Letter from the President

May 2018

Dear University of Houston Graduates:

Congratulations on this, the most memorable day of your college career! The degree you are about to receive represents the world-class, tier-one education you received here at the University of Houston. It is a degree that will continue to increase in value as the University achieves even greater national and international recognition.

Many factors 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. I have no doubt these same attributes will serve you well as you make your mark in the world.

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.

Your alma mater is a richer institution thanks to the example you have set for the next generation of students.

With my best wishes for a bright and rewarding future, Go Coogs!

Renu Khator
President, University of Houston
University of Houston System

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*M. D. Anderson Professor in Hispanic Studies*  
*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

Dan E. Wells  
*Distinguished Professor of Science*  
*College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*
The University of Houston was established as the Houston Junior College in 1927. As the college grew, it prospered and officially became the four-year University of Houston in 1934. Two years later, the college attained land for a permanent campus, and in 1939 it constructed its first building, the Roy G. Cullen Building. The University became a state institution in 1963.

The University includes 15 academic colleges and the multidisciplinary Honor’s College that teach a wide array of subjects – from math, arts and engineering to law, pharmacy and business. What started as a campus with a single building has grown into a world-class university offering more than 250 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 44,000 students annually.

UH is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university, and its public service and community activities, such as cultural offerings, clinical services, policy studies and small-business initiatives, serve a diverse metropolitan population. Likewise, the resources of the Gulf Coast Region complement and enrich the University’s academic programs, providing students with professional expertise, practical experience and career opportunities.

In keeping with the University’s commitment to excellence, UH recently raised the benchmark of academic achievement. Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious academic honor society, awarded UH the approval to shelter a chapter in 2015. This designation welcomed UH to an elite group of the nation’s most esteemed colleges and universities.
Commencement Traditions

Academic costumes of today have a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townspeople wore long flowing robes and gowns. The materials and colors were governed by royal decree. Gradually, distinctive gowns were developed for the various professions, trades and guilds. Scholars wore robes and hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, skullcaps were worn on the head, and the hoods became a cape that could be pulled over the head during unpleasant weather.

As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adapted by their faculties for bachelor’s (apprentices of the arts), master’s (teachers) and doctors (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies). When caps and hats came into fashion in the 15th century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back.

The academic hat was first worn as a symbol of the master’s degree and existed in various forms. The mortarboard style comes to us from Oxford University. When academic costumes came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe, they still are; however, in our country, usage has been standardized by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.

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University of Houston
Commencement Ceremony
Spring 2018

UH LAW CENTER
Master’s Degree: Hood: Purple
Doctoral Degree: Hood: Purple

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Bachelor’s Degree: Tassel: Citron
Master’s Degree: Hood: Citron
Doctoral Degree: Hood: Dark Blue

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
Bachelor’s Degree: Tassel: Golden Yellow
Master’s Degree: Hood: Golden Yellow
Doctoral Degree: Hood: Dark Blue

COLLEGE OF NURSING
Bachelor’s Degree: Tassel: Apricot
Master’s Degree: Hood: Apricot
Doctoral: Hood: Royal Blue

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
Master’s Degree: Hood: Gold
Doctor of Philosophy Degree: Hood: Royal Blue
Doctor of Optometry Degree: Hood: Seafoam Green

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
Bachelor’s Degree: Tassel: Olive
Master’s Degree: Hood: Olive
Doctor of Philosophy Degree: Hood: Royal Blue
Doctor of Pharmacy Degree: Hood: Olive

GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK
Master’s Degree: Hood: Citron
Doctoral Degree: Hood: Citron

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
Bachelor’s Degree: Tassel: Maroon
Master’s Degree: Hood: Maroon

Ceremonial Symbols

THE SEAL
Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston and UH System seals both bear the Official Seal of Arms of General Sam Houston, as handed down to him from his noble ancestors. It includes the escutcheon in the center of the seal — consisting of checkered chevrons denoting nobility — and three martlets, gentle lowland birds that symbolize peace and deliverance. A winged hourglass is placed above the shield. Surmounting this is the motto “In Tempore,” meaning “In Time.” The greyhounds indicate speed of giving aid. The UH seal was first adopted in 1938 as the present campus was established. Although the look of the seal has evolved over the years, the first version was etched into the floor of the Roy G. Cullen Building.

UNIVERSITY MACE
The Mace, which is carried in academic processions, is a staff symbolizing the University’s authority and unity. The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a university president’s symbol of authority.

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
President’s Medallion

HARRIS COUNTY

“Hurricane Harvey Heroes”

Harris County truly exemplifies what it means to be Texan. It is big, covering 1,778 square miles; it is popular, nearly 4.6 million residents call it home; and it is Texas Tough.

Hurricane Harvey did its best in 2017 to wash away the homes, infrastructure and numerous industries located in the County. At one point, nearly every one of its streams, bayous and channels was at or above its bank. All told, Harris County averaged 40 inches of rainfall from Harvey, equivalent to 1.2 trillion gallons of water.

Being such a sprawling community, it took a legion of dedicated employees to successfully tackle what became one of the nation’s most devastating weather events. Their preparations began days in advance of the storm and continued around the clock, seven days a week, even after the rain left and the skies cleared.

Those in the Emergency Management Center, such as County Judge Ed Emmitt, first responders and shelter coordinators may have been most visible in the 24-hour news coverage. However, behind the scenes public works and infrastructure employees, health services, office teams, and were essential to the County’s survival. Even while facing the challenge of keeping their own homes and families safe, they lent their strength and skills to ensuring the safety, wellbeing and recovery of their community.

Because of the many champions who defended their community during this catastrophic disaster, Hurricane Harvey failed to break Harris County’s indomitable spirit, proving once again Harris County is Texas Tough. With gratitude for their outstanding service, it is the honor of University of Houston President Renu Khator to present to Harris County’s “Hurricane Harvey Heroes” the 2018 President’s Medallion.
President’s Medallion

CITY OF HOUSTON

“Hurricane Harvey Heroes”

Known for its “can-do” attitude, Houston is the largest city in Texas and the fourth-largest in the United States. At 655 square miles, Houston is large enough to contain six of the nation’s larger cities.

In 2017, employees of the City of Houston responded to a devastating weather event that put the citizens, businesses and infrastructure of Houston in jeopardy. Hurricane Harvey brought to Houston a year’s-worth of rain in less than a week, causing approximately $125 billion in damage, ranking it as the second-most costly hurricane to hit the U.S. mainland since 1900.

During the storm, and over the days, weeks and months that followed in Harvey’s wake, thousands of City of Houston workers from across all departments and divisions participated in rescue and recovery efforts. At the peak of the storm, more than 8,500 calls to 911 were answered in one day. Houston team members cleared enough debris that it could fill 622 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Employees coordinated volunteers, sheltered families, provided health services, established partnerships with aid organizations and maintained the comprehensive services that keep a city the size of Houston operational.

The world watched as these employees demonstrated outstanding fortitude, valor and, most important, compassion while helping neighbors and strangers in need. Even while facing the challenge of keeping their own homes and families safe, they lent their strength and skills to ensuring the safety, wellbeing and recovery of their community.

As one, City of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and thousands of Houston employees rose to the challenge of representing the strength and resiliency that define this great city. With gratitude for their outstanding service, it is the honor of University of Houston President Renu Khator to present to the City of Houston’s “Hurricane Harvey Heroes” the 2018 President’s Medallion.
ROBERT STEPHEN STAGNER

Mr. Stephen Stagner is a respected leader in the Houston business community who has devoted his time, energy and resources to the University of Houston and its students, and to many causes in the community.

As Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Mattress Firm, Mr. Stagner oversees an organization that operates approximately 2,500 company and franchise stores across the United States. This is a noteworthy accomplishment for the man who began with one store in 1996 and quickly grew it to become the largest franchisee in the Mattress Firm network, prior to his joining the corporate office in 2005.

Students in the C.T. Bauer College of Business benefit from Mr. Stagner’s mentorship as well as his service on the Bauer College Board. As a result of his exceptionally generous personal gift, the Stephen Stagner Sales Excellence Institute at the C.T. Bauer College of Business was established in 2016.

While the University of Houston is not his alma mater, Mr. Stagner is a Cougar by choice. He believes in the value of an education earned at the University and reflects this belief by actively recruiting UH students every year, more so than from any other university.

In addition to his support of the University, he contributes to the Houston community, serving on the Advisory Board for the Translational Genomics Research Institute and as President of the Mattress Firm Foundation. Recently the company launched Mattress Firm Foster Kids, a company-wide philanthropic initiative aimed at making a positive impact on the lives of thousands of foster children in need.

Mr. Stephen Stagner graduated from Steven F. Austin University with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and Marketing and is a proud father of two.

For his philanthropy, community service, and his support of the C.T. Bauer College of Business, the University of Houston is proud to present the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, to Mr. Stephen Stagner.
Academic Honors

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

Pre-Fall 2010 Catalog

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under any catalogue prior to Fall 2010 will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last 66 hours completed at the University of Houston:

3.75 TO 4.0 Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)
3.25 TO 3.49 Cum Laude (with Honors)

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)

The roster of graduates and candidates for graduation does not include the names of those students who chose to withhold information under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.
Letter from the Dean

Dear Architecture, Industrial Design and Interior Architecture graduates,

I talked with many of you this spring as you were anticipating the end of your career here at the college. Sleep loomed large on the horizon! Getting a job held some urgency. There was excitement and some sadness, a sense that this part of your journey was over and an acknowledgement that a new leg of your journey was about to begin.

You have made it through one of the most rigorous programs in the country. You have spent countless hours researching, rendering, building models, writing papers and struggling through the design process, only to get up the next day and do it again. Every project presents us with new and different challenges. And so, every ending is a new beginning. This is the life we have chosen. And, isn’t it a wonderful life?

When you leave our studios and classrooms and embark on your professional careers, your contributions will not only have an impact here in the city of Houston but around the world. You are the thinkers, doers and creators of the future. You will be the designers, architects, problem-solvers and inventors of our tomorrow. I am confident that if you apply the knowledge that you have acquired here, the world will offer you possibilities you have not yet imagined.

As you move across the stage to accept your diploma, you will be taking the first steps in your personal odyssey. We have worked hard to equip you with the tools to create the promise of the fulfilling career that awaits you. We know you will make us proud.

Congratulations Class of 2018! I look forward to hearing about the many ways you will impact our future. Please stay in touch. Come back and share your adventures with those about to follow you. We would delight to share in your successes.

My very best wishes to you all,

Patricia Belton Oliver, FAIA
University of Houston  
Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design  

Commencement Ceremony  
Friday, May 11, 2018, 2:00 p.m.  
College of Architecture Building  

PROCESSIONAL  
Shafik Rifaat  
Professor and Grand Marshal  

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION  
Patricia Belton Oliver, FAIA  
Dean  

RECOGNITION OF TOP GRADUATES  
Dean Oliver  

ALUMNI ADDRESS  
Sarah Killingsworth  
President, Architecture Alumni Association  

OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD  
Dean Oliver  

STUDENT ADDRESSES  
Maria Camila Castro  
Anmol Kollegal  

DESIGN AWARDS  
Dr. EunSook Kwon  
Director, Industrial Design Program  
William Truitt  
Co-Director, Honors Thesis Programs  
Coordinator, Professional Studios  
Gail Borden, FAIA  
Director, Graduate Studies  

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS  
Trang A. Phan  
Assistant Dean  

PRESENTATION OF  
GRADUATE CANDIDATES  
Gail Borden, FAIA  
Director, Graduate Studies  

PRESENTATION OF  
UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES  
Lannis E. Kirkland  
Associate Dean  

CLOSING REMARKS  
Dean Oliver  

EXHIBITS  
9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
University of Houston
Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design

Candidates for Graduation

Spring 2018

**Master of Architecture**

Dina Abdullah
April Tuesdie Alonso
Homa Naz Ansari
Abhilasha Bisht
Kennita Bryant
Garrett Callen
Sergio Capetillo
Brooks Caton
Maria Cohn
Mariela Lissette Flores
Kristin Michelle Gabriel
Anmol Kollegal
Davilla Priscila Lima Barreto
Vasconcelos
Alicia Lopez
Tatiana Luzardo
Jennifer Paige Minor
Andrew J. E. Rowell
Ghazal Salimian Rizi
Martha Salinas
Zachary Sargeant
Nicholas Seckfort
Pooja Shetty
Blanca Soto
Astrid Amrisadian Sukur
Tina Marie Wesley

**Bachelor of Architecture**

Abran Arvizu
Allen Brannon
Raymond Burciaga II
Polli Bush
Maria Camila Castro
Michael J. Chang
Lucas Christensen
Gabriela Espinosa
Peter Fonicello
Christian Garcia
Eduardo Garcia
Trevor Goodspeed
Edward Hidrogo
Saraa Hussein
Angelica Lastra
Stephanie Lau
Jose Lopez
Ethan Michael
Genesis Morales
Matthew Nguyen
Enes Okic
Anthony C. Olalde
Stephanie Oropeza
Kendrick Perkins
Cristobal Pinñon
Victor Hugo Romo
Dante Sandoval
Mustafa Abbas Tayyeb
Jonathan Torres
Catalina Valencia
Princess Villalta
Austine Yu

**Master of Science in Architecture**

Tarika Sajnani

**Bachelor of Science in Architecture**

Abran Arvizu
Allen Brannon
Raymond Burciaga II
Polli Bush
Maria Camila Castro
Michael J. Chang
Lucas Christensen
Gabriela Espinosa
Peter Fonicello
Christian Garcia
Eduardo Garcia
Trevor Goodspeed
Edward Hidrogo
Saraa Hussein
Angelica Lastra
Stephanie Lau
Jose Lopez
Ethan Michael
Genesis Morales
Matthew Nguyen
Enes Okic
Anthony C. Olalde
Stephanie Oropeza
Kendrick Perkins
Cristobal Pinñon
Victor Hugo Romo
Dante Sandoval
Mustafa Abbas Tayyeb
Jonathan Torres
Catalina Valencia
Princess Villalta
Austine Yu

**Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design**

Brittany Bailey
Jared Belz
Emily Breeze
Royden Buckfield
Marcos Alexander Cantu
Lukundo Changwe
Nathan Clark
Joshua Contreras
Alexia Coronel
Mary Crabtree
Pita Diaz
Adam Gilletland
Paola Gonzalez
Benjamin Hickman
Jessica Juarez
Ricardo Juarez Cesar
Talha Cihad Kabasakal
Katie Koffeman
Francisco Lopez
Garrett Luck
Grace Lynch
Amando Moreno
Kimberly Neely
Nicholas Orchard
Thomas Payne
Vivian Truc Pham
Jonathan Seto
Ashlie Walker Caires
Adam Wiggins

**Master of Science in Industrial Design**

DreVan Anderson-Kaapa
Amy Conley
Oda Kristine Joessing Volland

**Bachelor of Science in Interior Architecture**

Liliana Carreno
Joanna Crabtree
Han Dang
Stacy Hernandez
Karina Natalie Ramos
Sarah Sanchez

1 Summa Cum Laude • 2 Magna Cum Laude • 3 Cum Laude • 4 Top-Ranked Graduating Student

Commencement Ceremony
University of Houston
Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design

Graduates

Fall 2017

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE
Susan Butuk
Stephen Dahmann
Mahsa Dehghani
Purva Jain
Chandler Johnson
Anousheh Kehar
Tuan Duy Mai
Shaheen Shamsuddin Maredia
Jimmy Enilson Martinez
Timothy Massa
Alireza Memarian
Amelia Pappas
Kayli Yentzen

MASTER OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE
Valeria Salvaggio

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE
Tran Hoang Thuy Le

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN
Ashley Lincoln

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE
Farah Aboudaoud
Afreen Ali
Aziz Alshayeb
Alex Bishop
Keifer Chase
Tung Dinh
Doumit Doumit
Mathew Martin Duran
Joey-Minh Khong
Dongwook Kim
Paul Lagrange
Jeffrey Allen MacGeorge
Lee Mai
Francis Bernard Ramirez
Jorge Rebellon Blandini III
Kelvin Rodriguez
Whitney Thomas
Edgar Vega
Ashley Shujing Wang
Michael Zepeda

1 Summa Cum Laude • 2 Magna Cum Laude • 3 Cum Laude • 4 Top-Ranked Graduating Student
Scholarships for 2017–2018

CRSS/FARFEL SCHOLARSHIP
Parimala Venkatesh

DAVID D. RED SCHOLARSHIP
Kristi Bartlett

DETERING SCHOLARSHIP
Anmol Kollegal

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
Kristi Bartlett

HERMAN SCHOLARSHIP
Claudia Morles
Daniela Olivera-Gomez

HINES SCHOLARSHIP
Jose Molina
Alicia Price
Claude Reyes
Ghazal Salimian Rizi

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP
Talha Kabasakal

MARY LE JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP
Camilo Reinales

MN DAVIDSON SCHOLARSHIP
John Taylor

POWERS BROWN SCHOLARSHIP
Claudia Morles

RAY OKUMURA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Austine Yu

SHARON SANDERS HOOVER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
Han Dang

STUDIOMET SCHOLARSHIP
Rosa Sanchez

SUNDIN SCHOLARSHIP
Stephan Gomez

TEXAS ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS
Michael Maraldo, Sr. Southwest Terrazzo Association Scholarship
Catalina Valencia

Wichita Falls Chapter AIA Scholarship
Trevor O’Quinn

AIA Southwest Texas Douglas E. Steinman, Jr., FAIA Scholarship
Austine Yu
Letter from the Dean

Dear Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts Graduates,

Congratulations!

