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May, 2012

Dear University of Houston Graduate:

Congratulations on one of the happiest, most memorable, and most important days of your life – the day of your graduation!

The University of Houston – celebrating its 85th anniversary this year – is a very special place. It is the place that welcomed you, helped you grow intellectually, and encouraged you on your journey. It is the place that, thanks to our incredible diversity, has provided you with the life experiences to work, feel at home, and succeed anywhere in the world.

You are graduating at a time of great triumphs for UH, from the Tier One designation by the Carnegie Foundation, to our inclusion by The Princeton Review on its list of best colleges in the nation, to admission into the Big East Conference.

Several factors contributed to your success. The support of your parents and families and the encouragement of your faculty, advisors, and staff played a significant part. But the most important factor is you, and the motivation, determination, and drive that brought you to this day and will continue to serve you as you make your mark on your community and the world.

As you leave here today – proud alumnus or alumna – know that you are a member of the best prepared, best educated, and best equipped class the University of Houston has ever produced.

With my best wishes for a successful career and a bright future,

Renu Khator
University of Houston System

Board of Regents

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Nandita V. Berry (J.D. ’95)
Tilman J. Fertitta
Tamecia Glover Harris (J.D., MBA ’12)
Jacob M. Monty (J.D. ’93)
Roger F. Welder
Welcome W. Wilson Jr.

University of Houston

President

Renu Khator

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College of Pharmacy

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College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

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College of Optometry

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College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Joseph W. Tedesco
Cullen College of Engineering
The University of Houston

The University of Houston’s proud heritage dates back to its founding in 1927. In the beginning, UH was known as Houston Junior College. Classes for the first 230 students were held at San Jacinto High School and were taught by a faculty of eight. Over the years, the junior college grew and prospered, officially becoming the University of Houston in 1934. Two years later, the institution acquired land for a permanent campus and its first building, the Roy G. Cullen Building, opened in 1939. The university became a state institution in 1963.

Today, the University of Houston is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university, serving nearly 40,000 students with more than 300 undergraduate and graduate programs. UH stands at the forefront of education, research and service with more than 40 research centers and institutes and sponsors more than 300 partnerships with corporate, civic and governmental agencies. UH 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. UH has awarded more than 250,000 degrees, and approximately 80 percent of our alumni remain in the Houston area.

The University of Houston System

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, teaching centers offering University of Houston degrees and classes opened in Clear Lake, downtown Houston and Victoria. Over time, these teaching centers became free-standing universities, offering education and opportunity to their communities. The University of Houston System was legally established in 1977. Today, the UH System is the region’s largest provider of comprehensive university services from the baccalaureate to the doctorate. The UH System plays a primary role in meeting the higher education needs of the Houston metropolitan area and Texas. It is comprised of four universities and six teaching centers. The accredited universities in the UH System are: University of Houston, UH-Downtown, UH-Clear Lake and UH-Victoria. The teaching centers are UH Sugar Land, UHS at Cinco Ranch, UH Northwest, UHD Northwest, UHCL Pearland and UHS at Texas Medical Center.
ACADEMIC REGALIA

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 bachelors (apprentices of the arts), masters (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.

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Master’s Degree
Hood: CITRON
Tassel: BLACK

Doctoral Degree
Hood: CITRON
Tassel: RED

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Master’s Degree
Hood: GOLD
Tassel: BLACK

Doctor of Philosophy Degree
Hood: ROYAL BLUE
Tassel: RED

Doctor of Optometry Degree
Hood: SEAFOAM GREEN
Tassel: RED

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Bachelor’s Degree
Tassel: OLIVE

Master’s Degree
Hood: OLIVE
Tassel: BLACK

Doctor of Philosophy Degree
Hood: ROYAL BLUE
Tassel: RED

Doctor of Optometry Degree
Hood: ROYAL BLUE
Tassel: RED

UH LAW CENTER

Master’s Degree
Hood: PURPLE
Tassel: BLACK

Doctoral Degree
Hood: PURPLE
Tassel: RED
CEREMONIAL SYMBOLS

THE SEAL

Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston’s and UH System’s 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
Honorary Degree


Dr. Brien Holden has been a world-renowned figure in international eye health and vision care for nearly 40 years. He is CEO of Australia’s Brien Holden Vision Institute, the Vision Cooperative Research Centre and the International Centre for Eyecare Education, as well as Executive Chair of Optometry Giving Sight.

