Letter from the Dean

Dear Members of the “CLASS” of 2017:

Let me be among the first to congratulate you on such a monumental achievement at this juncture in your lives…¡Felicidades! I, too, share the pride and excitement of your parents, close and distant family members, and communities that will celebrate you and your achievement. I hope that your experiences as a major in CLASS were filled with memories of sharing with professors and fellow students. As Dean, I am interested in knowing about your lives after CLASS and UH; so, do keep in touch as you leave campus in order to take your place in the world as informed critical and analytical thinkers, ready for the challenges of our ever-changing world. Congratulations!

Antonio D. Tillis, Dean
The College of Liberal Arts & 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 15 academic colleges at the University of Houston, CLASS is home to 14 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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Sunday, May 14, 2017, 9 a.m.
NRG Stadium

PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL
Moores School of Music Brass Quintet

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
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INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY
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Celine Boulenger
Two Essays on Climate Change in Developing Countries
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Yilin Dong
Essays in Urban Economics: Agglomeration Economies in the Manufacturing Sector and Land Constraints on Housing Markets
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Sophia Kazinnik
Essays on Monetary Policy in Israel
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Subash Khatry
Essays on Migration, Remittances, and Welfare
ADVISOR: Dr. Bent Sorensen

Doctor of Philosophy in English

Lane Ferrero Fletcher
Minding the Gap: Constructing Students Who Transfer Between Community College and University
ADVISOR: Dr. James Zebroski

Elizabeth Blomstedt
Teaching in the Aftermath of the Test: Understanding and Addressing Student Conceptions of Writing in the Era of High-Stakes Testing
ADVISOR: Dr. James Zebroski

Chrisoula Mouliatis Gonzales
Making Space: The Case for Amatory Fiction, 1660-1740
ADVISOR: Dr. Ann Christensen

Creative Writing

Selena G. Anderson
There You Are
ADVISOR: Professor Mat Johnson

Christopher Noel Eric Hutchinson
In the Vicinity of Riches
ADVISOR: Professor Nick Flynn

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The Archive of In-Air Incidents
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Hero Complex
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Wulf & Eadwacer
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Matthew Edward Salesses
The Murder of the Doppelgänger
ADVISOR: Professor Mat Johnson

Doctor of Philosophy in Health and Human Performance

Nathan Howard Parker
Preoperative Exercise for Patients with Pancreatic Cancer: Feasibility, Influences and Outcomes
CO-ADVISORS: Dr. Daniel P. O’Connor and Dr. Rebecca E. Lee
Doctor of Philosophy in Hispanic Studies

Rosario G. Casillas
El pronombre formal en clases mixtas de Español Médico: Un Reto para Estudiantes de Derencia Hispana
ADVISOR: Dr. Marta Fairclough

Sarah Elisabeth Pina
The Atlantis Effect: Aquatic Invocations and the (Re)claiming of Women’s Space through the Works and Archives of Lydia Cabrera, Gloria Anzaldúa, and tatiana de la tierra
ADVISOR: Dr. Gabriela Baeza Ventura

Josefina Sanchez-Money
El itinerario del monstruo: la mujer como sujeto periférico en el siglo XIX
ADVISOR: Dr. Maria Elena Solino

Doctor of Philosophy in History

Sandra D. Davidson
Propaganda, Pressure, and Patriotism: the Texas State Council of Defense and the Politics of Gender, Race, and Class During World War I
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Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Clinical Psychology
William Alexander Alverson
Relationships Among Cognition, Symptom Validity, and Self-Reported Disability.
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Development and Implementation of an HIV and Anxiety Management/Reduction Program (HAMRT).
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Comparison of Malingering Measures, Suggestion, and Litigation Status Among Personal Injury Litigants
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Contribution of Executive Functions, Math Anxiety, and Parental Expectations Toward Math Achievement
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Investigating the Interrelationships Between Fatigue, Memory Impairment, and Adherence Among Persons Living With HIV Disease
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Processing Speed in Children: Examination of the Structure in Middle Childhood and its Impact on Reading.
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The Proximal Effect of Alcohol on Intimate Partner Violence
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The Effects of Age of Acquisition and Proficiency on the Neural Correlates of Categorical Perception of Non-native Speech.
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Do Goal-Focused Leaders Curtail Subordinate Production Deviance? Contributing to the Validity Evidence of the GFL Measure
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Acquiring vs. Conserving Resources: Examining the Effects of Distributive Justice on Emotional Exhaustion in Academia
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