Letter from the Dean

Congratulations on your graduation from the University of Houston! Earning a college degree represents an important milestone in your life, one that required dedication, discipline, and perseverance. As Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, together with the entire faculty and staff of the College, I applaud your accomplishment. We are so pleased to recognize and honor you and all our summer graduates in our College Convocation.

The qualities you demonstrated in completing your degree will serve you well as you enter this new phase of your life. We hope that your education at the University of Houston and in this College forms a solid foundation for your future personal and professional life. We have aimed to challenge your thinking, enhance your understanding and deepen your appreciation of the world in all its complexity and diversity. As a new graduate, you now have the opportunity to contribute to society the knowledge and skills you have acquired here.

The College is delighted to welcome you into the ranks of our alumni. I hope you will keep in touch with your classmates and maintain strong ties with the University of Houston. We truly need the energy and support of all our graduates as the University of Houston joins the ranks of the nation’s leading urban universities.

Please accept my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Steven Craig
Interim Dean
The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) is a dynamic academic environment dedicated to the study of human creativity and society, as well as our mental and physical capabilities and conditions. The largest and most diverse of the 14 colleges at the University of Houston, CLASS is home to 15 schools and departments, encompassing humanities and social sciences.

Undergraduate and graduate majors cover the full range of the human experience - from anthropology to human space exploration sciences. The College also offers social and cultural analysis in African American, Mexican American, Women’s, Gender and Sexuality, and other interdisciplinary studies programs.

CLASS extends its scholarship to the university, city of Houston, and nation through its policy, research and cultural centers, which include the Hobby Center for Public Policy and the University Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic.

The College’s goal is to stimulate and expand students’ cultural, mental, and physical explorations through rich course offerings, learning abroad programs, and campus events. We encourage students to delve into the questions of life while building critical and analytical skills that animate professions and launch successful careers.

Our 345 permanent faculty members educate nearly 10,000 undergraduate majors and minors and 1,200 graduate students, preparing them for future studies and professional achievements.

By accessing and using new communication and research tools, CLASS students increase their reasoning skills, cultural awareness, and ethical judgment. That foundation gives them the capacity to pursue their passions.

CLASS graduates are tomorrow’s economists, journalists, diplomats, lawyers, and doctors. Whatever they choose to do in life, CLASS graduates are prepared to make meaningful contributions to multi-cultural societies and global economies.
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Ceremony Agenda
Friday, December 16, 2016, 9 a.m.
Hofheinz Pavilion

Prelude and Processional  ManCorps
Presentation of the Colors  University of Houston Air Force ROTC
National Anthem  ManCorps
Welcome Address  Steven Craig
Professor of Economics
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Introduction of Platform Party  Interim Dean Craig
Honors College Candidates Recognition  Lawrence Curry
Professor Emeritus
Recognition of Honors  Lawrence Curry
Professor Emeritus
Recognition of Graduate Candidates  Catherine Patterson
Associate Dean of Graduate Studies
Presentation of Candidates for Graduation  Beth Olson and Richard Armstrong
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Special Notes

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Graduates will not be re-entering the building after departure from the ceremony. You can meet them outside the Holman Street or Cullen Boulevard doors.

Air horns are subject to removal.

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Creative Writing
Yerra Sugarman
Spirit and Particle
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Kinesiology
Amber Michelle Chelette
The Effect of Age, Cognition and Context on Human Responses to Tendon Vibration
ADVISOR: Dr. Charles Layne

Hawley Elise Kunz
The Impact of Exercise and Adrenergic Receptor Signaling on Viral Specific T Cell Mobilization and Expansion in Healthy Humans
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Stefan Ishan Madansingh
Leveraging Sensorimotor Adaptive Generalizability to Minimize Dynamic Fall Risk
ADVISOR: Dr. Charles Layne

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN HISPANIC STUDIES

Marino Carlos Segura Beltran
Análisis descriptivo y contrastivo del esquema condicional potencial en la variedad del Español de América
ADVISOR: Dr. Manuel J. Gutiérrez

Lilia Cristina Campos
Revolución y tabú: el Bildungsroman mexicano de la primera mitad del siglo XX
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Yesenia Chavez
El léxico español de los estudiantes de herencia de secundaria en Houston
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-ra/-se Variation in Spain from Early Castilian to Modern Spanish: A Diachronic Multifactorial Analysis
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Historical Memory, Proto-Nationalism, and Nationalism in Mexico: Southwestern Puebla from 1519 to 1862
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“If you do not like the past, change it”: The Reel Civil Rights Revolution, Historical Memory, and the Making of Utopian Pasts
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Keeping Rapunzel: The Mysterious Guardianship of Joan of Flanders and the Case for Feudal Constraint
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Beyond Borders: A History of Mobility, Labor, and Imperialism in Southern Tanzania
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Three Essays on the Dynamics of Legislatures in Monarchical Regimes: Kuwait’s National Assembly
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Clinical Psychology
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Cross-cultural Reliability of the Specific Affect Coding System of Couples Interactions
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Customer Service Orientation and Service Behavior
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A General Sense of Belonging at Work as a Job Resource Relates to Workplace Safety: A Test and Extension of the Job Demands-Resources Model Related to Workplace Safety
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Managing Role Boundaries with Low Value Congruence: An Examination of Work-to-Family Conflict, Conscientiousness, and Unethical Work Behavior Intentions
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Caring Company Culture: Reducing Emotional Exhaustion
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Gowns: The bachelor’s gown has long pointed sleeves; the master’s gown has an oblong sleeve open at the wrists (some older gowns may be open near the upper part of the arm); the doctoral gown is fuller than the others with full-length velvet panels on the front and three velvet crossbars on each sleeve in black or in the color distinctive to the academic discipline of the wearer’s degree.

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Caps: The black mortarboard is the most common cap used. The tassel fastened to the center of the cap is black, although it may be the color appropriate to the subject of the degree. The tassel for the doctor’s cap may be of gold thread. Candidates for bachelor’s degrees wear the tassels on the right side, shifting it to the left side after being awarded their degrees. Candidates for master’s and doctoral degrees wear their tassels on the left side from the outset and do not shift them after receiving their degree.

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| Hood: Dark Blue  
| Tassel: Old Gold |
| MASTER’S DEGREE | Gown: Black  
| Hood: Citron  
| Tassel: Black |
| BACHELOR’S DEGREE | Gown: Black  
| Tassel: Citron |
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