University of Houston
Spring 2022 Commencement

Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts
Friday, May 13, 2022 • Cullen Performance Hall
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May 12, 2022

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations! The moment you’ve long dreamed of today becomes a reality. Today, you become a college graduate. The long hours, late nights and countless sacrifices have all been worth it. Your hard work has prepared you for a rewarding and successful career.

Over your college journey, you’ve grown in knowledge and skill, character and stature. Reaching this cherished milestone is a testament to your resilience and tenacity. Having done so in a pandemic shows your strength and resolve. I have no doubt these same attributes will serve you well as you make your mark in the world. You leave here today educated, equipped and prepared to succeed.

The support of your parents, families and friends, and the encouragement of your UH faculty, advisers and staff have also played a significant part in your success. Remember to thank them for their contribution.

You’ve received a first-class education here at UH. This is the home of “genius grant” winners, nationally top-ranked academic programs, world-renowned faculty, Carnegie-designated Tier One research and so much more. Now, go forward as proud graduates and take the world by storm. I know in my heart that you are now ready and able to be the leaders that our society needs. You are the future we have been waiting for.

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

Warmest regards,

Renu Khator
President
Message from the Provost

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.

Your family, friends, mentors and peers have supported you and helped you to arrive at this great time in your life. So, I thank them, as I am sure you also do, for all they have contributed.

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 are now 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 are honored to have been a part of your lives.

Warm regards,

Paula Myrick Short
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
University of Houston

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University of Houston System

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*College of Nursing*

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*Humana Endowed Dean’s Chair in Optometry*  
*College of Optometry*

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, one school and the multidisciplinary Honors 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 270 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 47,000 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 raised the benchmark of academic achievement when Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious academic honor society, awarded UH the approval to start 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 doctoral (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.

**Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design**
- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - Tassel: Violet
  - Hood: Violet
  - Tassel: Black
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Tassel: Violet
  - Hood: Violet
  - Tassel: Black

**Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts**
- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - Tassel: Brown
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Brown
  - Hood (Music): Pink
  - Tassel: Black
- **Doctoral Degree**
  - Hood: Pink
  - Tassel: Red

**C. T. Bauer College of Business**
- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - Tassel: Dark Blue
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Drab
  - Tassel: Black
- **Doctoral Degree**
  - Hood: Dark Blue
  - Tassel: Red

**College of Education**
- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - Tassel: Light Blue
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Light Blue
  - Tassel: Black
- **Doctoral Degree**
  - Hood (Ed.D.): Light Blue
  - Hood (Ph.D.): Dark Blue
  - Tassel: Red

**Cullen College of Engineering**
- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - Tassel: Orange
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Orange
  - Tassel: Black
- **Doctoral Degree**
  - Hood: Dark Blue
  - Tassel: Red

**Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership**
- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - Tassel: Navy
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Navy, Red and White
  - Tassel: Black
- **Doctoral Degree**
  - Hood: Dark Blue
  - Tassel: Red
### UH Law Center
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Purple
  - Tassel: Black
- **Doctoral Degree**
  - Hood: Purple
  - Tassel: Black

### College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - Tassel: Citron
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Citron
  - Tassel: Black
- **Doctoral Degree**
  - Hood: Dark Blue
  - Tassel: Red

### College of Medicine
- **Doctor of Medicine Degree**
  - Hood: Kelly Green
  - Tassel: Red

### College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - Tassel: Golden Yellow
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Golden Yellow
  - Tassel: Black
- **Doctoral Degree**
  - Hood: Dark Blue
  - Tassel: Red

### College of Nursing
- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - Tassel: Apricot
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Apricot
  - Tassel: Black

### 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 Pharmacy Degree**
  - Hood: Olive
  - Tassel: Red

### Graduate College of Social Work
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Citron
  - Tassel: Black
- **Doctoral Degree**
  - Hood: Citron
  - Tassel: Red

### College of Technology
- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - Tassel: Maroon
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Maroon
  - Tassel: Black

### Hobby School of Public Affairs
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Peacock Blue
  - Tassel: Peacock Blue
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 University 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
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.

Undergraduates who have graduated with the stated academic honors have achieved 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)

This roster does not include the names of degree holders who chose to withhold information under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.

Summa Cum Laude – 4.0 GPA Graduates

The following graduates are recognized for achieving Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average while also completing their degree within four years of starting their first semester in college at the University of Houston.

