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Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations, class of 2023! Today you graduate with a first-class education from one of the nation's leading universities. We are so proud of you for reaching this important milestone.

Over the years, you've made new memories and friends, and grown in character and wisdom. And now it's time to take what you've learned and go chart a new course in the world. I know in my heart that you will do well and make a positive impact on our society.

The support of your family and friends, and the encouragement of your UH faculty, advisers and staff have also played a significant part in your success. Thank them for their contribution, as we thank you for choosing our university.

UH is the home of world-renowned researchers and professors, award-winning sports and academic programs. The knowledge and experience you've gained here have prepared you to rise to the top in your field. Many graduates who have come before you have earned national recognition and highly esteemed awards and honors for their work. And now you're joining this great class of alumni. Congratulations! I know you will make us proud.

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

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Renu Khator'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Renu Khator
President, University of Houston





Message from the Provost

Dear Spring Graduates,

You've traveled a long road to reach this moment, but here you are! Congratulations on earning a degree from the University of Houston.

Whether you're the first in your family to graduate from college or perhaps a second-generation Cougar, today's ceremony marks a significant moment in your lives. It's also special for the University of Houston as your success has been our priority since you first stepped foot on campus.

Now, you embark on new journeys. Some of you may be entering the workforce. Others may be headed to graduate school. No matter your destination, please remember those who helped you get to this point.

Stay in touch with peers, professors and staff members and remind them that their guidance supported your academic journeys. Also, thank your spouses, siblings, parents, grandparents and others in attendance today for their daily inspiration.

Of course, be sure to truly recognize the one person responsible for today's celebration—you! You balanced classes, work, family and other obligations. It wasn't easy, but you did it. Now, you are poised to reap the rewards of a degree from UH.

Although you are leaving this wonderful campus, you will remain a member of our University family. You now carry the proud tradition of past UH graduates and will represent our institution in your professional endeavors. Be proud of your time here, and let others know that you are now and forever a Cougar.

Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diane Z. Chase', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Diane Z. Chase
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Houston

University of Houston

Commencement Ceremony

University of Houston System

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Distinguished Professor of Science

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

University of Houston

Commencement Ceremony

University of Houston History



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 14 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 46,000 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	<i>Tassel: Violet</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Violet Tassel: Black</i>

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Brown</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Brown Hood (Music): Pink Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Pink Tassel: Red</i>

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Dark Blue</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Drab Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red</i>

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Light Blue</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Light Blue Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood (Ed.D.): Light Blue Hood (Ph.D.): Dark Blue Tassel: Red</i>

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Orange</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Orange Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red</i>

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Navy</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Navy, Red and White Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red</i>

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UH LAW CENTER

Master's Degree *Hood: Purple*
 Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Purple*
 Tassel: Red

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

TILMAN J. FERTITTA FAMILY 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

ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER 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

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

University of Houston

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Academic Heraldry

The academic costume in America consists of three components: a cap, gown, and hood. The cap is the beret or mortarboard type with a tassel color (black or gold) which 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 and length are unique to the degree earned. The Doctor of Optometry's velvet trim of the hood is seafoam green, the color which represents the academic discipline of optometry; the Doctor of Philosophy's velvet trim is dark blue. The Master of Science graduate's gown is similar to its Oxford counterpart and features square-cut oblong sleeves. The velvet trim of the hood is gold, the color which represents the Master of Science. For each graduate, 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 of Optometry and the University.

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.

Graduates who have graduated with the stated academic honors have achieved the following grade point averages earned in the last 177 hours completed at the University of Houston College of Optometry.

3.75 – 4.0 Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)

3.5 – 3.74 Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)

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







College of Optometry
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Message from the Dean

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on this exciting achievement! This is the defining moment of your transition from student to practitioner. We are pleased and proud to celebrate with you as you join the community of practicing Doctors of Optometry and leaders in vision research.

For those of you receiving the Doctor of Optometry degree, your lifelong commitment as healthcare professionals now begins a new phase of independent practice and responsibility. You will use your knowledge and many talents to meet the needs of others and influence the future direction of healthcare. As a professional, your decisions, your actions, and your character will define not only your reputation but will also shape the public's trust in the profession and the institutions that you represent. Be mindful of that responsibility and aspire to be true to the core values of your college – growth and learning, integrity, reason, and humanity.