You are here today because of all you have achieved at the University of Houston. You have worked tirelessly to master your craft, cultivating skills that position you at the forefront of the performing and visual arts. You have collectively spent thousands of hours rehearsing, researching, performing and designing on the University campus and beyond. You have added to our city’s rich and vibrant culture through community-centric projects and programs designed to promote Houston’s diverse arts community.

Now, as the next generation of creators, performers, artists and collaborators, the world is at your fingertips—just waiting for you to make your mark. My advice to you is to remain curious, investigate your environment and reimagine the possibilities of creative practices in our complex, 21st century world.

As you leave the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts to embark on your career and the next stage of your life, I know your future is bright. I look forward to seeing the impact you will make on our community, our city and our world. Please stay in touch with us! You can contact me at adavis@uh.edu.

Sincerely,

Andrew Davis
Dean
University of Houston
Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts

Commencement Ceremony
Friday, May 11, 2018, 2 p.m.
Cullen Performance Hall

PROCESSIONAL
Faculty
Banner Bearers
Platform Party
Dean Andrew Davis

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
David Bertman
Associate Dean

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Moores School of Music

WELCOME
Andrew Davis
Dean and Professor of Music
Cullen Foundation Endowed Chair

GREETINGS
Regent Neelesh Mutlaya

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
John Abodeely
Chief Executive Officer, Houston Arts Alliance

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
Beckham Dossett
Director, School of Art

Fleurette Fernando
Director, Master of Arts Program in Arts Leadership

Courtney Crappell
Director (Interim), Moores School of Music

Rob Shimko
Director, School of Theatre and Dance

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
AND CLOSING REMARKS
Dean Davis

ALMA MATER
Moores School of Music

RECESSIONAL
Event music provided by
Moores School of Music Brass Quintet.
Spring 2018

DOCTORAL DEGREES
Moores School of Music

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS
Jeffrey Cooper
- The Seven Planets in Bach, Buxtehude, and a Dresden Ballet
  Research Chair: Dr. Matthew Dirst
Kiana Day
- Beginning Music Teachers’ Perspectives on Teaching Music in Urban School Settings
  Research Chair: Dr. Julie D. Kastner
Alaina Diehl
- Flute Performance Practice in the Tragédies en Musique of Jean-Philippe Rameau
  Research Chair: Dr. Matthew Dirst
Michael Ging
- Orchestrations and Transformations: Works for Organ and Orchestra with Solo Versions by Guilmant and Widor
  Research Chair: Dr. Matthew Dirst
Gracie Ibemere
- Interactions between Text and Music in Three Pieces by Jon Deak, Frank Proto, and Tom Johnson
  Research Chair: Dr. Barbara Rose Lange
Elizabeth Borik Vickers
- “Queen of the Boys”: Hedli Anderson and the British Cabaret
  Research Chair: Dr. Howard Pollack

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
Moores School of Music

CERTIFICATE IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE
Phuong Son Bao Nguyen
Hasmik Vardanyan
Wei Wang
Bing Wei
Ju Yong You

MASTER DEGREES
Arts Leadership

MASTER OF ARTS
Rebecca R. Ayres
Brittney Flowers
Lauren A. Hainley
Tyler K. Reichert
Kristen Leigh Turner
Julia C. Wallace
Ileana V. Yordan-Cuevas

School of Art

MASTER OF ARTS
Katherine Morris Boeckman
Christopher Kilgore
Jessica T. McCaslin
Maria L. Minjares
Katherine A. Stephens

MASTER OF FINE ARTS
Charis Renee Ammon
Heather Bisesti
Scott Dulaney
Isaac Santiago Farley
Hang Gao
Jesus Alberto Gonzalez
Jordan McGroary

Hibah Hassan Osman
Jonathan Robert Read
Donald Paul Villemez

Moores School of Music

MASTER OF MUSIC
Robert J. Coe
Eric Andrew Heumann
Emer Ivar Cordoba Cuevas
Juan Fernando Perez Osio
Ricardo Valle
Rhea M. Bumpass
Hongnan Liu
Yukino Miyake
Sheryl Lynn Coaliron
Robert Allen Nickerson
Claire Marie Niederberger
Laurel A. Roseborough
Michael Anthony Woodard
Caroline Krause
Christian L. McGee
Mary Katherine Schober
Katherine Rose DeYoung
Amanda Rose Levy
Ivan A. Ley
Bernardo Medeiros
Flora J. Wall
Crystal L. White
Dalton Craig Woody
Stephen Ash
Tomer Eres
Andrew Michael Gilstrap
Christina Scanlan
Maria Annette Smith
Emily P. Walton
John Andrew Salvesen

Do you have the updated list in your system (saving me alphabetising by hand!!!)? Thx!
### School of Theatre and Dance

**Master of Arts**
- Elizabeth Ann Keel

**Master of Fine Arts**
- Alan Brincks
- Addison William Debter
- Yao Dogbe
- Madison Victoria Hart
- Joshua Glenn Jacobs
- Abraham Anene Ntonya
- Andrew Paul Tung
- Lauren Mae Ufkes
- Thaddeus Walker
- Sophia M. Watt

### Bachelor Degrees

#### School of Art

**Bachelor of Arts**
- Art
  - Kentisha Renee Aidi
  - Isaiah Althouse
  - Francis Gabriel Baltazar
  - Charrell Leigh Bradshaw
  - Katherine Cao
  - Alexandra Andrea Clark
  - Briana L. Davis
  - Amanda S. Douangmala
  - Aliza N. Farooq
  - Karem D. Garcia
  - Kassandra Yazmin Guillen
  - Ramon Hernandez
  - Kelsey Elizabeth Johnson
  - Uriel Landeros
  - Ashlyn N. Lee
  - Yu-Tin Liu
  - Nina Emilia Lopez-Arauz
  - Juliana Lotero
  - Lauren A. Loveless
  - Mollie Elizabeth Macdonald
  - Marian Sofia Magdaniel Salas
  - Jennifer Medrano
  - Leasandra A. Murray
  - Kristina Owen
  - Connie Phongsouthy
  - Lizbeth Victoria Ramagnoli
  - Thomas K. Roark
  - April N. Rosse
  - Alexandra Marie Sambrano
  - Susana Y. Sarabia
  - Hiyabu M. Semere
  - Maddison Rowan Sigler
  - Anna Marie Smith
  - Brittanly A. Smith
  - Julie Elizabeth Spitz
  - Tiffani E. Thomason
  - Emery Alexander Tran

**Art History**
- Samantha Kay Myers
- Victoria A. Nerey
- Bryan Pisani
- Chase Preston
- Gabriela N. Rose
- Michele J. Simcox
- Sandra Roeder Tello

**Bachelor of Fine Arts**
- Graphic Design
  - Julio Cesar Aguirre
  - Alwyn Stephanie Brownewell
  - Bruce Yin Chao
  - Sharon Sze-Yan Chu
  - Lucia E. Delgado
  - Camille Espinas
  - Miguel Guerrero
  - Valentina Gutierrez
  - Linh Thiet Hoang
  - Jonathan Inthavong
  - Kevin Gregory Marroquin
  - Erick Ponce Mata
  - Camila A. Ruiz
  - Jerry Salgado
  - Isaac P. Sanchez
  - Isabella M. Serimontrikul
  - Alexander Michael Thrift

### Painting
- Derrick Dywayne Abner
- Robyn Ann Franklin
- Jacob Garcia
- Donovan Alejandro Johnson
- Brittan X. Kelley
- Ana Fernanda Martinez
- Claudia Mu
- Erik Willard Olson
- Abdil J Perez
- Sydney Tyler Scott
- Jenni Settle

### Photography/Digital Media
- Natalia Barrientos-Romero
- Wesley C. Burns
- Kristen Elizabeth Noel Coleman
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- Gabriel A. Guerrero
- Aisha Shakil Lakhani
- Daniel Christopher Nolan
- Dawn C. Ohmer
- Arely M. Pena
- Irene Antoniadiane Reece

### Sculpture
- Tobe Alexine Nelson
- Jacob L. Villalobos

### Moores School of Music

**Bachelor of Arts**
- Music
  - Heather M. Allen
  - Jessica Danielle Bailey
  - Darrel James Materum
  - Abel Rocha

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Rebecca Jiun Ying Chua
Cecilia Duarte
Nicholas Paul Engle
Nicholas Scott Evans
Tyler Hardee
Raven R. Hood
Robert William Levinger ’Lewis H. Mcadov
Krista R. Pape
Dominique Reilly
Dmytro Savitski
Anna Kathleen Waldron
Andrea Walker
Xiyao Wang

Music
Nicolas Alejandro Camacho
Carlos Emanuel Cruz
Gumaro Gomez
Ethan M. Gula
Timothy S. Hanley
Kara Jessica Hernandez
Leonardo Ismael Hernandez Silva
Ireland A. Hirschman
Fabian Ibarra
Caleb M. Knight
Anastasia N. Kovar
Zachary Louis Luftop
Irena Vassileva Mitova
Matthew A. Mondragon
Hope Kathleen Myers
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Ryan Carter Rambusch
Christopher Rivera
Rene Rafael Rodriguez
Ryan Christopher Rogers
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Christopher Adrian Valero
Salvador Velazco
Laura Vu
Katherine M. Willer
Tannon Jakeb Woodson
Jessica Wu

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Bachelor of Arts

Dance
Lindsey Ann Davis
Christine Marie Gouldin
Julia Rubio
Anissa Suzette Trevino

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Theater
Deion Joel Adkins
Troy Michael Beckman
Madeline Marlene Calais
Aerron Colleen Ellisor
Benjamin T. Gallegos
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Zachary Drew Givens
Chandler Nicole Harvey
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Today, you join the ranks of nearly 60,000 alumni of the C. T. Bauer College of Business. As you celebrate your graduation, know that your degree has great value.

In fulfilling the requirements of your program, you have demonstrated not only your academic capability, but also the personal discipline and commitment necessary to complete such an educational endeavor. I personally congratulate you on this achievement.

Bauer College is more than a degree-granting institution. Yes, to begin with, it is a college of business. On a bigger dimension, I firmly believe this is a place where we change lives and make a difference.

We do this by helping you learn, gain confidence, develop support networks, and create opportunities for yourself and for others—yes, for you and for others around you. I am very blessed to have the opportunity see you learn, grow, succeed and help others grow in the process. This is why Bauer College is described as a place “Where Awesome Happens” – you make it so. Seeing this happen firsthand is the best part of my job.

This convocation marks the beginning of a lifelong relationship with the Bauer College of Business. The Bauer faculty and staff are proud to join your family and friends in honoring your accomplishment.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Bauer College, please accept our best wishes for your future success.

Sincerely and with warm regards,

Latha Ramchand
Dean and Professor, Finance
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Commencement Ceremony
Thursday, May 10, 2018, 6 p.m.
NRG Stadium

**PROCESSIONAL**
- Commencement Marshalls
- College Banner Bearer
- Doctoral Degree Candidates
- Master’s Degree Candidates
- Bachelor’s Degree Candidates
- Platform Party

**CALL TO ORDER**
- Thomas George, Ph.D.
  *Senior Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs*

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**
- UH Army/Air Force ROTC

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
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**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**
- Latha Ramchand
  *Dean of the C. T. Bauer College of Business*

**GREETINGS FROM THE UHS BOARD OF REGENTS**
- Michael Pede
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**GREETINGS FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**
- Richard Scamell, Ph.D.
  *Associate Dean, Student Affairs*

**PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS**
- Paula Myrick Short
  *Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*

**CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE**
- Mr. Rahul Mehta
  *Philanthropist and Entrepreneur*

**COMMENCEMENT GUEST SPEAKER**
- Thomas George, Ph.D.
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**PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES**
- Dean Ramchand

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**
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**CONCLUDING REMARKS**
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Commencement Speaker

MR. RAHUL MEHTA

Mr. Mehta created the foundation in 1998 with the objective of empowering people through philanthropic activities focused on education, children, and healthcare. The foundation funded the creation of the School of Biosciences at the Indian Institute of Technology in Chennai, India and an engineering research center at the University of Houston. In addition, it provides educational loans to students, medical research and child welfare projects in multiple countries.

Prior to focusing on philanthropy, Rahul was involved in high technology. Previously he started four software companies which were later acquired by Computer Associates, HP, Symantec, and Brocade. Mehta has led the successful creation of several companies in multiple technology areas by recognizing and addressing market needs very early in their lifecycle.

Mehta, is active or served on the board of DePelchin Children’s Center, Ronald McDonald House, Bo’s Place, Krist Samaritan center and the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas.
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

David Buchuk
- Essays in Dynamic Corporate Finance
  **FACULTY ADVISOR:** Dr. Praveen Kumar

Hyunkwon Cho
- How Do Firms Change Investments Based on MD&A Disclosures of Peer Firms?
  **FACULTY ADVISOR:** Dr. Volkan Muslu

Vanessa Durner
  **FACULTY ADVISOR:** Dr. Randolph Cooper

Sangwon Lee
- Essays on Mergers & Acquisitions and Corporate Investment
  **FACULTY ADVISOR:** Dr. Vijay Yerramilli

Onyinye Nwafor
- Essays on Care Coordination in Healthcare Systems: An organizational Perspective
  **FACULTY ADVISORS:** Dr. Norman Johnson, Dr. Powell Robinson

Richard Skinner
- The proactive technology project recovery function: A methodological analysis
  **FACULTY ADVISOR:** Dr. Wynne Chin

Buvaneshwaran Venugopal
- Essays on Angel Investors and Early-stage Startups
  **FACULTY ADVISOR:** Dr. Vijay Yerramilli

Lin Wang
- Non-Earnings Conference Calls: Content, Determinants, and Consequences
  **FACULTY ADVISOR:** Dr. Volkan Muslu

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Anthony Michael Romanoski
Andrew Ryan
Ashley Samiez
Benjamin Samuel
Andrew Ja-Rzey Sheu
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Saad Siddiqui
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Lakshmi Devi Subramaniam
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Steven William Watson
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Aaron W. Yates
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Tuat Dang
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Rajni Bhavsar
Uyen Phan Thuc Bui
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Master of Science in Finance
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Miles G. Kirk
Lun Sun
Brandon Lee Wright

Master of Science in Global Energy Management
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Samuel Kudadji

Master of Science in Marketing
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Imeh Esen
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Jessenia Rucoba
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Michael Nicholas Brownie
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Michael Burgower 3
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Courtney Sharell Davis 2
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Dear Engineering Graduates,

By nature of you being here today, you are among the best, brightest and hardest working engineers the world has to offer.

You have made it through one of the most rigorous engineering programs in the country. During your time as an engineering student, you have collectively spent thousands of hours researching, volunteering and interning in the city of Houston, adding to the strength and vibrancy of our community. When you leave our labs and classrooms to embark on your careers, your professional contributions will have a resounding impact here, in the city of Houston, and around the world.

You are the thinkers, doers and creators of our modern world. You will be the designers, builders, problem-solvers and inventors of our tomorrow. Although you represent a wide variety of backgrounds and disciplines, as you walk across the stage to accept your diploma, you all have one thing in common: you are world-class engineers.

From here, the world is at your fingertips. Work hard, give back and trust in the knowledge you have acquired during your time as a student at the UH Cullen College of Engineering. Everything else will fall into place.

Congratulations, Cougar engineers! I look forward to seeing the impact your bright careers will have on our future and our world. Please stay in touch and fill me in on all of your successes: dean@egr.uh.edu.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Tedesco
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NRG Arena

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Platform Party  
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**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS**  
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**NATIONAL ANTHEM**  
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**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**  
Joseph W. Tedesco  
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**CONVOCATION ADDRESS**  
Heidi Alderman  
*BASF Executive and Distinguished Chemical Engineer*

**PRESENTATION OF BEST DISSERTATION AWARDS**  
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**PRESENTATION AND HOODING OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES**  
Mike Lejeune  
*Presenter*

**PRESENTATION OF MASTER’S CANDIDATES**  
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**PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR’S CANDIDATES**  
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**CLOSING REMARKS**  
Dean Tedesco

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Event music provided by the Moores School of Music.
Commencement Speaker

**HEIDI ALDERMAN**
Senior Vice President Intermediates North America

An executive with 30+ years of experience in the chemical industry, Ms. Alderman joined BASF in February 2003 as a Business Director, Functional Polymers, where she was accountable for the Dispersions and Paper Chemicals business in Charlotte, NC.

