
- **Master's Degree**
  - Hood: **Citron**
  - Tassel: **Black**
- **Doctoral Degree**
  - Hood: **Citron**
  - 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**

**College of Pharmacy**
- **Bachelor's Degree**
  - Tassel: **Olive**
- **Master's Degree**
  - Hood: **Olive**
  - Tassel: **Black**
- **Doctor of Philosophy Degree**
  - Hood: **Royal Blue**
  - Tassel: **Red**
- **Doctor of Pharmacy Degree**
  - Hood: **Olive**
  - Tassel: **Red**

**UH Law Center**
- **Master's Degree**
  - Hood: **Purple**
  - Tassel: **Black**
- **Doctoral Degree**
  - Hood: **Purple**
  - Tassel: **Red**
CEREMONIAL SYMBOLS

THE SEAL
Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston’s and UH System’s seals both bear the Official Seal of Arms of General Sam Houston, as handed down to him from his 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 placed above the shield. Surmounting this is the motto “In Tempore,” meaning “In Time.” The greyhounds indicate speed of giving aid. The UH seal was first adopted in 1938 as the present campus was established. Although the look of the seal has evolved over the years, the first 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
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013 · 9:00 A.M. · CULLEN PERFORMANCE HALL

OPENING PROCESSION

Commencement Marshals
Barbara Lewis
Assistant Dean for Student and Professional Affairs
Louis Williams
Associate Professor

Golden Cougars Class of 1963
Max D. Berry
Jerry Don Evans
Harold Fisher
George M. Harris III
Daniel Hrina
John A. Hruska
Ron Kuehnie
Oran Mobley
William Morgan
Jerry Philmon
William Pierce
Shelby Rash
Jerry Rudloff
Agnes Jacqueline Fritz Schoppe

Graduates
Platform Party

WELCOME
F. Lamar Pritchard
Dean

GREETINGS
The Honorable Nandita V. Berry
Member, University of Houston System Board of Regents
Elwyn C. Lee
Vice President for Community Relations and Institutional Access

ADDRESS TO STUDENTS
Robert Robbins, M.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Texas Medical Center

PRESENTATION OF PH.D. GRADUATES
Dean Pritchard

CONFERRING OF PH.D. DEGREES
Regent Berry

PRESENTATION OF M.S. GRADUATES
Dean Pritchard

CONFERRING OF M.S. DEGREES
Regent Berry

RECOGNITION OF HONORS
Shara Zatopek
Associate Dean for Operations
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.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.
Candidates for Graduation
Spring 2013

Doctor of Philosophy
in Pharmacology

Abeer Rababa’H
Human Signaling Scaffold Protein (mAKAP) Polymorphisms: Role in Heart Failure

Advisor: Dr. Bradley McConnell

Doctor of Pharmacy

Ngozi Nkechinyere Anaiwe ¹
Omar G. Al-Kazzaz ³
Chukwuebuka Echezona Ananti
Ericka Renee Andrus
Allan Ray Tambaoan Barizo ³
Collin Roland Beatty ³
Rachael Alyssa Bedard ²
Vaidhe N. Bhatt ³
Lindsey Kate Boyd
Jessica Nicole Bradley ¹
Hung-Ya Chen ³
Cassandra Kt Ying Cheng
Uduak Udom Chiobi
Shao-Yu Chiu ¹
So Ra Choi
Trey L. Crandall
Phong Thanh Dang
Bo Michael Davis
Adam Huu Thong Do
Dawna Emmanuel
Laura Diane Endres ³
Leslie D’Ann Finney ³
Anna Duffey Foster ²
Lea Danielle Garcia
Andrew Spencer Haeggquist
Aimee Vu Hang
Christopher Michael Henges
Nhu Mai Ngoc Huynh
Courtney Taylor Jackson ¹
Tranole Dramel Joseph
Jin Won Kang ³
Christine Elizabeth Keefe ³
Jennifer L. Kelin ¹
Sahrish Khawaja ¹
Mason Karl Kovar ³
Stephy Rosey Kurikose ³
Noble Baby Kuruvilla
Khanh Chuong Nguyen Le ³
Yeun-Ju Michelle Lee ²
Mark Timmy Leu
Zhijun Li ³
Yao Hua Lin ³
Megan Elyse Littlefield ³
Lauren Ruth Lyon ³
Kwan Yin Marcus Ma
Anh Truc Mai

Candidates for Graduation
Spring 2013

Doctor of Philosophy
in Pharmacy Administration

Collin Roland Beatty
The Effect of Risk Information Communicated in Plain Language Combined With Natural Frequencies on Individual Risk Perception of Medication Side Effects