For those of you receiving a Master of Science or Doctor of Philosophy degree, congratulations on your achievements. Your training reflects your persistence and dedication to a noble purpose – the pursuit of knowledge and scientific discovery. I urge you to remember that your degrees reflect your achievements, but also innumerable investments by others who inspired your curiosity, nurtured your talents, and advocated for you along your journey. Be generous in your recognition and gratitude towards others and seek opportunities to give back through teaching and encouragement to those around you. The need for knowledge and scientific integrity has never been greater. We look to you as future leaders who will bring forth new knowledge and scientific discoveries that will benefit our world – aim high!

Know that the faculty and I are proud, hopeful, and expectant. We have shared our training, experience, insights, and knowledge as best we can. Step forward with confidence and know that you are well prepared to embark on your journey.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration, we wish you the best in your endeavors. Remember you always have a home at the University of Houston College of Optometry, and we will always welcome you back with open arms. Again, congratulations on your academic success.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Twa, O.D., Ph.D., F.A.A.O.
Dean and Professor
Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Optometry



Congratulatory message from FERV

Congratulations to our 2023 graduates – our new optometric colleagues! As the official fundraising arm of the college, the Foundation for Education and Research in Vision (FERV) has been a part of the journey since day one of your optometric academic career through scholarships, emergency loans, and various activity support.

FERV works with alumni, friends, and donors to establish and grow scholarships for UHCO students while also enhancing research and equipment innovation through financial support. FERV is dedicated to improving the quality of life for patients by providing vital funds that support critical initiatives, directly impacting students, education, patient care, community service and research.

Our journey will continue together as you embark on life-long learning through UHCO's continuing education and alumni social events. We know as you become successful practitioners you will help future students through your contributions to FERV.

We encourage you to support the optometric profession just as the profession has supported you.

John Coble, O.D. '86
President
Foundation for Education in Research and Vision



2023 Distinguished Alumnus



Thomas W. Pruett, O.D. '55

DR. THOMAS WILLIAM PRUETT, a Pecos, Texas native, earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from the University of Houston College of Optometry's first graduating class in 1955. Following graduation, he relocated to Lake Jackson where he began a family and launched a devotional life-long career of optometric healthcare to patients in need. In 1980, Dr. Pruett organized the first Mexico Eye Clinic in Juarez through sponsorship from the First United Methodist Church in Lake Jackson. He continued to conduct church sponsored clinics until 1985 when a large grant from Rotary International allowed expansion of the clinics to include the entire state of Chihuahua. Joined with the people of Guerrero, they built a permanent facility there in 1990 and have conducted the clinics out of that facility ever since. Through the years, the clinic has expanded into three facilities that now provide over half the total indigent healthcare for the state of Chihuahua. In addition to eye care, the clinics include ocular surgery, dentistry, general medicine, plastic surgery, dermatology, and gynecology. With the highest regard to humanity, Dr. Pruett has dedicated over 40 years of his optometric career offering optometry services to those in need in Mexico.

Through his career, Dr. Pruett received numerous awards including Brazosport Outstanding Man, Distinguished Achievement Award from American Public Health Association, District

5890 Rotarian of the Year, Community Builder Award from the Lake Jackson Masonic Lodge 1317, Junior Achievement Hall of Fame Award, Schreiner Distinguished Alumnus Award, the University of Houston College of Optometry Distinguished Alumnus Award, and was the first recipient of the Rotary International Service Above Self Award.

Golden Reunion Class of 1973

The University of Houston College of Optometry's faculty, staff, and students salute the Class of 1973 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of their Commencement.

Stewart Abel, O.D.
Bob Anderson, O.D.
Robert Antoon, O.D.
Tom Blue, O.D.
Jeff Bowers, O.D.
Eduardo Briceño Garbi, O.D.
Bobby Christensen, O.D.
Meredith Clark, O.D.
Tom Clyde, O.D.
Don Cochran, O.D. *
Neville Cohen, O.D.
Don Dean, O.D. *
Glenn Deshaw, O.D.
Lon Dickerson, O.D.
James Donovan, O.D.
Russel Dressen, O.D.
Jeff Ekery, O.D.
Mike Gordon, O.D.
Allen Griffin, O.D.