In January 2008 Heidi became BASF’s Senior Vice President of Procurement in North America and then in March 2011 became Senior Vice President of BASF’s NA Petrochemicals business, based in Houston.

In August 2016 Ms. Alderman was named Senior Vice President of BASF’s NA Intermediates business, based in Florham Park, NJ.

A graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, with a Bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering, Ms. Alderman began her career in 1981 as a process engineer at Rohm and Haas in Philadelphia, PA and held various positions of increasing responsibility in their emulsion polymer business.

During her tenure at Rohm and Haas, she earned a Master’s of Science degree in Chemical engineering from Drexel University and soon thereafter completed the Wharton Management Program at the Wharton School of Business. In 1995, she joined Air Products and Chemicals in Allentown, PA as a Global Purchasing Manager and also held a position as Business Manager, Architectural Coatings.

Ms. Alderman is the nationwide Chair of the National Association of Manufacturer’s Step Ahead program, past Chair of the University of Houston’s Engineering Leadership Board, and member of the national Women Corporate Director’s organization.

She is married and resides in the Houston area.
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Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering

Martin Antensteiner
Fabrication and Characterization of Conducting Polymer Micro and Nanostuctures for Bioelectronics Applications
Advisor: Dr. Mohammad Reza Abidian

Renee Frances Keller
Perinatal Nicotine Exposure Alters Gene Regulatory Networks in Dopaminergic Neurons in the Ventral Tegmental Area
Advisor: Dr. Metin Akay

Manmohan Singh
Assessing Tissue Biomechanical Properties with Noncontact Dynamic Optical Coherence Elastography
Advisor: Dr. Kirill V. Larin

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering

Yuan Yun Lin
Nonlinear Transport Properties in Tight Formation
Advisor: Dr. Michael T. Myers

Dan Luo
Nanofluid of Graphene-based Amphiphilic Janus Nanosheets for Oil Recovery
Advisor: Dr. Richard C. Willson and Dr. Zhifeng Ren

Ryan Poling-Skutvik
Transport of Nanoparticles Through Complex Polymeric Fluids
Advisor: Dr. Jacinta C. Conrad and Dr. Ramanan Krishnamoorti

Mohammad Sadegh Safari
Polymorphism of protein condensates
Advisor: Dr. Peter G. Vekilov and Dr. Jacinta C. Conrad

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Fong Shu Jao
Development of Finite Analytic Algorithms for Solute transport Modeling and Non-Negative Solution of Advection-Diffusion-Reaction Equations
Advisor: Dr. Keh-Han Wang

Prakash Poudel
Flexural Behavior of CFRP-Pretensioned Girders and Development of Design Guidelines
Advisor: Dr. Abdeljelil Belarbi and Dr. Bora Gencurtuk

Fangfang Sheng
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Advisor: xxxxx

Hamidreza Tabsiri
Evaluation of Prestress Losses, Transfer Length and Harping Characteristics of CFRP Tendons
Advisor: Dr. Abdeljelil Belarbi

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Audrey Looi Cheong
Methods for Analysis of 3D Surface Images of the Female Torso
Advisor: Dr. Fatima Merchant

Sai Mounika Errapotu
Secure Computing with Privacy Preservation for Cyber-Physical Systems
Advisor: Dr. Miao Pan and Dr. Zhu Han

Genevieve Johnson
Effects of Grouping and Integration in the Perception of Invisible Features
Advisor: Dr. Bhavin Sheth

Uday Kiran Karlapudi
High Range Portable Bioimpedance Spectrometer with Four Electrode Analog Front End for Characterization of Mitochondria Bioenergetics
Advisor: Dr. Wanda Zagodzdon Wosik and Dr. Jinghong Chen

Venkateswaran Lakshminarayanan
Multi-Agent System Based Energy Management Controller for Microgrids
Advisor: Dr. Kaushik Rajashekara

Keith C. Lancaster
Asymmetry Measures for Automated Melanoma Detection in Dermoscopic Images
Advisor: Dr. George Zouridakis

Lianyang Li
Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Assessment Based on EEG and MEG Analysis
Advisor: Dr. George Zouridakis

Jingshen Liu
A Transmission Line Model for Active Implantable Medical Devices under MRI
Advisor: Dr. Ji Chen

Yu Lung Sung
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Advisor: xxxxx

Tamanna Afrin Tisa
Development of Multielectrode Neural Probe on Optical Fiber Substrate for Brain-Machine Interfaces
Advisor: Dr. John C. Wolfe

Dongjun Wu
Electrochemical Thin Film Growth Assisted by UPD Monolayers
Advisor: Dr. Stanko Brankovic
Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Engineering

Chong Dai
Heterogeneous Nucleation, Growth, and Recrystallization of Nanoparticles under Environmentally Relevant Conditions
Advisor: Dr. Yandi Hu

Jingjing Fan
Sensing Technology and Nanotechnology on Different Environment Scenarios
Advisor: Dr. Debora Rodrigues

Amin Kiaghadi
Longitudinal Characterization and Modeling of Hydrodynamics and Water Quality Post Hurricanes and Severe Storms
Advisor: Dr. Hanadi Rifai

Emily N. Sappington
The Viability of Reusing Oilfield Produced Water for Agriculture
Advisor: Dr. Hanadi Rifai

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Engineering

Md Kamrul Alam
Understanding Graphene Induced Large Shift of Surface Plasmon Resonance on Gold Films - The Challenge of Microscopic Modeling for Macroscopic Observation
Advisor: Dr. Jiming Bao

Zeinab F. Alameh
Multifunctional Soft Materials
Advisor: Dr. Pradeep Sharma

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Bottlebrush Polymers: Pathway to Engineering Surfaces and Interfaces
Advisor: Dr. Gila E. Stein

Fan Qin
Rational Design of Trinmetallic Electrocatalyst for Electrochemical Overall Water Splitting
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Andrew L. Robertson
The Relationship between Microstructure and Fracture Behavior of Thermal Spray Coatings
Advisor: Dr. Ken White

Shivkant Dasrath Singh
Tuning Thermal and Thermoelectric Transport in Polycrystalline Films
Advisor: Dr. Anastassios Mavrokefalos

Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering

Nazanin Farokh Nia
Tuning the Limits of Heat Transfer by Micro/Nano Structures
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Oussama Hattab
Observer Based Parameter Estimation for Linear Uncertain Discrete-Time Systems
Advisor: Dr. Matthew Franchek

Jun Mao
Defect Engineering in Thermoelectric Materials
Advisor: Dr. Zhifeng Ren

Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial Engineering

Saeedeh Abbasi
An Optimization Framework for Resilience-based Power Grid Restoration
Advisor: Dr. Gino Lim

Aida Khayatian
Integrated Microgrid Expansion Planning and Policy Making under Uncertainty in Power Electricity Market
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Bahar Moradi Ghadi
Flexible and Stretchable Lithium Ion Batteries Using Fabric-Based Electrodes and Solid Polymer Electrolyte
Advisor: Dr. Haleh Ardebili

Mehdi Torbati
Mechanics of the Nuclear Envelope
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Advanced Structural Health Monitoring for Connections with PZT Transducers and Image Processing Technique
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Javier Garcia Gonzalez ²

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Christian Anthony Garza  
Steve Alonso Gonzalez  
Jeffrey N. Grady  
Michael L. Greer  
Michael Adrian Guignard  
Manuel Gutierrez  
Mahshid Hadi  
Alex H. Haggbloom  
Chad Alan Henry  
Diego Hernandez  
Diego Herrera  
Celine Peony Ho  
Syed Areeb Hosain  
Jacob Hundl  
Armando Isaac Ibarra  
Melanie Imperio  
Joel C. Jacob  
Spencer Jordan  
Louis William Jorski  
Dillon Kabot  
Turgut Karagozlu  
Patrick Scott Kielkowski  
Matthew Jordan Lafleur  
Justin Scott Landry  
Justin M. Lathem  
Phat X. Le  
Mark Rio Mayuman Loquellano  
Jesus Antonio Loredo  
Angela S. Ly  
Carlos Eduardo Maldonado  
Henry T. Marin  
Zachary G. Mathai  
Stephen Glen Mautz  
Derek Xavier Mayon  
Thomas McCallum  
Jose Guadalupe Mendez  
Paula Andrea Montiel  
Daniel Moreno  
Rachel Murphy  
David Brian Newman  
Vincent Ngo  
Dat T. Nguyen  
Minh Van Nguyen  
Martin Eduardo Nuñez Montoya  
Tamaramiebi Ebenezer Ogun  
Kishan Jayesh Patel  
Rebecca Lassalle Patterson  
Henry Alejandro Pedroza Guzman  
Miguel Angel Perez  
Minh Le Pham  
Paolo Andreas Pissani  
Bolin Qiu  
Jose Francisco Quevedo Mendez  
Serrae Reed  
Seth A. Reyes  
Daniel Roberto Robles Bailon  
German Robles Bailon  
Fernando Rodriguez  
Gabriela Rodriguez  
Marvin Ulises Rodriguez Medina  
Cody Brock Romero  
James Anthony Russ  
Humza B. Saed  
Armando U. Salinas  
Kevin A. Seabury  
Taha Shaqquat  
Urooba Sharif  
Vighnesh Sivan  
Loren C. Sladek  
George A. Smith  
Joseph M. Soria  
Roman Stromeyer  
Chan Tran  
Kenneth Peter Trochesset III  
Rebekah Elizabeth Tu  
Katya Anais Urrutia  
Subin Roy Varghese  
Sahir Singh Virk  
Muhammad Faraz Vohra  
Hung Hoang Vu  
Erica J. Waldvogel  
Lauren E. Welk  
Shane Henry Willis  
Jerek Wolff  
Aliane S. Wright  
Sebastian Emilio Yazigi  

Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering

Marie-Ange Francoise Aboagye  
Ali Shakir S. Abu Alsaud  
Armando D. Aguirre  
Mauricio Enrique Aguirre  
Venkata Sai Anuvinda Akula  
Mohammed Ahmed H. Al Nasr  
Ezzat Al Saadi  
Mohammed Abbas T. Al Saif  
Mohammed Baqer M. Alali  
Carlos E. Alegría  
Mohammad Hamad A Alfayez  
Halal Abdulaziz A. Alghammi  
Wala Mohammed A. Alhaddad  
Raysan Saleh A. Alhamoud  
Mohammed Mohsin S. Alibrahim  
Mustafa Abdulhameed E Alqadeeb  
Juwaher Tariq Y. Alsaleh  
Ali Habib M. Alshuwaikhat  
Nouf Mohammed A. Alsulaiman  
Esam Abdulqader A. Alzahrani  
Jawad Fayiz J. Alzayer  
Brian William Anderson  
Eric J. Arebalo  
Marco Esteban Avendano Lopez  
Sara Bagheri  
Mohammad Balali  
Diego Jose Barrera  
Selena Barron  
Christopher Michael Bayes  
Allen James Bracero  
Sarasuadi Bustos  
Julia Careen Cadete  
Orlando G. Caridad  
Ryan Caro  
Martha Chan  
Sumera Chowdhry  
Nowshin Nowar Chowdhury  
David Alexander Collins  
Ileana Carolina Cordova Jimenez  
Ashley L. Corso  
Tiffany Tuong Vy Doan

1 Summa Cum Laude 2 Magna Cum Laude 3 Cum Laude 4 Banner Bearer (highest GPA)
Commencement Ceremony

University of Houston
Cullen College of Engineering

Candidates for Graduation

Bryan Oswaldo Drebon
Melvin T. Egbe
Hiba Emma El-Issa
Nnandi Declan Emebo
Riky A. Enriquez 3
Christian Espinoza
Talha Saeed Farahshah 3
Ryan Armiiya Francis
Luis Galicia
Evander Dziedzom Geraldo De Lima
Riharh Ghetes
Lawrence D. Giannotti 3
Cherish Giovinazzo 3
Jens K. Goode 2
Luis Alonso Grande
Derek Eugene Grandmaiter
Saira N. Guillen
Baha Haddad
Emily Marie Hernandez 3
Huzaifa Zohair Hirani
John D. Horsey
Brian Tan Huynh 3
Laura Huynh 7
Michelle T. Huynh
Trang Le Nhat Huynh
Immanuel Ikechukwu Ike
Jefin J. Jacob 2
Osama Adnan Jebreen
Jameel H. Jordan
Adam Joseph
Deen Joseph
Kiflom Tekah Kahsay
Sonia Karim
Muhammad Jurege Khan
Ali Mohamad Khazem
Rafee Komeizi
Jeffrey Steven Kopp
Priscille Ruth Koutouan 1
Michel Medhat Kozman
Henry Anh Phi Lam
Linh Quang Le 2
Ngan Ngoc Le 2
Thien Minh Le
Joon Hee Lee
Jonathan Tyler Lizarondo
Peter Lanh Ly
Junnan Ma
Loi Phuoc Ma 3
Haider Faez Makkiyah
Eusebio Maldonado
Leya Elsa Mathew 3
Monica M. Melek
Jose Benito Mendoza
Bruno T. Mesa
Danilo De Jesus Meza Caballero
Reed Edward Mickelson
Noe Mora
Juan Diego C. Muñoz
Yoshihiro Murakami
Chau Khoa Bao Nguyen 2
Hung Minh Nguyen
Leah Tram Nguyen
Michael Xuan Tung Nguyen
Minh Tue Nguyen
Nhut Quang Nguyen
Thanh Duy Nguyen
Ferdinand Okwunna Nnamadim
Victor M. Nogueira
Aurian Norouzi 2
Luke Grant Obregon
Jiaxi Pang
Naulik A. Patel
Sahil P. Patel 3
Bryan Steven Peratta
Bharath Perim
Minh Ca Pham
Tuyen H. Pham 2
Paola Andrea Quintero Moreno
Hedieh Rahimi 3
Raheem Radhi Rahma
Prasannah Rajendran 3
Christian Eduardo Ramos
Hamid Reza Rashidi Araghi
Siri Elisabeth Raustein
Mary E. Reeves 3
Steven Andrew Reinitz 3
Adrian Carlos Rios
Stephen Rivera 3
Jason D. Roben
Sergio Ramiro Robledo
Sarah Sameei
Victor A. Sandoval
Amir Hossein Shahbazi
Logan A. Shoemaker 3
Parash Shrestha
Raymond Carl Spence 3
Julia A. Stinson
Gustavo Suarez
Vincent L. Sullivan
Tiehao Sun
Yang Sun
Vu Xuyen Ta
Ali Shan Tahir
Tiffany D. Tang
Jean Max Torres
Nhu Y. Tran 2
Paul A. Tran 2
Phuc Xuan Tran 1
Vy Nguyen Yen Tran
Eduardo Trevino 3
Randy Bryan Tudor Ardaya 3
Kathy Truong
Anson Varghese
Huy D. Vu
Phuc Hong Vu 3
Hang Yeh 3
Zhizhong Zhao 3
Mariam Zulfiqar

1 Summa Cum Laude - 2 Magna Cum Laude - 3 Cum Laude - 4 Banner Bearer (highest GPA)
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 close to 8,200 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 2018 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 and
Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair
University of Houston
Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management

Commencement
Friday, May 11, 2018, 10 a.m.
Cullen Performance Hall

**PROCESSIONAL**
College Banner Bearer
Candidates for Graduation
Faculty
Platform Party

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
Moores School of Music

**WELCOME AND OPENING ADDRESS**
Dennis Reynolds, Ph.D.
*Dean, Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair*

**MESSAGE FROM THE REGENT**
Doug Brooks ('75)
*Regent, University of Houston Board of Regents*

**STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS AND INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**
Emily Copland ('18)

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**
Rolando B. Pablos ('96)
*Texas Secretary of State*

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

**PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES**
Mary Dawson, Ed.D.
*Associate Dean For Academic Affairs* 
*Donald H. Hubbs Professorship*

**ALUMNI ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI AWARD FOR SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE**
Kaitlyn Venable-Valdez ('12)
*Board President* 
*Conrad N. Hilton College Alumni Association*

**PRESENTATION OF DEAN’S AWARDS AND CLOSING REMARKS**
Dr. Dennis Reynolds

**RECESSIONAL**
Rolando B. Pablos

In January 2017, Governor Greg Abbott appointed Rolando Pablos as the 111th Texas Secretary of State. Secretary Pablos is one of six state officials named by the Texas Constitution to form the Executive Department of the State. In addition to serving as Chief Election Officer for Texas, Secretary Pablos is also senior advisor and liaison to the Governor for Border and Mexican Affairs, and is the state’s Chief International Protocol Officer.

