

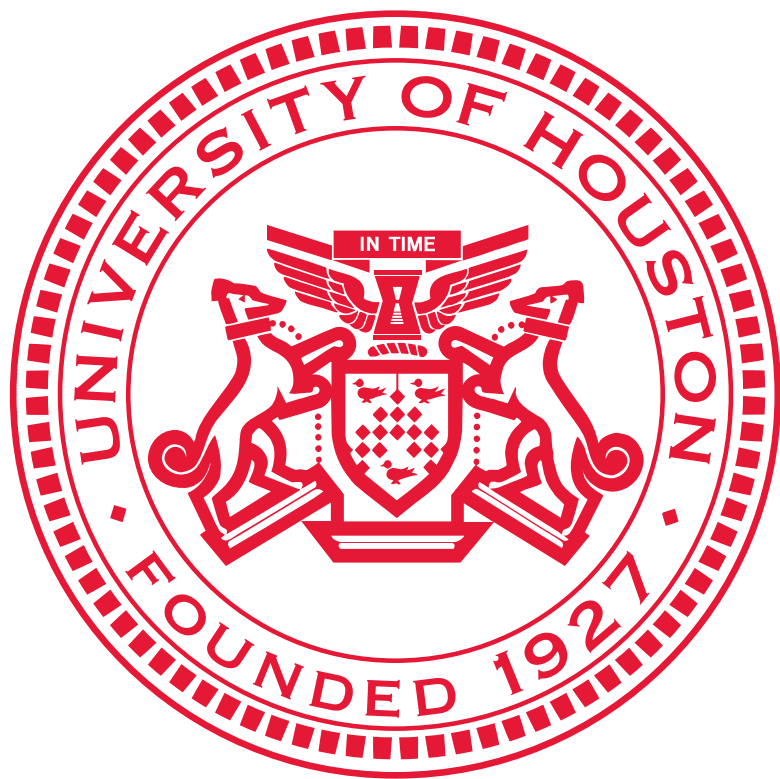


# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SPRING 2024 COMMENCEMENT

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Thursday, May 9, 2024 • Fertitta Center







**University of Houston**  
**College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**

**Commencement Ceremonies**  
Thursday, May 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
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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,

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,

Diane Z. Chase

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

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*Distinguished Professor of Science*  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

## University of Houston

Commencement Ceremony

## University of Houston History

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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

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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

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel: Violet</i>
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Violet Tassel: Black</i>

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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

### CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

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

### **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

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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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

### Commencement Ceremony

## Academic Honors

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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.

<b>3.90 TO 4.0</b>	Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)
<b>3.70 TO 3.89</b>	Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)
<b>3.50 TO 3.69</b>	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

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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



**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 Penalzo

*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



## Honorary Degree

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### 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.

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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

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YOUR CREDIT UNION

## President's Medallion

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### 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

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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.





College of Liberal Arts  
and Social Sciences  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

### Message from the Dean

Dear Class of 2024:

Today marks a significant milestone – a day to celebrate your hard-earned achievements, reflect on the journey that brought you to this point, and look forward with optimism to the future that awaits. As graduates of the University of Houston, you stand on the brink of new beginnings, armed with the knowledge and skills you've developed during your time at the

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS).

Your class stands out in its unity and determination. In a world that can often seem fragmented, your resilience and pioneering spirit serve as powerful examples of what can be achieved with dedication and hard work. This year, UH made waves in the Big 12 Conference, with the men's team reaching the Sweet 16 – an accomplishment that reflects the UH ethos of tenacity and excellence that also characterizes you and your journey.

As you transition from students to alumni, remember you're stepping out into a world that needs your perspective and leadership. The education you've received, grounded in a deep understanding of and respect for humanity, has equipped you with knowledge and a profound sense of responsibility to apply your talents for the greater good. Your journey at the University of Houston has prepared you to confront the world's complexities with the critical thinking skills, ethical perspectives and courage necessary to make positive change. I have every confidence that you will meet the challenges of our times with the same determination and resolve that have brought you to this moment.

The path ahead may lead you to further academic endeavors, professional pursuits or community service, but wherever you go, the lessons learned and the resilience forged here will illuminate your way.

As you join the ranks of our distinguished alumni today, remember that the University of Houston continues to thrive with the support and engagement of our alumni community. Your achievements will contribute to our collective mission of reaching new heights of excellence in education and research.

On behalf of all CLASS faculty and staff, I extend to you our heartfelt congratulations. Seize the future with an open heart, an open mind and the assurance that you are equipped to make a profound impact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel P. O'Connor".

Dr. Daniel P. O'Connor  
Dean

**University of Houston**  
**College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**

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Thursday, May 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m.  
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<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>PRESENTATION OF COLORS</b>	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>RECOGNITION OF PLATFORM PARTY</b>	Todd Romero <i>Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs</i>
<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b>	Daniel P. O'Connor <i>Dean</i>
<b>GREETINGS FROM UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS</b>	The Honorable Mielad Ziaee <i>Member</i>
<b>GREETINGS</b>	Diane Z. Chase <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost</i>
<b>RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS</b>	Sally Connolly <i>Associate Dean, Student and Faculty Success</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES</b>	Susan Scarrow <i>Associate Dean, Graduate Studies</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CANDIDATES</b>	Associate Dean Scarrow
<b>PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES</b>	Associate Dean Romero
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	Provost Chase
<b>CONCLUDING REMARKS</b>	Dean O'Connor
<b>ALMA MATER</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	Moore School of Music

## Spring 2024 – Candidates for Graduation

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### Department of Economics

Eva Davinia Loaeza-Albino

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Shuan-Wen Lin  
Essays on Applied Microeconomics from  
the Perspective of Taiwan  
**ADVISOR:** Elaine M. Liu Ph.D.