Wayne Hamm, O.D.
Andy Hinderliter, O.D. *
Mary Hollander, O.D.
Jerry Hollimon, O.D.
Mark Horton, O.D.
Cecil Huneycutt, O.D.
Jeff Jeskin, O.D.
Tom Labbe, O.D.
Torben Lange, O.D.
Bob LeSage, O.D.
Wayne Maltz, O.D.
Ray Matocha, O.D.
Milford Maynard, O.D.
Toby McClenny, O.D. *
Don McCoy, O.D.
Bill McKim, O.D. *
Larry McNamara, O.D.
Spencer Moore, O.D.
Van Moore, O.D.

Harris Nussenblatt, O.D. *
Dennis Page, O.D.
Larry Portales, O.D. *
Joe Putman, O.D.
Robert Reid, O.D.
H. R. Sharp O.D.
Ray Stepp, O.D.
Chuck Sturtevant, O.D. *
Hans Taersbol, O.D.
Dennis Van Voorst, O.D.
Warren Wachter, O.D. *
Scott Walker, O.D.
O. A. Watson, O.D.
Mel Weiss, O.D.
Les White, O.D.
Larry Wilkinson, O.D.
Herb Williams, O.D.
Wanda Wixom, O.D.
* Deceased

University of Houston
College of Optometry

Commencement Ceremony
Saturday, May 13, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Cullen Performance Hall

PRELUDE	Classical Arrangement
PROCESSIONAL	“Pomp and Circumstance” <i>By Sir Edward Elgar</i>
HONORARY MACE BEARER	Lucy Kehinde Darnell <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>
HONORARY BANNER BEARER	Justin Simbulan <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moore School of Music
WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS	Michael D. Twa, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Dean and Professor</i> <i>Humana Endowed Dean’s Chair in Optometry</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable John A. McCall, Jr. <i>Board Member</i>
GREETINGS	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD	Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2023 presented to Thomas W. Pruett, O.D. ’55 Dean Twa
STUDENT ADDRESS	Zoe Margaret Reid Baker Julia Campbell
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Dean Twa
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES	
BETA SIGMA KAPPA BSK SILVER MEDAL AWARD	Moriah Chandler <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>
PRESENTATION AND HOODING OF THE CANDIDATES	Dean Twa
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS DEGREE	Laura Frishman <i>Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research</i> <i>John and Rebecca Moores Professor</i>

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**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS DEGREE**

Associate Dean Frishman

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE**

Jason Porter
Chair of the Faculty and Associate Professor

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES
FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE**

Kimberly Lambrechts
Associate Dean for Professional Studies and Clinical Professor

HOODING OF CANDIDATES

Andrew Archila
Associate Dean for Clinical Operations and Clinical Professor

Danica Marrelli
*Assistant Dean for Clinical Education and Clinical Professor
North Texas Study Group Endowed Professor*

Swati Modi
Clinical Associate Professor

Anita Ticak
Clinical Associate Professor

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Dean Twa

David Berntsen
*Chair of Clinical Sciences and Associate Professor
Golden-Golden Professor of Optometry*

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

President Khator

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OPTOMETRIC OATH

Jennifer Deakins
Clinical Assistant Professor

CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Twa

PLATFORM PARTY RECESSIONAL

“War March of the Priests”
By Felix Mendelssohn

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Health I Building
Doctors of Texas State Optical Alumni Education Center

College of Optometry Commencement Committee

Renee Armacost
Bee Banks
Carlos Cole
Jackie Conde
Lee Dempsey

Shelley Grover
KaDarrius James
Amanda Johnson
Cristian Loayza
Michele Luman

Lorellye Macomber
Janae Pierre
Lyle Tate

Doctors of Optometry are:

Doctors of optometry are primary eye health care providers and the first defense against vision loss and blindness in the United States. Doctors of optometry have been recognized as physicians under Medicare since 1987, and are capable of diagnosing eye disease, and providing treatments for refractive errors, including glasses and contact lenses, vision therapy, and low vision rehabilitation. Optometrists treat many eye diseases prescribing medications for eye infections, glaucoma, dry eyes, and other conditions. Doctors of optometry also perform surgical procedures for certain conditions. Optometrists are an important part of the health care system and work closely with family practitioners, internists, pediatricians, neurologists, diabetic care teams and others to ensure that care for conditions affecting the eye and one's general health are well coordinated. There are more than 30,000 doctors of optometry nationwide and more than 5,000 optometrists in the state of Texas.