Advisor: Dr. Sujit Sansgiry

Master of Science
in Pharmacy Administration

Melanie Brooke Bernhardt
Agreement Among Measurements and Estimations of Glomerular Filtration in Children with Cancer

Advisor: Dr. Kevin Garey

Mallory Elaine Gessner-Wharton
Pharmacists’ Perception of Non-Traditional Pharmacy Practice Residency Programs in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers

Advisor: Dr. Santhi Masilamani

Christy Mary Gorbach
Identifying Pharmacist Risk Factors to Commit Medication Errors in Hospital Pharmacy Operations

Advisor: Dr. Kevin Garey

Gift K. Nweke
Evaluation of Pharmacists’ Perspectives Towards Peer Review

Advisor: Dr. E. James Essien

Shreya Parekh
Value of a Post-Discharge Heart Failure Clinic

Advisor: Dr. Kevin Garey

Jennifer Trang Pham
Daptomycin Versus Vancomycin for Empiric Treatment of Methicillin-Resistant S. Aureus Among Hospitalized Patients: A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

Advisor: Dr. Kevin Garey

¹ Summa Cum Laude - ² Magna Cum Laude - ³ Cum Laude - * Banner Bearer (highest GPA in college)
Graduates

December 2012

Doctor of Pharmacy

Brandon Bailey

Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutics

Kamilla M. Rasheed Abdelraouf
Characterization of Pharmacokinetics and Nephrotoxicity of Polymyxin B
Advisor: Dr. Bradley McConnell

Dong Dong
Sustained Delivery of CZ48, a Lactone-Stabilized Camptothecin, by Nanosuspensions
Advisor: Dr. Dong Dong

Jie He
Pulmonary Target Delivery of Polymyxin B for Enhanced Efficacy
Advisor: Dr. Jie Li and Dr. Vincent Tam

Yang Teng
Impacts of Spinal Cord Injury and Formulation on Riluzole Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics (PK/PD) Correlation
Advisor: Dr. Jie Li

Doctor of Philosophy

Ashley Nicole Guillery
β-Adrenergic Receptor Signaling in Gravin Knockout Mice
Advisor: Dr. Bradley McConnell

Debajyoti Bhownik
Safety and Effectiveness of Antidepressants in Pediatric Bipolar Depression
Advisor: Dr. Hua Chen

Abhishek Chitnis
Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitors/Angiotensin Receptor Blockers, Statins and Dementia in Patients with Heart Failure
Advisor: Dr. Michael Johnson

Nilanjana Dwibedi
Parents Expectations to Receive Antibiotic Prescription for Children
Advisor: Dr. Sujit Sansgiry

Master of Science in Pharmacy Administration

Mark David Hattfield
The Impact of Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE) on Medication Order Processing and Workflow Efficiency by Pharmacists: A Time and Motion Study
Advisor: Dr. Sujit Sansgiry

Graduates

August 2012

Doctor of Pharmacy

Oluwadamilol O. Oso
Leon Tz Liang Yuan

Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutics

Adarsh Subhash Gandhi
Role of Inflammation in Metabolism and Hepatotoxicity of Prototypical Drugs
Advisor: Dr. Romi Ghose

Ghazi Muhammad Sayedur Rahman
Identification of the Activator Binding Residues in the Second Cysteine-Rich Regulatory Domain of Protein Kinase C Theta (PKCθ)
Advisor: Dr. Joydip Das

Shweta Nivrutti Kakad
The Association of Guideline Recommended Medications and Heart-Related Quality of Life in Patients with Heart Failure
Advisor: Dr. Michael Johnson

Masters of Science in Pharmacy Administration

Aily Liem
The Impact on 30-Day Readmission Rates Using a Community Pharmacy Discharge Medication Bedside Delivery Within an Acute Care Setting
Advisor: Dr. Santhi Masilamani

Sneha D. Sura
Prevalence, Predictors and Impact of Anticholinergic Medication Use in the Elderly and Dementia Patients
Advisor: Dr. Rajender Aparasu

Digvijay Chandrakant Yeola
Utilization Pattern of Mood Stabilizers and Psychostimulants in Patients with Comorbid ADHD and Bipolar Disorder
Advisor: Dr. Hua Chen
College of Pharmacy

Pharmacy Honor and Leadership Societies

The Rho Chi Society, pharmacy's academic honor society, was established in 1922 to encourage and recognize excellence in intellectual achievement, foster fellowship among its members, encourage high standards of conduct and character and advocate critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy. The fundamental objective of Rho Chi is to promote the advancement of the pharmaceutical sciences through the encouragement and recognition of sound scholarship by bringing professional students, graduate students and faculty members together in fraternal and helpful association. High standards of intellectual and scholarly attainment have been demanded for election to membership.

