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NATIONAL ANTHEM
Moores School of Music Chorale

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY
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Associate Professor
College of Technology

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER
Shirley Ezell, Ph.D.

CONVOCATION ADDRESS
Tom Herman, M.Ed.
Head Coach
University of Houston Football Team

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Guest Speaker

Tom Herman was named Head Football Coach at the University of Houston on December 16, 2014 just one week after being named the 2014 Frank Broyles Award winner presented to the nation’s top assistant football coach. Herman has helped develop record-setting and explosive offenses in each of his 10 seasons as an offensive coordinator, including his three seasons in the position of OC/quarterbacks coach at Ohio State University where he helped the Buckeyes win the 2015 College Football Championship with College Football Playoff wins over Alabama and Oregon, and the 2014 Big Ten Football Championship with a 59-0 win over Wisconsin.

Herman, who was named the 2013 Rivals.com Big Ten Recruiter of the Year and national Top 25 recruiter, arrived in Columbus after spending three years as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Iowa State University.

Herman is no stranger to the state of Texas and to Houston. Herman spent 2007 and 2008 as offensive coordinator at Rice University before heading to Iowa State. During his two seasons with the Owls, his offenses broke over 40 school records and in his second season the Owls won 10 games and went to a bowl for the first time since 1954. Rice ranked in the Top 10 nationally in 2008 in passing offense, scoring offense, and total offense. Two Rice receivers had more than 1,300 yards receiving that year. Rice tight end and former Houston Texans James Casey, had 111 catches and quarterback Chase Clement was the Conference USA MVP.

Prior to Rice, Herman directed offensive attacks for two years (2005-06) at Texas State, where Bobcat squads led the Southland Conference in total offense. The 2005 Texas State club was eighth nationally in scoring and made a run to the FCS semifinals in the school’s first-ever appearance in the Division 1-AA playoffs. Herman also worked four years as an assistant coach at Sam Houston State, helping them to a pair of conference titles and trips to the FCS semifinals and quarterfinals.

Herman received Big 12 experience at Texas (1999-2000) serving as a graduate assistant with the offensive line on the Longhorns’ Cotton and Holiday Bowl teams after receiving his coaching start in 1998 as a wide receivers coach at Texas Lutheran.

Herman was born in Cincinnati and still has family there. He was raised in Simi Valley, Calif., and he played collegiately at California Lutheran, in Thousand Oaks, graduating in 1997 with a degree in business administration. He received a master’s in education from the University of Texas in 2000.

Herman and his wife, Michelle, have a daughter, Priya, and two sons, Maddock and Maverick.
Letter from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Today marks a major milestone in your lives—the day you officially transition from students to alumni. You’ve accomplished so much in your time at the Conrad N. Hilton College, and now you’ll build upon those experiences as you launch your careers.

Several factors have contributed to your success at the University of Houston: the support of your families and friends; encouragement from faculty and staff; and—most importantly—your own determination to learn, grow and accomplish your goals.

You’re now part of a global network of more than 7,000 Hilton College graduates, and the friendships you’ve made as students will serve as the foundation for great professional relationships in the coming years. Wherever your journey takes you, I encourage you to stay connected to your College. This is one of the finest hospitality programs in the world, but we need your support to continue to build upon that legacy.

The Spring Class of 2015 is among the best the College has ever produced and I know you’ll continue to serve as outstanding ambassadors for our program in all of your professional endeavors. On behalf of the entire Hilton College family, I offer my sincere congratulations to all of you.

Best wishes … and Go Coogs!

John Bowen, Ph.D., CHE
Dean of the College &
Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair
If you’re interested in a career in hospitality, the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management at the University of Houston is the place for you. Our graduates shine in all sectors of this booming global industry—lodging, restaurants, food & beverage management, casinos and gaming, events, spa management, sales, marketing and more.

A small college at a major university in the nation’s fourth-largest city, Hilton College offers students a real sense of community. Whether they’re pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management, a Master of Science in Hospitality Management or a Ph.D. in Hospitality Administration, our students benefit from world-class facilities—including our upscale teaching hotel, the Hilton University of Houston; our new, state-of-the-art wine-tasting lab; our student-run restaurant, Barron’s; and Cougar Grounds, our student-managed coffee shop—and from the skilled instruction of our experienced, award-winning faculty.

