Congratulations! You are nearing the end of your academic career here at UH. Excitement is building as you anticipate the next steps you will take. Perhaps you will continue your education. A new job may be waiting for you or a promotion at your present one. Whatever the future holds for you, we want to make sure we send you off in style.

The inaugural University Commencement launches this spring to add a campus-wide celebration to compliment the familiar College Convocations. We encourage you to attend both ceremonies for the complete Commencement experience.

You may have some questions about University Commencement and College Convocations, so let’s clarify what they are.

**CONVOCATIONS**

- Convocations are individual college ceremonies.
- Some colleges may choose to combine their ceremonies, if their graduate numbers are small enough.
- Depending on the size of the college, there may be a ticketing system for guests.
- Each ceremony is tailored to the particular college.
- Graduation candidates are individually recognized by the calling of names and walking across the stage.
- Degrees are NOT conferred at these ceremonies.

**COMMENCEMENT**

- This university-wide ceremony encompasses all of the colleges and students graduating at the three degree levels: Bachelor, Master, Doctorate.
- The “flavor” of this ceremony is more of a celebration.
- Graduation candidates will be recognized en masse by college and degree levels.
- Degrees are officially conferred by President Khator at University Commencement.
- The Commencement speaker for the inaugural ceremony at TDECU Stadium is Matthew McConaughey.
- Honorary Degree and President’s Medallion recipients are recognized.
- There will be grad gifts that will only be available to those that attend Commencement.
- There will be a ticketing system utilized for guests attending this ceremony.

*(NOTE: More information will be coming out very shortly about this so stay tuned!)*

Each week, from now until Commencement week, we will be sending you these short memos to keep you informed. We encourage you to also become familiar with the Commencement website – [www.uh.edu/commencement](http://www.uh.edu/commencement) – as this will be where the most updated information about University Commencement can be found, as well as your college website for information on your College Convocation.

Until next week!

*The Grad Squad*