Our graduates have completed a 4-year undergraduate degree prior to admission to the college of optometry. They are trained for an additional four years (3,216 hours of lectures and laboratories) in applied biomedical sciences, optics, social sciences, public health, advanced human anatomy, physiology, neurosciences, systemic and ocular pathology, general and ocular pharmacology, injections, suturing, ocular laser procedures, and clinical care.

Our students have completed more than 500 eye and health examinations in general eye and vision care clinics at the University of Houston Eye Institute, and in specialty clinics including: perioperative services, pediatrics, low vision, contact lenses, and community health services.

Graduates complete approximately 1,200 additional eye and vision care experiences during two 32-week externship rotations at vision and health care centers nationwide. These external training centers include private practices, military hospitals, Indian Health Hospitals, community health centers, surgical centers, Veterans Administration Hospitals, and multidisciplinary vision care centers located around the country.

Spring 2023 – Candidates for Graduation

Candidates' names are followed by their hometowns; undergraduate institutions and, if applicable, graduate institutions.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS

Michelle Mytien Dang
Sugar Land, TX

B.A., Baylor University

THESIS: Hyaluronan in the Aging Lacrimal Gland

Angelica Echiverri

Rowlett, TX

B.S., University of Texas at Austin

THESIS: Evaluation of Retinal Structure and Function in Prediabetes

Shail Gajjar

League City, TX

B.S., University of Texas at San Antonio

THESIS: Assessing Behavioral Factors in Myopia: Development of a Visual Activity Survey

Bhava Ramakrishnan

Chennai/Tamil Nadu, India

B.S., Elite school of Optometry

THESIS: Effect of Rapid Alternating Binocular Flicker on Vergence and Stereopsis

Jessica Jordan Ustick Stovall

Summa Cum Laude

Houston, TX

B.S., Rhodes College

THESIS: Effects of Head-down Tilt on Optic Nerve Sheath Diameter in Healthy Subjects

Joseph Trinh

Houston, TX

B.S., University of Houston

THESIS: Imaging of Meibomian Glands in Various Species

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS

Prince Akowuah

Kumasi, Ghana

O.D., Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

DISSERTATION: Diet-based Strategies for Mitigating Obesity-induced Corneal Dysregulation: Timing of Diet Intake vs. Macronutrient Composition of Diet

Angie Stephanie De La Cruz

Dallas, TX

B.S., University of Dallas

DISSERTATION: Inflammation and Wound Healing in the Mouse Cornea

Apoorva Karsolia

New Delhi, India

M.S., Marshall B. Ketchum University, Southern California College of Optometry

B. Optom., Bharathi Vidyapeeth University, School of Optometry

DISSERTATION: Investigating Spatial Localization and Gaze Orienting Behavior in Strabismus

Wei Hau Lew

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

B.S., Optometry, NIOS, Malaysia

DISSERTATION: Understanding the Spatial Characteristics of Interocular Suppression and Functional Stereopsis

Xiao Lin

Fuzhou, China

M.S., Fudan University, China

M.B.B.S., Harbin Medical University

DISSERTATION: Hyaluronan in Corneal Regeneration and Pathology

Augustine Nti

Tema, Ghana

O.D., University of Cape Coast, Ghana

DISSERTATION: Optical Profiles, Visual Performance, and Modelling Optical Changes with Multifocal Contact Lenses

Krish Prahalad

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

B.S. Elite School of Optometry

DISSERTATION: Impact of Eye Movements on the Visual Crowding Effect

Residents

Candidates' names are followed by their graduate institutions and University of Houston College of Optometry residency program information.

Hadi Abusaad, O.D.

O.D., University of Houston College of Optometry

RESIDENCY: Ocular Disease at the Cedar Springs Eye Clinic

Hector Carrillo, O.D.

O.D., University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

RESIDENCY: Pediatrics at the University Eye Institute

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RESIDENCY: Ocular Disease at the Community Eye Clinic Fort Worth

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RESIDENCY: Ocular Disease at the University Eye Institute

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RESIDENCY: Low Vision Rehabilitation at the University Eye Institute

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RESIDENCY: Michael E. DeBakey VA
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Optometry

RESIDENCY: OMNI Eye Specialists of
Colorado, Residency in Ocular Disease/
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Optometry

RESIDENCY: Brain Injury Vision
Rehabilitation at the University Eye
Institute

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RESIDENCY: Primary Care Optometry at
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O.D., Illinois College of Optometry

RESIDENCY: The Vision Center of West
Phoenix, Residency in Primary Care/
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Southern California College of
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RESIDENCY: Cornea and Contact Lens at
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RESIDENCY: New Mexico VA Medical
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Lilly Tran, O.D.