The Society's insignia, the Greek letters, Rho and Chi, were originally selected because, when placed in the relative position in which they are found on the Rho Chi Key, they are emblematic of the prescription sign. The colors attached to the seal of membership were chosen to indicate the royalty of purple and the loyalty of white. The eight sides of the key represent chemistry, biology, physiology, pharmaceutics, pharmacology and the biomedical, social/administrative and clinical sciences.

Phi Lambda Sigma, pharmacy's leadership society, was established in 1965 to honor and promote the development of leadership qualities, especially among pharmacy students. Members are selected by peer recognition. No greater honor can be bestowed upon an individual than to be recognized as a leader by one's peers. Such recognition instills and enhances self-confidence, encourages the less active student to a more active role and promotes greater effort toward the advancement of pharmacy.

The insignia of the Society is the key pin, which bears a mortar and pestle and the Greek letters of Phi, Lambda and Sigma. A wreath of laurel surrounds the mortar and pestle. The colors of the Society are green and gold.

RHO CHI GRADUATING MEMBERS

PharmD:
- Ngozi Nkechinyere Ahaiwe
- Brandon Bailey
- Rachael Alyssa Bedard
- Jessica Nicole Bradley
- Shao-Yu Chiu
- Anna Duffey Foster
- Courtney Taylor Jackson
- Jin Won Kang
- Sahrish Khawaja
- Yeun-Ju Michelle Lee
- Holly Marie Murray
- Nora Nassri
- Otsanya Ifeanyi Ochogbu
- Twisha Patel
- Kylee B. Richard
- Heather Louise Schoeneberg
- Ashton F. Stinnette
- Lauren Louise Williams
- Shiva Zangeneh

Graduate:
- Kamila Abdelraouf
- Nour Al-Sawalha
- Mallory-Wharton Elaine Gessner
- Ashley Guillory
- Mark Hatfield
- Smruti Jadav
- Nandita Kachru
- Rohan Medhekar
- Gift K. Nweke
- Odochi Ohia
- Xin Wang

PHI LAMBDA GRADUATING MEMBERS

- Hung-Ya Chen
- Phong Thanh Dang
- Christopher Michael Henges
- Yeun-Ju Michelle Lee
- Yao Hua Lin
- Ezequiel Lee Medina
- Chester Nguyen
- Twisha Patel
- Linh My Pham
- Sunaina Harsha Rao
- Jessica Thibodeaux Stover
- Kelly Chiao Trinh
College of Pharmacy

College Administration

F. Lamar Pritchard
Dean
Mustafa F. Lokhandwala
Executive Vice Dean for Research
Shara Zatopek
Associate Dean for Operations
Andrea Smesny
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Nancy Ordonez
Assistant Dean for Experiential Programs
Barbara Lewis
Assistant Dean for Student and Professional Affairs
Elizabeth Coyle
Assistant Dean for Assessment
Ruby Haroon
Director, Business Operations

Department Chairs

Kevin Garey
Clinical Sciences and Administration
Doug Eikenburg
Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Commencement Marshals

Barbara Lewis
Louis Williams

Commencement Coordinators

Barbara Lewis
Shauna Owens
Barbara Burke
OPENING PROCESSION

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

GREETINGS
The Honorable Tilman Fertitta
Secretary, University of Houston System Board of Regents

AWARDS
Emmony Pena & Roberta Robinson
GCSW Student Association Award Presenters

SPEAKER
Brené Brown
Research Professor

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 Fertitta

HOODING OF PH.D. CANDIDATES
Dissertation Advisors

PRESENTATION OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES
Dean Colby

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Regent Fertitta

HOODING OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES
Sandra Lopez, M.S.W.
Clinical Professor

CLOSING REMARKS
Dean Colby

RECESSIONAL
Graduate College of Social Work

Candidates for Graduation

Doctor of Philosophy

Graduates

Felina C. Franklin
Identifying the Legacy in Patients with Co-occurring Disorders and Examining Changes in Life Satisfaction and Self-Efficacy
Dissertation Committee Chairperson: Dr. Monit Cheung

Saralyn McIver
Navigating Uncertainty: A Grounded Theory of Public Transportation Dependence
Dissertation Committee Chairperson: Dr. Susan Robbins

Candidates for Graduation

Hyosu Kim
Meta-analysis of Turnover among Child Welfare Workers
Dissertation Committee Chairperson: Dr. Dennis Kao

Monique Renae Pappadis
A Mixed Methods Investigation of the Impact of Neurocognition, Gender Role Conflict, and Self-Identity on Psychosocial Adjustment to Traumatic Brain Injury
Dissertation Committee Chairperson: Dr. Patrick Leung

