Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management

Established in 1969 by one of the most iconic names in the hospitality industry, Conrad N. Hilton, Hilton College is a world leader in hospitality education. We offer undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees in hotel and restaurant management, hospitality management, global hospitality business and hospitality administration, respectively, as well as a minor in beverage management and marketing.

A small college at a major Tier One research university in the nation’s fourth-largest city, Hilton College offers students a real sense of community. Our students benefit from world-class facilities – including our upscale teaching hotel, the Hilton University of Houston; a state-of-the-art wine-tasting lab; a student-run restaurant, Barron’s; and Cougar Grounds, our student-managed coffee shop – and from the skilled instruction of our experienced, award-winning faculty. Our classes, which emphasize experiential learning in addition to more traditional, lecture-style teaching methods, ensure our students gain practical, hands-on, real-world hospitality experience while pursuing their degrees. When they graduate, they are well on their way to finding the job of their dreams.

We are also known for producing quality hospitality professionals who make an immediate impact on the industry, so our graduates are highly sought-after by recruiters from across the globe. In fact, more than 89 percent of our students already have jobs lined up when they graduate!

And with our industry connections nearly 50 years in the making, there is no better place for students interested in hospitality to study, learn and succeed in incredible careers the world over. At Hilton College, we prepare the hospitality leaders of tomorrow. We ARE hospitality!
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 7,500 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 2017 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
University of Houston
Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management

Convocation
Saturday, May 13, 2017, 10 a.m.
Cullen Performance Hall

PROCESSIONAL
College Banner Bearer
Candidates for Graduation
Platform Party
Faculty

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
UH Army ROTC Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Andrea Montano

WELCOME AND OPENING ADDRESS
Mary Dawson, Ed.D.
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Donald H. Hubbs Professorship

STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS
Lydia C. Liou (’17)

AND INTRODUCTION
OF CONVOCATION SPEAKER
Scott McClelland
President of Houston Food/Drug Division
H-E-B

INTRODUCTION
OF MASTERS DEGREE CANDIDATES
Ki-Joon Back, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies
Eric Hilton Distinguished Chair

PRESENTATION
OF MASTERS DEGREE CANDIDATES
Yoon Koh, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

INTRODUCTION OF BACHELORS
ACADEMIC HONORS AND
DEGREE CANDIDATES
Juan Madera, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

PRESENTATION OF BACHELORS
DEGREE CANDIDATES
Simone P. Doudna
Lecturer

ALUMNI ADDRESS AND
PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI AWARD
FOR SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE
Michael Alcorn (’07)
Board President
Conrad N. Hilton College Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF DEAN’S AWARD
AND CLOSING REMARKS
Mary Dawson, Ed.D.

RECESSIONAL
Scott McClelland is the President of H-E-B’s Houston Division.

Scott has worked at H-E-B since 1990 after a 10 year career at Frito Lay. He served in a number of Marketing and Operations positions before moving to Houston and becoming the Division President.

Under McClelland’s leadership, H-E-B’s has grown from an 11% to a market leading 27% share by opening larger stores with a heavy emphasis on low prices, locally sourced products and tailored assortment based on the neighborhoods around each store. Scott is the local face for H-E-B, starring in TV commercials along with JJ Watt, Craig Biggio and other local notables.

H-E-B strives to be a good corporate citizen and as such Scott serves on numerous local boards, including the Greater Houston Partnership where he serves on the Executive Board and also chairs the Education Advisory Committee. Scott is the former board chair of the Houston Food Bank and headed their $56mm capital campaign to fund the construction of the largest food bank warehouse in the United States. Scott spearheaded Houston Super Bowl of Caring Food Drive, which is now the largest in the state and annually collects over 2 million pounds of food for Houston’s hungry. In addition, he sits on the boards of Memorial Hermann Hospitals, Early Matters and Brighter Bites.

McClelland received his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern California and graduated from Harvard’s Advanced Management Program.
MASTER OF SCIENCE

Dani Augi
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Nafiseh Gonabadi
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Yongwook Ju
Dan Li
Dancong Li
Danning Li
Muhan Li
Xiaolong Li
Jiacheng Liu
Anqi Luo
Zoheb Nizarali Manesia
Xi Mao
Sazmin Nizarali Momin
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Neil Pravinchandra Patel
Jessica Paul
Diego Perez Silva
Derek Aubrey Reihl
Marisa Ritter
Benjamin Samuel Scott
Kai Sun
Laura Victora Trujillo
Sara Varano
Jingwei Wang
Mengfan Wang
Sophie Shuyao Yang
Jingyun Ye
Kimberly Nicole Zabaneh
Hengjun Zhang
Kai Zhang

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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Sania Saud Ahmed
Memorie B. Allen
Generoso Alvarez
Ashley Ann Appleyard
Megan Elizabeth August
Chanel Yvonne Barajas
Barrett Easton Barnes-Wolf
Melissa Nicole Bassoo
Kayla Lynne Bennett
Katherine Berry
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Jennifer Elisabeth Bravo
Mariana Manal Broeckelmann
Sydney Ashia Brown
Anthony Daura Brumley
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Jennifer Logan Bumgardner
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Cesar Ivan Can
Fiorella Elena Chacon
Mathew Michel Chammas
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Riley Rollin Rundquist
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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 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**
Lydia Chung Liou  Jeniffer M. Trussell

**Collegiate Honors**
Robin Noelle Giufford  Mary Clara Musgrove

**Membership in the Honors College**
Emily P. Snyder
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Alumni and Giving

The Hilton College alumni network is more than 7,600 strong. They manage restaurants, hotels and country clubs, own their own businesses and occupy executive hospitality leadership positions around the world. Doors have opened for them because they all have one thing in common—a Hilton College education.

All alumni are encouraged to take advantage of that network and join the Conrad N. Hilton College Alumni Association. Membership in the CHCAA is free and offers graduates the chance to reconnect with classmates, get involved with the College that launched their careers and take advantage of invaluable networking opportunities. Those interested in joining can simply show up at any of the College’s official alumni networking events, like our monthly happy hours or our football tailgating parties.

For more information on the CHCAA, local chapters outside of Houston and reconnecting with the College, feel free to contact me.

Go Coogs!

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Many thanks to our volunteers for their help in making this event a success.

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Points of Pride

• Hilton College was founded in 1969 by hotel icon Conrad N. Hilton and is consistently ranked among the top hospitality programs in the world.

• Many of our faculty members are internationally recognized researchers who are involved in cutting-edge research projects with industry partners.

• The Hospitality Industry Hall of Honor, created in 1995 to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of some of the industry’s most iconic figures and brands, is housed at Hilton College.

• The Hospitality Industry Archives, the world’s largest repository for the hospitality industry, are located in the Massad Family Library Research Center at Hilton College. The archives offer more than 3,000 linear feet of artifacts, papers, memorabilia and more from iconic hospitality companies.

• The Hilton University of Houston, a full-service, 86-room hotel, serves as a teaching facility for our lodging students.

• Our state-of-the-art wine lab, the Spec’s Beverage & Food Appreciation Laboratory, is the only facility of its kind between the coasts.

• The American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA) Information Office and the Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals (HFTP) Research Office are housed at Hilton College.

• Hilton College is a producing partner of the Sugar Land Wine & Food Affair, the region’s largest food and wine festival.

• Our bi-annual career fairs feature recruiters from some of the top hospitality companies in the world.

• More than 80 percent of our students have jobs lined up upon graduation.

• Hilton College boasts 15 student organizations, including the nation’s largest student chapter of the National Association for Catering and Events (NACE).