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FELLOWSHIP: The Eye Research and
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The Optometric Oath

With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

- I **affirm** that the health of my patient will be my first consideration.
- 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 the diverse populations who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.
- I **will** work to expand access to quality care and improve health equity for all communities.
- I **will** place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.
- I **will** hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.
- I **will** advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.
- I **will** strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.
- I **will** share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow doctors of optometry 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 a doctor of optometry.
- I **hereby** commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

Recognition and Awards

Academic Honors

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

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**DOCTORAL STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP SKILLS
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Shawn Michael Tripputi, STOA President-elect 2020-2021, STOA President 2021-2022

**2022 GOLD KEY INTERNATIONAL
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Gold Key International Optometric Honor Society recognizes graduating students who have demonstrated outstanding professional and ethical attitudes through leadership and service to their class, college, and profession. Membership is limited to no more than 10 percent of the graduating class. The University of Houston College of Optometry chapter of Gold Key was created in 1974.

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**BETA SIGMA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL OPTOMETRIC
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Beta Sigma Kappa recognizes students who stimulate scientific attainment, academic excellence, and the ethical practice of optometry. Membership is awarded based on scholastic excellence and is calculated per semester. The asterisk denotes membership since Fall 2020.

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Paige McKenna Mohl
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Julia Campbell

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Farah Zaman

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Jessica Garcia

LOW VISION

Jessica Garcia

MEDICAL EYE SERVICE

Karsen Tayler Hise

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Jefferson Cadavez

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Jefferson Cadavez

THE EBLING AWARD IN MEDICAL CONTACT LENS PATIENT CARE

Shail Gajjar

ESCHENBACH LOW VISION AWARD

Janelle Joyce Wieskamp

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Shawn Michael Tripputi

EXCELLENCE IN OPTICS AWARD

Jessica Jordan Ustick Stovall

WILLIAM FEINBLOOM LOW VISION AWARD

Zoe Margaret Reid Baker

GP LENS INSTITUTE CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Brandon Le

AAOF AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN CONTACT LENS PATIENT CARE

Janna Nguyen Pham

METRO OPTICS EXCELLENCE AWARD

Kiannah Nicole Lagunas

OCULAR INSTRUMENTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Jessica Jordan Ustick Stovall

OPTELEC LOW VISION AWARD

Victoria Pham

OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

Brandon Le

PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Shail Gajjar

VSP/AAOF PRACTICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

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Paige McKenna Mohl

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Jan Bergmanson, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Professor</i> <i>Brien A. Holden Professor</i>	Laura Frishman, Ph.D. <i>Professor</i> <i>John and Rebecca Moores Professor</i>	Tonya Ketcham, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>
David Berntsen, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>Golden-Golden Professor in Optometry</i>	Janet Garza, O.D. <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>	Jung-Sun Kim, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>
Rudolph Black, O.D. <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i>	Amber Gaume Giannoni, O.D. <i>Clinical Professor</i> <i>Kevin McDaid-Vision Source Professor</i>	Kimberly Lambreghts, R.N., O.D. <i>Clinical Professor</i>
Alan Burns, Ph.D. <i>Professor</i> <i>Benedict-Pitts Professor in Optometry</i>	Marcus Gonzales, O.D. <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i>	Karen Lee, O.D. <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>
Moriah Chandler, O.D. <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>	Beth Harper, O.D. <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i>	Anna-Kaye Logan, O.D. <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>
Han Cheng, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Clinical Professor</i>	Wendy Harrison, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor</i>	Ruth Manny, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Professor</i> <i>Charles R. Stewart Professor</i>
Vivien Coulson-Thomas, Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor</i>	Ralph Herring, O.D., M.H.A. <i>Clinical Professor</i>	Danica Marrelli, O.D. <i>Clinical Professor</i> <i>North Texas Study Group Professor</i>
Vallabh Das, Ph.D. <i>Professor</i> <i>John and Rebecca Moores Professor</i>	Hong Dieu Ho, O.D. <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>	Jason Marsack, Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor</i>
Jennifer Deakins, O.D. <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>	Nicole Hooper, O.D. <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>	Muriel Martinez, O.D. <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>
	Nange Jin, M.D., Ph.D. <i>Research Assistant Professor</i>	Swati Modi, O.D. <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i>