Master of Social Work

Alejandra Alvarado
Christine Bakos-Block
Rachel Barajas
Noa Ben-Yehuda
Tasha Boudreaux
Veronica Bowler
Kristin Brockington
Shirley Brown
Alecia Dailey
Gerald Eckert
Toluwalase Ekundayo

Pamela Ellis
Angelina Emanuel
Asia Gibson
Colleen Hanratty
Catherine Hunter Horne
Sarah Jackson
Esther Jacob
Angelique Jones
Tamra Josephson
Michael Kutosi
Juan Macias
Synnove Marlow
Sherin Mathew

Stacy Mayberry
Paris Meltzer
Ashante Montero
Michelle Nolen
Ashton Paetzold
Shaneka Postell
Kristina Sadler
Marilyn Scott
Jasmine Watts
Rebecca Wiersma
Ada Lai Man Yip

Candidates for Graduation

December 2012
GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION
MAY AND AUGUST 2013

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
Ashley Agers
Joselyn Anderson
Danielle Antaki
Haley Arizmendi
Cristal Atlano
Scarlett Badal-Oroumieh
Amanda Baker
Mary Baldon
Rocio Banks
Alicia Ann Barrens
Liza Ann Barros
Ilana Bazan
John Betancourt
Eva Briones
Han Bui
Jamall Carter
Amy Carvalho
Amanda Cherry
Nena Jessica Chima
Jamie Morgan Chinn
Jennifer Clark
Richard Davis
Vicky Gentry Davis
Stephanie Day
Amanda DeLoy
Dalen Di Lieto
Brittany Dixon
Kimberly Duncan
Stephanie Ebarb
Scott Evans
Martina E. Faulkner
Jillian Faustino
Stefanie Fisher
Christine Foster
Priscilla Francis
Luz Freestone
Gloria Garcia
Doris Gardner
Thelma Lola George
Jamele Gibbs
Vanessa Gluzman
Crystal Gomez
Jeniece Goudeau
Yvonne Green
Sarah Grudier
Danielle Guillory
Kristina Hall
Chamara Harris
Jerrilyn Hayes
Steven Hayes
Yolanda Henderson
Lindsey Herferth
Emilio Herrera III
Richard Holst
Whitney Hosey
Dawnshea Houston
Sarah Howell
Theresa Isikwe
Candice Jackson
Vernadette Jamron
Muna Javaid
Holly Johnson
Lolita Jones
Orangevy V. Jones
Adrienne Jordan
Monique Juliangarza
Brian Kelly
Katie Keyser
Tatiana Kostereva
Suzanne Largo
Michael Lassoff
Yana Lavrik
Kristen Macaluso
Allison Clare Marek
Kellé Martin
Crystal Kay-Baune McCown
Nikaria McCray
Javier Medina
Rakel Melvin
Vernon Merrell
Gabrielle Montoya
Justine L. Moore
Allison Moulder
Nancy Ngo
Olanike Oguntodu
Lizet Orozco
Monica Ortiz-Holtkamp
Grace O’Toole
Angela Palacios
Steven Parks
Meredith Parsley
Andrea Pedraza
Kevin Perkins
Kara Perry
Teresa Petersen
Tiffany Nicole Purnell
Dania Ramirez
Gabriel Ramirez
Mallory Rathnau
Crystal Reid
Deborah Renneker
Victoria Reyes
Maria Adriana Reyna
Courtney Reynolds
Amber Tariq Riaz
Meghan Rodriguez
Elizabeth Melamed Rubinsky
Lisa San Miguel
Hope Saucedo
Joyce Sauter
Juan Pablo Sazo
Sharoma Scarry-Graves
Constance Seré
Daphne Sherrard
Shelly Simpson
Alicia Andrea Smith
Jennifer Stanley
Juria Taylor
Larry Taylor
Elisabeth Whitcomb Terpening
Kristin Thames
Christina Michelle Veillon
Jane Cam Vo
Danielle Washington
Laura Welch
Leticia White
Margot Williams
Shadonna Williams
Ayana Willford
Chantel Willis
Justin Wolf
Ro’Linder Wright
Kyoko Wyrick
AGENCIES FOR GERONTOLOGY INTERCULTURAL FIELD TRAINING FELLOWSHIP (AGIFT)
Stephanie Ebarb
Asia Gibson
Sarah Grudier
Yolanda Henderson

C. F. REIBENSTEIN ENDOWMENT FOR SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
Alicia Barrens
Pamela Ellis
Angelique Jones
Desanie Walwyn
Ayana Williford
Kyoko Wyrick

CHARLOTTE CAMPBELL SCHOLARSHIPS
Monique Juliangarza

CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION PROJECT STIPEND
Roicia Banks
Veronica Bowler
Dalen Di Lieto
Jamelle Gibba
Richard Holst
Crystal Reid
Amber Tariq Riaz
Christina Veillon

