



University of Houston
School of Nursing

Graduation and Pinning Ceremony

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Letter from the Dean

Dear Nursing Graduates,

You are exemplary nursing graduates from the University of Houston! You have earned the BSN or MSN degree and you are now UH Nurses ready to be pinned with a UH Nursing pin. You mark a historic moment for the University of Houston by your presence here today – both for graduation and pinning! Thank you for being a student at the University of Houston and thank you for choosing to be a nurse!

Your education at the School of Nursing has equipped you to embark upon your career as a nurse leader and nurse clinician. During your time at the University of Houston as a nursing student, you have collectively spent thousands of hours in clinical, classroom, simulation labs, travelling abroad, and volunteering, thus adding to the strength and vibrancy of our community and our profession.

I look forward to seeing the impact your careers and professional contributions will have on the future of healthcare and nursing. You will have many experiences and opportunities in your career and I look forward to hearing about them all as you practice nursing in the Houston area, our State, the nation, and around the world.

As lifelong learners I invite you to stay connected with your School of Nursing. We welcome and invite you to become “life members” of the UH Alumni Association. You will always have a special honor by being a UH Nurse. You will be reminded of this distinct honor each time you wear your nursing pin, engage with the School of Nursing or the University of Houston.

Congratulations **Cougar Nurses!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Tart".

Kathryn M. Tart, EdD, MSN, RN
Founding Dean and Professor

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Speaker

JARVIS V. HOLLINGSWORTH is a partner in the Houston, Texas office of the international law firm of Bracewell LLP and has a fiduciary practice counseling boards of directors/trustees of public and private companies and

government and education entities on their fiduciary duties, corporate governance and director liability. He serves on the firm's six-member Management Committee, and is also a member of the firm's Finance and Political Action committees.

Mr. Hollingsworth served as a Regent on the Board of the University of Houston System from 2009-2015 where he served as Chairman of the Board and Chair of the Endowment, Finance, Executive and Compensation committees during his tenure. From 2002-2008, Mr. Hollingsworth served as a Trustee on the Board of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS), 2005-2008 as board chair and also as chair of the Audit, Policy, Compensation and Chief Investment Officer Search committees during his TRS tenure.

Mr. Hollingsworth's legal, business and financial expertise, and his commitment to community, have earned him numerous awards from many organizations. Among other recognitions, Black Enterprise magazine has previously named him as one of the 75 Most Powerful Blacks on Wall Street. Most recently, in 2015, Mr. Hollingsworth was recognized with the Outstanding Education Achievement Award from the Houston Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association, and in 2016, he was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award by the North Houston Frontiers Club. Texas Monthly magazine has repeatedly named Mr. Hollingsworth one of its Texas Super Lawyers. He is a former member of the board of directors of the State Bar of Texas.

Prior to his legal career, Mr. Hollingsworth served for several years as a Captain on active and reserve duty in the United States Army. Among other military decorations, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal for his service. A native of Fayette, Alabama, Mr. Hollingsworth received his Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Florence Nightingale Pledge

“I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to faithfully practice my profession of nursing. I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards and practices of my profession.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling. I will assist other healthcare providers and will devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen and take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of the community.

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely. I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill wherever they may be and whenever they are in need.

I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of humankind.”

— *Author Unknown*

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PROCESSIONAL	The Four Seasons – <i>Vivaldi</i>
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Dr. Kathryn Tart <i>Founding Dean and Professor</i>
SPEAKER	Jarvis Hollingsworth, JD
DESCRIPTION OF PIN	Dean Tart
PRESENTATION AND PINNING OF BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES	Dean Tart and School of Nursing Faculty
PRESENTATION, HOODING AND PINNING OF MASTER'S CANDIDATES	Dean Tart and School of Nursing Faculty
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE AND LIGHTING CEREMONY	Lee Anne Lightfoot <i>Assistant Clinical Professor</i>
FAREWELL FROM THE FACULTY	Dr. Kathleen Reeve <i>Associate Dean and Clinical Professor</i> <i>Master's Program Manager</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Tart
RECESSIONAL	Alma Mater music