His expertise spans science, research and development, professional and academic education, public health and advocacy for the profession of optometry. His contributions have been acknowledged through a host of national and international awards and honors – most recently through the renaming of Australia’s Institute for Eye Research as the Brien Holden Vision Institute.

Dr. Holden’s research focus has been in the area of ocular health with contact lenses, surgery and other forms of vision correction. With collaborators around the world, he is working to slow the growth of myopia, a condition that affects more than 1.6 billion people worldwide. And, he has supported global initiatives to address avoidable blindness and vision impairment through his involvement with the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and the World Health Organization.

His contributions to optometry and vision science have been recognized with prestigious international awards, including Honorary Doctor of Science degrees conferred by the State University of New York, Pennsylvania College of Optometry, City University London, University of Durban-Westville, South Africa and Ohio State University. In 1997, he received the Medal of the Order of Australia.

He graduated from the University of Melbourne with a bachelor’s degree in Applied Science in 1964. After completing his Ph.D. in corneal and contact lens research at London’s City University in 1971, he returned to Australia to take up a position at the University of New South Wales. During his tenure, he contributed to research on contact lenses and eye health, contact lens design and investigations into a wide range of ocular devices, procedures and solutions. He has also contributed to the establishment of numerous enterprises that deliver breakthrough research and innovative products, with over a $1 billion a year in sales, as well as contributing to professional education and vision care delivery.

Dr. Holden’s activities and achievements are a result of partnerships he has established around the world, including the UH College of Optometry, where he has made a $1 million pledge to help establish the Brien Holden Vision Institute.
Academic honors are based on the requirements of the catalogue 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 CATALOGUE**

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 sixty-six (66) hours completed at the University of Houston.

- 3.75 to 4.0  Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)
- 3.50 to 3.74  Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)
- 3.25 to 3.49  Cum Laude (with Honors)

**FALL 2010 CATALOGUE**

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under the Fall 2010 catalogue will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last fifty-four (54) hours completed at the University of Houston.

- 3.90 to 4.0  Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)
- 3.70 to 3.89  Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)
- 3.50 to 3.69  Cum Laude (with Honors)
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012 · 9:00 A.M. · CULLEN PERFORMANCE HALL

OPENING PROCESSION

Commencement Marshals
Barbara Lewis
   Assistant Dean for Student and Professional Affairs
Louis Williams
   Associate Professor

Golden Cougars Class of 1962
   Kenneth E. Burrows Jr.
   Harold Carson
   Julius Hochstein
   Jay M. Ignatoff
   John Eli Kiser
   John Jasper Lovoi
   Michael John O’Neill
   Walter Leighton Stallones
   Eddie C. Talley
   William E. Watson

Graduates
   Platform Party

WELCOME
F. Lamar Pritchard
   Dean

GREETINGS
Jarvis V. Hollingsworth (J.D., ’93)
   Secretary, University of Houston System Board of Regents

ADDRESS TO STUDENTS
Richard E. Wainerdi, P.E., Ph.D.
   President and Chief Executive Officer
   Texas Medical Center

PRESENTATION OF PH.D. GRADUATES
Dean Pritchard

CONFERRING OF PH.D. DEGREES
Regent Hollingsworth

PRESENTATION OF M.S. GRADUATES
Dean Pritchard

CONFERRING OF M.S. DEGREES
Regent Hollingsworth
Oath of the 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.
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS

Baojian Wu
Experimental and Computational Approaches to Predict Glucuronidation of Phenolics
Advisor: Dr. Ming Hu

Zhen Yang
Improvement of Oral Bioavailability of Ginsenosides via Mechanism-based Biopharmaceutical Approaches
Advisor: Dr. Ming Hu

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACOLOGY

Odelia Yuh Ngala Bongmba
The Role of Rac1 in Synaptic Plasticity, Learning and Memory
Advisor: Dr. Maria Tejada-Simon

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION

Amrita S. Chabria
Analysis of Pharmacy Technician Workflow and the Identification of Opportunities for Improvement
Advisor: Dr. Rajendar Aparasu

Ally Liem
The Impact On 30-day Readmission Rates Using a Community Pharmacy Discharge Medication Bedside Delivery within an Acute Care Setting
Advisor: Dr. Rajendar Aparasu Co-Advisor: Dr. Santhi Masilamani

Michael J. Meldrum
Impact of Clinical Pharmacy Services in a Veterans Affairs Medical Center Emergency Department
Advisor: Dr. Kevin Garey