A former utility regulator, Secretary Pablos is an economic development expert who understands the importance of leveraging strategic community capacity building for purposes of attracting investment to Texas. As a state official, and in his private practice, he has played critical roles in the advancement of direct investment, international relations and trade with Texas’ partners across the globe. Secretary Pablos is a strong advocate for North American manufacturing integration and cross-border collaboration among the U.S., Canada and Mexico. He has also served as Honorary Consul to Spain, where he worked to ensure the formation and development of business and diplomatic relationships between Texas and Spain.

Throughout his career, Secretary Pablos has been heavily involved with efforts designed to help bring prosperity to his community. His passion for public service and education has led him to serve on countless nonprofit and governmental boards and commissions. Secretary Pablos has been instrumental in the success of many community development projects designed to improve quality of life, deliver educational opportunities and help bring prosperity to the people of Texas.

After obtaining a B.A. from St. Mary’s University, Secretary Pablos earned an M.B.A. from the University of Texas at San Antonio College of Business, and an M.H.M. from the University of Houston’s Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management. He subsequently earned a J.D. from St. Mary’s University School of Law and has been a member of the State Bar of Texas since 2000.

Mr. Pablos and his wife, Dr. Laura San Martin, live in Austin with their four children: Cristina, David, Mia and Andrea.
University of Houston
Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management

Candidates for Graduation

Spring 2018

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Jiseon Ahn
Amanda Marie Belarmino
Yue Teng-Vaughan
Heyao Yu
Abdulaziz Althagafi
Jeffrey Daniel Anderson ³
Juliana Arias Rios
Brittney L. Armantrout
James Avila
Samantha Vanessa Barron
Angelica Franchesca Batard ¹
Hasnain Bharmal
Allison Renee Bickett
Christine Chiyoko Blackwell
Ryan Russell Boone
William Patrick Booth
Lauren Elizabeth Brady
Jennifer E. Bravo
Austin Cole Brown ¹
Helen Elizabeth Bullard
Corina Marie Burnett ³
Mylynn Cao-Nguyen
Drake Mitchell Carey
Maria Esther Castillo
Sarai Zaide Cervantes
Veronica Eunbe Cho
Aryn E. Coates
Kayla Marie Cole ²
Emily A. Copeland ²
Cassidy Alana Culp ³
Gargi Ashok Dave
Enrico R. Descotido
Paula Eugenia Diaz
David Bernard Dickey
Blair Taylor Dillon
Benjamin Kromer Ebers
Nicole Catherine Erickson ³
Christian Gasca Eskafyan
Stanley Chijoke Ezeadi ³
Erin M. Fehres
Tori P. Fontenot
Catherine Jane Forkner
Keanna Rheajene Franklin ²
Annabel Raquel Fuller
Caitlin Nicole Fuller ²
Shelby Fuller

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Funk
Ana Francesca Garcia ³
Gabrielle Andrea Garcia
Ryan Patrick Garcia
Desiree Ashley Garrett
Justin Marc Genitiano ⁴
Skyler Robert Gentry
Austin Reed Claw
Josue Guillen
Shengwen Guo
Monique Victoria Hall ⁷
Morgan Leigh Hamburger
Ruochi Han ²
Veronica Anne Hardy
Tyler James Henderson
Adrian Hernandez ⁷
Jurnee Brae Hill
Claudia Yalu Ho
Jaymie Alyce Holman
Jose A. Hoyos
Alyss Nicole Huntsman
Lam True Huynh ³
Tooba R. Iqbal
Jacob Jamall Jackson
Holly Jackson
Shayna Lynn Jacobs ³
Ghadeer Jamal ¹
Kelsea Alise Jones
Daniel Aykut Kazanci
Mahek T. Khwaja ²
Hyesu Kim ⁴
Yong Bryan Tae Kim
Youkyung Kim ³
Jamie Lynn King
Georgia Emmanuela Koukatsikas
Stephanie Laird
Harry C. Lamberton ³
Raquel A. Layton
Dan Parnell Lowe
Van My Luong ²
Josue Luviano
Stephanie Macias

Master of Science

Taylor James Caldwell
Yue Chen
Susana Dahdah Dahdah
Anni Ding
Yingying Feng
Carolina E. Fragoso
Han Gao
Jiapeng Hao
Marissa Dawn Hill
Dahee Hyun
Yeong Jung Kang
Hyun Kyung Lee
Min Lei
Peilu Liu
Yi Liu
Qian Long
Caroline R. Mathison
Whitney Cornett Moffitt
Ashley Mousavi
Kaley E. Obrrien
Julia S. Oppenheimer
Edwin Bermillo Pardilla
Huyen Thi Minh Pham
Justin M. Spodek
Lucas Michael Stefano
Hui Sun
Xueqing Sunny Wang
Zexin Yuan

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Ashley Joyce Adair
Abigail Aguilar
Maria Cristina Aguilar Rico ³
Josette Edmond Akiki ²

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Marissa Jo Maners ²
Grace Marie Marlin ²
Allyne Taylor Marsh
Kristina Arriel Martin
Carlos Martinez ¹
Thomas Mcculloch ²
Antonio Xaxier Medina
Ismael Medina ³
James Marc Menard ³
Gabriela Alejandra Moreno Mayorga
Jyreka Newbill-Rodriguez
Tracy Le Ngo
Han G. Nguyen ³
Hoang-Trang T. Nguyen
Shuang Claire Pan
Shivam Patel
Sunny Patel
Samantha Ray Payne
Jessica Perry
Tichina Donyale Philip ³
Travis Wayne Phillips
Kerigan M. Pike

Abigail I. Platt
Elyse Alexandra Powell
Milagro Francisca Rivera ²
Taylor N. Rivera
Christian Ryan Rodgers
Katelyn Nicole Ruel
Miguel Angel Ruiz
Kendall Douglas Russell
Won Jung Ryu ¹
Janell A. Sabado ²
Elisabeth Salazar ²
Kelsey Samuel
Carmen Maria Sartori
Kaila Renee Sawyer
Yuwen Judy Sheu
Taylor A. Shutter ³
Diamond Lynn Simpson
Bridgett L. Sinema-Tisdale
David Jerome Smith
Jose Antonio Soto
Caitlin Ann Spring
Xinmiao Sun ²

Cyrus J. Tolman ¹
Nancy Toriz
Nicolas A. Torres
Lizbeth Torres Santiago ³
Nga Tran
Elizabeth Anthem Tuch
Shora Samantha Um ²
Hector Urquiza
Richard Varela
Steven Adrian Vanegas
Rodney Ronald Wagner ⁴
Meredith Kate Walden
Victoria Ashley Wall
Jingxian Gola Wang ²
Ziyu Wang ²
Kayla Washington
Maxwell Jacob Williams
Anne Michelle Wix
Yiyun Wu
Landry Erin Zamzow ²
Qingjia Zeng
Amairany Zermeno

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Letter from the Dean

May 11, 2018

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on being awarded your degree from the University of Houston Law Center. The Law Center degree exemplifies the power of legal education. Through your legal education, you learned to think like a lawyer. You learned to write precisely, analyze rigorously, advocate persuasively, and uphold the highest standards of the legal profession. Joining the ranks of our alumni, you will also experience the power of the alumni network. Our alumni are located all across the country and have succeeded as litigators, corporate lawyers, public interest lawyers, and government attorneys, and indeed in any endeavor that they pursued. Our dedicated alumni networks are here to serve you; they will be your biggest supporters and mentors.

In addition to connecting you with our alumni networks, we offer our graduates free Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses. Please make sure that you check our CLE webpage for more information. See http://www.law.uh.edu/cle/.

As you begin your professional career, I encourage you to stay in touch with the Law Center. You can access our alumni page at www.law.uh.edu/alumni. We want to send you our alumni magazine and Law Center updates, such as my Dean's Notes, and information on alumni events. Thus, we need to stay current with your email and mailing address. You may send this information and any updates directly to briefcase@uh.edu. I hope you will get involved with the UH Law Alumni Association, which is a large and very active community that will enrich your professional and personal lives. The Association will also benefit from your participation.

On behalf of the entire Law Center community, best wishes for a successful career. I am honored that you are now part of our vast alumni network. I look forward to greeting you at alumni functions. Please feel free to call on me if I may ever be of assistance.

Warmest regards,

Leonard M. Baynes
Dean and Professor of Law
PRELUDE
Selection performed by Texas Brass Ensemble

PROCessional
Triumphal March
from Aida (Verdi)

National Anthem
Sung by Kate Gigliotti

Welcome and Recognition of Distinguished Guests
Dean Leonard M. Baynes

Commencement Address
Star Jones ('86)
Attorney, Author, and Advocate
President, Professional Diversity Network, Inc.

Hooding
D. Theodore Rave
Assistant Professor of Law

Ronald Turner
A.A. White Professor of Law

Class Speaker
Lucianna de-Regini-Teixeira Bartley
Class of 2018

Christina Marie Beeler
Class of 2018

Welcome from Alumni
Cynthia Mabry ('10)
President, UH Law Alumni Association

Closing Remarks
Dean Leonard M. Baynes

Faculty Recessional
Rondeau by Mouret

Student Recessional
Happy by Pharrell

A reception in honor of the graduates will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel immediately following the commencement ceremony. All graduates, guests and faculty are cordially invited to attend.
University of Houston
UH Law Center
Candidates for Graduation

Spring 2018

DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE

Marim G. Abdelmalak
Aida Ahmadi
Remington Michael Alessi
Brooke Thomas Alger
Alisha Sonbai Alibhai
Sammi Almasri
Tania P. Alonzo
Veronica Lynette Alvarado
Ian Thomas Ashe
Christopher Legare Atmar
Zane Patrick Aubert
Daniel Avila
Fadi Brian K. Badaoui
Paige Lauren Bailey
Fernando Basilio
Christina Marie Beeler
Brigette Ann Begle
Sean Patrick Belding
Matthew Eugene Bergeron
Colby Binford
Rick Blaylock
Kasey Lauren Brock
Lauren Michelle Bullard
Bradon Christopher Burgess
Frederick Vitug Caberto
Bilma A. Canales
Sara Elizabeth Carden
Laura Leigh Cardoza
Rachel Carter
Zakiya Oshay Carter
David Carvajal
Jelan A. Cato
Christopher William Caudill
Sean Chang
Danielle Charron
Rebecca Chavez
Jim Clawson
Kourtney D'Shae Collins
Stephen Anthony Countryman
Brittany Nicole Covert
Austin Crabtree
Peyton Levy Craig
Ernesto Danache IV
Bryan Davis
Justin Diaz
Korayma Diaz
David Carter Dickson
Catherine A. Diktaban
Jason L. Dillingham
Erica Alexis Cassandra Dryden
Elizabeth Mary Dyke
Thomas Edmund Dziedzic
Travis William Earp
Paige Holland Edwards
Corbett Lawrence Enright
Kathleen Evans
Brady McCollum Faglie
Alina Fisher
Kaitlyn Claire Fletcher
Gilberto Jesus Flores Juarez
Melanie Fridgant
Jorge Garay
Robert K. Garcia
Richard Everett Gardner
David Ghably
Edward A. Gomez
Gloriana Gonzalez
Robert C. Goodwill, Jr.
Alexis Guadarrama
Robert L. Hansen
Victoria Harrison
Grace Cynkar Hearn
Ryan Hecht
Marshall Bard Heins II
Gabriela Hernandez
Bianca Anna Herrera
Scott Robert Hively
Michael Forest Hoeferlin, Jr.
Savana Alyce Hooper
Xianghui Huang
Tyler Konrad Hubert
Caroline Karam Ibrahim
Christina Jackson
Karl Edward Jackson, Jr.
Joseph Sami Jaroudi
Tong Jin
R. Turner Johnston
Kathryn Cordelia Jones
Andrew Joseph Kachnik
Erin Brooke Kaufman
Lindsey Taylor Kellam
Heena Kespadi
George Imad Khalaf
Sara Margaret Kiely
Robert John Knapp
Nathan Spence Knight
David Knutson
Garrett Lyndon Korbitz
Jacques Kritzinger
Crawford LeBouef
Brandon Lee
Rachel M. Levy
Tiffany J. Li
Barbara Light
Isaac C. Liou
Jane Liu
Courtney Michelle Luther
Thomas John Machisak
Jordan Bartley Mack
Tanis Rose Makowsky
Vikki Marsh
Collin Marshall
M. Mikayla Martinez
Carl Matejka
Josh Mathews
Coleton Wade Mayo
Jordan Tanner McAllister
Michael J. McClellan
Michael James McCormick
Jessica Medina
Kashif Masood Mehmood
Hannah Jean Melcer
Diana Melendez
Allegra Melton

1 Summa Cum Laude · 2 Magna Cum Laude · 3 Cum Laude
University of Houston
UH Law Center

Candidates for Graduation

Ayla Michelle Meyer
Jonathan T. Miller
Zain W. Mohammad
Stephanie Ann Montes
Damineh Morsali
Kent Kouros Motamedi
Joshua Blake Mullin
Priya Nath
Richard Neville
Peter S. Newman
James Nguyen
Khuong Nguyen
Tieumi Nguyen
Priscilla Niedzwiedz
Brooke Ann Nussle
Orla P. O’Callaghan
Shaleez Esfahani Ozlat
Inge Pasman
Kelsey Anne Pennington
Karla Quetzalli Perez Ramirez
Tiffany Parveen Persaud
Nicholas A. Pohl
Casey Polivka
Nick Pucillo
Andrew Joseph Quesada
Elizabeth Lawrie Rambin
Katherine Raymon
Dane Alexander Rebkowec
Constanza Recchini
Michael Paul Reyna
Kade Rhodes
Ruth Rivera-Arriaga
Matthew Miles Robinson
Analiza Rodriguez
Daniel Rodriguez
Reymundo G. Rodriguez IV
Maria Sara Roque Rosales
Liza Lee Roys
Carlos I. Ruiz
Bernardo Sada-Paz Cabeza
Emil Mark Sadykhov
Samuel Juan Andres Saldivar
Miranda Sanderlin
Alejandra Santa
Zachary W. Scott
Samantha Sears
Carson J. Severson
Rebecca Amanda Sheinbaum
Lawrence W. Sims
Russell Smith
John Major Spalding
Ryan W. Steinhart
Lauren Stelck
Russell Stockman
Rachel Beth Sullivan
Timothy Britton Sullivan
Tressa L. Surratt
Allison Marie Swidriski
Graham Christopher Taylor
Shannon M. Terry
Gordon Henry Thal
Alexandra Lynne Trujillo
Pierce E. Turcotte
Julia Nicole Valencia
David Mike Vaughan
Chelsea Michelle Vernon
Edwin Enrique Villa
Cassandra Faith Watkins
Kevin Patrick Welch
Maddison Mae West
William McGinnis Whetten
Arthur Marshall Whitman
Daniel Alan Wicoff
Jarquita Williams
Morgan Louise Williams
Michael Denney Wright
Juan C. Yaquian
Randal Yates
Paul Knox Zachry
Jorge Aaron Zamora
Jay Zhang
Jim Clawson
Victoria Anne da Silva Lima Knight
Elif Dag-Milano
Carlos Ramon Diaz Sordo
Ana Ducuron
Nawatha Maxine Duncan-Hayes
Federico Fregoso
Paola Garcia Jurado
Marshall Harkins
Daniele Fernandes Hickey
Magali Marie Eileen Housset
Macy Lynn Hunsaker
Tom Q. Huynh
Boniface Emenike Ibe
Aifuwa Efosa Ighinoba
Ben Uchenna Ike
Shaveta Karra
Carla-Gaye Alecia Kelly-Callum
Alberto Kurtyan
Ziunnisa Lodhi
Margarita Michaels
Sasha Camile Missick
Nathaniel Nabaa
Priya Nath
Katya Nikitina
Natalie Anne Nowiski
Charles Merile Onyango
Onyinyechi Dorothy Oputa
Larysa Polunin
Fernanda Simoes Pires Costa Rezende
Moshe Moses Thomas
Louise C. Thompson
Manuel Andres Traslosheros Romero
Toni-Ann Rhea Tulloch
Chinyere Tracy Udenwagu
Bright Usifoh
Victoriya Vidma
Lauriane Villot
Christina John Wanies
Neal Matthew Wizig

1 Summa Cum Laude · 2 Magna Cum Laude · 3 Cum Laude

MASTER OF LAWS

Dalya Alabassi
Mario Alvarez
Amy Obiageli Anazia
Lucianna de-Regini-Teixeira Bartley
Basirat Ifeoluwa Bolomope
Charles Johnathan Bush
Diego Capistrano