GERSON DAVID GERONTOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP
Danielle Washington

R.J. DEBOTTIS SCHOLARSHIP
Monique Juliangarza

DEAN’S ADVISORY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP
Stephanie Day
Amanda Deloy
Martina E. Faulkner
Angelique Jones
Ashante Montero
Alicia Smith
Ada Lia Man Yip

FRANCES “Sissy” FARENTHOLD SCHOLARSHIP
Laura Welch

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP TUITION FELLOWSHIP
Amy Carvalho
Nena Chima
Stefanie Fisher
Sarah Jackson
Gabrielle Montoya
Courtney Reynolds
Juria Taylor
Ada Lai Man Yip

THE GEORGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
Lizet Orozco
Steven Parks

GULEN INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP
Muna Javaid

BARBARA AND ERNEST HENLEY ENDOWMENT FOR FAMILY HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP
Rachel Barajas

HOGG FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR BILINGUAL STUDENTS
Emilio Herrera III
Victoria Reyes

HOGG FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR MENTAL HEALTH
Jamie Chinn

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BARBARA JORDAN UNITY AWARD
This award carries 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,” and 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.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD
This award is given to an individual from the community that exemplifies social work through their dedication and efforts to promote social justice and equality. This community leader embodies the core components of social work by promoting the well-being of individuals and communities through social change, and honors a person’s right to self-determination.

Immediately following the Convocation, the GCSW Student Association will hold a reception in honor of all 2012 December and May 2013 graduates and August 2013 graduation candidates at the

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All graduates and their guests are cordially invited.
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May 10, 2013

Dear 2013 GCSW Graduate,

As President of the GCSW Alumni Association (GCSW AA) and its Board of Directors, I am thrilled to congratulate you on this momentous accomplishment. Today marks an incredible milestone in your life. You set the goal to earn a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree, and you have sacrificed, endured and persevered to attain that goal. It is an honor to welcome you to the social work community as an alumnus of the Graduate College of Social Work (GCSW). You are indeed joining the ranks of a prestigious group of more than 4,000 individuals. You should be extremely proud of yourself!

As you begin this next chapter in your life, I encourage you to embrace the wonderful opportunities that are presented to you. Keep an open mind. There are so many ways to do work that is personally gratifying, makes a positive impact on the community and promotes the values and ethics of the social work profession. Although there may be some uncertainty regarding what you will do next, be confident in the fact that the education and experiences you acquired during your time at the GCSW have prepared you to succeed.

In order to remain connected, I personally invite you to become an active participant in the GCSW Alumni Association. The alumni association enhances alumni loyalty and pride by developing life-long relationships with one another and the Graduate College of Social Work. Active participation allows you to remain connected to those graduating with you today while having the opportunity to meet and develop relationships with those who have graduated before you.

Again, it is my honor to welcome you as one of the newest GCSW alumni members. I wish you the best in all you pursue. Feel free to contact me at rosalind.rolls@sbcglobal.net or 713.213.0882 for more information about the alumni association.

Very sincerely,

Rosalind Rolls, LMSW
Class of 2009
President, GCSW AA
Prelude
Classical Arrangement

Processional
Pomp and Circumstance
by Sir Edward Elgar

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Invocation
Dr. Marrelli

Welcome
Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D.
Dean and Greeman-Petty Professor

Greetings
The Honorable Mica Mosbacher
Member, University of Houston System Board of Regents

Recognition of Graduates

Summa Cum Laude
Magna Cum Laude
Roger L. Boltz, O.D., Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Professional Studies and Associate Professor

Beta Sigma Kappa
BSK Silver Medal Award
Lanny Shulman, O.D., Ph.D.
Clinical Associate Professor

Gold Key International Memberships
Ralph J. Herring, O.D., M.H.A.
Clinical Associate Professor

Clinical Excellence Awards
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Special Recognitions
Dean Smith

Distinguished Alumnus for 2013
Pierrette Dayhaw-Barker, Ph.D.

Volunteer of the Year
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Invitation

Immediately following the convocation, the College of Optometry will hold a reception in honor of its 2013 graduates.

