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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

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 System

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*C. T. Bauer College of Business*

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

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*Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair*
*Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership*

Stephen J. Spann  
*Founding Dean*
*College of Medicine*

Kathryn M. Tart  
*Founding Dean*
*Humana Endowed Dean’s Chair in Nursing*
*College of Nursing*

Joseph W. Tedesco  
*Elizabeth D. Rockwell Endowed Dean’s Chair*
*Cullen College of Engineering*

Michael Twa  
*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

Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts

Bachelor’s Degree  Tassel: Brown  Hood: Brown  Hood (Music): Pink  Tassel: Black
Master’s Degree
Doctoral Degree  Tassel: Pink  Tassel: Red

C. T. Bauer College of Business

Bachelor’s Degree  Tassel: Dark Blue  Hood: Drab  Tassel: Black
Master’s Degree
Doctoral Degree  Tassel: Dark Blue  Tassel: Red

College of Education

Bachelor’s Degree  Tassel: Light Blue
Master’s Degree  Hood: Light Blue  Tassel: Black

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
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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**
Katherine 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 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 2022. 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
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Pomp and Circumstance: March 1
*Sir Edward Elgar*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Moores School of Music

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Elizabeth Coyle
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

Louis Williams
*Associate Professor*

GOLDEN COUGARS CLASS OF 1972

Sylvia Davila, Ben Fry, Albert Garcia,
Patsy Glantzberg, Larry McClaugherty,
Richard McNurlen, Gary Pillers, Evelyn Shelton

BANNER BEARER CANDIDATES

Leah H. Kobeissi

Jason Levy

Kush P. Modashia

Summer K. Naser

PLATFORM PARTY

WELCOME

F. Lamar Pritchard
*Dean*

STUDENT RESPONSE

Erin Montejo
*Pharm.D. Candidate*

PRESENTATION OF PH.D. CANDIDATES

Dean Pritchard

CONFERRING OF PH.D. DEGREES

Dean Pritchard

PRESENTATION OF M.S. CANDIDATES

Dean Pritchard

CONFERRING OF M.S. DEGREES

Dean Pritchard

RECOGNITION OF HONORS

Paige Pitman
*Executive Associate Dean*

PRESENTATION OF PHARM.D. CANDIDATES

Dean Pritchard

CONFERRING OF PHARM.D. CANDIDATES

Dean Pritchard

RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN COUGARS CLASS OF 1972

Dean Pritchard

OATH OF A PHARMACIST

Executive Associate Dean Pitman

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 2021 - Graduate

**Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutics**

Ashley Nguyen  
Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of Riluzole in Acute Spinal Cord Injury Patients  
**Advisor:** Dr. Diana S-L. Chow

**Summer 2021 – Graduates**

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

Ee Vien Low  
Physical and Mental Health Among Mexican American Children and Adolescents Living On The Texas-Mexico Border  
**Advisor:** Dr. Hua Chen

**Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutics**

Sujit Biswas  
Nose-to-Brain Delivery and Pharmacokinetics of Lapatinib Nanoemulsions Targeting HER-2 Positive Breast Cancer Brain Metastases  
**Advisor:** Dr. Xinli Liu

Dinh Truong Bui  
Biopharmaceutical and Pharmacokinetic Studies of a Botanical Drug – Antitumor B – as a Chemopreventive Agent Against Oral Cancer  
**Advisor:** Dr. Ming Hu

Kwang Bog Cho  
Histone Variant H2A.Z.1 Promotes Proliferation and Invasion of Lung Cancer Cells  
**Advisor:** Dr. Bin Guo

Xiang Gao  
Cancer Preventive Agent 3,3’ – Diindolylmethane Inhibits MDM2 in Colorectal Cancer  
**Advisor:** Dr. Bin Guo

Craig Thomas Vollert  
The Effect of Heterozygous Loss of Progranulin on Alzheimer’s Disease  
**Advisor:** Dr. Jason Eriksen

**Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacology, Medicinal Chemistry Concentration**

Seungheon Lee  
Inosine-5’-Monophosphate Dehydrogenase and Aspartyl Protease Inhibitors for Cryptosporidium Parvum  
**Advisor:** Dr. Greg Cuny

**Doctor of Pharmacy**

Alexis Nicholle Hicks  
Anh Thuy Phan  
Caroline Elizabeth Smith
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY

Benjamin Lewing
Understanding Inadequate Care During Management of Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus: Examining Patient and Health System Factors
ADVISOR: Dr. Sujit Sansgiry

Prajakta Masurkar
Adverse Outcome Associated with Individual Cholinesterase Inhibitors in Older Adults with Dementia
ADVISOR: Dr. Rajender Aparasu

Abhishek Anil Nair
Opioid Analgesic Utilization in Pediatric Population with Acute Pain
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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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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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The University of Houston College of Pharmacy’s faculty, staff, and students salute the Class of 1972 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of their Commencement.
Message from the UH Alumni Foundation Board President

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)
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