Mehedi Hasan Oni  
Energy Price Shocks, Progressive  
Taxation, and the Consumption Baskets  
of Rich and Poor: A Macroeconomic  
Analysis  
**ADVISOR:** German Cubas, Ph.D.

**Department of English**

Anthony Joseph Box  
Meme Potential: A Stylistic Approach to  
Internet Memes  
**ADVISOR:** Paul Butler, Ph.D.

**Department of Health  
and Human Performance**

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN KINESIOLOGY**

Cherine Hatem  
Developing And Pilot Testing A 360°  
Multi-Source Feedback Assessment Tool  
For Dietetic Intern Evaluation  
**ADVISOR:** Tracey Ledoux, Ph.D.

Xue Zhao  
Effects of Community Based Childhood  
Obesity Interventions on Family Health-  
related Behaviors: The Childhood Obesity  
Research Demonstration Project (CORD)  
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<b>RECOGNITION OF PLATFORM PARTY</b>	Todd Romero <i>Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs</i>
<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b>	Daniel P. O'Connor <i>Dean</i>
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<b>PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES</b>	Susan Scarrow <i>Associate Dean, Graduate Studies</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CANDIDATES</b>	Associate Dean Scarrow
<b>PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES</b>	Associate Dean Romero
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	Dean O'Connor
<b>CONCLUDING REMARKS</b>	Dean O'Connor
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## Spring 2024 – Candidates for Graduation

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### Department of Hispanic Studies

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"Ficción de Campus Hoy": Devenir

ADVISOR: Gabriela Baeza Ventura, Ph.D.

Leonardo Elian Maximiliano Ilovik

Gonzalez Torres

Viva Radrigán: retrato de un dramaturgo

ADVISOR: Prof. Rodrigo Hasbún, Ph.D.

Paul Eric Leeman

Identities on the Page - Literary Gender  
Performance in US/Latino Immigrant  
Literature 1916-2017

ADVISOR: Nicolás Kanellos, Ph.D.

Rosarito Rodriguez

El activismo estético en la literatura  
infantil y juvenil como agente  
descolonizador: protagonistas afrolatinas  
en textos de autoras de origen caribeño  
en los Estados Unidos

ADVISOR: Gabriela Baeza Ventura, Ph.D.

Maria Sanchez Carbajo

La otra cara de Celia: Elena Fortun ante el  
exilio político, literario y de género

ADVISOR: Dr. Maria Elena Solino, Ph.D.

Cristina Torres

La alternancia en las expresiones del  
futuro en el español de hablantes de  
origen hispano en Houston, Texas

ADVISOR: Dr. Manuel J. Gutiérrez, Ph.D.

#### Department of History

Caitlyn Marie Jones

"The Most Important Event Nobody  
Knows About:" The 1977 National  
Women's Conference in Public Memory

ADVISOR: Nancy Beck Young, Ph.D.

Karla Aisen Lira

For The City: Latinx and Black College  
Athletes in Houston, 1950s-1970s

ADVISOR: Mark A. Goldberg, Ph.D.

#### Department of Political Science

Sarah Arlene Mallams

Senate Prerogatives: A Historical-  
Institutional Analysis

ADVISOR: Jennifer Clark, Ph.D.

John Terrence George McDonald

Relativism and the Threat to Western  
Liberalism: Perspectives of Strauss,  
Berlin, and MacIntyre

ADVISOR: Jeffrey Church, Ph.D.

#### Department of Psychology

##### Clinical Psychology

Brian Biekman

Fine Motor Skills, Processing Speed, and  
White Matter Integrity Among Pediatric  
Brain Tumor Survivors who Received  
Proton Radiotherapy

ADVISOR: Steven Paul Woods, Ph.D.

Jasmin Brooks Stephens

COVID-19, Racial Discrimination, and  
Suicidality for Black Young Adults:  
Examining A Model of Radical Healing

ADVISOR: Rheeda Walker, Ph.D.

Jennifer Lindsay Thompson Kamar

Initial Validation of the Remote  
Telephone-Based Daily Instrumental  
Activities of Life (T-DIAL) to Assess  
Functional Capacity in Older Adults

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Antoine M. Lebeaut

An Integrated Personalized Feedback  
Intervention for Community Adults with  
Hazardous Alcohol Use, Elevated Anxiety  
Sensitivity, and Subclinical Posttraumatic  
Stress Disorder

ADVISOR: Anka A. Vujanovic, Ph.D.

Nubia Angelina Mayorga

The Role of Momentary Experiential  
Avoidance in the Relation Between  
Perceived Discrimination and Hazardous  
Drinking among Clinically Anxious  
Latinx Adults

ADVISOR: Michael J. Zvolensky, Ph.D.

Michael F. Orr

Mental Health and Motives of Individuals  
Who Use Cannabidiol

ADVISOR: Michael Zvolensky, Ph.D.

Erika Sandra Trent

Adversity and Childhood Anxiety:  
Identifying Parental and Affective  
Mechanisms

ADVISOR: Andres G. Viana, Ph.D., ABPP

#### Developmental, Cognitive, and Behavioral Neuroscience

Harun Yörük

Identification of Shared Resources for  
Visual Working Memory and Perception

ADVISOR:

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Difficulties Among Black Youth  
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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.

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