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Amber Nichols, O.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor

Lauri Nurminen, Ph.D.
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John O'Brien, Ph.D.
Professor
Benedict-McFadden
Professor in Optometry

Lisa Ostrin, O.D., Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Lloyd Pate, O.D.
Clinical Associate Professor

Nimesh Patel, O.D., Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Ryan Patel, O.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor

Mandy Polacco, O.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor

Jason Porter, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Guoting Qin, Ph.D.
Research Associate Professor

Rachel Redfern, O.D., Ph.D.
Associate Professor

Christophe P. Ribelayga, M.S., Ph.D.
Professor
FERV Professor

Eric Ritchey, O.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Abirami Santhanam, O.D.
Research Assistant Professor

Kaitlyn Sapoznik, O.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Pat Segu, O.D.
Clinical Professor

Justin Simbulan, O.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor

Scott Stevenson, Ph.D.
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Anita Ticak, O.D., M.S.
Clinical Associate Professor

Michael D. Twa, O.D., Ph.D.
Professor
Humana Endowed Dean's
Chair in Optometry

Maria Walker, O.D., M.S.
Clinical Assistant Professor

Samantha Wang, O.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor

Joe Wheat, O.D., Ph.D.
Clinical Associate Professor

Geunyoung Yoon, Ph.D.
Professor
Irvin M. Borish Chair in Optometry

Zhijing Zhang, Ph.D.
Research Assistant Professor

Emeritus Faculty

Ray Applegate, O.D., Ph.D.
Harold Bedell, Ph.D.
Roger L Boltz, O.D., Ph.D.
Yuzo Chino, Ph.D.
Karen Fern, O.D.
Troy Fannin, O.D.
Merton Flom, O.D., Ph.D.

Ron Harwerth, Ph.D.
Nicky Holdeman, O.D., M.D.
Randy Jose, O.D.
Penelope Kegel-Flom, Ph.D.
James Koetting, O.D.
Paul Pease, O.D., Ph.D.
Don Pitts, O.D.

Nelson Reber, O.D.
Jerome Rosner, O.D.
Earl L. Smith, III, O.D., Ph.D.
Charles Stewart, O.D., Ph.D.
Jerald Strickland, O.D., Ph.D.

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Judith A Perrigin, O.D.
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2022-2023 Academic Year Externship Sites include:

