

University of Houston Spring 2024 Commencement

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Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations on receiving your college degree. Today, your longtime dream becomes a reality, and I join your family and friends in celebrating this milestone with you. I am a big believer in the power of dreams and resiliency. To graduate from college, despite the challenges of the past few years, is a testament to your

unwavering commitment and ability to dream big.

Whether you're the first in your family to graduate from college or hail from collegiate scholars, your hard work and determination have brought you to this milestone. You are a generation who faced a global pandemic yet stayed focused on your studies and goals. You excelled against the odds, and this adversity has prepared you to face the professional world with more grit than any generation before. I applaud you for all that you have achieved.

Please take time to thank your professors, advisors, family and friends who supported you on this journey. It takes community to accomplish your goals, and I ask that you stay humble and give back to those in need as you go on to even greater heights.

You have received a Tier One education from the University of Houston. This is the home of industry leaders, nationally top-ranked academic programs, world-renowned faculty, the nation's top-ranked basketball program, cutting-edge research and so much more. I know in my heart that you are now ready to compete and become leaders in your chosen careers. Now, work hard, dream big and shine on.

Go Coogs!

Warmest regards,

Kenu khator

Renu Khator President, University of Houston



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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,

Diane Z. Chase

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Houston

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Global Hospitality Leadership

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Michael Twa
Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Optometry
COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Dan E. Wells

Dean

Distinguished Professor of Science

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

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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 Tassel: Violet
Master's Degree Hood: Violet
Tassel: Black

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Bachelor's DegreeTassel: BrownMaster's DegreeHood: BrownHood (Music): Pink

Tassel: Black

Doctoral DegreeHood: Pink
Tassel: Red

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Tassel: Red

Bachelor's DegreeTassel: Dark BlueMaster's DegreeHood: Drab
Tassel: BlackDoctoral DegreeHood: Dark Blue

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor's DegreeTassel: Light BlueMaster's DegreeHood: Light BlueTassel: Black

Doctoral DegreeHood (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

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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

Doctoral Degree Hood: Apricot

Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Master's Degree Hood: Gold

Tassel: Black

Doctor of Philosophy Degree

Hood: Royal Blue Tassel: Red

Doctor of Optometry Degree

Hood: Seafoam Green

Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Bachelor's Degree Tassel: Olive

Master's Degree Hood: Olive

Tassel: Black

Doctor of Philosophy Degree

Hood: Royal Blue

Tassel: Red

Doctor of 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

Bachelor's Degree: Tassel: Peacock Blue

Master's Degree Hood: Peacock Blue

Tassel: Black

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS – INTEGRATED STUDIES

Bachelor's Degree Tassel: White

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

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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.

SPRING 2024

Nabira Adnan
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Christopher Andrade
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Abdullah Ansari
Bachelor of Business Administration in
Management of Information Systems
C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Tiffany Bui
Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance
C.T. Bauer College of Business

Zofia Bulhak
Bachelor of Arts in English
Bachelor of Arts in Economics
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Jia Chen
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Ryan Crites
Bachelor of Business Administration in Management
C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Sarah Elizabeth Gawlik
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Alejandro Hadad Roura
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Julieta Jara
Bachelor of Business Administration in
Management of Information Systems
C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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SPRING 2024 (continued)

Nicole Laz
Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems
Cullen College of Engineering

Jacob Mai
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Kiara Moncada Martin
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Christina Nguyen
Bachelor of Science in Health
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Tran Nguyen
Bachelor of Science in Biology
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Veronica Nwanna
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Isha Patel
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Amy Penaloza
Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning
College of Education

Michelle Pride
Bachelor of Science in Digital Media
Cullen College of Engineering

Kimberly Richardson
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Justin Rizzo
Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing
C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Melika Salehi
Bachelor of Science in Biology
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Karenina Urquieta
Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance
C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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Honorary Degree

DOMINIC NG

Chairman and CEO. East West Bank

A distinguished alumnus and longtime supporter of the University of Houston, Dominic Ng is Chairman and CEO of East West Bank, the largest publicly listed independent bank headquartered in Southern California. Since joining East West in 1991, Ng has transformed the bank from a small savings and loan association with \$600 million in assets into a global full-service commercial bank with over \$70 billion

in assets. Under his leadership, the financial powerhouse was ranked as the No. 1 performing bank in 2023 by S&P Global Market Intelligence and Bank Director.

An influential voice in finance, Ng advises heads of state and government on economic growth as chair of the 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Advisory Council. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the governing boards of Mattel, Inc., the University of Southern California and the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures.

A thought leader, Ng has been published in Forbes, the Los Angeles Times, Nikkei Asia, and the South China Morning Post, among others. He's earned numerous honors for his business and philanthropic contributions, including the Alexis de Tocqueville Award — United Way Worldwide's highest distinction — Banker of the Year by American Banker, Businessperson of the Year by the Los Angeles Business Journal and Forbes' 25 Most Notable Chinese Americans.

Ng graduated magna cum laude from the University of Houston in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He and his wife, fellow UH alumna Ellen Wong, have been financially supportive of UH since 1990. Generous with their time and resources, the two hosted multiple events in the Los Angeles area in support of the University's historic "Here, We Go" campaign.

Ng supported himself through UH by tutoring student-athletes, including football players during the glory days of Coach Bill Yeoman. Holding fast to his love for UH and connection to student-athletes, Ng and Wong made a major gift to establish the Dominic and Ellen Ng Academic Center for Excellence inside the UH Athletics/Alumni Center. The 9,000 square-foot academic-support space, which opened in 2018, fosters collegiate excellence with dedicated areas for tutoring and group study, redesigned classrooms, and technology-driven amenities.

The Center's presence has left an indelible mark on UH's student-athletes, helping propel their academic and future success.

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.



TDECU

TDECU is the largest credit union in Houston and the fourth largest in Texas, providing a full range of financial

services to its more than 370,000 members. Established in 1955 to provide financial help to the hourly worker, today, its original \$35 loan has turned into over \$4.7 billion in assets. Moreover, TDECU provides philanthropic support to help its local communities thrive through a focus on educational, health and economic development.

Since 2008, TDECU has generously supported the University of Houston, contributing more than \$30 million to empower its students, employees and alumni through a broad range of impactful initiatives.

In 2014, when TDECU purchased naming rights to UH's football stadium for \$15 million, it made history with the largest-ever naming rights deal for a college football stadium at that time — elevating the football program and University. Concurrently, TDECU became a sponsor of the University of Houston's Alumni Association's (UHAA) annual Cougar 100 event, which recognizes and celebrates the 100 most successful Cougar-owned or led companies. In that same year, it also opened a branch in the UH Student Center, making its financial services easily accessible to UH students, employees and the local community.

Committed to student enrichment, for years, the credit union has worked closely with the C. T. Bauer College of Business on student-led strategic research and recruited student interns from its A.R. "Tony" and Maria J. Sanchez Program for Excellence in Selling, many of whom became permanent employees.

In 2023, the credit union renewed its football stadium naming rights agreement with a \$20 million partnership, which included an expansion of its support across the University. Its renewal helped to bolster UH's prominence in the Big 12 Conference and its vision to become a top 50 university. TDECU sponsored a new loyalty program to increase fan engagement. It also expanded its support of UHAA, partnering on numerous events and programs, as well as the UH Young Alumni Association. It became a presenting sponsor of the University's Cougar Cupboard food pantry, expanding access to nutritious food, free of charge for students in need. Additionally, it began providing financial literacy workshops for student-athletes covering saving, budgeting, debt management and taxes, among other key topics. TDECU also proudly sponsored UH Athletics' Champions Circle, which connects student-athletes with leading companies that help hone and further develop their professional skills

The President's Medallion is awarded at the sole discretion of the President to individuals and organizations that have distinguished themselves by their support of the University of Houston and the community.



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Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates.

This year we are, once again, experiencing a change that is the result of change and growth within the College. We can no longer squeeze our friends and families into our building, and we have moved to a new venue for graduation. We realize that there is nostalgia for the ability to hold our graduation in the building where you have spent such an important part of your college career. Still, growth and change are inevitable, and I hope you

can embrace the new traditions that will mark this important milestone.

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

When you leave our studios and classrooms to embark on your careers, your professional contributions will not only have an impact here in the city of Houston, but around the world. You are the thinkers, doers, and creators of the future. You will be the designers, architects, problem-solvers, and inventors of tomorrow. I am confident that if you apply the knowledge that you have acquired here, the world will offer you possibilities you have not yet imagined. As you make your way across the stage to accept your diploma, you will be taking the first steps in your personal odyssey. We have worked hard to equip you with the tools to create the promise of the bright career that awaits you. We know you will make us proud.

Congratulations Class of 2024! Your Hines College community and I look forward to hearing about your experiences and the many ways you have impacted our future. Please do come back and share your adventures with those about to follow you. We will always delight in hearing about your successes.

My very best wishes to you all,

Patricia Belton Oliver, FAIA ACSA Distinguished Professor

Vice-Chancellor, College of Distinguished Professors

Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design

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PROCESSIONAL Moores School of Music

PRESENTATION OF COLORS Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM Moores School of Music

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS Patricia Belton Oliver

Dean

GREETINGS Diane Z. Chase

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

RECOGNITION OF TOP GRADUATES Dean Oliver

Dietmar Froehlich Associate Dean

STUDENT ADDRESSES Galen Kragas

Darnell Zamora

PRESENTATION OF DESIGN AWARDS Gail Peter Borden

Director of Graduate Studies

Rafael Benevtez-Durán

Director of Undergraduate Architecture Program

Mark Kimbrough

Co-Director of Industrial Design Program

Sheryl Tucker de Vazquez

Director of Interior Architecture Program

PRESENTATION OF Trang A. Phan

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS Associate Dean

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES Provost Chase

CLOSING REMARKS Dean Oliver

ALMA MATER Moores School of Music

RECESSIONAL Moores School of Music

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FALL 2023 - Graduates

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Kasey McGuigan Felipe Rodrigo Perez Villarreal

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

Rodolfo Arreguin, Jr. ² Aya Houssam Daouk Estefania De Anda Caballero Benjamin A. Gonzalez Rowena Mereez Aminta Jayamanne ³ Esmeralda Leija ³ Isabella R. Raska Gaston Antonio Rueda Tapie ² Ayush B. Singh

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Mary Kim Crabtree

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Sergio Andres Gutierrez Conde Hector Bass Rodriguez

Spring 2024 – Candidates for Graduation

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Alexander Archer Merve Bafali **Arely Canales** Michelle Cox Chandler Marin Kerstin Cruz Nickolas Andrew De La Cerda Jonathan Luis Diaz-Perez Abraham O. Edun Mohannad Khalil Elabbasi Gregory J. George Colton Jakob Grieger Ashley M. Guillen Sameer Gulamani Andrea Marie Hatter Nora Jones Galen Kragas 4

Andrea Marie Hatter
Nora Jones
Galen Kragas ⁴
Kelson Lorenz
Adrian G. Martinez
MaryAnn Okhuysen
Loren Elissa Putman
Leah Kassandra Ramirez
Diego Alberto Ruiz
Komal Upadhyay
Sharea Marie Washington

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

Rani Charara Fahimeh Farhadi Mason Hawke Kelly Nikole Amber Reuter Anusuya Sridharan

Melina Torres

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Jessica Paola Sanchez Russi Shruti Prashant Shukla

MASTER OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Keren Maria Lemus

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

Carmen Sofia Acosta Hussein Al Hamadani Hind Alkhaffaf ^{3, 5} Ody Ahmad Al Rshidat ² Leslie Pauline Alamirra Rony Axel Alfaro Monge Reed Altorfer

Saul Alvarado Castillo ³

Diana I. Arias 3 Derrick Martin Banks, Jr. 3 Jennifer Jasmin Barradas Zelaya² Christian Alexander Barrera Benjamin Lee Blankenburg Amaris S. Bobbio-Tarco Roberto A. Bonilla Stephen John Brodnan Kierra Leann Burkhart 3 Alejandro A. Carreno Joshua Carter Brenda Rocio Castillo² Paulina Alicia Castro³ Andrew N. Chase 3, 5 Iunvi Chen 3 Edison Chu Yen P. Co 3 Cecily Simone Coleman

Marcos Coronel
Kirsten Crowson²
Victoria Woelgesy Cruz
Tessa Daines²
Gabriel De La Torre
Irvine Zoey Bautista Deza³
Brissa Del Mar Estrada
Daija Danielle Farmer
Mckadan N. Fields
Ariyan Fouladvand³

Julio Alejandro Fuentes Morin²

1 Summa Cum Laude – 2 Magna Cum Laude – 3 Cum Laude – 4 Top-ranked graduate – 5 Thesis Program participant

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Jocelyn B. Galloso ²
Natalie Rivera Gannon
Mary Allison Gee
Daisy Christiana Gilbert
Jesus A. Gonzalez ²
Sophie N. Grubbs ²
Felipe Eduardo Harker
Jason G. Haro
Widad O. Hayali ³
Mason Ray Hennig ³
Cho Lun Hsieh ³
Yongci Huang ³

Onassis Stewart Johnson Sarah R. Jordan ^{2,4} Huai Chuang Ku ² Alexandria Nicole Leos Dennis Leonel Lopez Maria Isabella Ludena ² Azucena Lumbreras Julius Magno Jucar Marzo ²

Saray Mata²

Jordan Inez Mathiew Ryan Napitupulu Alyse A. Nason ³

Anastacia Leé Amber Nguyen

Hayden Nguyen Jacob Nickell Natalia Oliveira ²

Luz Amelia Olvera Ramirez

Esther Tin Par 3

Robert A. Perla Ventura ³

Saige G. Prucha ² Amber K. Quinn Yanci Ramirez Rebecca Ramos ³

Jaquelyn I. Ramos-Caceres

Savon I. Reed
Nancy Jaqueline Rodriguez Mujica
Sarah Rupani ^{2,5}
Daniel Everett Russell
Daniel Sabillon
Holly Ann Skipton ²
Lakshmi Sudha Subramania
Vincent Louis Taylor ^{2,5}
Andrew H. Thai ²
Christopher G. Torres ^{3,5}
Evelyn Trương Lê Ái Nhi ²
Jonathan F. Tumax Espinal
Luis Eduardo Villalobos Matson
Alonso Villela Alverde

Miriam Razo²

Emmelia I. Ward Lindsey Brianne Weaver ³ Danielle Zabaneh ² Elissar Zabaneh ³

Santos Wilfredo Zelaya II

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Maha Alsagheer ³ Ilse Mariana Anzures Puga ³ Pascal Jumaine Bakari Daniel Curtis Blacker ², ⁴ Samuel Ladislav Charbula

Samuel Ladislav Charbula Pia Cortes Joshua Estrella Spencer Feuerbach Thomas Feuillet Bon Hong Koo Gavin Don McDaniel ³ Aaron A. Mercado Alvarado ³ Hafsa Saqib Alexander C. Schuman Lillian M. Vo³ Cong Khanh Quy Vu² Melody C. Wolfarth

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

Melissa Amaro ²
Max Edgardo Baijen
Emilie Eileen Barahona
Maritsa T. Cabrera ³
Rachel Elaine Cavazos
Claudia Cedillos
Michala E. Daniels ⁵
Yolanda Daniela De Leon
Evija Johnston
Rabia Karagozlu ³
Molly Lin ³
Henna Luna ²

Ileana Luna ²
Zaelon Rashad Lyons
Vivian Vi Nguyen
Cierra I. O'Connell
Esmeralda Patlan
Madeleine Eve Price
Belen Eunice Reyna
Kate Rodriguez
Mark Villa ^{3,5}
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Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation from the Honors College at the University of Houston! Your talents and motivation have culminated in the impressive achievements we recognize today. For 45 years, the Human Situation course has served as a gateway of endless possibilities for many students before you. Think back to your first Human Situation lecture and how far you have come.

Honors courses have challenged you to think deeply about the nature of being human, as individuals and in societies. You've been encouraged to take what you learn beyond the classroom into research and community engagement.

The faculty, staff, and fellow students of the Honors College have been members of your team. They are now cheering you on as you begin your career or continue your studies in graduate or professional programs. We take pride in your achievements, and take comfort knowing that, though you are leaving on this new journey, the Honors College will always be a part of your life.

Stay connected with the College and use your success to inspire future generations and support the many programs and scholarships that you enjoyed during your time here.

We know that you are well-prepared to lead in your chosen field and to contribute solutions to the grand challenges we face in this ever-changing world. As you find your place in a new community, remember to be bold in action and to stand strong in the face of adversity. We believe in you.

Go Coogs!

Heidi Appel Dean

Professor of Biology & Biochemistry



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.

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Vincent Taylor

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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Sarah Seyouam Belew Jayda Branch Zofia Helena Bulhak Riley Blue Caylor Megan Ruth Dagnall Sarah Elizabeth Gawlik Nicole Gonzalez Alivia Diane Mayfield Genesis Karmaria McGriggs Elisabeth Stevens

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Nabeeha Hasan Danielle Antoinette Henry Mazen Daniel Malak Theresa Nguyen

Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Veronica Nwanna

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Paola Guevara Montoya

Honors in Major

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Hind Al Khaffaf Andrew Chase Michala Daniels Christopher Torres Mark Villa

KATHRINE G. McGovern College of the Arts

Emily Goff Génesis Santillán

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Please click the QR code below to enjoy all the activities that soon await you. In the meantime, savor this moment and continue to soar.

True we'll ever be and Go Coogs!

Michael Sachs ('97)

UH Alumni Association Foundation Board President

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