**FALL 2021**

- **Ryan Chang**
  Bachelor of Science in Biology
  **College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

- **Rabia Gadrab**
  Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management
  **C. T. Bauer College of Business**

- **Julia Nguyen**
  Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management
  **C. T. Bauer College of Business**

- **Kelly Nguyen**
  Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance
  **C. T. Bauer College of Business**

- **Kimberly Nguyen**
  Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management
  **C. T. Bauer College of Business**

- **Jacob Olsen**
  Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management
  **C. T. Bauer College of Business**

- **Precious Amber Vargas**
  Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management
  **C. T. Bauer College of Business**

- **Istvan Wang**
  Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
  **College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

- **Shehzad Yousaf**
  Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
  **College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**
Hanan AbdelGilil  
*Bachelor of Science in Biology*  
*College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

Polina Maksimovna Bandrovskaya  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing*  
*C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Alex R. Botelho  
*Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning*  
*College of Education*

Alexander Xavier Eddings  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management*  
*C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Zoe Elliot Hearnsberger  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management*  
*C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Roger M. Hoang  
*Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management*  
*Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership*

Tammy Thanh Tam Lam  
*Bachelor of Science in Mathematics*  
*College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*  
*Bachelor of Science in Computer Science*  
*College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

Ana Crystelle Angela Manda  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems*  
*C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Alexandria D. Martinez  
*Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management*  
*Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership*

Rachel Thao-Mi Pham  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems*  
*C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Sebastian Poggi  
*Bachelor of Arts in Psychology*  
*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

Kristen N. Rollins  
*Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders*  
*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

Giovani Solis  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance*  
*C. T. Bauer College of Business*

David Andrei Tatchin  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting*  
*C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Morgan E. Thomas  
*Bachelor of Arts in History*  
*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

Alina Mai Thao To  
*Bachelor of Science in Biochemical and Biophysical Sciences*  
*College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

Jorge L. Vaca  
*Bachelor of Science in Economics*  
*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*
Honorary Degree

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN

A lover of arts and the humanities, Kathrine G. McGovern is an exemplar of a life well-lived in service to others. The John P. McGovern Foundation, which she and her late husband Dr. John P. McGovern established, is a legendary philanthropic institution in Houston. Through its magnanimous support, the foundation has transformed the city’s arts, health care, park and higher education systems for the benefit of all Houstonians.

From 1957 to 1961, McGovern studied art and design at the University of Houston under noted professor and Texas artist Don Snell. Although she made the difficult decision to leave the University to marry Dr. McGovern before completing her degree, her passion for the arts never ceased. In the 1960s, she continued her studies at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston under renowned Texas painter Dorothy Hood and became an accomplished painter in her own right.

She believes “the arts play a very vital role in our society as artists convey their interpretations of beauty, performance and concept to the viewer, often opening minds to new appreciations of the world around us.” Motivated by her lifelong love for the arts and UH, in January 2017, she gave a historic $20 million gift to create a permanent endowment for the University’s newly established College of the Arts. In recognition of the transformational gift, UH renamed the college the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts and McGovern made history by becoming the first alumna and first woman at UH to have a college bear her name. The gift was one of two leading, eight-figure gifts in the $1.24 billion “Here, We Go” campaign and is one of the three largest gifts to the visual and performing arts in the history of the University.

She has served as president of The John P. McGovern Foundation since her husband’s passing in 2007 and is always looking to the future with a focused interest in improving the quality of life throughout Houston. In addition to UH, McGovern has given generous support to The University of Texas Health Science Center; The Houston Zoo; The Ronald McDonald House; the Houston Parks Board; The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; and individuals and families in need throughout the Houston and Galveston region, among others.

The Doctor of Humane Letters degrees, honoris causa, given for exemplary service to the University of Houston or society at large, is the highest honor UH can bestow.
Message 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  
Founding Dean and Professor of Music  
Cullen Foundation Endowed Dean’s Chair
University of Houston
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PROCESSIONAL  Moores School of Music
CALL TO ORDER  Andrew Davis
   Founding Dean and Professor of Music
   Cullen Foundation Endowed Dean’s Chair
PRESENTATION OF COLORS  UH Army ROTC
NATIONAL ANTHEM  Moores School of Music
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS  Dean Davis
RECOGNITION OF PLATFORM PARTY  Dean Davis
PRESIDENT’S REMARKS  Renu Khator
   President
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS  Jane Chu
   11th Chairperson of the
   National Endowment for the Arts
PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE  President Khator
   Honorary Degree Recipient: Kathrine G. McGovern
RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS  Dean Davis
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES  Beckham Dossett
   Director, School of Art
   Fleurette Fernando
   Director, Arts Leadership Program
   Courtney Crappell
   Director, Moores School of Music
   Rob Shimko
   Director, School of Theatre and Dance
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES  President Khator
CLOSING REMARKS  Dean Davis
ALMA MATER  Moores School of Music
RECESSIONAL  Moores School of Music
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Spring 2022 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Moores School of Music