Ali-Reza Shah-Mohammadi
Analysis of Perceived Barriers Encountered by Management within Pharmacy Workflow Due to Intermittent Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave at a Governmental Teaching Hospital
Advisor: Dr. Kevin Garey

Alexander James Stearns
Impact of CMS Designated Hospital Acquired Condition (HAC) Regulations Compared to a Currently Non-CMS Regulated Hospital Acquired Infection – Clostridium difficile
Advisor: Dr. Kevin Garey

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Rabia Ahmed ²
Olayinka-Mutiat Debbie Alimi ³
Dylan Craig Austin
Justin W. Babin ³
Kimber Dawn Bailey
Kristine Joy Brito
Nhi Truc Bui ²
Amanda Christina Canales
Jessica Cameno ³
Katherine Seleng Chu ³
Shih-yi Chu ²
Cory Scott Clendening
Katherine Amanda Clouser ¹
Aaron Jacob Cook
Jessica Lauren Davis ³
Avani Suresh Desai
Disha Desai ³
Amy Van Dinh
Jimmy H. Do
Victoria Do ²
Vi Phuong Doan ³
Jana Beth Downing
Amin Esmaily-Fard ²
Joel Lee Figueroa ³
Aaron Heath Goins
Stacey Michelle Gordon ¹
William Benjamin Gray
Tam Minh Ha ²
Derek Ross Harvick
Matthew Jude Hebert ³
Eleanor Claire Hobaug ²
Wei Yen Hsu ¹
Benny Kuo-Wei Hwang ²
Candice Leanne Jenke ³
Elizabeth Ann John
Lauren Christine Johnsen ³
Irma Christina Johnston ¹
Tiby Baby Joseph
Reema Kahtan Kaisii
Rusol Gazwan Karralli ²
Anna Un Un Kit ¹
Ashley Ann Kovar ²
Allison Arlene Lau
Sarah Leanne Lazenby
Natalie Renee Lee ²
Omar A. Leon ²
Julie Evonne Liska
Andrew Lok ³
Dirk Edward Lorimier
Jessica Marie Lozano
Wenya Ruan Lu ¹
Jade Ravina Manansala ²
Michelle McElhaney
Ashley Nikole McFalls ³
Michelle Castro Mellon ³
Adam David Metcalf
Carmel Sana Misraqi ³
Shanobar H. Momir
April Dawn Morgan
Dan Jacob Morpurgo
Jordan Jack Murray
Farzana R. Nazarali
Jason Ng ²
Angelina Hoang Ngo ²
Christine Vu Nguyen ³
Duyen Tran Nguyen
John Nguyen
Joseph Kha Nguyen
Nam Tran-Khoa Nguyen ²
Ngoc Chau Nguyen
Quynh Nhi Nguyen ²
Thuy T. Nguyen ³
Tran Veronica Nguyen ²
Christopher James Noel ³
Ogechukwu Nwamaka Okonkwo ³
Christabel Ogechukwu Orabile ³
Sarah Christine Ortega ²
Kevin Paul Osners ³
Donette Reyne Paige ³
Niti Patel ¹
Pratik Kumar J. Patel ¹
Romil Satishbhai Patel
Cynthia Laura Perez
Denise Perez
Anjulie Pham ¹
Yen Thanh Phan
Kady Phe ¹
Achsa Samuel Philip ³
Tracy Xinyu Protich ³
Ghazaleh Moayedi Ranjbar ¹
Jonathan Craig Rekieta ³
Michelle McQuirk Roberts ³
Shabnam Ava Rozzehbani
Brady Seth Shimek
Leshawn T. Smith ¹
Jesse Raymond Snyder
L’Anna Michele Sterling ³
Christy Peggy Su ³
Christina Lane Santos Tan ¹
Shuk-Chun Tang
Elizabeth Ashley Taylor
Sheela James Thachet ³
Tara Nicole Thompson ³
Shan Lee Tieu
Leslie Ann Tompkins
Angel Poon Trieu ³
Thu Truong
Amir Uddin

¹ Summa Cum Laude - ² Magna Cum Laude - ³ Cum Laude - * Banner Bearer [highest GPA in college]
College of Pharmacy

Graduates

December 2011

Sheresa Ung
Timothy Kevin Van Delden II
Cristina Brioso Villamor 2
Quynh Nhu Thi Vo
Andrea Michele Walker 3
Sue Ann A. Wang
Sara Louise Wattari 2
Kyle Jameson Wilcox
Eric Ho-See Wong
Tiffany Chyvonne Wright
Denise Lindsay Yeung 2
Jonathan Abraham Zoha

Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutics

Mohamed M. Ismail Nounou
Novel Lysine-Based Reducible Copolymers for Intracellular Gene Delivery
Advisor: Dr. Douglas Eikenburg

Doctor of Pharmacy

Chinonyerem Ngozi Igboagi

Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Amber D. McCloud

Graduates

August 2011

Munder A. Zagaar
Regular Treadmill Exercise Prevents Sleep Deprivation-Induced Impairment of Hippocampal-Dependent Memory and Synaptic Plasticity
Advisor: Dr. Karim Akashi

Wen Jiang
Mechanisms of Interplay Between UGTs and Efflux Transporters in Flavonoid Disposition
Advisor: Dr. Ming Hu

Ruchika Agrawal
Impact of Pharmacist Based Intervention on Improving Outcomes of Diabetic Patients
Advisor: Dr. Sujit Sansgiry

Rituparna Bhattacharya
Obesity and Mental Health Disorders: A Causal Relation
Advisor: Dr. Rajender Aparasu

Prajakta G. Bhounsule
Predictors of Smoking Cessation in India
Advisor: Dr. Sujit Sansgiry

Pooja Anil Chopra
Prevalence and Costs of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
Advisor: Dr. Sujit Sansgiry

Rodney Cox
The Effect of Computerized Physician Order Entry on Efficiency and Workflow for Pharmacists in a Hospital Setting
Advisor: Dr. Sujit Sansgiry

Aditi Rajesh Kadakia
Renal and Cardiac Toxicities Caused by Chemotherapeutic Agents Used to Treat Breast Cancer
Advisor: Dr. Suja Rajan

Anthony Cass Luparello
Economic Outcomes of Pharmacist Run Primary Care Clinics in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
Advisor: Dr. Rajender Aparasu

Sonam Mehta
Comparative Effectiveness of Mood Stabilizers versus Atypical Antipsychotics Mono-Therapy in the Treatment of Bipolar Disorder in Children and Adolescents
Advisor: Dr. Hua Chen

Cody Wayne Meuth
Impact of Pharmacist Run Primary Care Clinics on Attainment of Clinical Goals in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
Advisor: Dr. Rajender Aparasu

Shivani Kamalakar Mhatre
Perspectives of the Elderly on Relationships with Providers, Beliefs in Medicines and Polypharmacy
Advisor: Dr. Sujit Sansgiry

Ayush Vijay Patel
Paediatric Bipolar – Maintenance Treatment
Advisor: Dr. Hua Chen

Dhaval Suhas Patil
Role of Physician in Adoption of New Genomic Technologies in Breast Cancer
Advisor: Dr. Amalia Issa

Shahana Perveen Quadri
Evaluation of Generic Dispensing Ratios and Mail-Order Pharmacy Costs for Health Plan Participants in A 340B Institution.
Advisor: Dr. Rajendar Aparasu

Ankit Jayeshbhai Shah
Impact of Diabetes on Costs of Dementia
Advisor: Dr. Michael Johnson

Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutics

Roland A. Ako
Pharmacokinetics/Dynamics (PK/PD) of Oral Diethylstilbestrol (DES) in Recurrent Prostate Cancer and PK/PD of Oral Dissolving Film (ODF)-DES in Animal Model
Advisor: Dr. Diana Chow

Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacology

Siddhartha Bhatt
Role of Vascular Oxidative Stress in Development of Hypertension
Advisor: Mustafa F. Lokhandwala

Anita Mohite
Effect of Selective Upregulation of Prostacyclin Synthesis on Its Signaling and Vascular Protection
Advisor: Dr. Ke-He Ruan

Riftab Sabuhi
Role of Angiotensin II Type 2 Receptors in Oxidative Stress and Inflammation
Advisor: Dr. Tahir Hussain

Kaustuv Saha
Changes in GRK3 and Norepinephrine Responsiveness in Locus Coeruleus Neurons are Associated with Learned Helplessness After Repeated Forced Swim Stress
Advisor: Dr. Douglas Eikenburg

Manish Taneja
Association of GRK3 with Stress Resilience and Susceptibility: Behavioral and Pharmacological Evidence
Advisor: Dr. Douglas Eikenburg