University of Houston
Health and Biomedical Sciences Building
Doctors of Texas State Optical Alumni Education Center

All graduates and their guests are cordially invited to attend.
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 3.75  Magna Cum Laude

**Summa Cum Laude**

Krista Beach  
Christine Chen  
Shama Essa  
Alyssa Baevich Ford  
Stephanie McMillen  
Nicole Renee Miller  
Lili Ngo  
Courtney Danae Perry  
Krystal Leigh Schulle  
Jacquelyn Claire Sugianto

**Magna Cum Laude**

Rayan A. Abilmouna  
Byron Eric Advent  
Cassandra Noel Benedick  
Audrey Hall Brumley  
Daniel Cha  
Vinita Chirianand  
Paola Diaz  
Eric Chapman Dollar  
Lindsay Claire Duarte  
Nelly Gendelman  
Amada Kanwischer Gutierrez  
Nathan Thomas Hatridge  
Stephanie Kim LeSage  
Napoleon Cabagguio Lovero II  
Kim Anh Nguyen  
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Edward Ryan Nichols  
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Bimal Patel  
Sarah Elaine Quelly  
Jeslyn Roy Sabol  
Pankil Shah  
Thanh Quoc Tran

**2013 Gold Key International**

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Amidemie De Chavez Casis  
Mary Beth Emmick  
Emily Evans Horn  
Napoleon Cabagguio Lovero II  
Bimal Jayprakash Patel  
Jeslyn Roy Sabol  
Krystal Leigh Schulle  
E. Michelle Baxter Shosa  
Jacquelyn Claire Sugianto  
Jamel D. Vaughn

**2013 Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Graduates**

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Byron Eric Advent  
Shazeen Ali  
Mary Katherine Alsup  
Krista Beach  
Cassandra Noel Benedick  
Audrey Hall Brumley  
Daniel Cha  
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Vinita Chirianand  
Amalia Michelle Picus Davis  
Paola Diaz  
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Lindsay Duarte  
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Muriel Martinez Ferreira  
Alyssa Baevich Ford  
Justin Elliott Ford  
Shannon Friedmeyer  
Nelly Gendelman  
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Reed Hopping  
Emily Evans Horn  
Sarah Rodriguez Hunter  
Jaclyn Lacy Hutchins  
Jason Joseph Idiculla  
Allicia Kellogg  
Brooke Kibel  
Heather Marie Latimer  
Stephanie Kim LeSage  
Sarah Kwon Lee  
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Thanh Quoc Tran  
T.K. Oliver Tran  
Bereket Tsegai  
Tyler Jeremy Zellers
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Clinical Excellence Specialty Awards

**Cornea and Contact Lens**
Shama Essa

**Dry Eye Center**
Jared Michael Decker

**Medical Eye Service**
Sarah Rodriguez Hunter

**Low Vision**
Jeslyn Roy Sabol

**Medical Eye Service**
Sarah Rodriguez Hunter

**Optics**
Courtney Danae Perry

**Pediatrics**
Audrey Hall Brumley

**Primary Care**
Allicia Ann Kellogg

**Zelda Schiffman Neuro-Ophthalmology Award**
Faraz Haghighi
Pontega Azandaryani Momeni

Fourth-Year Professional Awards

**Alcon Laboratories Excellence Award**
Waqas Tufail

**Canela Software 20/20 Vision Digital Acuity Software Award**
Bimal Jayprakash Patel

**College of Optometrists in Vision Development**
Muriel Martinez Ferreira

**Digital Corneal Reflex Pupillometer Award**
Taylor Mark Hutchins

**Eschenbach Low Vision Award**
Pankil Suresh Shah

**William Feinbloom Low Vision Award**
Eric Chapman Dollar

**Good-Lite Co. Pediatrics Award**
Courtney Danae Perry

**GP Lens Institute Clinical Excellence Award**
Napoleon Cabaguio Lovero II

**Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award**
Edward Ryan Nicholls

**Metro Optics Excellence Award**
Shama Essa

**Ocular Instruments Award of Excellence**
Courtney Danae Perry

**Odyssey Dry Eye Excellence Award**
Emily Evans Horn

**Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care**
Bimal Jayprakash Patel

**Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award**
Alexander Joseph Reed

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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 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:

• 3216 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.
• 1200 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 Includes:

• 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
MILESTONES

1950s

In 1952, UHCO officially opens. Charles R. Stewart, O.D., Ph.D. is named first dean of the college.
The Foundation for Education and Research in Vision is established to increase and promote awareness of vision and its care.
UHCO graduates the first class with 11 O.D.s entering the optometric profession in 1955.
Mildred Carlile, O.D. is UHCO's first female graduate.

1960s

Faculty member Chester H. Pheiffer, O.D., Ph.D. assumes duties as dean of the college.
The Texas Commission on Higher Education confirms the offering of optometry at UH, making the college eligible for state support.
Charles M. Stephens, O.D. becomes UHCO's 100th graduate.