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

Ruslan Baiazitov
Variations on a Theme of Chopin, Op. 22, by Sergei Rachmaninoff: Background, Analysis, Genesis
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. John Snyder

Justin Robert Langham
The Life and Music of Oskar Böhme
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Nancy Murphy

MASTER DEGREES

Arts Leadership

MASTER OF ARTS

Katherine Leigh Creggan
Allison Michelle Jagers
Kaitlyn Beatrice Jones
Laura Marie Moreno
Cecilia Norman
Sarah Nicole Richardson
Kristina Nina Elizabeth Saunders
Debbie Thanh Vu

School of Art

MASTER OF ARTS

Rebecca Shelby Archer
Wilma I. Camarillo
Kayla Massey
Luisa Fernanda Perez
Anna Smith

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Haoua Zouga Amadou
Jennifer Elizabeth Bootwala
Marcelese Cooper
Miriam A. Donis
Noelle Dunahoe

Elizabeth Ann Gates
Maria Jacinta Majithia
Tiffany Angel Nesbit
Brent Reaney
Ashita Sawhney
Douglas Paul Welsh
Isabelle Mei Zimmerman

Moores School of Music

MASTER OF MUSIC

Jonathan Israel Andino
Iwona Augustyn
Rhiannon Doreen Bishop
Christine Amber Boedicker
Jesus Guillermo Bravo
Gökbërk Eryilmaz
David Anthony Furney
Alicia Marie Gianni
Alexandra Kathleen Gorman
Mary Catherine Heeren sperger
Mary Ellen Laurel
Wangge Li
Ryan Nicholas McArthur
Michelle McClurkin O’Keefe
Namarea Randolph-Yosea
Nathan P. Smith
Julia Tondora Savitski
Hongming Yang
Ryu Edward Yoshida
Chi Zhang

School of Theatre and Dance

MASTER OF ARTS

Jessica Elaine Ellison
Lucas Hamilton Bartlett Evans

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Erin Elizabeth Amlicke
Jacob Lee Blagburn
Riley Dean Capp

Shyendra Eric Chandrasena
Laura Marie Moreno
Kristina Nina Elizabeth Saunders
Amber Yvonne Stepanik
Lloyd Wayne Sebastian Taylor

BACHELOR DEGREES

School of Art

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Art
Helen Parker Berns ²
Kelsi Marie Carrier
Kimberly Nicole Chicoj ²
Samantha M. Cooley
Jose Juan Dominguez ³
Adaora Alexis Ezeoke ¹
Dolores Galvan ³
Juana Maria Garcia ³
Terrence-Ami Glover
Christiania Marie Gomez
Diana Gonzalez ³
Michael Griffin ³
Kevin Huynh ³
Guillermo Jimenez ³
Emma Katherine Lapen
Melissa L. Laughlin ¹
Xueying Liu ²
Laura Lopez
Khoi G. Nguyen ²
Sheida Pedbani ²
Sandra Nguyen Pham ¹
Justin B. Phannavong ²
Neida A. Ramirez
Alyssa G. Rios
Ariel Rivera
Mariana Saucedo Aparicio
Mara Ann Sutera ³
Maya Karis Williams ³

1 Summa Cum Laude - 2 Magna Cum Laude - 3 Cum Laude
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Art History
Arabella Edell Lovelace
Nora Mahon

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Graphic Design
Andrea Arcelia Saenz Barela ¹
Alexandra N. Dziedzic ²
Dominique Ro Magbanua Francia ³
Rachel Marie Garcia ²
Krystal Quynh Tu Xuan Hoang ³
Mila Khuyen Hoang ²
Zachary David Kozuch ³
Stephanie Lanza-Arce ³
Christie Tuyet Le ³
Yoo-El Lee ²
Haley N. Lopez ²
Cecilia Maldonado ²
Diego M. Martinez ²
Colton Monroe McKinney ²
Ashley Nguyen ²
Gabby Ong ²
Nicholas Ashton Tallent ³
Francisco J. Torres ³
Braden Zone Turrentine
Ashley Johana Villalta ³
Steven Q. Vo