Consistently ranked among the top hospitality programs in the world, Hilton College emphasizes experiential learning in addition to more traditional, lecture-style teaching methods. This philosophy ensures our students gain practical, hands-on, real-world hospitality experience while they’re pursuing their degrees, so when they graduate, they’re well on their way to finding the job of their dreams.

We are known for producing quality hospitality professionals who make an immediate impact on the industry, so our students are highly sought-after by recruiters from across the globe. In fact, more than 80 percent of Hilton College students already have jobs lined up when they graduate!
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**University Honors with Honors in Major**
Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) and complete a senior honors thesis.

**University Honors**
Students who complete the Honors College curriculum and elect not to complete a senior honors thesis.

**Collegiate Honors and Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major**
Students who fulfill the requirements for the honors program in the college of their major, including 21 hours of honors courses; who complete an Honors College minor, or who complete 21 hours of approved honors courses. If students also complete a senior honors thesis, they graduate with Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major.

**Membership in The Honors College and Membership in The Honors College with Honors in Major**
Students who affiliate with the Honors College during their undergraduates years and complete fewer than 21 hours of honors courses. If students also complete a senior honors thesis and fulfill the requirements of their major with distinction, they graduate with Membership in The Honors College with Honors in Major.

**Honors in Major**
Students who complete a senior honors thesis but are not members of the Honors College.

**University Honors**
Niraj Bhavsar
Kadie Fields
Eugenia Gonzalez
Clara Snelson
Ashlyn Templeton

**Membership in The Honors College**
Elizabeth Russell
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Danny Arocha
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Jeremy L. Dafoe
Colleen Gleeson
Lori Osborn
Kevin Simon
Dawn Wolf-Taylor
Dear Graduates,

Graduation marks a milestone in your educational career. On behalf of our faculty and staff, I want to congratulate you on this significant achievement. As Dean of the College of Education, I am proud of your academic success and look forward to seeing your impact on our communities – through teaching, leadership, health promotion, counseling and research.

As an alumni and donor, I want to encourage you to participate with the College of Education Alumni Association and to stay connected to the College. There are multiple ways to give back, including specific designations to College of Education scholarships and programs. Learn more at www.coe.uh.edu.

Thank you for choosing the College of Education and for your desire to change the world. Our best wishes are with you as you continue your career aspirations. You are the pride.

Go Coogs!

Robert H. McPherson, Ph.D.
Dean & Professor, Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair
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The University of Houston’s College of Education prepares graduates to change the world - through teaching, leadership, health promotion, counseling and research. Currently, over 2,600 students are pursuing more than 30 undergraduate and graduate academic programs, both on campus and online.

Our programs exceed national standards for excellence, including accreditation by the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the American Psychological Association (APA). Our graduate program is ranked in the top 110 and our online programs are ranked #1 in the nation by the US News and World Report. The National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) Teacher Prep Review ranked two of our teacher prep programs in the top 5 nationwide.

Our Tier One faculty are world-renowned scholars with real-world experience in our communities. In addition to innovative, federally funded research projects, we have more American Education Research Association (AERA) fellows than any other Texas university.

Our alumni have deep ties in the community and continue to make an impact felt well beyond graduation. Not only have alumni been named local, state, and national teachers of the year, many of our graduates rise to leadership roles across the world.
College of Education
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**DOCTOR OF EDUCATION**

**Curriculum and Instruction**

Arthur Anthony Noel Beltran  
The Development of Invenciones  
De La Inventiva: The Experiences of a Non-Spanish Speaker Instructional Designer  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sara McNeil

Deborah Marie Butler  
Examining Teacher Knowledge: Building Bridges to Conquer Brick Walls  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Cheryl Craig

Jessica Collins  
Notes from the Trenches: A Confirmatory Factor Analysis of the Attitudinal Survey of Teachers’ Perceptions of Classroom Creativity  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Richard Olenchak

Xiongying Deng  
College Students’ Motivational Orientations and Chinese Language Learning  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Richard Olenchak