1970s

The graduate program is established in physiological optics (vision science) with the MS degree in 1970 and the Ph.D. in 1972. The first MS graduate is Norman E. Leach, O.D., a current UHCO faculty member. The first Ph.D. is awarded to Pierette Dahaw-Barker, a current faculty member at Salus University.
James K. Donovan, O.D. becomes the 500th graduate.
The J. Davis Armistead Building is completed with state and federal assistance. The state-of-the-art, $9.6 million building remains UHCO's home.
UHCO establishes a formal partnership with the Good Neighbor Healthcare Center, and on-site optometric services begin.
William R. Baldwin, O.D., Ph.D. becomes UHCO's dean.
The UHCO Reading Room becomes an official UH recognized library.
The Nelson Reber, O.D., Eye Open Golf Tournament is established to raise funds for student scholarships and emergency loans. Dr. Reber died this past October, but the tournament tradition continues every fall and is now known as the FERV Fall Classic.

1980s

Dan Patterson, O.D. becomes UHCO's 1,000th graduate.
UH Downtown formally names the vision clinic the Herbert H. Moore Vision Care Clinic in honor of the popular UHCO optometry professor.
The Texas Optometry Career Opportunities Program (TEXOCOP) is created with grant funds contributed from the US Department of Health and Human Service Administration.

1990s

Karen M. Conway, O.D. becomes the 2,000th graduate.
The Weston A. Pettey Library is dedicated to honor Dr. Pettey's tireless efforts on behalf of UHCO and the profession. The Reading Room is named to honor Dr. Irvin M. Borish for his achievements in the profession.
The college building is formally named the J. Davis Armistead Building in recognition of Dr. Armistead's enduring efforts benefitting the college, university and the profession. Dr. Armistead is known for being the optometrist to singer Buddy Holly and had a hand in selecting the famous black frames.
Jerald W. Strickland, O.D., Ph.D. is named UHCO's dean.
2000s

Seren D. Ngin, O.D. becomes UHCO’s 3,000th graduate.

UHCO caps off the 50th Anniversary celebration with a gala celebrating Visions of the Past, Present and Future.

Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D. becomes dean of the college.

UHCO and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society form an official affiliation to establish the MS Eye Care Center.

The clinic is dedicated to the early diagnosis and treatment of MS, to the delivery of comprehensive eye care to patients with MS and to groundbreaking research.

UHCO debuts its Mobile Eye Institute designed specifically to provide eye care to the greater-Houston area. MEI is equipped with the latest in ophthalmic technology and brings comprehensive on-site vision services to patients in need of optometric care.

UHCO hosts a Groundbreaking Celebration on the site that will become the UH Health and Biomedical Sciences Center featuring the UHCO Vision Institute in November 2010.

The Topping Out Ceremony and pillar signing event is held to mark the occasion when construction on the new building reaches the highest point in September 2011.

Bridget Ducote Guidry, O.D. becomes the 4,000th UHCO graduate at the May 2012 graduation ceremony.

The UH Health and Biomedical Sciences Center, featuring the Molly and Doug Barnes Vision Institute, officially opens in November 2012, and the formal dedication ceremony celebrates this milestone in February 2013.

Pierette Dahaw-Barker, a current faculty member at Salus University and UHCO's first Ph.D. recipient, receives the Distinguished Alumna Award at the May 2013 commencement ceremony.

The University of Houston College of Optometry's faculty, staff, students and alumni salute the Class of 1963 on the 50th Anniversary of their Commencement.

William Bauscher, O.D.  
Harold Codianne, O.D.  
Charles Cooper, O.D. *  
Richard Diefenbaugh, O.D.  
James Hartin, O.D.  
Thomas Heard, O.D. *  
Dr. Boyace Holland, O.D. *  
Harry Liggett, O.D.  
Louis Love, O.D.  
Jerome McAllister, O.D.  
Nelson Reber, O.D. *  
Merle Schroeder, O.D.  
Charles Stephens, O.D.  
Ronald Swift, O.D.  
Moris Treadwell, O.D. *  
Jack Vaughan, O.D.  
Morris Webb, O.D.  
Martin Weintraub, O.D.

*deceased
Academic Heraldry

The academic costume in America consists of three components: a cap, gown and hood. The cap is the beret or mortarboard type with a colored tassel (black or gold) that represents the graduate level of education—the professional doctorate.

The doctor’s gown is an elaborate costume marked with velvet panels down the front and around the neck, as well as three bars on the bell-shaped sleeves. The hood design is unique to the profession of Optometry. The velvet trim of the hood is seafoam green, the color that represents the academic discipline of Optometry. The length of the hood depicts the doctoral level of education while the field of the hood is specific for the University of Houston, red with a reverse white chevron.