Painting
Marbella Alberto ³
Angelica Beagle ²
Nicole Y. Choi ¹
Sara Jane Gage ³
Esmeralda Gonzalez ²
Katherine Ann Huff ³
Stephanie M. Lopez ²
Mellany Christine Medina ¹
Stephanie Soledad Najera

Photography
Arielle N. Ayugat
Annie Michelle Brow ³
William C. Burkholder ¹
Gabriela Nicole Carrion ²
Teresa Rose Castro ³
Ginger Leigh Davis ¹
An T. Duong ²
Kaelie Diane Frazier
Matthew Ryan Guerra ²
Kiera Asti Sparkle Jamison
Valeria Carolina Lopez ²
Andrea Obaya ²
Alfonso Ochoa
Kenny Pulido ³
Gustavo A. Solorzano Aparicio ³

Sculpture
Jennifer E. Barker ²
William K. Kelley ²
Willia Lynn
Anna L. Ramlal ³
Giovanni Paolo Rojo ²
Kaitlyn S. Seefeldt ¹

Moores School of Music

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Music
Telesforo Jose Pinales

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Music
Brandon M. Allison ²
Amanda Arleen Baez Garcia ³
Kendall Banasiak ³
Jordan Lee Barker ³
Benjamin C. Bowman ¹
Charles Adam Burnap ³
Coby Alan Carlson
Gage Mitchell Cope ³
Rosa M. Corona ¹
Bethany Gabrielle Edwards ²
Erika Ann Erwin
Ashley Flood ¹
Megan L. Goodlett ²
Roland D. Hernandez ³
 Baylor Zane Herrera ¹
Danielle Marissa Jaundoo ¹
Ethan A. Klawinski ²
Patrick Alexander Lemancyzk ²

Arya Loloee ³
Gabrielle R. McCullough ²
Matthew Brian Mullis
Glydel Marie L. Obate ³
Julian M. Paez
Alejandro G. Perez ³
Hoang Vu Pham ²
Evan Manuel Rivera ²
Bryana A. Saldana ¹
David Charles Sigh ³
Joshua G. Snedeker ³
Tyffanie C. Spencer ²
John Maxwell Stewart
Daniela Vega ³
Liv N. Velvin ²
Mitchell Munson Vereide ²

Performance
Isabella Victoria Bengochea ²
Tabytha Carol Donnelly ²
Abigail Elizabeth Gerstle
Yibo Guan ¹
Miarose Hanberry ³
Yuda Jiang ²
Joseph E. Kastelic
Meghana Krish ²
Heather Nicole Leal ³
Samuel Eduardo Linzan Rogel
Steven Tri Luong
Christopher Alyn Michalak ¹
Daniel J. Millan ²
Henna Aishah Mohamed ³
Daniel Alejandro Moreira ¹
Katjana Nagel ²
Jesse Novak ²
Alyssa A. Pasao ²
Thanh Nam Pham ²
Dong Le Pham ³
Madeline Raine Rodriguez
Scott M. Rogers
Nayeli Sanchez ²
Victoria Esperanza Santana
Alberto Tovar ¹
Spencer Vandigriff ²
Audrey C. Welsh ³
Taylor R. Wyatt ³

¹ Summa Cum Laude · ² Magna Cum Laude · ³ Cum Laude
School of Theatre and Dance

Bachelor of Arts

Dance
Julia Marie Padilla

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Dance
Kennedy Alexandria
    Anderson-Simmons
Daniel A. Davila
Jacqueline M. Villadiego

Theater
Steven Ray Aguilar
Raul A. Arita
Zachary R. Finch
Jack Blair Gray
Colton Dane Johnson
Comfort I. Katchy
Abella Knott
Brooklyn Paige Metzler
Dominique Macmillan Meyer
Sophia M. Mobbs

Courtney Elise Neuwirth
Brenda Marie Palestina
Adam George Pena
Bryan Omar Rivera
Brett Elizabeth Robertson
Leandro Rojas Salazar
Alexander Christian Schumann
Antwan D. Smith
Meghan Spear
Olivia Anne Swasey
Keri Dale Szeklinski

1 Summa Cum Laude - 2 Magna Cum Laude - 3 Cum Laude
Message from the Interim Dean

Congratulations, Class of 2022!