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON
December 2017 Graduates

**DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE**
Luis Alberto Alcoser  
Mary Howard Borrego  
Matthew S. Boyden  
Audrey Christine Ewer  
Christopher Bryan Fonseca  
Nicholas Ryan Guillemette  
Phillip B. Harris  
Donald Scott Hutchings

Andrew Richmond Knop  
Matthew Nieten  
Travis W. Peeler  
Tony Peterson  
Manuel Pascal Schoenhuber  
Abid T. Steele  
Salisha S. Virani

**MASTER OF LAWS**
Feyisola Esther Awodunmila  
Judah R. Broussard

August 2018 Candidates

**DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE**
Meagan Gann  
Divya Lakshmi Kannegenti  
Johnie Amanda Maraist  
Sean Anthony Santarelli  
Charles Sherard Shull  
Christian Alexander Haeffner Stachely

Aseye Afi Agbitor  
Alylyn Mendoza Almazan  
David Gutierrez Rubio  
Ana Miriam Martínez  
Shayan Memon  
Angela Ximena Morales Lopez  
Belinda M. Regalado Casa

**MASTER OF LAWS**
Diego Armando Saucedo Guerra  
Arif Syed  
Arisai Rebecca Sliva  
Sabrina Tulon  
Erika Paola Uribe Sierra  
Tanyga F. White

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Warren Harris (’88)

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Effects of Immigration Status and Maternal Health Behaviors on Gestational Weight Gain and Adherence to Institute of Medicine Gestational Weight Gain Recommendations
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Well on Wheels: A Holistic Wellness Intervention for Individuals with Spinal Cord Injuries: Risk Profile, Longitudinal Outcomes, and Success
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The Translation Experience of Spanish Heritage Language Learners: An Empirical Study
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The Price of a Pint: An Environmental History of English Brewing During the Long Nineteenth Century
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Political Science
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Campaign Rhetoric and the Gender Gap in American Elections
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Authoritarianism, Threat, and Declining Tolerance and Support for Democracy: Evidence from the Post-Arab Spring Middle East
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The Ties That Do Not Bind: Social Capital, Female Representation, and Social Inequality in the US.
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The Effects of Ethnicity on the Cross-cultural Reliability of the Specific Affect Coding System
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Efficacy of an Integrated Sleep and Anxiety Intervention for Anxious Children: A Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial
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Perceived Burdensomeness, Attitudinal Familism and Suicidal Ideation in Hispanic Adolescent Inpatients
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Stress and Health Among Racial/Ethnic Minorities: The Role of Cultural Mismatch
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High-Definition Fiber Tracking Study of the Executive Control Network in Blast-Related Brain Injury
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The Role of Attachment and Naturally Occurring Variation in the OPRM1 Gene in Differential Grief Responses During Spousal Bereavement
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Good People: How Coworker Competence and Support Influence Engagement and Contextual Performance
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The Role of Attachment and Naturally Occurring Variation in the OPRM1 Gene in Differential Grief Responses During Spousal Bereavement
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Alexa Ann Brososky
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Madison Leigh Brown
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Travskia Antoinette Bullock
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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**  

**Commencement**  
Friday, May 11, 2018, 9 a.m.  
NRG Arena

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*Dean*                                            |
| **GREETINGS**                              | Neelesh Mutlaya  
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| **STUDENT ADDRESS**                        | Christopher Wong                                                     |
| **AWARD PRESENTATION**                     | Dean Wells  
*John C. Butler Excellence in Teaching Award: Renbecca Zufall*       |
|                                            | *Junior Faculty Award for Excellence in Research: Loi Do*            |
| **PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS**        | Ian Evans  
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| **RECOGNITION OF 4.0 STUDENTS**            | Associate Dean Evans                                                 |
| **PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES**      | Dean Wells  
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*Associate Dean, Student Success*                                      |
|                                            | Anne Delcour  
*Associate Dean, Graduate Studies*                                   |
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Atmospheric Sciences
Abigail Margaret Corbett
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Advisor: Yunssoo Choi, Ph.D.

Biochemistry
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Advisor: Preethi H. Gunaratne, Ph.D.
Sujina Mali
Advisor: Steven Bark, Ph.D.
Abhijit Arvind More
Advisor: Robert Fox, Ph.D.
Haopeng Yang
Advisor: Yuhong Wang, Ph.D.

Biology
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Advisor: Jan-Åke Gustafsson, Ph.D.
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Advisor: Masaya Fujita, Ph.D.
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Swati Roy
Advisor: Seema Khurana, Ph.D.

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Advisor: Jakoah Brgoch, Ph.D.
Vladimir Lankevich
Advisor: Eric R. Bittner, Ph.D.

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Chen Liang
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**MASTER OF ARTS**

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**Earth Science**  
Richard Wayne Saulnier ¹  
Karen Scarbrough

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Michael Gross
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Jeremy Le
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Rolando Jovannie Rivera
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Son Quang Truong
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Anmol Valabha
Veronica Vexler
Andrew Walker
Shuai Cheng Wang
Xiaoya Wang
Paul Joseph Weber
Xing Weng
Glen Ellsworth Williams
Alan C. Wong
Jia Dong Yu
Kevin Yu
Bevan Oscar Zuri

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Juan Buena
Ganga V. Gangadharan
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Kechi M. Hainsworth-Watson
Rebecca Aislynn Hunt
Mulungi D. I. Nabaloga

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Flavia T. De Moraes
Andrea S. Di Girolamo
Kristoffer C. Fowler
Kendall Dwayne Hatfield
Michael R. Johnson
Noah Jeffery Karsky
Hayat Essam A. Kashgari
Raymond Khuc
Jacob Douglas Neumann
Frank O. Okonkwo
Sandita Paul
Candy Pereira
Maria A. Pinzon
Flor Sanchez
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Brendan Stover Cornelison
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Mahere Alice S. Karine Gbe
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Irfan Hussain Khan
Matthew Franklyn Law
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College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

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Keyin La'Royce Scott  
Jose A. Sequera-Andrade  
Drew Sims  
Emmanuel Kevin Yima  
Omar Zavala

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Anjay K. Batra  
Joshua Chakranarayan  
Jonathan A. Duong  
Andrea Guloy  
Deena Akram Habazi  
Anam Qamar Haque  
Skyler Mario Howell  
Marina Kristy Ibrahim  
Emily Sarah Johnson  
Oshin Joseph  
Amelia A. Khoei  
Fang Mei Lu  
Sommer V. Luu  
Jennifer P. Nguyen  
Alexander H. Pham  
Megan K. Pham  
Farrah Enayet Rahim  
Nisha Ashley Reddy  
Jessica A. Rivas  
Moawiz M. Saeed  
Ambica Sethi  
Revanth S. Vadlamudi  
Cynthia T. Yusuf  
Elizabeth Ming Zhu

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Jesus Christian Arvalo  
Elvis Abraham Alvarez  
Kevin Russell Bailey  
Kyrion J. Bray  
Lauren Nichole Bush  
Sean Paul Campbell  
Xi Chen  
Faith C. Clause  
Aydan N. Delgado  
Jesus G. Diaz  
Katrina T. Doan  
Dakota Ann Doran  
Rossini Pierre Douge  
Matthew Thomas Dysart  
Yeiglin E. Escalante  
Jasmine Eshun  
Harriet M. Figueroa  
Rebecca Fracek  
Jorge I. Garcia  
Hasan N. M. Gaziza  
Craig J. George  
John Daniel Griffith  
Christina L. Hamilton  
Noam Dov Harari-Arnold  
Derek Quan Ho  
Shahzad Kalloo  
Ramandeep Kaur  
Jin Lau  
Abigail Vanessa Lopez  
Daniela Lopez  
Jessica Leticia Martinez  
Elisa Michelle Mayr  
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Quang Nguyen  
Thienluong Van Nguyen  
Nobuaki Ogishima  
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Zachary Michael Peabody  
Abel Pedraza  
Anjali Y. Persaud  
Quyen Thi Le Pham  
Ruby Pham  
Miranda Pincus  
Aratrica Rahman  
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Edward George Southwick  
Amy Catherine Taylor  
Ashley Morgan Tharp  
Kydall Elizabeth Tyler  
Shannon Marie Weed

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Sarah E. Garrison  
Ramel Gonzalez  
Xavier L. Jackson  
Desmond Jeff  
Matthew Paul Kleinpeter  
Donnie Munford  
Van Tien Nguyen  
Daisy Henriette Nsibu  
Steven Jacob Oliver  
Julio Parada  
Dorian Humberto Pena  
Jacob Daniel Rose  
Adam J. Salazar  
Lilly A. Schaffer  
Luis Hector Victor

1 Summa Cum Laude - 2 Magna Cum Laude - 3 Cum Laude - 4 Banner Bearers
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 UH Nursing pin. Thank you for being a student at the University of Houston and thank you for choosing to be a nurse!

Your education at the College 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, and volunteering, thus adding to the strength and vibrancy of our community and our profession. I am especially proud of those who volunteered during and after the hurricane. Thank you.

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 City of Houston, our State, the nation, and around the world.

As lifelong learners I invite you to stay connected with your College 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 College of Nursing or the University of Houston.

Congratulations Nursing Cougars!

Sincerely,

Kathryn M. Tart, EdD, MSN, RN
Founding Dean and Professor
University of Houston
College of Nursing

Commencement and Pinning Ceremony
Friday, May 11, 2018, 3 p.m.
UH Sugar Land Susan Ryon Davis
Multipurpose Room

PROCESSIONAL  “Four Seasons” by Vivaldi
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS  Kathryn M. Tart, EdD, MSN, RN
  Founding Dean and Professor
SPEAKER  Joe Zimmerman
DESCRIPTION OF PIN  Dean Tart
PINNING OF BACHELOR CANDIDATES  Sandra Lee, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE
  Assistant Clinical Professor/RN to BSN Manager
HOODING AND PINNING OF  Kathleen Reeve, DrPH, ANP-BC, FNP-C
  MASTER CANDIDATE  Associate Dean and Clinical Professor
  and College of Nursing Faculty
Dean Tart
PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR  Dr. Kathleen Reeve
  AND MASTER CANDIDATES
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES  Dean Tart
FAREWELL FROM THE FACULTY  Dr. Kathleen Reeve
ALMA MATER  Kirstie McCallum
  Moores School of Music
RECESSIONAL  “Radetzky Waltz” by Strauss
Commencement Speaker

JOE R. ZIMMERMAN

Mayor of Sugar Land

Mr. Zimmerman is a Senior Consultant for Halff Associates, Inc., a Texas-based civil engineering consulting firm founded in 1950. He has extensive business experience, having served in senior management positions in a number of different industries. He is active in his community and has been involved in the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, Literacy Council of Fort Bend and Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority.

Councilman Zimmerman was elected the 10th Mayor of Sugar Land on June 11, 2016 after serving four years as the At-Large, Position 2, City Councilman. He currently serves on the Economic Development Committee, Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Land-Use Task Force, Sugar Land Development Corporation Board and as the COSL representative on the HGAC Board and Transportation Policy Council. Prior to being elected to City Council, he was a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for eight years, serving six years as Chairman. He is a 2015 graduate of the Sugar Land Regional Airport Academy.

Mr. Zimmerman earned his BSCE from UH and MBA from Houston Baptist University. He and his wife of almost 42 years, Nancy, have lived in Sugar Land since 1990 and are active members of Second Baptist Church Woodway. Their daughter, Allison, her husband Chris Wallace, granddaughter Emmy and grandson Campbell live in Houston.
University of Houston
College of Nursing

Graduates

Spring 2018

MSN Graduates

Hilary Lee Butella
Mary E. Ezebuiro
Christina Kowalski Rosser
Mark Anthony Yap

Summer 2018

RN to BSN Graduates

Kwanisha Khumalo Alexander
Catrina Alvarado
Willemina Bogaards
Jade Gillis
Melany Vaca Lizano
Pelaye Odufowokan

MSN Graduate

Heather Mansker

1 Summa Cum Laude Honors - 2 Magna Cum Laude Honors - 3 Cum Laude Honors - 4 Sigma Theta Tau International Member
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.
Letter from the Dean

Dear UHCO Graduate,

First and foremost, congratulations to each of you on this momentous occasion! This is the defining moment in transitioning from your academic career to your professional career, and we celebrate your achievement. I hope that you take time to reflect on your journey and to honor the many individuals whose care and support helped you along the way.

For those of you receiving a Master of Science in Physiological Optics degree, the need for new knowledge in the vision sciences is significant. We look to you to become thought leaders among your peers as well as for new knowledge that will advance visual health.

For those of you receiving a Doctor of Optometry degree, as a second-year student you recited the optometric oath and received your white coat – a significant milestone in your optometric education. With your first patient came great responsibility of upholding the patient-doctor relationship and of providing the highest quality patient care. Going forward, we ask that you remember this commitment, as it will serve you well.

As the next generation of optometrists, researchers, and vision scientists, we look forward to your continued accomplishments as you go out into the world and give back of your time and talents while building on the foundation of those who came before you and paved the way. You will play a crucial and ever-expanding role in the healthcare field.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration, we wish you the best in your new endeavors. Remember you always have a home at UHCO, and we will always welcome you back with open arms. You will forever be a part of this family. Again, congratulations on your academic success and on joining the ranks of the entire optometric profession.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Smith III, O.D., ’72, Ph.D., ’78
Dean
Greeman-Petty Professor
University of Houston
College of Optometry

Commencement
Saturday, May 12, 2018, 2 p.m.
Cullen Performance Hall

PRELUDE
Classical Arrangement

PROCESSIONAL
“Pomp and Circumstance”
by Sir Edward Elgar

MACE BEARER
Han Cheng, Ph.D., O.D.
Clinical Professor

BANNER BEARER
Lloyd Pate, O.D.
Clinical Associate Professor

INVOCATION
Lyle Tate, M.S.
Program Manager for
the Office of Optometry Relations

WELCOME
Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D.
Dean and Greeman-Petty Professor

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE
Kimberly Lambreghts, R.N., O.D.
Associate Dean for Professional Studies
and Clinical Professor

AND MAGNA CUM LAUDE

GOLD KEY INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS
Ralph Herring, O.D., M.H.A.
Assistant Dean for Professional Studies
and Clinical Associate Professor

BETA SIGMA KAPPA
Assistant Dean Herring

BSK SILVER MEDAL AWARD

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Nick Holdeman, O.D., M.D.
Associate Dean for Clinical Education
and Professor of Optometry

OUTSTANDING GRAND Rounds
Associate Dean Holdeman

PRESENTATION AWARD

REMARKS
Jimmy Wadley, O.D.
President, Foundation for Education and
Research in Vision
University of Houston
College of Optometry

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Cora and J. Davis Armistead
Faculty Teaching Award
revealed by Dean Smith

STUDENT ADDRESS
Michelle Schwartzenburg Mitchell

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD
Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2018
presented to Roger Boltz, O.D.,'72, Ph.D., '78
Dean Smith

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Roger Boltz, O.D., Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Finance and Administration
Distinguished Alumnus for 2018

PRESENTATION AND HOODING
OF THE CANDIDATES
Dean Smith

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR MASTERS OF SCIENCE
IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS DEGREE
Laura Frishman, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research
and John and Rebecca Moores Professor

PRESENTATION OF
OPTOMETRY RESIDENTS
Karen Fern, O.D.
Director, Residency Programs and Associate Professor

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE
Amber Gaume Giannoni, O.D.
Chair of the Faculty and Clinical Professor

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES
FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE
Associate Dean Lambreghts

HOODING OF CANDIDATES
Dr. Gaume Giannoni
Jennifer Tasca, O.D.
Clinical Professor

FACULTY ASSISTING IN HOODING
Anita Ticak, O.D., M.S.
Clinical Associate Professor
Michelle Cunningham, O.D.
Adjunct Faculty
The College has a long-standing tradition whereby parents, siblings, spouses, grandparents, uncles and aunts who are graduates from the University of Houston College of Optometry, or graduates from a peer optometry institution, are invited to participate in the ceremony by serving as an honorary hooder. Candidates are given the opportunity to designate a hooder provided the individual meets the criteria as listed above and is approved by College Administration in advance of the ceremony.
THE OPTOMETRIC OATH

With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

• I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously and to the fullest scope of my competence.

• I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

• I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion, and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

• I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.

• I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

• I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain, or enhance their vision and general health.

• I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

• I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

• I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country, and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

• I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this, my solemn oath and obligation.

CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Smith

BENEDICTION

James Walters, Ph.D., O.D.

Associate Professor

RECESSIONAL

“War March of the Priests”

by Felix Mendelssohn
University of Houston
College of Optometry

Candidates for Graduation

Spring 2018

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS
Candidates’ names are followed by their hometown; undergraduate institution(s) and, if applicable, graduate institution(s).

