College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Convocation
Thursday, December 14, 2017
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Department of Computer Science
Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Department of Mathematics

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Department of Biology and Biochemistry
Department of Chemistry
Department of Physics
Letter from the President

December 2017

Dear University of Houston Graduates:

Congratulations on this most memorable day of your college career! The degree you are about to receive symbolizes the world-class, tier-one education you obtained at the University of Houston.

There were many factors that contributed to your success. The support of your parents, families and friends, and the encouragement of your faculty, advisors and staff played a significant part. But what made it all possible was the personal commitment, drive and resolve that helped you cross the finish line. We take profound satisfaction in knowing these same attributes will serve you well as you make your mark in the world.

Please leave today as proud UH graduates, confident you are the best prepared, best educated and best equipped individuals of your generation. I know in my heart that you are now ready and able not just to compete, but to succeed and be leaders in your chosen careers.

With my best wishes for a bright and rewarding future,

Renu Khator

Renu Khator
President, University of Houston
Letter from the Dean

Dear College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Graduate,

Congratulations! Today we celebrate a milestone in your life; I hope you will reflect on all that this achievement means.

• The degree that will appear on your transcript is an indelible testimony to your hard work and mastery of challenging mathematical and scientific subject matter.

• Your degree is the foundation upon which you will build as you continue to learn throughout your lifetime.

• Most importantly, the degree you have earned represents great potential for secure employment, a better quality of life, and the achievement of your goals.

As you leave this campus, you will carry with you the knowledge your professors shared with you, the wisdom you gained as you matured, and the personal experiences, professional connections, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

My best wishes for much success and happiness.

Sincerely,

Dan E. Wells
Dean
University of Houston  
College of Natural Sciences  
and Mathematics  

Convocation  
Thursday, December 14, 2017  
Cullen Performance Hall  

**PROCESSIONAL**  
**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS**  
UH ROTC Color Guard  
**NATIONAL ANTHEM**  
Soloist, Moores School of Music  
**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**  
Dan E. Wells  
**GREETINGS**  
The Honorable Neelesh Mutyala  
*Member, University of Houston Board of Regents*  
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*President, NSM Alumni Association*  
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Mathematics

Gemunu Gunaratne, Ph.D.
Physics
Academic Regalia

The costume of the participants in the academic procession dates back to the 14th century. Academic institutions in the United States adopted a code of academic dress in 1895.

Gowns: The bachelor’s gown has long pointed sleeves while the master’s gown has an oblong sleeve open at the wrists. The doctoral gown is fuller with full-length velvet panels on the front and three velvet crossbars on each sleeve in black or the color distinctive to the subject of the wearer’s degree.

Hoods: The hood, worn by master’s and doctoral degree recipients, drapes over the shoulders and down the back and indicates the subject to which the degree pertains and the university that conferred the degree. The size of the hood indicates the level of the degree.

Caps: The black mortarboard is the most common cap used. The tassel fastened in the center is worn in the left front quadrant after the degree is conferred. It is black or the color appropriate to the subject of the degree.

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Convocation Banner Bearers

The banners in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Convocation are carried by outstanding students from each department.

**COLLEGE BANNER**
- Hang Nguyen (10 a.m. Ceremony)
- Jenny Phillips (2 p.m. Ceremony)
- 4.0 Graduate

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Academic Honors

Academic honors are based on the requirements of the catalog year students enter the university. The final designation for honors is determined by the Provost’s Office upon final completion of all degree requirements.

Fall 2010 Catalog to Present

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under, and since, the Fall 2010 catalog will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last 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)
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Fall 2017

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Atmospheric Sciences
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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 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.
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**University Honors with Honors in Major**
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**University Honors**
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Katherine Kerr  
John Daniel Simmons  
Jamie Elizabeth Small

**Membership in The Honors College with Honors in Major**
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Our Houston University.
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When we think of thee.
We’ll always adore thee
Dear old varsity.
And to thy memory cherished,
True we’ll ever be.

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