Lieutenant Anthony M. Belekanich, O.D. Naval Medical Center San Diego, San Diego, California	Robert Janot, O.D. Dr. Robert Janot Vision Source, Sulphur, Louisiana	Nolan Riley, O.D. The Vision Center of West Texas, Lubbock, Texas
Brett Bennett, O.D. Louisiana Eye and Laser Center, Alexandria, Louisiana	Andrew Kemp, O.D. Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas	Jackson Robison, O.D. Mission Vision, San Antonio, Texas
Jacqueline Brending, O.D. Clear Lake Eye Center, Webster, Texas	Brook Komar, O.D. Texas Children's Hospital Clinic, Houston, Texas	Mary Kate Sain, O.D. Northside Community Clinic, Fort Worth, Texas
Kim Castleberry, O.D. Plano Eye Associates, Plano, Texas	Zanna Kruoch, O.D. Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas	Charles Shidlofsky, O.D. Neuro-Vision Associates of North Texas, Plano, Texas
Randy Charrier, O.D. Family Vision Solutions, Spring, Texas	Thanh Le, O.D. South Texas Veterans Health Care System, San Antonio, Texas	Laurie Sorrenson, O.D. Lakeline Vision Source, Austin, Texas
John Coble, O.D. Eyecare of Greenville, Greenville, Texas	Michael Leung, O.D. Richmond VA Outpatient Clinic, Richmond, Texas	Tom Spetalnick, O.D. Woolfson Eye Institute, Atlanta, Georgia
Mark Danzo, O.D. 20/20 Institute, Denver, Colorado	Oliver Lou, O.D. Signature Eye Care, Cedar Park, Texas	Anthony Stout, O.D. Indian Health Hospital, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Jennifer Deakins, O.D. Community Eye Clinic, Fort Worth, Texas	Stephanie Lozano, O.D. Diagnostic Eye Center, Houston, Texas	Megan Stubinski, O.D. Vision Source Mission Bend, Houston, Texas
David Dinh, O.D. Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas	Nicole Maldonado, O.D. Sitterle Vision Source, San Antonio, Texas	Joanna Tanaka, O.D. Indian Health Hospital, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Amy Elsila, O.D. Hellerstein-Brenner Vision Center, Greenwood Village, Colorado	Michael McCormick, O.D. McCormick Vision Center, Austin, Texas	David Tybor, O.D. Oak Hill Eye Care, Austin, Texas
Teresa Erickson, O.D. Milton-Edgewood Eye Clinic, Milton, Washington	Earlena McKee, O.D. NSU College of Optometry, Tahlequah, Oklahoma	Ann Voss, O.D. Bellaire Family Eye Care, Bellaire, Texas
Janet Garza, O.D. UH Eye Center at Heights, Houston, Texas	Donner Mizelle, O.D. Acadian Vision Associates, Lafayette, Louisiana	Ashley Wallace-Tucker, O.D. Bellaire Family Eye Care, Bellaire, Texas
Kevin Gee, O.D. Gee Eye Care, Missouri City, Texas	Clarke D. Newman, O.D. Plaza Vision Center, Dallas, Texas	Wiley Walls, O.D. Memorial Eye Center, Houston, Texas
Steve Gill, O.D. New Orleans VA Medical Center, New Orleans, Louisiana	Vu Nguyen, O.D. Today's Vision Meyerland, Houston, Texas	Stacy Washington, O.D. Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Geeta Girdher, O.D. Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Washington, D.C.	Amita Patel, O.D. Hope Clinic, Houston, Texas	David Way, O.D. MyEyeDr. Spring Klein, Spring, Texas
Marcus Gonzales, O.D. Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas	Samir Patel, O.D. Texas State Optical, Beaumont, Texas	Garrett Whitmore, O.D. Alma Optics, Alma Michigan
Jonathan Goodwin, O.D. North Little Rock VA Eye Clinic, Little Rock, Arkansas	Brittney Probst, O.D. Kingwood Family Vision Center, Kingwood, Texas	Michael Wingard, O.D. Valley Coastal Bend VA Medical Center, McAllen, Texas
Charity Grannis, M.D. Houston Eye Associates, Houston Texas	Kristi Ramirez, O.D. Sharp Eye Consultants, San Antonio, Texas	Bruce Wojciechowski, O.D. Northwest Eye Care Professionals, Clackamas, Oregon

UHCO Milestones

1950s

In 1952, the University of Houston College of Optometry 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.

The College graduates the first class with 11 O.D.s entering the optometric profession in 1955.

Mildred Carlisle, O.D., is the college's first female graduate.

1960s

Faculty member Chester H. Pheiffer, O.D., Ph.D., assumes duties as the second dean of the college.

The Texas Commission on Higher Education confirms the offering of optometry at the University of Houston, making the college eligible for state support.

Charles M. Stephens, O.D., becomes the college's 100th graduate.

1970s

The graduate program in physiological optics is established with the Master's degree in 1970 and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1972. The first Master of Science degree is awarded to Norman E. Leach, O.D., a former University of Houston College of Optometry faculty member. The first Doctor of Philosophy degree is awarded to Pierrette Dahaw-Barker, a former faculty member at Salus University's College of Optometry.

James K. Donovan, O.D., becomes the 500th graduate.

The J. Davis Armistead Building is completed with both state and federal assistance. The state-of-the-art \$9.6 million building is home to the college's expanding clinical training facilities, vision research laboratories, and classrooms.

The college of optometry establishes a formal partnership with the Good Neighbor Healthcare Center and on-site optometric services begin.

William R. Baldwin, O.D., Ph.D., becomes the third dean of the University of Houston College of Optometry.

The University of Houston College of Optometry's Reading Room becomes an official library recognized by the University of Houston.

The Nelson Reber, O.D., Eye Open Golf Tournament is

established to raise funds for student scholarships and emergency loans.