Munder A. Zagaar
Regular Treadmill Exercise Prevents Sleep Deprivation-Induced Impairment of Hippocampal-Dependent Memory and Synaptic Plasticity
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Juhi Divyang Shah  
Prevalence of Lifestyle Modifications and Pharmacotherapy and Determinants of Their Utilization in Patients Who Have Previously Suffered From an Acute Myocardial Infarction and the Impact of These Secondary Prevention Measures on the Health Related Quality of Life.  
Advisor: Dr. Michael Johnson

I-Hsuan Wu  
Correlates of Tobacco Use Among Taiwanese Adults  
Advisor: Dr. James Essien

Yuping Yu  
Obesity and Prescribing of Smoking Cessation Medication.  
Advisor: Dr. Susan Abughosh

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Brian Harold Jonathan  
Lauren Beth McCoy-Maddox

Survam Mahendra Patel  
Timothy Potts

Vanessa Marie Rivera  
Hsiang-Chun Wen

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.

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 of Phi, Lambda and Sigma. A wreath of laurel surrounds the mortar and pestle. The colors of the Society are green and gold.
College of Pharmacy

College Administration

F. Lamar Pritchard
Dean
Mustafa F. Lokhandwala
Executive Vice Dean for Research
Shara Zatopek
Associate Dean for Operations
Andrea Smesny
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Nancy Ordonez
Assistant Dean for Experiential Programs
Barbara Lewis
Assistant Dean for Student and Professional Affairs
Elizabeth Coyle
Assistant Dean for Assessment
Shaki Commissariat
College Business Administrator

Department Chairs

Kevin Garey
Clinical Sciences and Administration
Doug Eikenburg
Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Commencement Marshals

Barbara Lewis
Louis Williams

Commencement Coordinators

Barbara Lewis
Betty Hassell
Opening Procession

Welcome
Ira C. Colby, D.S.W.
Dean and Professor

Greetings
Jarvis V. Hollingsworth (J.D., ’93)
Secretary, University of Houston System Board of Regents

Awards
Nena Chima and Kelle’ Martin
GCSW Student Association Awards Presenters

Speaker
Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez
Representing Illinois’ Fourth District in the U.S. House of Representatives

Fields of Practice Recognition
Paul R. Raffoul, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Administration and Information Technology

Presentation of Doctoral Candidates
Dean Ira C. Colby

Conferral of Degrees
Tilman J. Fertitta
Member, University of Houston System Board of Regents

Hooding of Ph.D. Candidates
Dissertation Advisors

Presentations of M.S.W. Candidates
Dean Colby

Conferral of Degrees
Regent Hollingsworth

Hooding of M.S.W. Candidates
Sandra Lopez, M.S.W.
Clinical Professor

Closing Remarks
Dean Colby

Recessional
Candidates for Graduation

Doctor of Philosophy

Tawana D. Cummings
- Stress and Coping: Factors That Influence the Health Status of Black Men
  Dr. Sheara Williams

David V. Flores
- Drug Use in Aging Mexican-American Men: The Role of Culture and Social Capital
  Dr. Luis Torres

Nadia G. Kalinchuk
- Cervical Dysplasia Among Latinas: Understanding the Barriers and Benefits of Screening
  Dr. Maxine Epstein

Kara S. Lopez
- Managing Digital Identities: A Grounded Theory of Mental Health Professionals’ Online Experience
  Dr. Susan Robbins

Grace A. Loudd
- Condom Use Among U.S. Black Women: An Integrated Cognitive Approach
  Dr. Maxine Epstein

Thang D. Luu
- Variables Impacting Depressive Symptoms in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Asian and Pacific and Pacific Islander Americans
  Dr. Patrick Leung

Alexis Rose
- Factors that Predict Condom Use Self-Efficacy in Postmenopausal Women
  Dr. Andy Achenbaum

Lisa Thompson-Caruthers
- After-School Programs and School Day Measures of Success: Assessment of Program Quality on School Connectedness Outcomes
  Dr. Patrick Leung

Candidates for Graduation

December 2011

Master of Social Work

Chelsy Alexander
Chelsea Batchelder
Mitzi Coleman
Mary Davis
Odette Elliston
Amy Everett
Beth Eversole

Elizabeth Gonzalez
James Gonzalez
Ryan Johnson
Meshalini Khan
Shannon Manning
Ashlee Marshall
Roxana Mayer
Ashley Reeder

Timothy Reeves
Amy Rodriguez
Miguel Angel Romero
Monica Gabriela Salinas-Osuna
Charlene Sanuade
Kamilah Thomas
Christine Underwood
Miesha Walker

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BARBARA JORDAN INTEGRITY 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.