Kaleb Sulak Abbott
Kingwood, TX
B.S., Texas A&M University
**Thesis:** Influence of Light Exposure on the Melanopsin Driven Pupil Response

Mylan T. Nguyen
Houston, TX
B.S., University of Texas - Austin
M.S.P.H., University of Texas School of Public Health
**Thesis:** Validation of the Discovery System and Identification of Retinal Image Quality Metrics Predictive of Visual Performance in Subjects Fitted with Soft Multifocal Contact Lenses

Auzita Sajjadi
Lafayette, LA
B.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette
**Thesis:** Objective Measurement of Light Exposure and Refractive Error in Children

Residents
Candidates’ names are followed by their hometown; graduate institution(s); and residency information.

Dorothy Chou, O.D.
Arlington, TX
O.D., University of California Berkeley School of Optometry
**Residency:** Family Practice Optometry at the UHCO Eye Center in the Heights

Shannon Gilbert, O.D.
San Antonio, TX
O.D., University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry
**Residency:** Ocular Disease at the Community Eye Clinic

Elliott Janousek, O.D.
O’Neill, NE
O.D., Indiana University School of Optometry
**Residency:** Ocular Disease at the University Eye Institute

Vlad Koyfman, M.S., O.D.
Brooklyn, NY
M.S., University of Surrey
O.D., Inter American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry
**Residency:** Ocular Disease at the Cedar Spring Eye Clinic

Elena Lischau, O.D.
Sugar Land, TX
O.D., University of Houston College of Optometry
**Residency:** Brain Injury Vision Rehabilitation at the University Eye Institute

Kelsey Etheredge Mach, O.D.
Lafayette, LA
O.D., University of Houston College of Optometry
**Residency:** Pediatric Optometry at the University Eye Institute

Stephanie Marten-Ellis, O.D.
Killeen, TX
O.D., University of Houston College of Optometry
**Residency:** Family Practice Optometry at the University Eye Institute

Erin Sayoko Tomiyama, O.D.
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA
O.D., Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University
**Residency:** Cornea and Contact Lens at the University Eye Institute

Crystal Wang, O.D.
Palo Alto, CA
O.D., University of California Berkeley School of Optometry
**Residency:** Low Vision Rehabilitation at the University Eye Institute

Postdoctoral Fellows
Candidates’ names are followed by their hometown; graduate institution(s); and fellowship information.

Amy Belloli Conner, MBA, O.D.
Chesapeake, VA
MBA, South University
O.D., University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry
**Fellowship:** Cornea and Contact Lens at the Texas Eye Research and Technology Center

Veronica Mendez, O.D.
Zion, IL
O.D., Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry
**Fellowship:** Clinical Teaching at the UHCO Eye Center in the Heights

Doctor of Optometry
Candidates’ names are followed by their hometown; undergraduate institution(s) if applicable, graduate institution(s); and fourth-year clinical externship locations.

Kaleb Sulak Abbott
Kingwood, TX
B.S., Texas A&M University
Bellaire Family Eye Care, Bellaire, Texas
Katy VA Outpatient Clinic, Katy, Texas

Dorian David Acosta
El Paso, TX
B.S., University of Texas at El Paso
Katy VA Outpatient Clinic, Katy, Texas
UHCO Eye Center in the Heights, Houston, Texas

Ailia Ahmed
Houston, TX
B.A., University of Texas at Austin
Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas
Neuro-Ophthalmology of Texas, Houston, Texas

Leigh Elizabeth Alexander
Lubbock, TX
B.S., University of Texas at Austin
NSU College of Optometry, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
HOPE Eye Clinic, Houston, Texas
Mehwish M. Ali
Houston, TX
B.S., University of Texas at Austin
Eye Care Associates of Humble, Humble, Texas
Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas

Lindsey Morgan Bank
Dallas, TX
B.S., University of Texas at Austin
Heitmeier, Armani, Langhetee & Cangelosi Medical & Surgical Eye Care, New Orleans, Louisiana
Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas

Gillian Christyn Bentley
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Roger Boltz, O.D., Ph.D., F.A.A.O.

Dr. Roger Boltz arrived at the University of Houston in 1966 and entered the Doctor of Optometry program in 1968, completing his O.D. degree in 1972. Following two years of active duty as an optometrist in the U.S. Army, Dr. Boltz entered the graduate program at the University of Houston College of Optometry, graduating with a Ph.D. in Vision Science in 1978. He then joined the faculty as an assistant professor.

During his time as a graduate student and as a faculty member, Dr. Boltz has taught a number of diverse subjects including: neuroanatomy, ocular anatomy, geometric optics, monocular sensory perception, binocular vision, and anterior segment pathology. His main focus however has been in the area of contact lenses, teaching in the classroom, laboratory, and clinic. Although he gave up lecture and laboratory teaching to pursue administrative assignments, he has maintained a clinical presence in the Cornea and Contact Lens area.

As a faculty member, Dr. Boltz held a number of committee and administrative positions. In 1991, he became Associate Dean for Professional Studies. Since then, he has held a number of administrative positions including Chief Financial Officer, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean for Finance and Administration.

Outside the College, Dr. Boltz has held a number of committee appointments. He was elected as Chair of the Graduate and Professional Studies Council four times. He served on the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education for nine years, becoming Chair in 2009.
Golden Reunion Class of 1968

The University of Houston College of Optometry’s faculty, staff, and students salute the Class of 1968 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of their Commencement.

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Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the University of Houston College of Pharmacy family, I extend a sincere congratulations and best of luck to the college’s Class of 2018. You have been exceptional representatives of the College and University. I have no doubt that you will continue to serve as worthy ambassadors for the college by building upon our reputation for excellence.

I believe that graduates of the College of Pharmacy are unique in that, regardless of your chosen area of practice, all of you have the opportunity to enrich the lives of those around you. As you embark upon and progress through your careers, I urge you to always remember why you chose your respective field and the sacrifices that you endured in order to make it happen: to serve our communities and improve the quality of life and health of its members with compassion, honesty and integrity.

I would also like to give special thanks to the parents, spouses, children and friends of our graduates for their patience, understanding, sacrifices and support – both moral and financial - during these challenging, but rewarding, years at the college. Although your guidance, comfort and encouragement certainly will continue to be sought and appreciated in the years to come, you can rejoice in the gradual return to “normalcy” with no more long nights of studying, get-togethers unattended and trips untaken. Yet, even more so, you can relish the shared feeling of pride in what your graduate has accomplished and the abundant opportunities ahead.

In the coming years, I would ask that you not forget your college, former professors, and fellow and future Cougars. I encourage you to not only give back to the college by supporting college activities, programs and scholarships, but also by keeping us updated on the many achievements you will experience in your careers and personal lives. We will always take great pride in your achievements.

Congratulations again to the graduates of our professional and graduate programs. The entire UH College of Pharmacy Family is very proud of you.

Take care,

F. Lamar Pritchard, Ph.D.
Dean, University of Houston College of Pharmacy
University of Houston
College of Pharmacy

Commencement
Thursday, May 10, 2018, 9 a.m.
Cullen Performance Hall

CONVOCATION MARSHALS
Elizabeth Coyle
*Assistant Dean for Assessment*

Louis Williams
*Associate Professor*

GOLDEN COUGARS CLASS OF 1968

BANNER BEARER
Julie Ference

CANDIDATES

PLATFORM PARTY

WELCOME
F. Lamar Pritchard
*Dean*

Jack Moore
*Regent, University of Houston Board of Regents*

STUDENT RESPONSE
Stephanie Ho

PRESENTATION & HOODING
OF PH.D. CANDIDATES
Dean Pritchard

PRESENTATION & HOODING
OF M.S. CANDIDATES
Dean Pritchard

RECOGNITION OF HONORS
Andrea J. Smesny
*Executive Associate Dean*

PRESENTATION & HOODING
OF PHARM.D. CANDIDATES
Dean Pritchard

RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN COUGAR
CLASS OF 1967
Dean Pritchard

OATH OF A PHARMACIST
Andrea J. Smesny
*Executive Associate Dean*

RECESSIONAL
Oath of a Pharmacist

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy.

In fulfilling this vow:

*I will* consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

*I will* apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

*I will* respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

*I will* accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

*I will* hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession’s moral, ethical and legal conduct.

*I will* embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

*I will* utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.
Spring and Summer 2018

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACY LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION**

Cindy Adibe  
Impact of a Pharmacy-led Medication History Program in the Emergency Center of a Large, Academic Hospital  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kimberly Birtcher

Sunny Bhakta  
Evaluating the Impact of a Systematic Approach to Optimizing Medication Alerts in a Large Health-System  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kevin Garey

Pei Jen Lin  
Effect of Best Practice Alerts on Nurses’ Intention to Perform Medication Education: An Application of the Theory of Planned Behavior  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Divya Varkey

Marcy L Pilate  
Implementation of Outpatient Antimicrobial Stewardship Initiatives in a Veterans Affairs Academic Medical Center  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kevin Garey

Thomas Cachero Roduta  
Impact of Real-Time Prescription Benefit Information at Point of Discharge on a Provider-Sponsored Health Plan  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kevin Garey

Devlin Victoria Smith  
Impact of a Preceptor Bootcamp on Confidence and Effectiveness  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Divya Varkey

Andrea Arriaga White  
Leveraging Health System Pharmacy Operations and Drug Cost Savings to Sustain a Remote Clinic  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Julianna Fernandez

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY**

Ruta Vijay Sawant  
Preventive Behaviors for Cognitive Health Maintenance: Understanding the Role of Message Framing and Involvement  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sujit Sansgiry

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS**

Yu He  
Development of Combination Therapies of Pazopanib through a PK/PD Approach  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Ming Hu

**DOCTOR OF PHARMACY**

Nancy Abraham  
Shawn Ahmad  
Richard Ajumobi  
Matt Edrick C. Bactad  
Maru Belay Belete  
Mayuri Ishvar Bhakta  
Asha D. Bhatt  
Nhat Amy Bui  
Gloria T. Chao  
Alyssa Marie A. Chionglo  
Lin Yang Chu  
Evan Cleaver  
Megan Hardwick Cooper  
Stephanie J. Dantimo  
Taylor Y. Daughty  
Rodrigo Miguel DeLaTorre  
Alexis L. DeWalt  
Dozie Dike  
Devon D. El-Dana  
Danielle El-Hallal  
Manal Mousa El-Khalil  
Julie Renee Ference  
Coby Wynn’s Finger  
Casey Nicole Franklin  
Noel-Alan Castillo Galang  
Sonny Sushil Gandhi  
William Giang  
Bryan M. Githumbi  
Gifty Gyebi  
Austin J. Hinkel  
Stephanie Tram Ho  
Thao Ha Hoang  
Dylan Cain Huff  
John Tyler Hughes  
Uyen Huynh  
Grace Seonhae Hwang  
Jeffrey Garces Ibarueng  
Yae Im  
Shifatul Islam  
Micheal Ghassan Janho  
Diana John  
Chelsea Lynn Jose  
Adrianna Elizabeth Jurado  
Joel David Kanter  
Rebecca Pratt Kessinger  
Sepideh Khaef  
Amy Marie Kiley  
Chi Yen Kish  
Natalie A. Kobersi  
Min Jin Koh  
Thushara Thomas Korattyil  
Binh Le  
Clever Thao Le  
Thanh Phuong M. Le  
Jaekyu Lee  
Jake Ming Li  
Ashley M. Long  
April De Lu  
Shawna M. Lucht  
Megha Makanji  
Salima Mawji  
Felicia Rena Merchant  
Anthony J. Mondragon  
Margeaux Gabrielle Montana  
Salima Mansur Nathoo  
Edwin Ng  
Victor Jaquez Ngo  
Yen Phuong Hoang Ngo  
Anh Nguyen
Christy Hong-Anh Thuy Nguyen
Jenny Camvan Nguyen
Jim D. Nguyen
Nathan Thang Nguyen
Nicole Nguyen
Teri Que Tran Nguyen
Tien Nguyen
Tien Thi Thuy Nguyen
Brian Ikechukwu Nwokorie
Ieoma Okonkwo
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Ismael Rodriguez, Jr.
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Bolanle Soyombo
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Hiresh H. Tailor
Steven Tang
Natasha A. Thaliachery
Lauren Tolat
Thao T. Tran
Thomas Tran
Amanda K. Trieu
Luna Truong
Casey Vauters
Rana Vazirnezami
Julie Vu
Elise Marie Waldron-Young
George Nian Kae Wang
Katrina Marie Watson
Na Youn Won
Jennifer Tseng Yarbrough
Bajes Murshed Zayed
Andrei Zidar

University of Houston
College of Pharmacy
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PHARMACY CERTIFICATE IN HISPANIC HEALTHCARE
Shawn Ahmad
Grace Hwang
Jeffrey Ibarguen
Jaekyu Lee
Megha Makanji
Dora Roderiguz
### Fall 2017

#### Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes and Policy

**Anthony Colavecchia**  
Effectiveness and Safety of Four-Factor Prothrombin Complex and Fresh Frozen Plasma in Cardiac Surgery  
**Advisor:** Dr. Rajender R. Aparasu

**Manvi Sharma**  
The Concomitant Use of Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors and Proton Pump Inhibitors: Prevalence, Predictors and Impact on Survival and Discontinuation of Therapy in Older Adults with Cancer  
**Advisor:** Michael Johnson

**Sneha Sura**  
Optimizing Antipsychotic Use across Nursing Homes: Implications for Dementia Care  
**Advisor:** Dr. Rajender R. Aparasu

**Xin Wang**  
Medication Adherence to Antihypertensive Combination Therapy  
**Advisor:** Dr. Hua Chen

#### Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacology

**Radhika Joshi**  
Determining the Effects and Signaling Properties of β-Blockers in House Dust Mite-Driven Murine Models of Asthma  
**Advisor:** Dr. Richard Bond

**Hesong Liu**  
Behavioral, Cognitive, and Biochemical Consequences of Early Life Stress in Later Life: Insights from an Animal Model  
**Advisor:** Dr. Samina Salim

**Santosh Suryavanshi**  
Mechanistic Role of Human mAKAP Polymorphisms in Cardiovascular Diseases  
**Advisor:** Dr. Bradley McConnell

**Ankita Salvi**  
Behavioral and Biochemical Consequences of Simulated Vehicle Exhaust Exposure in Rats  
**Advisor:** Dr. Samina Salim

### Summer 2017

#### Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes and Policy

**Pratik Rane**  
Safety Effects of Proton Pump Inhibitors among community dwelling adults with Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease  
**Advisor:** Dr. Rajender Aparasu

#### Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutics

**Pankajini Mallick**  
Molecular Mechanisms of Irinotecan hepatotoxicity and drug-drug interaction  
**Advisor:** Dr. Romi Ghose

**Hironari Akasaka**  
Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms of Inflammatory Prostaglandin E2 Biosynthesis  
**Advisor:** Dr. Ke-He Ruan

#### Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacology

**Luis Alberto Martinez**  
Effects of Regulating Hyperactive Rac1 in a Mouse Model of Fragile X Syndrome  
**Advisor:** Dr. Maria V. Tejada-Simon

**Naimesh Natawarlal Solanki**  
Role of oxidative stress in behavioral, cognitive and biochemical impairment in a rat model of social stress  
**Advisor:** Dr. Samina Salim

### Spring 2017

#### Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutics

**Gadgil Sanjay Prajakta**  
Lazaroid Formulations for Brain Delivery: Development of Nanostructured Lipid Carriers, Optimization, and Pharmacokinetic Evaluation  
**Advisor:** Dr. Diana Shu-Lian Chow

**Daping Zhang**  
Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics of Mycophenolic Acid in Pediatric and Adult Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Patients  
**Advisor:** Dr. Diana Shu-Lian Chow
Rho Chi

The Rho Chi Society, Pharmacy’s academic honor society, was established in 1922 to encourage and recognize excellence in intellectual achievement, foster fellowship among its members, encourage high standards of conduct and character, and advocate critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy. The fundamental objective of Rho Chi is to promote the advancement of the pharmaceutical sciences through the encouragement and recognition of sound scholarship by bringing professional students, graduate students, and faculty members together in fraternal and helpful association. High standards of intellectual and scholarly attainment have been demanded for election to membership.

The Society’s insignia, the Greek letters, “Rho” and “Chi,” were originally selected because, when placed in the relative position in which they are found on the Rho Chi Key, they are emblematic of the prescription sign. The colors attached to the seal of membership were chosen to indicate the royalty of purple and the loyalty of white. The eight sides of the Key represent chemistry, biology, physiology, pharmaceutics, pharmacology, and the biomedical, social/administrative, and clinical sciences.

