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University of Houston
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Convocation
Friday, December 18, 2015, 2 p.m.
Hofheinz Pavilion

**PROCESSIONAL**
Moores School of Music Brass Quintet
Honorary Grand Marshall Lawrence Curry, Ph.D.
*Professor Emeritus*
College Banner Bearers
Associate Marshalls
Faculty
Candidates for Graduation
Platform Party

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS**
UH Air Force ROTC Color Guard

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
ManCorps

**WELCOME**
Dr. Lawrence Curry, Ph.D.

**INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY AND OPENING ADDRESS**
Dennis Reynolds, Ph.D.
*Dean, Barron Hilton Distinguish Chair*  
*Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management*

**PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS**
Agnes DeFranco, Ed.D.
*Professor, Conrad Hilton Distinguish Chair*  
*Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management*
PRESENTATION OF

DEGREE CANDIDATES

DOCTORAL CANDIDATES
Robert McPherson, Ph.D.
Dean & Professor, Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair
College of Education

MASTERS CANDIDATES
Neil Eldin, Ph.D.
Interim Dean
College of Technology

BACHELORS CANDIDATES
Dennis Reynolds, Ph.D.

ALMA MATER
ManCorps

CLOSING REMARK
Robert McPherson, Ph.D.

RECESSIONAL
Moores School of Music Brass Quintet
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 Fall 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!

Dennis Reynolds
Dean of the College &
Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair
Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management

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!
CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

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Russell Jordan Crandall
Quyen Le Duong
Lu Gan
Diana Hawk
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Hillary Elizabeth Norwood
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Hua Shao
Indira Ximena Soltero Pineda
John Nguyen Tran
Christina Rosamond Woods
Pei Wen Yang

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Savannah Baker
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Baehoon Choi
Isaac H. Choi

Danish Saleem Chranya
Victoria Renee Coker
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Larry Montgomery ³
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Sophie Pauline Mulvaney ³
Noelia Narro ³
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Samantha Taylor Neumann
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Hue T. Nguyen
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Denzil L. Pitts
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Julia Lynn Richey ³
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Daniela Rivera ²
Raquel Patricia Rodriguez
Patrick Anthony Sanchez
Hannah Saucier
Courtney Scala
Ana C. Seguro
Ahmad Zaahir Shareef ²
Amber D. Smith
Jeseca Lee Smith
Lauren Elizabeth Barrett Smith
Michael Smithson ²
Hyun Pil So ³

Rebekah Faith Stearns
Josie Grace Steinkamp
Stephanie Elise Stirling
Tricia Elizabeth Tebo
Camila Tejeda ³
Varil Milan Thakkar
Zahra Alinda Thammarangsri
Crystal Ann Thibodeaux
Shaqueria Monét Tomlinson
Thao Thi Thanh Tran ²
Tien Tran ²
Mariana Vargas ³
Andres Velasco
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Maria Claudia Vertiz
Stefania Viviani Vasquez
Jazleigh S. Walker
Van D. Ware II
Jassiah Elsa Weberhofer
Nathan N. White
Gina Rene Whitley
David Jeffrey Wicoff
Alison A. Williams
Jeremy Lamar Williams
Austin Jeffrey Windom
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Spec’s Charitable Foundation Professor in Social Responsibility, Attorney

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Lecturer

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Priyanko Guchait
Assistant Professor

Rachel Han
Assistant Professor

Alexis Hoey
Lecturer

Camille Kapoor
Lecturer

Kenneth Kaser
Sugar Land Program Director, Recruiter

Yoon Koh
Assistant Professor
Thomas W. Lattin  
*Visiting Assistant Professor, Curtis L. Carlson Fellow*

Juan M. Madera  
*Associate Professor*

Cristian Morosan  
*Assistant Professor*

Jay Neal  
*Associate Professor*

Ronald A. Nykiel  
*Professor Emeritus, Former Conrad N. Hilton Distinguished Chair*