JANE ADDAMS UNITY 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 most 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 SERVICE 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 member has demonstrated dedication to building a movement of vulnerable population by working with the people to affect change. Through education this faculty member 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.

Immediately following the Convocation, the GCSW Student Association will hold a reception in honor of all 2011 December graduates, and all 2012 May and August graduation candidates at the

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
HOUSTON ROOM, UNIVERSITY CENTER

All graduates and their guests are cordially invited.
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May 11, 2012

Dear 2012 GCSW Graduate,

Today is a remarkable milestone in your life, characterized by not only all of your hard work and dedication but as also the beginning of the next chapter in your life. It is my extreme pleasure to congratulate you on this incredible accomplishment! As President of the UH Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association, it is an honor to welcome you to the social work community as an alumnus of the Graduate College of Social Work. You are joining the ranks of a prestigious group of individuals.

Today, you received a UH lapel pin during the “Michael Roberts Pinning Ceremony.” Michael was a UH GCSW Class of 2002 alumnus, who served on the GCSW Alumni Association board for many years and particularly enjoyed personally congratulating each new graduate. We hope you wear your pin with Cougar Pride!

On behalf of the GCSW Alumni Association Board of Directors, I’d like to personally invite you to join the alumni organization, which was created to strengthen the relationship between the alumni and the Graduate College of Social Work of the University of Houston. The GCSW-AA is a constituent group of the University of Houston Alumni Association (UHAA); therefore, when you pay your membership dues to UHAA, you are automatically accorded membership in the GCSW-AA. Please visit www.houstonalumni.com to join today!

Again, I welcome you as the newest GCSW alumni member! Please feel free to contact me for additional information at rosalind.rolls@sbcglobal.net or 713.213.0882.

Best wishes,

Rosalind Rolls, LMSW
Class of 2009
President, GCSW-AA
COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
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Prelude
Classical Arrangement

Processional
Pomp and Circumstance
by Sir Edward Elgar

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Clinical Professor

Banner Bearer-College of Optometry
Lloyd Pate, O.D.
Clinical Associate Professor

Mace Bearer-College of Optometry
Heather Anderson, O.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Invocation
Nimesh Patel, O.D.
Research Assistant Professor

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

Greetings
Renu Khator
UH President

Recognition of Graduates
Summa Cum Laude
Magna Cum Laude
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Associate Dean for Professional Studies and Associate Professor

Beta Sigma Kappa
BSK Silver Medal Award
Lanny Shulman, O.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions and Clinical Associate Professor

Robert William Zipper Leadership Award
Assistant Dean Shulman

Gold Key International Memberships
Ralph J. Herring, O.D., M.H.A.
Clinical Associate Professor

Clinical Excellence Awards
Nicky R. Holdeman, O.D., M.D.
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Special Recognitions
Dean Smith

Distinguished Alumnus for 2012
H. Doug Barnes, O.D.
Class of 1975

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Dissertation: Accommodation and Presbyopia

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Dissertation: Peripheral Retractive Errors and Ocular Shape in Rhesus Monkeys (Macaca mulatta) with Experimentally Induced Myopia

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Dissertation: Spatial Pooling in Dark Adapted Cone Vision

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Invitation

Immediately following the convocation, the College of Optometry will hold a reception in honor of its 2012 graduates.

University of Houston  
College of Optometry - J. Davis Armistead Building  
University Eye Institute Lobby

All graduates and their guests are cordially invited to attend.
Honors

Doctoral students who complete their degree requirements will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the Doctor of Optometry program at the University of Houston.

- 3.75 to 4.0: Summa Cum Laude
- 3.50 to 3.75: Magna Cum Laude

**Summa Cum Laude**
- Shelly Christine Daniels
- Diana Doan
- Ozhan Umar Jafri
- Casey Johnston
- Kelley Dhoyoung Kweon
- Annie Quach
- Beth Joanna Robinson
- Darcy Regina Sczepanik

**Magna Cum Laude**
- Shelly Christine Daniels
- Steven Daniel Barraza
- Rien Ashley Broussard
- Crystal Rebecca Eylar
- Joshua Alan Hager
- Jennifer Huynh
- Katelyn Wells Jordan
- Matthew James Kauffman
- Erin Lauren Keeney
- Claudia Pezzia
- Ruby Rodriguez
- Yuri Ronin
- Tiffany Holly Silver
- Dee Ellyn Tekell
- Mandy Lea Williamson