The hooding ceremony and the formal conferring of the degrees by the Dean or the President represent the final acts of academic endorsement by the faculty of the College and the University.
Prelude
Selection performed by the Houston Lyric Brass

Processional
Triumphant March from Aida (Verdi)

National Anthem
Sung by Shari Wilkins ('93)

Welcome and Recognition of Distinguished Guests
Interim Dean Richard M. Alderman

Greetings from the University of Houston System Board of Regents
The Honorable Jarvis V. Hollingsworth (J.D. '93) Vice Chair

Welcome and Introductory Remarks
Renu Khator
President

Commencement Address
Melanie Lawson (Columbia University, J.D. '80)
News Anchor, KTRK-TV

Conferral of Degrees
President Khator

Hooding
Meredith Duncan
George Butler Research Professor of Law

Douglas Moll
Beirne, Maynard & Parsons, L.L.P.
Law Center Professor of Law

Welcome from Alumni
Bill Jackson ('92)
President, Law Alumni Association

Class Speaker
Russell Gifford
Class of 2013

Closing Remarks
Dean Alderman

Recessional
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 2013

Doctor of Jurisprudence

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Brian Edward Albert
Chidi Donald Anunobi
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Kevin Robert Baker
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Lillian Adele Baker
Justen Slater Barks
Katherine Annemarie Barnhill
Monica Anne Barone
Andrea Lee Barr
Joshua Adam Barron
Cia Nicole Bearden
Jerry Stephen Bergman
Lindsey Faires Blankenau
Paula Maia Bonavides
Darren A. Braun
Natasha Belle Breaux
Andrew Bridge
Jamie Elyse Brod
Collin Kneale Brodrick
Cristina Alicia Bruce
Christian Ryan Buchert
Blake A. Burkhardt
Andrew Campbell
Joshua Shawn Campbell
Logan Bauerle Campbell
Paige Allyson Cantrell
Jennifer Blair Caplan
Shaun Cassin
Kasi Nicole Chadwick
Margareth Chavez
Sireesha Valli Chirala
Peter Christie
John Ryan Cochran
Christopher Conatser
Joshua Alden Daniels
Nathaniel Delano Danko
Peter Drought Darnish
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Crystal Del Toro
Christopher Derrick
Justin Brian Dibbern
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Julia Etnosa Edenaru
Matthew Frederick Ezell
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Leah Martine Fiedler
Michael James Fillingame
Aman Zerizghi Fissihaye
David Emanuel Flores
Nicholaus Engelhard Floyd
Ashley Daniell Foret
Emiliano Fragoso
Jennifer Haemin Frank
Karol S. Fumaga
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Angeles Garcia
Rochelle Mercedes Garza
Erik Florian Gierczyn
Peter Joseph Gieseking
Russell Gifford
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Nicholas Bryant Gould
Dustin Will Graper
Joe Grdinovac
Melissa Gutierrez
Michael Melad Hanna
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Michael Preston Hayes
Jonathan Paul Heins
Steven Cruz Herrera
Kelly Diane Hickman
Michael Joseph Hoffman
Casey Elise Holder
John Tanner Honea
Brandy Alexandria Howard
Knox Briscoe Howe
Sandy Garcia Hoy
David Jonathan Hrnric
Alexander Christopher Hunt
Lee Burton Hunt
Rahat Huq
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Hussain Muhammad Imaam
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Kourtney Lee Osegueda
Khachatur Papanyan
Soohyun Park
Sarina Pasha
Sagar Patel
Katherine Lynn Petroski
Michael Pham
Ryan Sterling Pigg

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David Powell  
Priya Gyarapuram Prasad  
Sara McPherson Prasatik  
Poston Edward Pritchett  
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Dear University of Houston Graduate,

You have succeeded and your mission has been accomplished! Let me start by extending well-deserved congratulations to you, your family and friends who supported you during your time at UH. From this place and time, you will follow the path of more than 202,500 alumni who have walked before you as you pursue new professional and personal goals. In everything you do, in all that you will undoubtedly accomplish, your pride is shared by the entire UH alumni family.

We need alumni who are active, we need alumni who are involved, and we need alumni who take advantage of all the alumni association has to offer: show up to one of our networking events and maybe find a new job or a new client; stop by the alumni tailgate before football games to enjoy food and drinks with fellow Cougars; take advantage of discounted ticket offers to events at the Moores School of Music. Also, as a new grad, you are entitled to short-term medical insurance discounts. We make it easy for you to be an active Cougar.

As an active alumnus, not only will you receive many perks, but you’ll also help put dollars back into the university – dollars to fund scholarships, dollars to hire exceptional faculty, and dollars to upgrade the image and face of our institution.

Allow me to leave you with this parting advice: keep your Cougar connection strong! Whether your destiny takes you around the corner or around the world, always remember that you’re a Cougar, and always show it. Being an active alumnus is one of the best ways to do that, and we promise to make you as proud of your alma mater as we are proud of you.

With Best Wishes,

John Clarke ('82)
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