



# 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,

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

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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Renu Khator

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*Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Optometry*  
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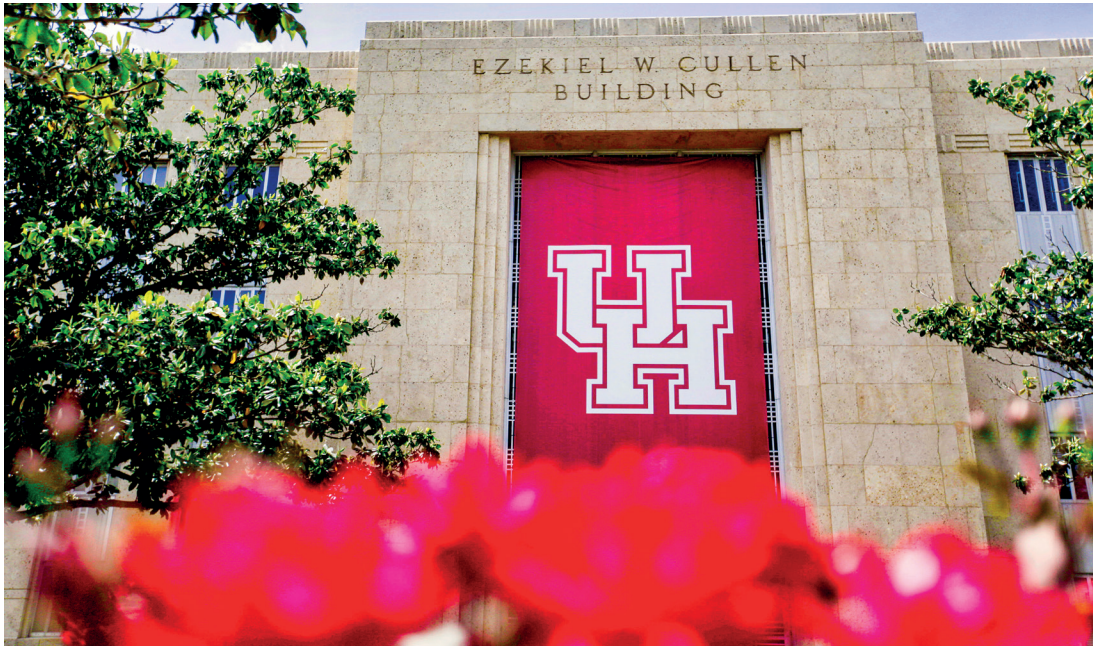
Dan E. Wells  
*Dean*  
*Distinguished Professor of Science*  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

## 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

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>

# University of Houston

## Commencement Ceremony

### 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
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### 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
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## 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.

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

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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 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



## 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

## YOUR CREDIT UNION

### President’s Medallion

#### 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.





### Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on this milestone in your academic journey! On behalf of the faculty and staff in the College of Education, we applaud your dedication to dreaming big, working hard and earning your degree. We are proud of your success and hope you reflect fondly on the knowledge you've gained and the memories you've made. Welcome to the Forever Coog family!

As a member of the Class of 2024, you hold a special place in history. From our annual fall kickoff events through Commencement today, you have demonstrated remarkable persistence to reach your goals.

Now, you are ready to take the next step on your professional path. Walk with confidence, but don't be afraid to ask for help. Embrace empathy, empower others and never stop learning. I hope you will continue to fulfill the College's mission to improve educational and health outcomes for all people and communities.

I look forward to seeing your impact in the world, through teaching, leadership, health promotion, counseling, research and more. I'm confident you will transform lives in Houston — and beyond.

The Coog network is strong, and you join more than 35,000 alumni from the College of Education. As a fellow alumna, I encourage you to stay involved and give back. Please consider being an active member of our COE Alumni Association (it's free to join) and help future students succeed by supporting scholarships, volunteering your time, and sharing your wisdom.

Thank you for choosing the College of Education. We are forever proud of you! And please keep connected at [uh.edu/education/alumni](http://uh.edu/education/alumni). Go Coogs!

Sincerely,

Cathy Horn, Ph.D.  
*Dean and Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair*

**University of Houston**  
**College of Education**

**Commencement Ceremony**  
Thursday, May 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
Fertitta Center

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Moores School of Music Honorary Grand Marshal and Associate Marshal Faculty Candidates for Graduation Platform Party
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS</b>	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Bradley Davis <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>Honorary Grand Marshal</i>
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY</b>	Mimi M. Lee <i>Associate Dean for Faculty and Staff Belonging and Success</i>
<b>CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS</b>	Tiffany J. Davis <i>Associate Dean for Student Belonging and Success</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Cathy Horn <i>Dean and Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair</i>
<b>DOCTORAL CANDIDATES</b>	Dean Horn
<b>MASTER’S CANDIDATES</b>	Associate Dean Davis
<b>BACHELOR’S CANDIDATES</b>	Associate Dean Davis
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean Horn
<b>ALMA MATER</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	Moores School of Music

## Spring 2024 – Candidates for Graduation

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### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

#### Curriculum and Instruction

Paul M. Durisseau  
African American Student-Athlete  
Parents' Perceptions of College Readiness  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Margaret Hale

Suezen Salinas  
Doing Leadership: Perspectives and  
Experiences of Graduate Medical  
Education Fellows  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sara McNeil

#### Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Walter Becerra  
Examining College Readiness for  
Underrepresented Students in Texas  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

Sarah D'Elaine Blakelock  
Overcoming Misinformation and  
Disinformation During a School Bond  
Election: A Case Study  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Bradley Davis

Robert Davis DeJohn  
A Culturally Responsive Approach to  
Understanding How High Performing  
Teachers Realize Inclusive Practices to  
Prevent Disproportionate Discipline to  
African American Students  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. April Peters-Hawkins

Laura Catherine Fox  
A Focus on Middle School Literacy:  
Investing in Our Adolescent Students  
to Ensure a Strong Foundation for  
Houston's Workforce Pipeline  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kristi Santi

Kyle Dalton Johnson  
Examining the Impact of Neuroscience  
on Teacher Preparation via Teacher  
Retention Rates  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Bradley Davis

Steve Kowalski  
The Organizational Socialization  
of Novice Teachers in a Distributed  
Leadership Setting  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Bradley Davis

Krystal Rene Love-Hoyer  
The Underrepresentation of Female  
Administrators in Secondary  
Principalships: One School District's  
Approach to Closing the Gender Gap  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Bradley Davis

Monica Yvette Quintero  
Hispanic Women School Leaders and  
Self-Efficacy  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. April Peters-Hawkins

Stacey Holloway Ross  
Escaping the Label: How Bilingual and  
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Autistic Children: A Three-Part Study  
Examining Systems Level Influences on  
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Queering Graduate Training: Advanced  
Doctoral Psychology Students' Self-  
Reported Attitudes, Self-Reported  
Knowledge, and Self-Reported Skills  
When Working with LGBTQ+  
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Factor Structure and Validation of a  
Complex PTSD Measurement for College  
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Cultural Influences on Diagnostic,  
Treatment, and Research Perceptions of  
Parents Raising Children with Autism  
Spectrum Disorder: A Three-Article  
Dissertation  
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Social Skills Training for Youth with  
Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Three-Part  
Study of Impact and Generalizability,  
Internalizing Difficulties, and Cost  
Analysis  
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Sample of Federal Law Enforcement  
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Understanding of Latino Parents'  
Involvement in Children's Early  
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LGBQ College Students' Drinking and  
Identity-Related Stress

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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.

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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.

Go Coogs!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heidi Appel  
*Dean*  
*Professor of Biology & Biochemistry*



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