**2012 Gold Key International**
- Rien Ashley Broussard
- David Thanh Dirkh
- Bridget Ducote Guidry
- Danielle Nicole Jackson
- Katelyn Wells Jordan
- Monica Diem Phuong Nguyen
- Joshua William Patrick
- Beth Joanna Robinson
- Jessica Elaine Stafford
- Nicole Janette Trabuc

**2012 Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Graduates**
- Ruba Amad
- Steven Daniel Barraza
- Sean Berensen
- Jennifer Elizabeth Blaschke
- Rien Ashley Broussard
- Chen-Ying Edna Chang
- Irene Young Chu
- Rachel Allison Cruz
- Shelly Christine Daniels
- Diana Doan
- Bridget Ducote Guidry
- Crystal Rebecca Eylar
- Joshua Alan Hager

**Clinical Excellence Specialty Awards**

**Cornea and Contact Lens**
- Sophia Asaria
- Low Vision
- Katelyn Wells Jordan
- Medical Eye Service
- Beth Joanna Robinson
- Optics
- Casey Johnston

**Pediatrics**
- Ruby Rodriguez

**Primary Care**
- Adam Randal Cox

**Zelda Schiffman Neuro-Ophthalmology Award**
- Lindsey Michelle Willis
College of Optometry

Fourth-Year Professional Awards

Alcon Laboratories Excellence Award  
Darcy Regina Sczepanik

College of Optometrists in Vision Development  
David Thanh Dinh

Digital Corneal Reflex Pupilometer Award  
Yuri Ronin

William Feinbloom Low Vision Award  
Abby Ruth Henderson

GP Lens Institute Clinical Excellence Award  
Beth Joanna Robinson

David J. Kerko Low Vision Award  
Dajana Komadina

Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award  
Nicole Aimee Fournier

Metro Optics Excellence Award  
Dajana Komadina

MiraMed Tech 20/20 Digital Software  
Abby Ruth Henderson

Ocular Instruments Award of Excellence  
Darcy Regina Sczepanik

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award  
Lindsey Michelle Willis

Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care  
Casey Johnston

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William Miller, O.D., Ph.D.  
Chair, Department of Clinical Sciences

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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 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.

DOCTORS OF OPTOMETRY ARE:

Primary health care professionals who diagnose and treat eye health and vision problems.

OPTOMETRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

The four-year Post-Baccalaureate Professional Program includes:

• 3216 hours of lectures and laboratories in optics, advanced human physiology, gross human and ocular anatomy, neuroanatomy, systemic and ocular pathology, general and ocular pharmacology and vision and clinical sciences.

• 500 eye health and vision care experiences in the University Eye Institute’s family practice, cornea and contact lens, pediatric, low vision and medical services.

• 1200 eye health and vision care experiences during two externships (32 weeks) at vision and health care centers. These centers include military hospitals, Indian Health Hospitals, community health centers, surgical centers, Veterans Administration Hospitals and multidisciplinary vision care centers and institutes.

LICENSED AND CREDENTIALING INCLUDE:

• National Board Examinations
  Basic Science
  Clinical Science
  Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease
  Comprehensive Patient Care and Clinical Examinations

• State Licensure Examination
  Optometric Jurisprudence Examination
Milestones

1950s

In 1952, UHCO officially opens. Charles R. Stewart, O.D., Ph.D. is named first dean of the college. The Foundation for Education and Research in Vision is established to increase and promote awareness of vision and its care. UHCO graduates its first class with 11 O.D.s entering the optometric profession in 1955. Mildred Carlile, O.D. is UHCO’s first female graduate.

1960s

Faculty member Chester H. Pheiffer, O.D., Ph.D. assumes duties as dean of the college. The Texas Commission on Higher Education confirms the offering of optometry at UH making the college eligible for state support. Charles M. Stephens, O.D. becomes UHCO’s 100th graduate.

1970s

The graduate program is established in physiological optics (vision science) with the MS degree in 1970 and the Ph.D. in 1972. The first MS graduate is Norman E. Leach, O.D., a current UHCO faculty member. The first Ph.D. is awarded to Pierette Dahaw-Barker, a current faculty member at Salus University. James K. Donovan, O.D. becomes the 500th graduate. The J. Davis Armistead Building is completed with state and federal assistance. The state-of-the-art, $9.6 million building remains UHCO’s home. UHCO establishes a formal partnership with the Good Neighbor Healthcare Center and on-site optometric services begin. William R. Baldwin, O.D., Ph.D. becomes UHCO’s dean. The UHCO Reading Room becomes an official UH recognized library. The Nelson Reber, O.D., Eye Open Golf Tournament is established to raise funds for student scholarships and emergency loans. Dr. Reber died in October 2011, but the tournament tradition continues every fall and is now known as the FERV Fall Classic.