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Rho Chi Graduating Members

Megan Cooper
Rodrigo DeLaTorre
Julie Ference
Austin Hinkel
Uyen Huynh
Yae Jin Im
Micheal Janho
Chelsea Jose
Rebecca Kessinger

Amy Kiley
Ashley Long
Tien Nguyen
Teri Nguyen
Jongho Park
Leila Petok
Lauren Puckett
Anum Shaikh
Rob Suddhi
Ruta Sawant
Lauren Tolat
Thao Tran
Casey Vauters
Rana Vazirnezami
George Wang
Jennifer Yarbrough
Andrei Zidaru

Phi Lambda Sigma

Phi Lambda Sigma, Pharmacy’s leadership society, was established in 1965 to honor and promote the development of leadership qualities, especially among pharmacy students. Members are selected by peer recognition. No greater honor can be bestowed upon an individual than to be recognized as a leader by one’s peers. Such recognition instills and enhances self-confidence, encourages the less active student to a more active role and promotes greater effort toward the advancement of pharmacy.

The insignia of the Society is the key pin, which bears a mortar and pestle and the Greek letters “Phi”, “Lambda” and “Sigma”. A wreath of laurel surrounds the mortar and pestle. The colors of the Society are green and gold.

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Phi Lambda Sigma Graduating Members

Shawn Ahmad
Rodrigo De La Torre
Alexis DeWalt
Dozie Dike
Manal El-Khalil
Gifty Gyebi

Stephanie Ho
Grace Hwang
Jeffrey Ibarguen
Shutian Kathy Ju
Jaekyu Lee
Edwin Ng

Lauren Puckett
Lena Rakouki
Bolanle Soyombo
Katrina Watson
2018 Awards

DEANS AWARDS

Dean Joseph P. Buckley Pharmacy Leadership
Rodrigo DeLaTorre
Rebecca Kessinger
Thao Tran

Royal Society of Chemistry Certificate of Excellence
Elise Waldron
Lilly Achievement
Julie Ference

PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY AWARDS

Graduate Student Excellence
Recipient to be announced

PHARMACY PRACTICE AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH AWARDS

Health Systems Pharmacy of the Year
Methodist Charlton

Hospital Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year
Lori Krustchinsky, Pharm.D.

Institutional Patient Care Preceptor of the Year
Mai Tran, Pharm.D., BCPS

Faculty Preceptor of the Year
Austin De La Cruz

Hospital Pharmacy Internship
Lauren Puckett
Hiresh Tailor
Andre Zidaru

Ambulatory Care Preceptor of the Year
Jodie Gee, PharmD,

Community Preceptor
Amer Hakam

James McCarty Community Pharmacy Internship
Asha Bhatt
Leila Petok

Coby Finger

Mylan Pharmaceutical Excellence in Pharmacy
Rodrigo DeLaTorre

Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition
Joel Kanter

Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication
Sponsored by Facts & Comparisons® and Lexicomp® brands of Wolters Kluwer Health
Devon El-Dana

Special Recognition Award for Excellence in Clinical Skills
Austin Hinkel
Grace Hwang

ASHP Health System Pharmacy
Manal El-Khalil

Ambulatory Care
Rebecca Kessinger

RX Cougar Leadership
Gifty Gyebi
Amy Kiley
Noel Galang

PLS Student Leadership Award
Gifty Gyebi

PLS Faculty Leadership Award
Divya Varkey, Pharm D.

Most Spirited Volunteer and Leadership Award
Richard Ajumobi
Bajes Zayed
Dozie Dike

Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research Excellence
Stephanie Pham

APhA-ASP Service Recognition
Katrina Watson
Communication and Counseling Award
Dylan Huff
Lauren Puckett

Award of Excellence in Non-Prescription Medications and Self Care
Luna Truong

Pharmacy Legislative and Policy Award
Shawn Ahmad

Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Science Awards

Outstanding Academic Achievement in P1 Courses
Recipient to be announced

Outstanding Academic Achievement in P2 Courses
Recipient to be announced
College of Pharmacy Coat of Arms

The College of Pharmacy Coat of Arms was designed by student, Gia Castorina, Class of 2015. It displays the values of professionalism, expertise, and involvement in the pharmacy community. Traditionally, the coat of arms represents the history and values of a school but Gia has incorporated not only the history, but also our future as a leader in pharmacy.

Symbolism for the Elements Compiling the UHCOP Coat of Arms

**Open book:** Symbolizes manifestation; exemplifies abstract ideas, theories, and scholarship. This pays tribute to the hard work of the student body and their “life-long” learning in the field of pharmacy.

**Mortar and pestle:** A symbol of pharmacy due to historical use in preparing medicines. This signifies our mission statement of exhibiting the ideals of pharmacy professionalism.

**Scales:** Represents justice; a pharmacist seeks justice in the distribution of health resources. The scales also serve as a reminder that as pharmacists we must always show ethical behavior. We must weigh out difficult decisions and make challenging judgement calls.

**Bowl of Hygeia:** Another symbol of pharmacy. In Greek mythology, Hygeia was the daughter and assistant of Aesculapius (sometimes spelled Asklepios), the god of medicine and healing. Hygeia’s classical symbol was a bowl containing a medicinal potion with the serpent of wisdom (or guardianship) partaking it. This is the same serpent of wisdom, which appears on the caduceus, the staff of Aesculapius, which is the symbol of medicine.

**College of Pharmacy Founding:** the year the college was founded “est. 1946” is inscribed in the banner.
Letter from the Dean

Dear Social Work Graduates:

Congratulations on your graduation today from the faculty and staff at the Graduate College of Social Work. This celebration marks the end of at least two years of hard work and the beginning of a career in one of the most honorable professions in the world. We would be remiss if we failed to acknowledge not only your accomplishments, but also the support of your family, significant others, and classmates who have helped along the way. And of course, I hope the encouragement and counsel of our incredible faculty and staff have also contributed to your success.

Your motivation and perseverance to complete this degree have prepared you to be of service to those who are in need. I hope that you also will use your knowledge and skills to address the social, racial, economic, and political injustices that exist in our society and around the world. Now more than ever, social workers are needed to confront these injustices and to create a society where justice is no longer an aspiration, but a reality.

I, along with the faculty and staff of the Graduate College of Social Work, wish you every success in the coming years and we look forward to your continued involvement with our College and with our Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association. We honor you today on your achievement and hope that your future is enriched through a successful and significant social work career.

Sincerely,

Alan J. Dettlaff, Ph.D., MSW
Dean and Maconda Brown O’Connor Endowed Dean’s Chair
**University of Houston**  
**Graduate College of Social Work**

**Commencement**  
Thursday, May 11, 2017, 2 p.m.  
Cullen Performance Hall

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| WELCOME | Alan Dettlaff, Ph.D.  
Dean  
Maconda Brown O’Connor Endowed Dean’s Chair |
| AWARDS | Alesandra Lozano  
GCSW Student Association Award Presenter |
| SPEAKER | Amanda Edwards  
Houston City Council Member, At-Large Position 4 |

**PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES**  
Sheara Williams-Jennings, Ph.D.

**HOODING OF PH.D. CANDIDATES**  
Dissertation Advisors

**PRESENTATION OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES**  
Dean Dettlaff

**CANDIDATE NAMES READ BY**  
Robin Gearing, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor

**HOODING OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES**  
Aabha Brown, LMSW  
Clinical Assistant Professor

**CLOSING REMARKS**  
Dean Dettlaff

**RECESSIONAL**
University of Houston
Graduate College of Social Work
Candidates for Graduation

Spring 2018

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Rebecca Mauldin**
The Dynamics of Social Networks and Health in an Assisted Living Facility

**Dissertation Committee Co-Chairs:**
W. Andrew Achenbaum, Ph.D. and Sarah C. Narendorf, MSW, Ph.D.

**Xin Chen**
Switching between two languages: Influences on personality adjustment and acculturation among non-native English speakers from mainland and China

**Dissertation Committee** Chair: 
Monit Cheung, MA, MSW, Ph.D.

**Christine R. Bakos-Block**
Knowledge of Social Work Roles on Interdisciplinary Primary Care Teams: A Mixed Methods Study

**Dissertation Committee** Chair: 
Susan Robbins, MSW, Ph.D.

**Rhonda G. Patrick**
Health, Wellness, and Quality of Life Satisfaction Among Persons Receiving Methadone Medication Assisted Addiction Treatment

**Dissertation Committee** Chair: 
Susan Robbins, MSW, Ph.D.

**Kathleen D. Putnam**
Behavioral Health Risk Assessment and Estimation: Validating an Integrated, Multi-Risk Factor approach aided by Technology

**Dissertation Committee** Chair: 
Patrick Leung, MA, MSW, Ph.D.

**Liza Barros Lane**
Banking on the American Dream: A quantitative study of determinants of Latino immigrant’s bank account ownership

**Dissertation Committee** Chair: 
Susan Robbins, MSW, Ph.D.

**Kit Ying Ma**
Reintegration into Civilian Life among Returning Veterans: The Roles of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Stressor Exposure

**Dissertation Committee** Chair: 
Monit Cheung, MA, MSW, Ph.D.

Fall 2017

**MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

**Claudia Aguilar**
Robin Aleman
Shajuan Alexander
Tyler Anderson
Chante Bacon
Shanita Barnes
Kathryn Barrackman
Elizabeth Bowen
Jessica Childs
Melissa Cornett
Alicia Dominy
Trang-Thu Duong
Krystle Durrett
Rylan Flugence
Terrance Fontenot
Jennifer Gonzalez
Vanessa Garcia

**Nancy George**
Andrea Gregg
Russell Hernandez
Madelyn Hogue
Katherine Kirages
Jessica Lamb
Angela Mason
Carsen McFarland
Mary Meier
Elsa Mendoza
Terrace Moody
Lok Yi Ngai
Heather Norcross
Jenna Norton
Valeria Olmedo
Ashley Patterson
Erika Peña
Rachel Peterson
Melissa Ramsey

**Arlette Rangel**
Stephanie Reed-Adams
Monica Rodriguez
Joceline Rodriguez Alfaro
Katie Smiley
Carol Staten
Alexis Tanner
Preethi Thomas
Kaitlyn Thompson
Karlye Tolley
Cynthia Varela
Sheila Wainwright
Khreaun Watkins
Debrilya Williams
Krishonita Wilson
Jacquelyn Wright
Gregory Yarbrough II
Ashley Young
Candidates for Graduation

**Spring and Summer 2018**

**MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

Nicole Duarte  
Kendra Dzingle  
Shima Eidi  
Andrea Elizondo  
Laura Espinoza  
Lauren Ewing  
Michelle Fernandez  
Juan Flores  
Miguel Flores  
Rachel Frantz  
Matthew Gaines  
Andrea Garza  
Katelyn Gilchrist  
Jodie Gonzales  
Sirea Gordon  
Lorayne Gothard  
Crystal Groenenstein  
Meagan Gross  
Linda Grove  
Samantha Gummelt Ware  
Chenelle Hammonds  
Amber Hans  
Morgan Hawkins  
Lauren Haynes  
Samantha Heinly  
Quinshea Hensley  
Maira Herrera  
Lauren Hickland  
Tessa Holmes  
Kristin Holt  
Veda Houston  
Berenice Huerta  
Daniel Huward  
Lacy Iakovakis  
Chioma Iheatru  
Erika Infante  
Ka Yan Ip  
Rossana Ishee  
Katelan Janik  
Catherine Jarrel  
Monique Johnson  
Cristen Jonesi  
LaShauna Jones-Talley  
Gayatri Joshi  
Song Kim  
Courtney Kinkaid  
Anne King  
Kaycee Kube  
Kayla Laywell  
Ashley Leathers  
Ana Lehrhaupt  
Joseph Lenhoff  
Margarita Lerma  
Dana Levy  
Hoi Him Lo  
Samantha Lopez  
Bianca Major  
Olivia Marshall  
Katie Martinez  
Katie McCormick  
Kyle McNaught  
Stephanie Miller  
Katherine Miner  
Sandra Mireles  
Anastasia Moen  
Mariah Morgan  
Rubina Morgan  
Brittany Murphy  
Sandra Mustielewicz  
Ashley Neubarer  
Metrena Newsome  
Jonathan Nguy  
Michelle Nosrat  
Sarah O’Connell  
Reyna Olivares  
Lindamarie Olson  
Nalyolis Palomo Garcia  
Tiffany Pham  
Jason Polo  
Thalia Puente  
Taylor Rayner Wohrley  
David Reynolds  
Amanda Rhodes  
Aundra(Burks-Rhodes  
Cristian Rideaux  
Brian Riley  
Alyssa Robeson  
Piccola Robinson
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Quantina Scott
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Mia Sepulveda
Erica Sharp
Suzanna Sheldon

Sarahi Silva
Caitlin Simpson
Shawn Slobe
Alexander Steffler
Morgan Stokes
Jessica Suarez
Megan Taylor
Christen Thomas
Layla Torres
Rebecca Trevino
Shay Ugoh
Hilda Veils

Thomas Verm
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Phong Vo
Kathleen Wallace
Simone Warner
Veronica Welch
Shanquela Williams
Alicia Williams
Mallory Williams
Steven Wright
AGENCIES FOR GERONTOLOGY INTERCULTURAL FIELD TRAINING FELLOWSHIP (AGIFT)

Marcy Antiuk
Melissa Ramsey

AUSTIN LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Serena Ahmed
Melisa Davila
Mimi Duong
Andrea Elizondo
Chenelle Hammonds
Kate Kirages
Kylie McNaught
Elsa Mendoza

BARBARA AND ERNEST HENLEY ENDOWMENT FOR FAMILY HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

Juan Flores
Susan Loredo

C.F. REIBENSTEIN ENDOWMENT FOR SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

Katherine Griffin
Metrena Newsome
Monique Johnson

CHERYL LYNN VETTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Tad Bodeman

CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION PROJECT STIPEND (CWEP)

Erika Estey
Stephanie Miller

DEAN’S ADVISORY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Abby Archer
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Ivy Dolt
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Metrena Newsome
Briana Riley
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Shay Ugoh
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Shanquela Williams

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GEORGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
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Betsabeth Beyk

GERSON DAVID GERONTOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP
Rachel Frantz

GLOBE YOUTH: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS STIPEND
Joanna Almanza
Keyona Barrett
Aisha Bartholomew
Trevon Bennett
Carina Bertrand
Amy Blount
Bria Bonnette
Crystal Catalina
Queen Dash

HAMILF FOUNDATION HOUSTON SCHOLARSHIP
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Sarah Clark
Catherine Comiskey
Andrea Elizando
Russell Hernandez
Lauren Hickland
Kaycee Kube

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IRA C. COLBY SCHOLARSHIP
Carsen McFarland

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Karen Bryant
University of Houston
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Alicia Williams

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Ka Yan Ip

**LINDA K. MAY SCHOLARSHIP**
Cora Christiaans

**MAGNER SCHOLARSHIP**
Andrea Elizondo

**MARJORIE L. AND ROBERT R. JENKINS SCHOLARSHIP**
Melissa Ramsey

**MEHTA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**
Catherine Comiskey
Ka Yan Ip
Hoi Him Lo
Stephanie Miller
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Rachel Frantz
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Melissa Ramsey

**RUTHMARY ANDERSON DURHAM GOLDMAN SCHOLARSHIP**
Tyler Anderson
Brett Seamans

**SANDRA A. LOPEZ SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL PRACTICE**
Samantha Lopez
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Scholarships

**HINE Scholarship**
- Aloura Alcantar
- Questella Alfred
- Aisha Bartholomew
- Jessica Collins
- Melissa Cornett
- Audera Cox
- Queen Dash
- Kendra Dzingle
- Michelle Fernandez
- Juan Flores
- Miguel Flores
- Rylan Flugence
- Terran Fontenot
- Berenice Huerta
- Rossana Ishee
- Anne King
- Terracia Moody
- Ashley Patterson
- Thalia Puente
- Mary Frances Secrest
- Morgan Taylor
- Preethi Thomas
- Kbreau Watkins
- Shanquela Williams
- Katie Yarbro

**Simmons Scholarship**
- Ana Lehrhaupt
- Sandra Bautista Lopez
- Joceline Rodriguez Alfaro

**Vetter Scholarship**
- Tad Bodeman

**Vicki Tidwell Palmer Fellowship**
- Naiyolis Palomo Garcia

**Wayne B. Duddlesten, Sr. Scholarship**
- Constance Dixon
- Piccola Robinson
- Cristian Rideaux
Barbara Jordan Unity Award
This award is in the name of the first black woman elected to the Texas Senate and the first W. S. Representative for Houston’s 18th District, known for her tenacity and perseverance. The recipient of this award is a part-time or Advanced Standing student who has demonstrated discipline, determination, and a high standard of excellence.