1980s

Dan Patterson, O.D., becomes the College of Optometry's 1,000th graduate.

The University of Houston, Downtown formally names the vision clinic the Herbert H. Moore Vision Care Clinic, in honor of the popular UHCO professor.

The Texas Optometry Career Opportunities Program (TEXOCOP) is created with grant funds contributed from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service Administration.

1990s

Karen M. Conway, O.D., becomes the college's 2,000th graduate.

The Weston A. Pettey Library is dedicated to honor Dr. Pettey's tireless efforts on behalf of the University of Houston College of Optometry 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 having a hand in selecting the famous black frames.

Jerald W. Strickland, O.D., Ph.D., is named the University of Houston College of Optometry's fourth dean in September 1991.

2000s

Seren D. Ngin, O.D., becomes the college's 3,000th graduate in May 2001.

The University of Houston College of Optometry celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D., is named the fifth dean of the University of Houston College of Optometry in August 2003.

The University of Houston College of Optometry debuts its Mobile Eye Institute, designed to provide eye care throughout the Houston area in support of community care and disaster relief.

2010s

The Molly and Doug Barnes Vision Institute within the new Health and Biomedical Sciences Building breaks ground in 2010 and officially opens in November 2012.

In 2012 the college opens the first ambulatory surgical center affiliated with a college of optometry to provide state of the art surgical care and training on site.

Bridget Ducote, O.D., becomes the 4,000th UHCO graduate during the May 2012 ceremony.

In November, 2013, Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D., is appointed to serve as the Interim Chief Health Officer for the university, and Roger L. Boltz, O.D., Ph.D., is appointed to serve as the college's Interim Dean.

J. Davis Armistead, O.D., passes away in June 2014. He was the first O.D. to serve on the UH Board of Regents and completed two terms, the longest of any optometrist. He served as an advocate for the college, university, and profession until his death.

The college establishes the Simulation Lab in August 2014 giving students state-of-the-art virtual simulators to help students learn patient examination skills. Later, the college acquires Anatomage Virtual 4D Anatomy Tables designated exclusively for optometry students. The advanced technology allows students to visualize structures in four dimensions.

In August 2015, UHCO establishes eye and vision care services at the Hope Clinic, a Federally Qualified Health Center, located in one of Houston's most racially diverse neighborhoods, providing healthcare services in 14 languages, including Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Korean, Burmese, Arabic, and Spanish.

In October 2016, James H. Dienst, O.D., '89, is promoted to Brigadier General and is the first optometrist to achieve general officer rank in the Air Force. He received the prestigious Air Force Optometrist of the Year Award in 2001.

Suzanne Ferimer, Librarian for UHCO's Weston A. Pettey Library, is presented with the Medical Library Association President's Award in March 2017. This is one of MLA's highest honors and recognizes those that have made outstanding contributions in the field of health sciences librarianship.

UHCO's 100th scholarship endowment is established in March 2018 to provide merit-based awards for optometry students enrolled at UHCO.

Roger Boltz, O.D., '72, Ph.D., '78, is recognized for his 40 years of service to the college. He joined the college's faculty in 1978 as an assistant professor, retiring in May 2018 after 40 years of service. In addition to teaching and working in the cornea and contact lens clinic, he served in a variety of roles including chief financial officer, interim dean, associate dean for finance and administration, and associate dean for professional studies.

2020s

Following a national search, Michael Twa, O.D., Ph.D., is selected as the University of Houston College of Optometry's sixth dean.

In 2020 the world responds to the COVID global pandemic

Invitation

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the College of Optometry
will host a reception celebrating our newest alumni.

We invite all our graduates and guests to join us for light refreshments as we honor the Class of 2023.

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Message from the UH Alumni Foundation Board President

Congratulations 2023 Graduates!

Let me be the first to welcome you to the UH Alumni Association. You are joining a global network of over 305,000 Cougars. With your participation, we can only grow stronger. As you embark on this next chapter, know that your Alumni Association is here to help you stay connected with your beloved alma mater. From volunteering, using your UH Go app to login as an alumnus, joining a group, coming to events, to becoming a Life Member, the opportunities to engage are endless.

To start your journey as an alumnus, please scan the QR code below 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!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wayne Lockett'.

Wayne Lockett ('74)
UH Alumni Association Foundation Board President

Have You Completed Your Alumni Checklist?



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