Erin Oeser-Goodell  
*Lecturer, Executive Director of Gourmet Night*

Lori Osborn  
*Director of Career Development & Placement, Lecturer*

Arlene D. Ramirez  
*Lecturer*

Gloryvee Ramos  
*Lecturer*

Clinton L. Rappole  
*Professor Emeritus, former Eric Hilton Distinguished Chair*

Mark Riley  
*Lecturer*

Kevin S. Simon  
*Director of Undergraduate Studies, Director of Fred Parks Wine Outreach Programs, Lecturer*

Sujata Sirsat  
*Assistant Professor*

D. Christopher Taylor  
*Director of the Beverage Management Program & Fred Parks Wine Cellar, Assistant Professor*

Karl Titz  
*Associate Professor*

Elizabeth Ann Whalen  
*Lecturer, Executive Director of AH&LA Information Center*

Mark E. Young  
*Archivist, Historian*
The Honors College at the University of Houston offers students special opportunities to develop their academic abilities. Below are the Honors College honors designations.

**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 undergraduate 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.

Membership in The Honors College
Rosie Rebollar
Many thanks to our volunteers for their help in making this event a success.

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Miguel Cabrera
Dianca Chase
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Dawn Deurell
Colleen Gleeson
Jennifer Glickman
Alexis Hoey
Lori Osborn
Kevin Simon
Dawn Wolf-Taylor
Letter from the Dean

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!

Bob

Robert H. McPherson, Ph.D.
Dean & Professor, Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair
College of Education

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.
Fall 2015

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction
Lana K. Coble
Analysis of Undergraduate Student Success on the National AC Level 1 Certification Exam
ADVISOR: Dr. Sara McNeil

Glen Russell IV
The Impact of Offering Students Choice in Close Reading on Their Attitudes and Achievement
ADVISOR: Dr. Lee Mountain

Caley A. Satterfield
Academic Skills Building through Global Health
ADVISOR: Dr. Bernard Robin

Susan Ann Vincent Troutman
Examining the Evolution of a University Summer Campus Program for Mathematics Teachers
ADVISOR: Dr. Jennifer Chauvet

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
Isabelle Ait-Chalalet
A Phenomenology Study of Educational Leadership in Health Sciences Education Within a Cohort-Based Doctorate
ADVISOR: Dr. Sara McNeil

Yalcin Akyildiz
An Examination of Principals’ and Assistant Principals’ Perceptions Regarding the Knowledge, Skills, and Attributes Needed For Their Current Job Role to Lead Schools
ADVISOR: Dr. Angus MacNeil

Trevor Michael Burt
Variance among Resident and Faculty Survey Results: A Comparative Analysis of Responses to the Internal GME-Administered and External ACGME-Administered Surveys
ADVISOR: Dr. Margaret Watson

Courtney Nicole Busby
The Differences that Exist Between the Dropout Rates for African American male students enrolled in Career Academies and those that are not enrolled in Career Academies
ADVISOR: Dr. Anthony Rolle

Yolanda M. Calhoun
A Case Study of an Early College High School: Students’, Teachers’, and Administrators’ Perceptions of the Benefits and Challenges Experienced While Attending an Early College High School, Factors Influencing Program Completion, and Strategies that Increase Successful Completion
ADVISOR: Dr. Virginia Snodgrass-Rangel

Connor Anderson Cook
An Evaluation of a Middle School’s English Language Arts Pre-AP Program
ADVISOR: Dr. Angus MacNeil

Tabitha Sundrell Davis
An Examination of High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teachers’, CTE Program Directors’ and Campus Administrators’ Perceptions of CTE Teacher Recruitment, Development, and Retention Efforts In a Large Urban School District
ADVISORS: Dr. Angus MacNeil and Dr. Robin McGlohn

Shirley D’Anne Dupree
Preparing and Retaining Quality Teachers: What Public Education Leaders Should Know
ADVISOR: Dr. Angus MacNeil