The Jane Addams Award
This award is named for one of the Social Work profession’s founders and examples of conviction put into practice. This award is given to the student who best demonstrates service to the GCSW, professionalism, scholastic achievement, leadership, and the ability to establish and maintain faculty-student support and rapport.

Mahatma Gandhi Peace Award
Gandhi provides the inspiration for the GCSW’s un-official motto, “We must become the change we want to see,” and this award is given to the student who most exemplifies the power of this principle. This student is innovative in leadership style, thought, and character and is known as someone who embodies the change they work to achieve.

Martin Luther King Jr. Social Justice Award
This award is named for one of society’s greatest contemporary examples of advocacy, empowerment, and the championing of social justice and is given to the student who embodies these same principles. As a leader, this award recipient has shown the power to cooperatively determine goals and unite others behind their causes.

Mary Richmond Award
This award is given in honor of one of the Social Work profession’s community practice pioneers. The student who receives this award has performed exceptional community service beyond employment or field practicum. Additionally, the recipient of this award represents the epitome of social work values and ethics and supports a traditional casework philosophy.

Community Organization and Change for Social Justice Faculty Award
This faculty has demonstrated dedication to building a movement of vulnerable population by working with the people to effect change. Through education, this faculty has engaged students and inspired commitment and action to attain social justice.

Outstanding Faculty Award
This award was initiated by the Student Association to honor and recognize a member of the GCSW faculty who demonstrates exceptional class performance, supportive student interaction, professional role modeling, and advocacy on behalf of students. The faculty member chosen for this award will have the honor of placing Master’s degree hoods on candidates for graduation at today’s ceremony.

Outstanding Staff Award
This award is given to honor a staff member who has provided outstanding friendship and support to students throughout the academic year. Although this person may not have instructional interaction with students, he/she is chosen based on their commitment to the GCSW and the promulgation of social work education, values, and ethics.

Humanitarian Award
This award is given to an individual from the community that exemplifies social work through their dedication and efforts to promote social justice and equality. This community leader embodies the core components of social work by promoting the well-being of individuals and communities through social change and honors people’s right to self-determination.
Dear Graduate:

Many congratulations to you on your graduation from the University of Houston College of Technology. This is an outstanding achievement and one which you, and your families, will be justifiably proud.

But make no mistake, this is just the start of a lifelong process of learning as you continue to develop in your chosen careers – careers which will have a direct impact on the nation’s economy, and the standard of living of people worldwide. What we – YOU – will be doing will have an impact that goes beyond those around you…and it will continue to excite and interest you throughout your career.

The faculty and staff in the College of Technology are proud of who you are, and enjoyed the time you spent with us. We hope that you will stay in touch with us personally, and also through the Alumni Association – we need your feedback as our alums about new opportunities and how we may better serve you as you advance in your careers.

Above all we hope that you will look back with pride at your time here in the College of Technology and say “That’s MY College”.

Congratulations – may your achievements in life be many and fulfilling.

Anthony P. Ambler, Ph.D.
Dean
University of Houston
College of Technology

Commencement Ceremony
Thursday, May 10, 2018, 2 p.m.
NRG Stadium

**PROCESSIONAL**
- Moores School of Music Brass Quintet
- Honorary Grand Marshal & Associate Marshals
- College Banner Bearers
- Assistant Marshals
- Faculty
- Candidates for Graduation
- Platform Party

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS**
- Yates High School JROTC Color Guard

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
- Moores School of Music Soloist

**WELCOME**
- Jonathan P. Schwartz, Ph.D.
  *Associate Dean of Graduate Studies*
  *College of Education*

**INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY AND OPENING ADDRESS**
- Anthony P. Ambler, Ph.D.
  *Dean & Professor*
  *College of Technology*

**PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES**
- Heidar Malki, Ph.D.
  *Associate Dean of Academic Affairs*
  *College of Technology*

**DOCTORAL CANDIDATES**
- Robert McPherson, Ph.D.
  *Dean & Professor*
  *Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair*
  *College of Education*

**MASTERS CANDIDATES**
- Jonathan P. Schwartz, Ph.D.

**BACHELORS CANDIDATES**
- Anthony P. Ambler, Ph.D.

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**
- Robert McPherson, Ph.D.
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Allie Devlin Jones
Stanley Patrick McVay
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Raymond Vinson Stepp
Het Uday Tejani

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Sayeem Fidvi
Sissy Pamela Norman Carcamo de Sabillon

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Anupsa Dash
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Kristen Nicole Saunders
Oluemni Adejoke Sholotan
Joshua Ryan Simmons
David Urbil
Christian Vazquez
Letter from the Dean

Salutations and congratulations!

We have reached many milestones on our brief journey together.

Four years ago, just under 300 undergraduates completed their degrees with an Honors designation. Tonight we celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments of nearly 450 graduates, an increase of over 50%.

Your participation in Honors College minors—Leadership Studies, Energy & Sustainability, Medicine & Society, Phronesis, and Creative Work—set new records as well. Last year, nearly 850 students had declared an Honors College minor, an increase of 75% since you arrived on campus. Participation in undergraduate research, already impressive and strong, has grown by nearly 30% since you arrived, and the number of major award finalists and recipients has more than tripled.

In 2016, several of you joined our inaugural Phi Beta Kappa class, and still more were inducted in 2017 and this spring, taking part in a historic milestone at the University of Houston as we welcomed the Mu of Texas Chapter of the oldest and most prestigious honor society in America. And when the Honors College was named one of the top 10 public honors programs in the country, you were there, enhancing the value of your degree as an active participant in your own education. Your pursuit of academic and co-curricular opportunities has been remarkable, significantly changing the profile of the Honors College and the University while transforming yourselves.

While your UH and Honors education has opened the door for you to medical school, law school, graduate school, and internships and employment around the country, its effects will last much longer than the next few years. By serving the Houston community with the Bonner Leaders and UH CARES after Hurricane Harvey, or practicing for a career on the world political stage with a Model G20 simulation in Washington or an international Model Arab League in Cairo, or volunteering at a medical clinic in Honduras, you have been working toward more than a job, more than a degree. You have acquired knowledge that cannot be unlearned and experiences that can never be taken away.

Your education at the University of Houston is timeless, an all-important chapter of an evolving life script that only you can write. The resilience you have shown as an undergraduate, paired with the strategies you have learned over the past four years, have equipped you to handle the challenges that will surely come your way. You have proved yourself ready to follow your best path, and one day soon, to lead.

William Monroe
Dean
**University of Houston**  
The Honors College

**Commencement**  
Friday, May 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m.  
The Houstonian Hotel, Club, & Spa

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University Honors with Honors in Major

Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) and complete a senior honors thesis graduate with University Honors with Honors in Major, the highest distinction that an undergraduate can earn at the University of Houston. The thesis title follows each graduate’s name.

C. T. Bauer College of Business

Hadiqa A. Memon
Finance
The Role of Acceptance when Implementing Innovation in Hospitals
Thesis Director: Elizabeth Anderson Fletcher

Cullen College of Engineering

Serrae Reed
Mechanical Engineering
Ohmic Contacts and Schottky Barriers for Thin Film Gallium Arsenide Photovoltaics
Thesis Director: Venkat Selvamanickam

Chandika Silva
Computer Engineering
A Study on Obstacle and Collision Avoidance Algorithms on Mobile Wheeled Robots for the NASA Swarmathon
Thesis Director: Aaron T. Becker

Chathuri N. Wickramaratne
Chemical Engineering
Confocal Laser Fluorescence Microscopy to Measure Oil Concentration in Treated Produced Water
Thesis Director: Hanadi S. Rifai

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Erika Thalia Ascencio
Psychology
Age of Second Language Acquisition and Gyriﬁcation: An Observational Study
Thesis Director: Arturo E. Hernandez

Grace Justice Castillo Caldwell
English-Literature
Tales From the Dark Side: An Introduction to FanFiction and a Case Study of Tangled Destinies
Thesis Director: James T. Zebrorski

Malik Chambers
History
Barber Talk: Narratives from the Barbers of Houston’s Third Ward
Thesis Director: James Conyers

Nicholas DiTusa Daily
Philosophy/English - Creative Writing
Walzer’s Nonintervention Principle and Peace Movements; An Argument for More Permissive Criteria
Thesis Director: Johanna Luttrell

Alexandria Maria Doxakis
English-Creative Writing
We Shall Fight Dragons Among Blue Hills
Thesis Director: Chitra B. Divakaruni

Thao Nguyen
Psychology
A Self-Determined Perspective on Trust in Romantic Relationships
Thesis Director: Clifford R. Knee

Faith Nomamiukor
Psychology
Sexual Trauma and PTSD Symptoms in Psychiatric Inpatients: The Role of Mindfulness
Thesis Director: Anka Anna Vujanovic

Douglas Scott Van
Liberal Studies
Two Unsuccessful Plans for the Post-Civil War South: Reconstruction and Restoration
Thesis Director: Jeremy D. Bailey

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Ahad Azimuddin
Honors Biomedical Sciences/ Liberal Studies
Bangladesh 1971 - Narratives of a Forgotten Genocide
Thesis Director: Irene V. Guenther

Anjay Kumar Batra
Honors Biomedical Sciences
Understanding Genetic Information as Property: Original Ownership, Transfer, and Innovation in the Field of Genetics
Thesis Director: Jessica Roberts

Julian Bertrand Chenin
Geology
Fault Development in the Madison Valley: Implications for Fault System Behavior and Passage of the Yellowstone Hotspot
Thesis Director: Michael Murphy

Marina Kristy Ibraheim
Honors Biomedical Sciences
The Specificity of Emotion Dysregulation in Adolescents with Borderline Personality Disorder: Comparison with Psychiatric and Healthy Controls
Thesis Director: Carla Sharp

Fangmei Lu
Honors Biomedical Sciences
Evaluating Cognitive Deficits During Motor Tasks in Adults with Type II Diabetes
Thesis Director: Stacey Gorniak

Elizabeth Ming Zhu
Honors Biomedical Sciences
Analysis of the Consequences and Correlation between Prescription Drug Prices and Federal Regulation
Thesis Director: Jessica Roberts
Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

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Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design

Catalina Valencia
Architecture
Fragments
Thesis Director: Susan Rogers

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Gerald Hallford
Psychology
Trait Worry and Problem Drinking Among Treatment-Seeking Daily Smokers: The Explanatory Role of Coping Drinking Motives
Thesis Director: Michael J. Zvolensky

Mindy Vu
Economics
Adolescent Drug Experimentation: Analyzing Trends and Factors
Thesis Director: Willa H. Friedman

Membership in the Honors College with Honors In Major

Students who complete a senior honors thesis and fulfill the requirements of their major with distinction graduate with Membership in the Honors College with Honors in Major. The thesis title follows each graduate’s name.

Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design

Allen D. Brannon
Architecture
HK: Port of Departure
Thesis Director: William C. Truitt

Michael J. Chang
Architecture
Between Towers
Thesis Director: William C. Truitt

Edward Hidrogo
Architecture
High and Dry: Blackwater Urbanism, Denver
Thesis Director: William C. Truitt

Saraa Hussein
Architecture
Babylon to Baghdad
Thesis Director: William C. Truitt

Angelica A. Lastra Aguilar
Architecture
Caracas after Oil
Thesis Director: Susan Rogers

Jose Mario Lopez Aguilera
Architecture
Industrial Burst: A critique on the opaque and uncontextual nature of Guanajuato Puerto Interior
Thesis Director: William C. Truitt

Cristobal Piñon
Architecture
Nahuatl Xochimilco Ecosystem: Garden of Flowers faces its Global Future
Thesis Director: William C. Truitt

Princess B. Villalta
Architecture
Narita: More than NRT
Thesis Director: William C. Truitt

Austine Yu
Architecture
Code to Urbanism
Thesis Director: William C. Truitt

Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts

Eric Bellah
Music
Meter, Narrative, and Form in the First Movement of Nikolai Medtner’s Second Piano Concerto
Thesis Director: Aaminah O. Durrani

Victoria Nerey
Art History
Mass Reproduction of Poison Bottles in the Classic Maya
Thesis Director: Rex A. Koontz

College of Education

Micaela Rodriguez
Human Development and Family Studies
Experiencing Intersectional Marginality: A First-Generation College Student’s Personal Narrative
Thesis Director: Leslie Ann Frankel
Cullen College of Engineering

Yang Huai
Mechanical Engineering
Optimization of InAlGaN/GaN HEMT Device
Thesis Director: Jae-Hyun Ryou

Minh Pham
Mechanical Engineering
Development and Application of Spinning Disc Flying Object
Thesis Director: Ralph W. Metcalfe

Taha Shaqquat
Mechanical Engineering
A study of flow around SurfEllent
Thesis Director: Daniel Araya

Loren Chane Sladek
Mechanical Engineering
Properties of a Discrete Lorenz System
Thesis Director: Ralph W. Metcalfe

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Hortensia R. Barrios
English - Linguistics/Spanish
Identity, Migration, and Language: Digital Storytelling as Means for Identity Reconstruction.
Thesis Director: Lauren R. Zentz

Marina Bassana
Psychology
Antecedents of Supervisor Instigated Workplace Incivility
Thesis Director: Christiane Spitzmueller

Nicole Gabrielle Japitana Dequina
Kinesiology-Exercise Science
Existing and Potential Role of Exercise in the Improvement of the Quality of Life of Pediatric Patients with Congenital Heart Defects
Thesis Director: Melissa Markofski

Naomi Camille Ellis
Psychology
Men Have Stress Too: Exploring How African-American Men Cope and the Role of Access to Care
Thesis Director: Rheeda Lynette Walker-Obasi

Murad Gafarov
English-Literature
20th Century Dystopias: Lessons and Significance
Thesis Director: Paul Guajardo

Katherine Elizabeth Hill
English - Creative Writing
The Bird is a Symbol
Thesis Director: Antonya Nelson

Ejuerleigh S. Jones
English - Literature
Fashioning Forms: Affordances of Fabric in Walden and The Battle of Algiers
Thesis Director: Jason Berger

Rebecca Diana Nica
Liberal Studies
The Count of Monte Cristo: A Nineteenth Century French Odyssey
Thesis Director: Casey L. Due Hackney

Rachel Elizabeth O’Reilly
Psychology
Math Disability and Spina Bifida: Externalizing, Adaptive, and Internalizing Behaviors
Thesis Director: Paul Cirino

Kyle Russell
English - Creative Writing
How to Become
Thesis Director: Robert L. Boswell

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Noah Jeffery Karsky
Geology
Testing Grain Size Controls on Sediment Provenance Records Using Detrital Zircon Geochronology and Conglomerate Clast Compositions from the Puno Group, Southern Peru
Thesis Director: Joel E. Saylor

Nikhil Pandya
Mathematics - Physics
Generalized Integral Transforms and Associated Results
Thesis Director: Donald J. Kouri

Jacob Daniel Rose
Physics
Properties of Strongly Interacting Matter
Thesis Director: Claudia Ratti

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Management

Guillermo Basurto  
Accounting

Joseph M. Blount  
Marketing

Preston Boyer  
Marketing/Entrepreneurship

Drake R. Chambers  
Finance

Kaira Gissell Chavez  
Accounting

Lauren K. Christensen  
Marketing

Victor Cosio  
Finance

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Morgan T. Daniels  
Accounting

Courtney Sharell Davis  
Marketing

Jaquelyn De La Garza  
Entrepreneurship

Caroline L. Duym  
Entrepreneurship

Kiana Farokhpour  
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Political Science

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History/Philosophy

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Krystina Angelique Carballa
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Laura Cowling
Spanish
Cristina Natalia Diaz Castro
Communication - Media Production
An Tuong Dinh
Liberal Studies
Calvin Do
Liberal Studies
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Kinesiology-Exercise Science
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Jatori Honora
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Membership in the Honors College

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College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

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Letter from the President of the Alumni Association

May 2018

Congratulations, Cougars!

I would like to personally congratulate each of you on this momentous achievement. You have worked hard to be here today, and that effort shows.

I would also like to thank your family, friends, mentors, and peers who are here in your support. These individuals with you tonight have shaped who you are today.

I would like to remind each of you to be proud of your time at the University of Houston. You graduate today as future intellectual leaders, researchers, entrepreneurs, healers, and artists. Do not forget that you are bound together by your alma mater, and that bond is a strong one. Many of your predecessors have gone on to achieve great success in their professional lives. I wish the same for you.

Whether you are receiving your Bachelor’s, Master’s, Professional, or Doctoral degree, you have achieved a major milestone in your life. We are proud of you, and we are proud you will become Tier One University of Houston alumni.

On behalf of all the University faculty and College Deans, I congratulate you on your achievements. You are our best and brightest, and we will be honored to call you our colleagues and peers.

Warm regards,

Paula Myrick Short
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost