



**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON**  
*Spring 2025 Commencement*

**COLLEGE OF  
LIBERAL ARTS AND  
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*Thursday, May 8, 2025*  
*Fertitta Center*







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### Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations on achieving this remarkable achievement. Today's graduation marks the start of a bright new beginning. Your longtime dream becomes a reality, and I join your family and friends in celebrating this milestone with you.

As you reflect on this moment, take pride in knowing it was your hard work, intellect, perseverance and belief in yourself that got you here. Equally important was the unwavering support of those around you. These values and connections have shaped who you are today and will propel you forward in your professional journey.

As you move ahead, remember the power of paying it forward. Be a mentor to someone else who dreams of achieving what you have. Moreover, remember to express gratitude to your professors, advisors, family and friends who supported you along the way.

The Tier One education you've received at UH has provided you with the tools to thrive. This is the home of nationally top-ranked academic programs, world-renowned faculty, an NCAA Final Four basketball team, cutting-edge research and industry leaders. I have no doubt that you will join the ranks of the many successful alumni who have come before you.

Congratulations, Coogs! The world is yours.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Renu Khator'.

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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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 285 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 47,000 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. 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 Degree	Tassel: Brown
Master's Degree	Hood: Brown Hood (Music): Pink Tassel: Black
Doctoral Degree	Hood: Pink Tassel: Red

## C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor's Degree	Tassel: Dark Blue
Master's Degree	Hood: Drab Tassel: Black
Doctoral Degree	Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree	Tassel: Light Blue
Master's Degree	Hood: Light Blue Tassel: Black
Doctoral Degree	Hood (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

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

Bachelor’s Degree	Tassel: White
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## 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*

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 2025

Rifa Ali <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Tiffany Thao Nguyen <i>Bachelor of Science in Health</i> COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Imran Ammar Araim <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Amna Siddiqui <i>Bachelor of Arts in English</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Marcos Delgadillo Lope <i>Bachelor of Arts in Political Science</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Manvi Singh <i>Bachelor of Arts in Psychology</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Maria Alejandra Duarte Salcedo <i>Bachelor of Science in Economics</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Camila Sosa Chassaigne <i>Bachelor of Arts in Psychology</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Athina Wilhelmina Economon <i>Bachelor of Science in Economics</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Vanessa Camthy Truong <i>Bachelor of Science in Digital Media</i> CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Luiz Black Fernandez <i>Bachelor of Science in Biology</i> COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS	Ashley J. Vasquez <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance</i> <i>Bachelor of Business Administration</i> <i>in Supply Chain Management</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Guadalupe A. Gaspar <i>Bachelor of Science in Retailing and Consumer Science</i> CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING	Hannah Wani <i>Bachelor of Science in Biology</i> COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
Sally Huang <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Charis J. Wu <i>Bachelor of Arts in History</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts in Sociology</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Sara Moreno <i>Bachelor of Arts in Spanish</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Muhammad Zain <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship</i> <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Management</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS <i>Bachelor of Science in Psychology</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Ngoc-Trang Adrienne Hoai Nguyen <i>Bachelor of Science in Biology</i> COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS	



## Honorary Degree

### NATHAN FOWLER, M.D.

Dr. Nathan Fowler, a distinguished alumnus, is considered one of the world’s foremost experts in drug development for blood cancers. As chief medical officer for BostonGene, Fowler provides strategic direction to the biomedical software company, empowering it to advance precision medicine therapies for cancer patients. The award-winning company uses AI-powered solutions to provide clinicians with actionable insights, support personalized therapy decisions, expedite drug development and improve patient outcomes.

Prior to joining BostonGene, Fowler was a professor of medicine and director of the clinical investigational and translational research program in the Lymphoma and Myeloma department at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. At MD Anderson, Fowler focused on developing groundbreaking new therapies for cancer patients, which led to FDA approval of several novel therapeutic agents in lymphoma. In addition, he led the development of one of the first combination immunotherapy regimens for untreated lymphomas and is the primary investigator for the ongoing international phase III study with the combination.

A profound researcher, Fowler has published over 175 articles in peer-reviewed journals, numerous textbooks on innovative approaches to cancer therapy and is a sought-after speaker for high-profile conferences. He graduated cum laude from the University of Houston with a bachelor’s degree in biology and a minor in Spanish in 1996, earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 2001, where he also completed his residency, and received fellowship training in hematology/oncology at both Georgetown University Hospital and MD Anderson.

Most impressive is Fowler’s rich history of service and community engagement. As a student at UH, he volunteered to teach officers Spanish at the Houston Police Department. His fluency in Spanish — supported by his undergraduate minor — has become a vital asset in his medical practice, allowing him to communicate directly with Spanish-speaking patients, enabling more personal, effective care. Prior to his work in medicine, he served in the U.S. Army as a nuclear, biological and chemical defense specialist. Moreover, Fowler is the founder and president of the Halo House Foundation, a Houston-based nonprofit organization providing affordable housing to blood cancer patients receiving medical treatment. His nonprofit — which charges patients only \$20 per night for fully furnished apartments — has provided over 9,000 days of housing to hundreds of families.

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.

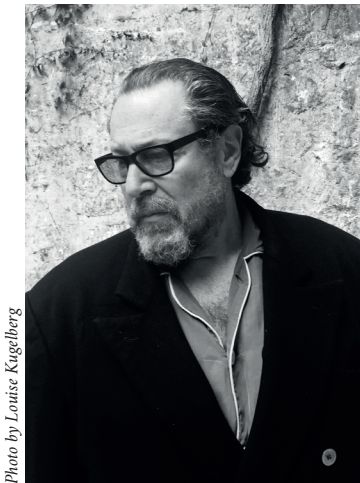


Photo by Louise Kugelberg

## Honorary Degree

### JULIAN SCHNABEL

A prolific and groundbreaking artist, Julian Schnabel is a world-renowned painter whose multidisciplinary work spans sculpture, architecture, furniture and film. Widely regarded as one of the most influential American artists of the last 40 years, Schnabel rose to prominence as a leading figure in the neo-Expressionist movement in the 1980s. He later became a celebrated filmmaker and continues to excel in both fields today.

An accomplished alumnus of the University of Houston, Schnabel earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1973. He later became the first UH graduate to be honored with a solo exhibition at the University’s Blaffer Art Museum.

His first major exhibition was a group of paintings at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Houston, in 1976. By the late 1970s, he was exhibiting at some of New York’s most prestigious galleries, including Mary Boone and the legendary Leo Castelli Gallery. The strength of Schnabel’s work lay in his use of preexisting materials not traditionally used in art making, varied painting surfaces and inventive modes of construction — breaking artistic norms of the time. His unorthodox approach helped revive painting in the United States and beyond during a period largely characterized by conceptual art and minimalism.

In the 1990s, Schnabel expanded into filmmaking, directing and writing “Basquiat” — a critically acclaimed film about the famed artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and New York’s 1980s art scene. To date, he has directed six major films, including the acclaimed “Before Night Falls”, which earned Javier Bardem an Academy Award nomination for his breakout role. His 2007 film “The Diving Bell and the Butterfly” was nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Director, and earned Schnabel the Best Director Award at the Cannes Film Festival.

Schnabel’s paintings are housed in some of the most prestigious museums in the world, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art; the Museum of Modern Art, New York; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; the Reina Sofia in Madrid; the Tate Modern in London; and the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris. A true visionary, Schnabel transformed the language of painting and paved the way for new generations of artists.

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## President’s Medallion

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### CONRAD N. HILTON FOUNDATION

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, established in 1944 by hotel magnate and philanthropist Conrad N. Hilton, has long championed initiatives that alleviate human suffering and foster global goodwill. Hilton’s profound belief in the transformative power of hospitality led to a significant milestone in 1969 when he donated \$1.5 million to the University of Houston to establish the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management — the first hospitality school in Texas. This foundational gift laid the groundwork for

what has evolved into the Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership, a premier institution in hospitality education.

Over the decades, the Hilton Foundation’s unwavering support has been instrumental in the college’s growth and success. The foundation has contributed substantially to the college by funding critical infrastructure, innovative programs, scholarships and strategic initiatives. Notably, in 2021, amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation bestowed a \$10 million unrestricted endowment to aid the college in navigating the crisis and continuing its mission of cultivating future hospitality leaders.

The endowment has provided critical operational and student support, including student scholarships, research funding, professional development training, library materials, equipment acquisition, staff and clerical support, and other key areas that enrich and enhance the college.

The foundation’s commitment extends beyond financial contributions. It also provides strategic guidance to grow the world’s only hospitality program where students work and take classes in an internationally branded, full-service Hilton hotel, which is also operated by the college. In addition, the Hilton company has hired thousands of Hilton College graduates who work in Hilton hotels around the world. Their enduring support has helped students — many of whom are the first in their family to attend college — become leaders in the hospitality industry.

Today, the Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership is revered globally as one of the best in hospitality education and research thanks to the enduring support of the Hilton Foundation. Since its founding, the foundation has awarded more than \$3.6 billion in grants, bringing hope, healing and transformative change to thousands worldwide. A profoundly benevolent organization, each year the Hilton Foundation awards a multimillion-dollar prize to a nonprofit leading effort to alleviate human suffering — the world’s largest annual humanitarian award.

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# Hewlett Packard Enterprise

## President’s Medallion

### HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE

Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) is a Fortune 100, global edge-to-cloud company advancing the way people live and work.

Headquartered in the Greater Houston region, HPE helps organizations connect, protect, analyze and act on data and applications, to turn insights into meaningful outcomes to thrive in today’s complex world.

Named one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies by Ethisphere, HPE is dedicated to offering IT solutions that help their customers and partners achieve their social impact commitments. In 2018, HPE made a transformative \$10 million gift to the University of Houston’s Data Science Institute as part of a game-changing collaboration to increase innovation. The gift also funded a scholarship endowment and high-performing computing equipment to enhance data science research activities across all UH colleges. In addition, funding supports education programs for K-12 students, as well as UH students, faculty and staff.

In honor of their gift and extensive contributions, the institute was renamed the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Data Science Institute, which has become a central hub for data science education and interdisciplinary research at UH. The institute has expanded educational opportunities by offering micro-credentials and certificate programs in data analytics, artificial intelligence, high-performance computing and related fields, that are critical in today’s industries. Students benefit from hands-on experiences, industry workshops and mentorship from HPE professionals who serve as lecturers and collaborators on real-world projects. This integration of academic and industry expertise ensures that graduates are well-prepared to meet the demands of a data-driven workforce.

Furthermore, the institute actively engages with the broader community by developing programs for middle and high school students, aiming to strengthen the STEM pipeline through project-based learning initiatives. These efforts help build a diverse and skilled workforce equipped to tackle future technological challenges.

Moreover, the partnership has enhanced UH’s capacity to deploy data science tools to address major societal challenges in the health care, energy and smart materials sectors, among others. The enhanced computational power has enabled researchers to conduct advanced analyses and simulations that have transformed disaster response, advanced breast cancer detection and improved the diagnosis of lupus-related kidney disease.

By fostering education, research and community engagement, the partnership has positioned UH as a leader in data science and innovation, benefiting the University, Greater Houston, Texas and beyond.

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### Message from the Dean

Dear Class of 2025:

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 resolve and pioneering spirit serve as powerful examples of what can be achieved with dedication and hard work.

As you transition from students to alumni, remember that you are 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 personal and social 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 know that you will meet the challenges of our times with the same determination and commitment 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,

Daniel P. O'Connor, Ph.D.  
*Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

University of Houston  
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Commencement Ceremony I  
Thursday, May 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m.  
Fertitta Center

PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moores School of Music
RECOGNITION OF PLATFORM PARTY	Todd Romero <i>Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs</i>
WELCOME REMARKS	Daniel P. O'Connor <i>Dean</i>
GREETINGS	Diane Z. Chase <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost</i>
RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS	Sally Connolly <i>Associate Dean, Student and Faculty Success</i>
PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES	Susan Scarrow <i>Associate Dean, Graduate Studies</i>
PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Scarrow
PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Romero
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Provost Chase
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean O'Connor
ALMA MATER	Moores School of Music
RECESSIONAL	Moores School of Music



Spring 2025 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Department of Economics

William Robert Bennett  
On the State-Dependence of Forecaster  
Inattention and Progressive Taxation  
ADVISOR: Bent E. Sørensen, Ph.D.

Angelo Fernando Gonzaga dos Santos  
The Geography of Environmental  
Burdens and Conservation Incentives:  
Evidence from Air Pollution and Forest  
Policy  
ADVISOR: Chinhui Juhn, Ph.D.