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Ahmed A. Eid  
Factors and Attributes Related to Training Transfer in Healthcare Professionals  
Participating in Quality Improvement Training  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Margaret Watson

Julie Lynn English  
Teacher’s Perceptions of Leadership Practices in the Implementation of Professional Learning Communities  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Angus MacNeil

Jennifer Renee Fairchild  
An Analysis of Executive Leadership Beliefs That Contribute to District Financial Stability  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robert Borneman

Humberto Alejandro Gallardo  
A Comparison of Leadership Practices Between Principals of High And Low Performing Title I Elementary Schools With English Language Learners Within The Same Suburban School District  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robert Borneman

Jerry E. Gibson  
An Examination of School District Superintendents Perceptions of Processes and Strategies that are Successful in Passing a School Bond Referendum in School Districts not Experiencing Growth in Student Population with a Total Enrollment of One Thousand to Thirty-five Hundred Students.  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robin McGlohn

Melody L. Goffney  
An Examination of the Perceptions of Texas Public School Assistant Principals Regarding Their Preparation for the Principalship: Implications for School and District Leaders  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Angus MacNeil

Kristi K. Honoré  
An Examination of the Effectiveness of an Early College High School on Student Performance, Attendance Rates, Graduation Rates and Dropout Rates: Implications for School Leaders  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Angus MacNeil

Bonnie L. Hubert  
An Inconvenient Truth: A Comparative Empirical Analysis of Expenditure Choices between Cost-Effective and Cost-Ineffective Texas Schools Districts  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Anthony Rolle

Carolyn P. Huynh  
Comparison of Third-Year-Dental Students’ Interpretation Competency Scores Using Conventional and Digital Radiographs  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Margaret Watson

Tom Minh Le  
Where Are All of the Asian American STEM Educators?: A Multi-case Study on Barriers, Motivations, and Recruitment  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Wayne Emerson

Lateki Lewis  
Acculturation Strategies of Chinese International Undergraduate Students  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Catherine Horn

Sergio Lira  
An Examination of the Problem of Failing Algebra For Title I At-Risk Students in A Large Urban Comprehensive High School  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Angus MacNeil

Daniel Lopez  
Beliefs of Leadership Practices and their Influence on the Implementation of Professional Learning Communities  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Angus MacNeil
Dominic Bernard Madrid
A Case Study of the Influence of Professional Friendships Among Teachers On Teacher Retention, School Culture, and Student Performance
ADVISOR: Dr. Angus MacNeil

Christyn Marie McCann
An Analysis of Educational Achievement: An Evaluation of the Advancement Via Individual Determination Program in a Midsized Gulf Coast School District
ADVISOR: Dr. Angus MacNeil

Margo Y. Melchor
Cultural Perspective of Dental Students in Community Learning
ADVISOR: Dr. Bernard Robin

John Paul Mrozek
Early Identification of the At-risk Student: Using a Survey Instrument to Facilitate Retention in a Health Professional Doctoral Degree Program
ADVISOR: Dr. Bernard Robin

Joseph L. Nolte
An Examination of the Beliefs of Texas High School Principals on the Impact of Extracurricular Participation on Student Academic Performance
ADVISOR: Dr. Angus MacNeil

Richard L. Parr Jr.
Investigating the Effects of Sustained Professional Development on Campus and District Mathematics Programs: An Analysis of the Rice University Mathematics Leadership Institute
ADVISOR: Dr. Angus MacNeil

Michael Ramcharan
An Assessment of Musculoskeletal Medicine Deficiencies in Chiropractic Education: A Survey of Chiropractic Clinical Clerks
ADVISOR: Dr. Bernard Robin

Gloria Maria Spencer
Baseline Assessment of Nurses’ “Knowledge and Attitudes Regarding Pain”
ADVISOR: Dr. Sara McNeil