Today, we gather to celebrate you and your successful journey through the University of Houston and the Honors College. This is the first time we have held our graduation banquet since 2019, and I am excited to celebrate the graduating class of 2022.

Know that each of you has made history -- by persevering through a world pandemic, never losing sight of the goal! But the pandemic did not deter you despite unprecedented difficulties.

I’ve been affiliated with the Honors College for more than 45 years of my 48-year career as a faculty member at the University of Houston. My association began before it was even a college as you know it today – it began as the Honors Program in the 1950s. Since those initial beginnings, I have seen unprecedented growth, both in numbers of students and programs, and in overall quality. I believe that the Honors College provides exceptional opportunities to our students and has become increasingly important to the University.

With the guidance of outstanding faculty and staff, you have thrived and grown as you navigated your way through the Honors College’s exceptional academic experiences, unparalleled opportunities in research, and real-world service to the community.

Independent of the path you have taken, you are not in the same place you were when you began this journey, and neither is the College. During your time in Honors, you have been a part of its dynamic growth and development with the addition of new minors, a record-breaking number of awardees of scholarships and major awards, and new opportunities for both research and co-curricular engagement.

As you begin your careers or continue your studies through graduate or professional programs, we know that you’ll be well prepared to lead in your chosen field and continue contributing solutions to the grand challenges of tomorrow.

Although you’re graduating, the Honors College will always be a part of your life. Stay connected with the College as an alum and I hope you will support the College’s programs and scholarships for future generations.

Go Coogs!

Stuart Long
Interim Dean
and Associate Dean, Undergraduate Research
The Honors College Honors

The Honors College at the University of Houston offers students special opportunities to develop their academic abilities. Below are the Honors College designations.

**University Honors and University Honors with Honors in Major**
Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) graduate with University Honors. If students also complete a senior honors thesis, they graduate with University Honors with Honors in Major.

**Collegiate Honors and Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major**
Students who fulfill the requirements for the honors program in the college of their major, including 21 hours of honors courses; who complete an Honors College minor, or who complete 21 hours of approved honors courses. If students also complete a senior honors thesis, they graduate with Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major.

**Membership in The Honors College and Membership in The Honors College with Honors in Major**
Students who affiliate with the Honors College during their undergraduate years and complete fewer than 21 hours of honors courses. If students also complete a senior honors thesis and fulfill the requirements of their major with distinction, they graduate with Membership in The Honors College with Honors in Major.

**Honors in Major**
Students who complete a senior honors thesis but are not members of the Honors College.
University Honors with Honors in Major

Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design
Karina Lani Bhattacharya
Alberto Tzul
Bethany Grace Yeh
Christopher Zhu

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Allison Gah Yan Lee

University Honors

Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design
Anne-Elisabeth Inez Baker
Drake Robert Blessman Flood
Trish Thanh Huynh
Maricela Tinajero Resendiz
Sarah Trinh

C. T. Bauer College of Business
John Adkison
Austen Allnutt
Marc Andalecio
Britney Allison Gene Balderas
Lorjkrystia Bermoy
Maggust Bui
Lucile Mae Buller
Leanne Liwon Chon
John Marcelino Concepcion
Nikole Breanne Davis
Sakethram Desabhotla
Leaundrea Fields
Caleb Godard
Eva Olivia Flores Granger
Samuel Thomas Guadarrama
Michael Alexander Hoffinger
Cassidy J. Lee
Audrey Gale Hall
Jack Thomas O’Connell
Andreina Eugenia Ruiz
Aniqua Salwa
Morgan Elizabeth Thomas

Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts
Arya Loloee

Cullen College of Engineering
Krishna Sarvani Desabhotla

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Thomas Max Broekhuis
Evgenii Litvinov
Arya Loloee
Fabiana Chaparro
Ashley T. Chen
Devin A. Crooker
Amirarsalan Darbin
Natalie Dean
Ariel Corinne Durham
Amber Faruqi
Rebekah Ann Filomeno
Lauren Alexandria Garcia
Olivia C. Garcia
Maya Annika Garza
Caleb Godard
Angela Gorman
Daniela M. Herrera Almaguer
Richard Ike
Natalie Janssen
Elise Gabrielle Johnston
Eric Joy Kanjirathingal
Fatematus-Zohra Kantawala
Salvi Kumar
Benita Lalani
Illeagh Macivers
Sara Catherine Mao
Alyssa Renee Martinez
Katherine Lindsey McNair
Alyssa L. Mcneil
Jack D. Morillo
Duc Gia Bach Nguyen
Kevin Dat Nguyen
Simon Nichols
Anushka Oak
Keily Corinne Oreilly
Jasmine Parish Moreno
Sebastian Poggi
Sofia Poznansky
Jordan Nicole Reed
Gabriela Rodriguez
Sydney Joann Roy
Ethan Rubin
Kayla Sophia Sandoval
Nimra Z. Shahzad
Paige L. Smith
Kareem Malek Soussan
Vivian Tran
Sandra Tzul
Ashley Villanueva
Mallory Kathryn Walters
Maxime J. Wilson
Naporn Wongmuangkan
Michelle Zhang

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS
Jennifer Elizabeth Barker

College of Education
Vanessa Flores
Eleni Evangelia Kouzounis
Grace Liu
Amy Patel
Keri Isabel Semilla

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Ahlam Motee Abunima
Samuel Babidge
Zain Rehan Bhatti
Adam Joseph Carrell
Sabrina Carrillo Sandoval
Kainat Chaudhary
Cassandra Faith Coker
Colin Steven Copeland
Neal Cruz
Kathryn Grace Deininger
Shravani Deo
Hy Khanh Doan
Zackary Edward Dobert
Katelyn M. Dykas
Stephanie M. Fose
Sarah Hakam
Madison Hamby
Evan Jalma Headroee
Sarah Hijazi
Atiya Sayyada Hussaini
Amena Jangda
Andrea E. Lastra
Christy T. Le
Jodie T. Lu
Andrew Thomas McDaniel
Leslie Marie Mendiola
David W. Mitchell
Gerrit Nelson
Michael Omotayo Ojo
Jaime Israel Pena
Martin Reyes
Anthony Semaan Saba
Evagelos Statathos
Lujayna Amr Taha
Amy Thien My-An Tang
Alexander M. Tilston
Michael Christopher Urh
Marissa Margarita Warren
Jet Miao Lin Yao
Benjamin Jess Yusuf

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP
Eliane Baaklini
Jignil Shah

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Zain Javed Akbar
Toqa Abbas Al Alawi
Gabriela Lizeth Alfaro
Abhishek Dhanraj Amin
Zahir Malik Amin
Zainab Asif
Alyssa Assaf
Sarah Attia
Kaci Baker
Claire Balgairies
Zain Rehan Bhatti
Luay Boulahouache
Neriyah Z. Butler
Ricardo Andres Del Rio
Manasa Mahalaxmi Dendukuri
Dominique Liann Dore
Smiti Gandhi
Kimberly Garza
Nikita Yashodhan Gidh
Janhavi Vinayak Govande
Kiana Alexis Herod
Noor A. Husainat
Faith Dang-Khoa Huynh
Anuttham Kandhadai
Zakir Ali Khan
Amenda Khoei
Robert Austin Koort
Robert Kopliku
Salvi Kumar
Marcus Kunu
Benita Lalani
Chaitanya Lavu
Phu T. Le
Oulu Li
Alex Macias
Piya Malhan
Andrew Isaac Martinez
Jericho Rafael Morcilla
Nolan Nash
Ngoc Ho Lam Nguyen

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Trishann T. Nguyen
Vijay Nitturi
Travis Michael Null
Kaylie O’Connell
Anushka Oak
Syeda Safia Owais
Praneet Sai Paidisetty
Sarah Mary Philip
Richard Poe
Pedro Rene Pompa
Jordan Nicole Reed
Arya Rezaei
Christopher Salek
Shoaib Sarfraz
Taegen Senawong
Rida Shahid
Neal Sharma
Marina Shenouda

Nabeela Fatima Siddeeque
Vashti Singh
Subhiksha Srinivasan
Het B. Thakkar
Chris M. Thang
Gianno B. Tirado
Chloe Tovar
Angie Trinh
Loc Thanh Vo
David Wang
Leonard Kuan-Pei Wang
Ashton Claire Westbrook
Nadia Ariana Zamany
Wilfred Moe Khaing Zaw

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
Elysha Ava Lauryn Garcia

Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN
Hugo Patrick Margain
Jad Moghnieh

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Hannah Sydney Esopenko

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Benjamin Bliss
Jessica Alexandra Castillo Patino
Taylan Reese Eisemann
Jaime Karee Freeman
Jordan Hart
Lauren Hernandez
Anne Elizabeth Holan
Jacob Lane Huling
Trinity Michelle Johnson
Melanie A. Leal
Diego Alejandro Lopez
Jala Monique Mason
Julio Alejandro Mata

Cameron Vaughn Mitchell
Catherine Lai Xuan Nguyen
Harrison P. Norris
Christina Elizabeth Okhuysen
Juliana Kiara Quintana
Pari Rohani
Raphaela Y. Tchani
Elaine Tran
Paul Basil Hubbell Vaughan
Tarie Vincent

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS
Stephanie Lanza-Arce
Sophia Mobbs

Daniel Alejandro Moreira

College of Education
Cyrina Bryant
Eric Pham Doan
Jasmine Evelyn Gonzalez

Cullen College of Engineering
Bryan X. Choo
Kurtis Deschamps
Addison Fischer Gregory
Benjamin Z. Ilboudo
Brian M. Presson
CONRAD N. HILTON
COLLEGE OF GLOBAL
HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP
Lily Bateman
Daniel Lee

COLLEGE OF NATURAL
SCIENCES AND
MATHEMATICS
Michael Kelechi Allison
Viridiana Esperanza Barrera
Taadesha Gabrielle-Samone Denson
Nicholas Nguyen Khang Doan
Moneeza Hameed
Jeanette Montemayor Hortaleza
Aurora Barbara Maceo Fernandez
Ayman Rashid

William Abe Ross
Gundeep Singh
Yaseen A. Syed
Golmehr Taskini
Lovyanne Manrique Vergel De Dios
Syed Sajid Zaidi

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
Daniel Obosaruemen Aigboduwa
Emmanuel Cofield
T’arie Vincent

Membership in The Honors College with Honors in Major

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Devion Reed

Membership in The Honors College

Joshua Campos
John Andrew Duenas
Jodie Renee Finch
Gerardo A. Godinez
Laura M. Lovel
Dorothee Andreas Mayag
Nathanael H. Tan
Kaitlyn Ngoc Thuy Tran

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN
COLLEGE OF THE ARTS
Scott Matthew Rogers

CULLEN COLLEGE
OF ENGINEERING
Austin J. Lee
Jose Luis Perez
Patrick Kennedy Williams

Christian Walter Rimbau
Bradley K. Ung
Hima Shaji Vadakekara

COLLEGE OF NURSING
Kydamae Delos Santos De Luna

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
Dustin James Walters

Honors in Major

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE
OF ARCHITECTURE
AND DESIGN
Miranda Vanessa Gonzalez Miramon
Sharon Ann Lott
Gabriela A. Martinez
Caleb T. Matheson

Fuko Nara
Raquel Quintana
Alejandro Reyes
David Alexander Rincon
Ana A. Sevilla
Savannah Tidwell

Amena Naufel Alhassan
Dubois H. Barnes
Reece Allen Buck
Carla Gabriela Bullock
Tara Maria Georgesen
Katherine Huff  
Jo-Anne Pham  
Joshua Michael Philippus  
Beatriz A. Rivera  

**Katherine G. McGovern College of the Arts**  
Arabella Edell Lovelace  
Katherine Huff  
Nora Mahon  

**Cullen College of Engineering**  
Lindsey Danielle McGill  
Hoang Nguyen  

**College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**  
Thomas Carroll  
Giovanna Valentina De Vita Sifontes  
Jose E. Esparza Pinelo  
Beatriz A. Rivera  
Alexandra Rae Briggs Ulinski
Congratulations 2022 Graduates!

Let me be the first to welcome you to the UH Alumni Association (UHAA). You are joining a global network of over 300,000 Cougars. With your participation, we can only grow stronger. As you embark on this next chapter, know that UHAA is here to help you stay connected with your beloved alma mater. From volunteering, joining a group, coming to events, to becoming a Life Member, the opportunities to engage are endless. To get started, click on the QR code below and make a gift in honor of the Class of 2022 so you can enjoy all the activities that soon await you. In the meantime, enjoy this moment and continue to soar. True we’ll ever be and Go Coogs!

Drue DaSilva ('93, M.S. '99)
President
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