Ashleigh Franco  
Elementary Teacher Education Programs in Finland: Research-Based Practices and the Quality Teacher  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Cheryl Craig

Heather Jones  
State Mandated Summer Programs in Texas: Determining the Effect on High School Students’ English Test Scores  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Lee Mountain

Li Sun  
Characterizing Teachable Moments in Classrooms of Experienced Mathematics Teachers  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jennifer Chauvot

**Educational Leadership and Policy Studies**

Dana Arreola  
A Case Study of Differences in Fifth Grade Student Achievement Gains in Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension with Students Receiving Guided Reading Instruction and Students Receiving Direct Reading Instruction in Two School Settings within One Large Urban School District: Implications for School and District Leaders  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robin McGlohn

Aneka Bolden-Vancourt  
Case Study of the Attributes and Behaviors of Middle School Principals in Title I Schools  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robert Borneman

Cory Anthony Collins  
Administrative Leadership Effect on College Entrance Examination Participation and Performance  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Angus MacNeil

Julia Guajardo-Barrow  
An Examination of the Impact of Positive Normative Culture and Intentional Positive Peer Influence on Student Attitudes, Positive Behaviors, and Achievement in Reading and Math  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robin McGlohn

Darryl Henson  
A Study of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme on Ninth Grade Student Achievement  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robert Borneman

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Sylvia Idrogo
A Program Evaluation of READ 180 Reading Intervention Program: Administrators’, Teachers’, and Students’ Perceptions of the Impact of the Read 180 Reading Intervention Program on Seventh and Eighth Grade Middle School Students with Learning Disabilities in One Large Urban School District
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robin McGlohn

Wiley Lee Johnson III
State Takeovers of School Districts: A Review of a Case District
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Augustina Reyes

Karen Turner Matt
The Principal’s Role in Teacher Retention: Learning Through Reflective Analysis
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Cheryl Craig

Sharonda Newby
The Impact of Thinking Maps Instruction on Reading Comprehension of 3rd Grade Students in a Large Urban School District: Implications for School Leaders
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robin McGlohn

Shawn B. Nickerson
Gomez and Gomez Dual Language Enrichment Model: Is it Keeping the Promise for Ells?
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robert Borneman

Gladys Appranette Smith
Teachers’ and Administrators’ Perceptions of a New Multi-Measure Teacher Evaluation System in Texas: Implications for School and District Leaders
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robin McGlohn

Tammica Traylor-Craft
Is Parental Involvement a Predictor of Academic Achievement?
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Cheryl Craig

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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Psychological, Health and Learning Sciences**
*(Formerly known as Educational Psychology)*

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Factors Affecting Daytime Dryness in Preschoolers with Autism Spectrum Disorder: The Contributions of Child-Specific Characteristics and Treatment History
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sarah Mire

Maryam Hussain
How American Am I?: Creation and Evaluation of an Instrument to Assess Immigrant American Identity
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Richard Olenchak

Laura A. Tayor Jacobs
Multicultural Efficacy in the Educational Context: An examination of experience, ethnic identity and racial attitudes among pre-service secondary educators
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Richard Olenchak

Neely Kim
A Community Intervention for Educating Young Adult Dropouts Through the Creation of Caring Relationships: A Case Study of Community Renewal International Breaking the Cycle of Isolation
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Yali Zou

Emily Alice Messa
Measuring Up: Are Performance Appraisals Effective Measures of Accountability for University Staff?
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Catherine Horn

Amber Mayo Mollhagen
Considering Racial/Ethnic Diversity Experience as a Predictor of Success for Graduate Social Work Students
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Undergraduate Help-Seeking on College Campuses: A Case Study of Predictive Factors of Individual Help-Seeking and How Institutional Factors Influence Help-Seeking From the Campus Counseling Center
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Evelyn Rae Perez
School Climate: Educators’ Traits, Perceptions, and Reactions to Aggressive Behavior
ADVISOR: Dr. Bradley Smith

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Contributions of Academic Contingent Self-Worth and Math Self-Efficacy to Self-Handicapping and Math Test Performance
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