Tamika M. Taylor
An Examination of Parental Involvement of Parents in Title I and Non Title I Schools and Their Beliefs Regarding Parent Involvement in One Southeast Texas School District
ADVISORS: Dr. Angus MacNeil and Dr. Robin McGlohn

Hedith S. Upshaw
A Longitudinal Study of a Bilingual Education Program Versus English as a Second Language (ESL) Program: A Study of Two Programs
ADVISOR: Dr. Robert Borneman

Lillian W. Wanjagi
Course Withdrawal as a Student Attrition Factor
ADVISOR: Dr. Catherine Horn

Christella G. Whitcher
Primary Team Nursing (PTN) and TeamSTEPPS® as an Intervention for Change
ADVISOR: Dr. Sara McNeil

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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

Cashuna Trinese Huddleston
Racial and Gender Discrimination Among Black Women: An Examination of Health Locus of Control as a Moderator of Maladaptive Eating Behaviors
ADVISOR: Dr. Nathan Smith

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Mertie Margaret Miller-Gomez
An Analysis of Cattell-Horn-Carroll Cognitive Abilities Relating to Academic Achievement Among Students in Grades First through Fifth Grades
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

Fan Wu
Exploring College Engineering Students’ Choices, Effort, Persistence, and Continuation from Expectancy-Value Theory’s Perspective
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Weihua Fan

**MASTER OF EDUCATION**

**Curriculum and Instruction**
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Heather Celeste Grosso
Sara Beth Gutierrez
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Thai Minh Tam Le
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Yulia Alicia Rathgeber
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**Educational Leadership and Policy Studies**
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Melissa Taylor Vrionis  
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**Bachelor of Arts**

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**Bachelor of Science**

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Ikram Hersi  
Uroosa Begum Hussain  
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Van Phan
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Stephanie Portillo
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Dahlia Alejandra Quiroga
Jocelyn Reyes
Roxana D. Rivas Barahona
Emily Rodriguez
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Kristina Alexis Davila
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Ashton Taylor de Cardenas
Priscilla De La Rosa
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Michael A. Do
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Christina Espinosa
Theresa Renee Fuller
Yesenia Nunez Garcia
Tiffany Evette Garrett
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Lindsay Michelle Ham
Jazmine Hawkins
Bria Aleece Haynie
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Reah Lynn Kelly
Sepideh Kharrat
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Heather Rae Komasa
Ashlie Raelyne Krowski
Jennifer Lauren Kurtz
Phu Ba Le
Brenda Y Lozano
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Miranda Blair Maness
Danielle Renee Martinez
Nisha Courtney Mathews
Janeli Milan
Crystal Erica Morales
Stephanie Marie Morales
Ifran Nasir
Valerie Navarro
Maria Dolores Nolasco
Ikenna Oscar Nwokem
Jessica M. Orozco
Crystal Ortiz
Jalisha Osagie
Jessica Jasmin Pacheco
Edna Paredes
Shreena Dinesh Patel
Maddison Danae Peveto
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Lauren Ashlee Potter
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Tara Prier
Erica Renee Rodriguez
Nilda R. Rodriguez
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I would like to personally congratulate you on your graduation from the University of Houston College of Technology. With the conclusion of today’s proceedings you will have attained a major personal goal. I have no doubt that whatever new goals you set for yourself will also be met with enthusiasm and self-assurance.

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Please remember that we will always be your College and it is our pleasure to be here to serve you and our community in any way we can.

Congratulations again and may your achievements in life be many and fulfilling.

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The College of Technology began in 1941 when local firms contributed funds for the third permanent building on campus for the new School of Technology. The first technical institute programs to be initiated by the new college in 1945 were also the first engineering technology programs in the state of Texas, accredited by the Engineers Council for Professional Development. By 1962, the College of Technology offered 16 programs-9 vocational and 7 engineering technology programs. By 1968, the college was granting a Bachelor of Science in Technology degree.

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