1980s

Dan Patterson, O.D. becomes UHCO’s 1,000th graduate. UH-Downtown formally names their vision clinic the Herbert H. Moore Vision Care Clinic in honor of the popular UHCO optometry professor. The Texas Optometry Career Opportunities Program (TEXOCOP) is created, with grant funds contributed from the US Department of Health and Human Service Administration.

1990s

Karen M. Conway, O.D. becomes the 2,000th graduate. The Weston A. Pettey Library is dedicated to honor Dr. Pettey’s tireless efforts on behalf of UHCO and the profession. The Reading Room is named to honor Dr. Irvin M. Borish for his achievements in the profession. The college building is formally named the J. Davis Armistead Building in recognition of Dr. Armistead’s enduring efforts benefitting the college, university and the profession. Dr. Armistead is known for being the optometrist to singer Buddy Holly and had a hand in selecting the famous black frames. Jerald W. Strickland, O.D., Ph.D. is named UHCO’s dean.
2000s

Seren D. Ngin, O.D. becomes UHCO’s 3,000th graduate.

UHCO caps off the 50th Anniversary celebration with a gala celebrating Visions of the Past, Present and Future. Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D. becomes dean of the College.

UHCO and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society form an official affiliation to establish the MS Eye Care Center. The clinic is dedicated to the early diagnosis and treatment of MS, to the delivery of comprehensive eye care to patients with MS and to groundbreaking research.

UHCO debuts its Mobile Eye Institute designed specifically to provide eye care to the greater-Houston area. MEI is equipped with the latest in ophthalmic technology and brings comprehensive on-site vision services to patients in need of optometric care.

UHCO hosts a Groundbreaking Celebration on the site that will become the UH Health and Biomedical Sciences Center, featuring the UHCO Vision Institute in November 2010. The Topping Out Ceremony and pillar signing event is held to mark the occasion when construction on the new building reaches the highest point in September 2011.

Bridget Ducote Guidry, O.D. becomes the 4,000th UHCO graduate at the May 2012 graduation ceremony. The UH Health and Biomedical Sciences Center, featuring UHCO’s Vision Institute, will officially open in Fall 2012.

The University of Houston College of Optometry’s faculty, staff, students and alumni salute the Class of 1962 on the 50th Anniversary of their Commencement.

*deceased*
The academic costume in America consists of three components: a cap, gown and hood. The cap is the beret or mortarboard type with a colored tassel (black or gold) that represents the graduate level of education—the professional doctorate.

The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume marked with velvet panels down the front and around the neck, as well as three bars on the bell-shaped sleeves. The hood design is unique to the profession of Optometry. The velvet trim of the hood is seafoam green, the color that represents the academic discipline of Optometry. The length of the hood depicts the doctoral level of education while the field of the hood is specific for the University of Houston, red with a reverse white chevron.

The hooding ceremony and the formal conferring of the degrees by the Dean or the President represent the final acts of academic endorsement by the faculty of the College and the University.
Prelude
Selection performed by the Houston Lyric Brass

Processional
Triumphal March from Aida (Verdi)

National Anthem
Sung by Shari Wilkins ('93)

Welcome and Recognition of Distinguished Guests
Dean Raymond T. Nimmer

Greetings from the University of Houston System Board of Regents
Jarvis B. Hollingsworth (J.D., '93)
Secretary, University of Houston System Board of Regents

Commencement Address
Alan R. Crain
Senior Vice President and General Counsel
Baker Hughes Incorporated

Conferral of Degrees
Regent Hollingsworth

Hooding
Adam Gershowitz
Associate Professor of Law
Douglas Moll
Beirne, Maynard & Parsons, L.L.P.
Law Center Professor of Law

Welcome from Alumni
Bill Jackson ('92)
President, Law Alumni Association

Class Speaker
Tamecia Glover Harris (J.D., M.B.A., '12)
Class of 2012
Member, University of Houston System Board of Regents

Closing Remarks
Dean Nimmer

Recessional
Rondeau (Mouret)

A reception in honor of the graduates will be held at the Law Center immediately following the commencement. All graduates, their guests, faculty and other distinguished guests are cordially invited to attend.
### DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE

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