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GRADUATING STUDENTS

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Fall 2016

SECOND DEGREE BSN GRADUATES

Syed Hassan Abbas ⁴
Jennifer M. Aguilar
Lauren Elizabeth Aiple ⁴
Sayeeda M. Ali ⁴
Ijeoma O. Anyanwu ⁴
Caitlin Elissa Bearicks
Kathryn Shelby Bernal
Sharleen Botero ^{3,4}
Erika Danielle Brown ³
Kelsey M. Brown ⁴
Lindsey Burkholer
Mauricio Campos
Ashley Monae Clay
Ryan Blake Collins
Carolina Cornel
Amanda Christine Crandell ^{1,4}
Olivia Margaret Culver
Kaitlan Ann Dziuk ^{2,4}
Christina Rene Fenner ⁴
Cheryl George ⁴
Joana Consuelo Gonzalez
Tara Lynn Heath
Nicole Mariely Hidalgo ^{2,4}
Samuel Joseph Hopkins ⁴
Hannah Nicole Hyde
Kayla Marie Juhl ⁴
Iris Abigail Machuca
Denice Hilda Mayorga
Ashton Munch McPartland ⁴
Farrah Bano Momin ⁴

Rose Nawrocki
Thy Thi Nguyen
Vanessa M. Nuñez ⁴
Agnes N. Okoronkwo
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Dyamon Deshelle Va Pickens
Jennifer Marie Pickett
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Morgan Schaefer ^{3,4}
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Joanna Lynn Smith ^{3,4}
Carlos I. Sosa ⁴
Macy A. Sourdellia ⁴
Kirstin Marie Stenoien
Hailee L. Suisse
Tsai-Ying Wang
Rachel Renee Weidenfeller
Bailey L. Wind
Rameez Omar Zaveri

MASTER'S GRADUATES

Melissa Barrera Goode ⁴
Emilyn Tolentino Rodriguez ⁴
Mary Margaruite Ruiz ⁴
Doreen D. Singh

POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

Olufunke Kehinde Ajayi

¹ Summa Cum Laude Honors - ² Magna Cum Laude Honors - ³ Cum Laude Honors - ⁴ Sigma Theta Tau International member

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Founding Dean and Professor

Kathleen Reeve, DrPH, ANP-BC, FNP-C
Associate Dean and Clinical Professor

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Assistant Clinical Professor/RN to BSN Manager

Lee Anne Lightfoot, MS, RN, NE-BC
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Founding Dean and Professor

Tammy Whatley, BAAS

Director, Student Affairs (College)

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The pin was created by the Pinning Committee in 2015. The pin was designed with thought, precision, and unity. The goals of the design were to represent the school, profession, and contribution to society. The interlocking UH in the center of the circle represents the student's journey and partnership with the University

of Houston and relationships formed along the way. The color red represents passion, advocacy, love, caring, and leadership which are values of UH nursing. The placement of the BSN or MSN on the banner represents the nursing profession and the culmination of the nursing student's focus. The pin is a symbol of the student's ultimate goal of earning their nursing degree.

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Academic Regalia

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BACHELOR'S DEGREE *Tassel: Apricot*

MASTER'S DEGREE *Hood: Apricot*
Tassel: Black

Gold Cords

Undergraduate students who complete the degree requirements with academic honors with the following grade point averages earned in the last fifty-four (54) hours completed at the University of Houston:

3.90 TO 4.0 Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)

3.70 TO 3.89 Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)

3.50 TO 3.69 Cum Laude (with Honors)

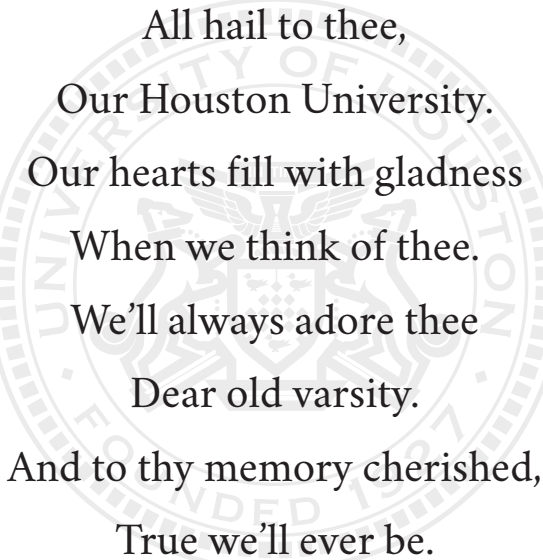
Purple Cords

Sigma Theta Tau International, Phi Chi Chapter, the only international honor society in Nursing.

Red and White Cords

Spirit cords indicating philanthropy to the School of Nursing.

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