Jordan Holbrook  
Essays on the Labor Economics of  
Elite College Athletics  
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Department of Economics

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Essays on the Economics of Education  
Co-ADVISOR: Aimee Chin, Ph.D. and  
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN KINESIOLOGY

Charles Fee Hodgman  
The Effects of Acute Aerobic Exercise  
and Exercise Intensity on Metabolism  
and Function of CD8+ T cells  
ADVISOR: Emily C LaVoy, Ph.D.

Rebekah Maddux  
The Impact of Exercise Intensity  
and Cardiorespiratory Fitness on  
the Metabolism and Function of  
Regulatory T cells  
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MASTER’S DEGREES

Department of  
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PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES	Susan Scarrow <i>Associate Dean, Graduate Studies</i>
PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Scarrow
PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Romero
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Dean O'Connor
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean O'Connor
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Spring 2025 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Department of  
Hispanic Studies

Ángela Contreras de Wise  
¿Un tintico? Usos y funciones de los diminutivos en Colombia  
**ADVISOR:** Manuel Gutiérrez, Ph.D.

Javier Ramírez Franco  
Fuera Máscaras: Drag Queens, Nationalist Machismo, and Trauma in LGBTQ+ Cultural Productions of Greater México, 1980-2024  
**ADVISOR:** Guillermo De Los Reyes Heredia, Ph.D.

Elías David Navarro Campos  
Archivo, Territorio Y Poéticas Fronterizas En El Noreste Mexicano  
**ADVISOR:** Cristina Rivera Garza, Ph.D.

Department of History

Samantha Shine Trabucco  
Returning to Roots: The History of Adobe and Earthen Structures in San Antonio, Texas  
**ADVISOR:** Raúl A. Ramos, Ph.D.

Seth Robert Whitty  
Fearocracy: Race, Slavery, and Conspiracies in Nineteenth Century Tennessee  
**ADVISOR:** Matthew Clavin, Ph.D.

Department of  
Political Science

Robert D. Alvarez  
Ideology as a Predictor of News Coverage: The Causes and Consequences of Differential Media Coverage  
**ADVISOR:** Jason P. Casellas, Ph.D.

Eugenia Artabe  
Executives' Attacks on Courts in Latin America: Definition, Reasons, and Impact on Public Confidence in the Judiciary  
**ADVISOR:** Lydia B.Tiede, Ph.D.

Samantha Chapa  
Immigrant Inclusion: Reframing Local Politics in Immigration Debates  
**Co-ADVISORS:** Lydia Tiede, Ph.D. and Ling Zhu, Ph.D.

Shana Hardin  
From Barriers to Breakthroughs: Women's Candidacy, Legislative Success, and Policy Impact in State Governments  
**Co-ADVISORS:** Ling Zhu, Ph.D. and Jeronimo Cortina, Ph.D.

Hyeongmyeong Kim  
Particularism under Candidate-Centered Elections  
**ADVISOR:** Susan Scarrow, Ph.D.

Lucas J. Lothamer  
The Two-Dimensional Nature of Political Cynicism: Formation and Effects of Cynical Views  
**Co-ADVISORS:** Elizabeth Simas Ph.D. and Allison Archer, Ph.D.

Naomi N. Nubin-Sellers  
Faces of Citizenship: Race, Welfare Generosity, and Citizen-Engagement in the Era of Partisan Polarization  
**ADVISOR:** Ling Zhu, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Anthony Ballachie Cifre  
A Latent Profile Analysis and Longitudinal Examination of Sleep among Children with a History of Maltreatment  
**ADVISOR:** Candice A. Alfano, Ph.D.

Abigail Farrell  
How Mind Wandering Relates to Reading in a Second Language  
**ADVISOR:** Paul T. Cirino, Ph.D.

Sophie Kerr  
The Mediation Intervention for Sensitizing Caregivers: Feasibility and Acceptability for Formerly Incarcerated Mothers  
**ADVISOR:** Carla Sharp, Ph.D.

Samuel John Leonard  
Associations of Insecure Adult Attachment Style, Trauma-Related Social Cognition, and Emotion Regulation Difficulties with PTSD Symptom Severity among First Responders Who Served During Hurricane Harvey  
**ADVISOR:** Anka A. Vujanovic, Ph.D.

Tanya Smit  
Ecological Momentary Assessment of Chronic Pain and Hazardous Drinking Among Black Adults Through a Minority Stress Lens: The Role of Daily Microaggressions  
**ADVISOR:** Michael J. Zvolensky, Ph.D.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
INTEGRATIVE PROGRAM  
IN DEVELOPMENTAL,  
COGNITIVE, AND  
BEHAVIORAL  
NEUROSCIENCE

Livia Christine Merrill  
Examining Prenatal and Early Childhood Influences of Maternal Stress and Mental Health on Young Children's Brain Maturation and Neurocognition Related to Executive Functioning  
**ADVISOR:** Johanna Bick, Ph.D.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN INDUSTRIAL/  
ORGANIZATIONAL  
PSYCHOLOGY

Francisco J. Torres III  
State-level Policies Mitigate the Impact of Precarious Work on Ill-being  
**ADVISOR:** L.A. Witt, Ph.D.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Tingshu Liu  
Predicting Vaccine Decisions during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Two-Wave Longitudinal Study of Personality Traits and the Mediating Effects of COVID-19 Attitudes and Beliefs  
**ADVISOR:** Rodica I. Damian, Ph.D.

Anjelica M. Martinez  
Using Self-Determination Theory to Understand Mental Health Risks Among Latina Americans  
**ADVISOR:** C. Raymond Knee, Ph.D.

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From Margins to Bars: Understanding  
the Determinants of Sexual and  
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Dimensions of Adversity and  
Psychopathology in Immigrant  
Latino Youth: Examining the Role of  
Interpretation Biases  
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Impact of Social Jetlag versus  
Recovery Sleep on Adolescents'  
Positive Emotion in Social and  
Nonsocial Contexts  
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The Role of Cognition and  
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Brokering Performance Among  
Hispanic/Latin American Adults  
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Should I Stay or Should I Go?  
The Role of Cognitive Ability and  
Meteorological Communication  
in Enhancing Weather-Protective  
Behaviors among Older Adults  
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Do Discrimination & Adversity Drive  
the Inflammatory Basis of Suicidal  
Ideation in Black & Latinx Young  
Adults?  
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COGNITIVE, AND  
BEHAVIORAL  
NEUROSCIENCE

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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. You have been on an extraordinary journey! Think back to your first Honors course 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.

Our unique community of faculty, staff, and students in the Honors College have been members of your team cheering you on. We are all now celebrating you as you begin your career or continue your studies in graduate or professional programs. We take pride in your achievements. As you leave on this new journey, the Honors College will always be a part of you.

Stay connected to the College and use your success to inspire future generations. Eventually I hope you will 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!

Best,

Heidi Appel  
Dean of the Honors College  
Professor of Biology & Biochemistry



## The Honors College Honors

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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.

University Honors with Honors in Major

Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) and complete a Senior Honors Thesis graduate with University Honors with Honors in Major, the highest distinction that an undergraduate can earn at the University of Houston. The thesis title follows each graduate’s name.

GERALD D. HINES  
COLLEGE OF  
ARCHITECTURE  
AND DESIGN

Stephanie Cornejo  
ARCHITECTURE  
Eco-Tourism: Redesigning Cancun’s  
Hospitality Industry  
Thesis ADVISOR: Donna Kacmar

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN  
COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Sage Mitchell  
THEATRE  
“Everything Rises”: Creative  
Playwriting and Queer Theatre  
History  
Thesis ADVISOR: Elizabeth Coen

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE  
OF BUSINESS

Ramya Valipe  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
From Passive Consumption to  
Aiding and Abetting Terrorism:  
An Examination of AI-driven  
Recommendation Algorithms in  
Relation to the Intent-Consequence  
Goal  
Thesis ADVISOR: Michelle Belco

CULLEN COLLEGE  
OF ENGINEERING

Thomas Hannan  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
Monitoring Lithium-ion Battery  
State of Charge State of Health via  
Piezoceramic-Induced Low Frequency  
Stress Waves  
Thesis ADVISOR: Gangbing Song

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL  
ARTS AND SOCIAL  
SCIENCES

Skyler B. Houser-Feinstein  
PSYCHOLOGY  
Psilocybin for Mild Blast-Induced  
Traumatic Brain Injury in US Service  
Members  
Thesis ADVISOR: J. Leigh Leasure

Kiran Khan  
POLITICAL SCIENCE/COMPUTER SCIENCE  
The Growing Acceptance of  
Trumpism within the Republican  
Party  
Thesis ADVISOR:  
Brandon Rottinghaus

Tuyen Le  
POLITICAL SCIENCE/  
WORLD CULTURES & LITERATURE  
Kawaii as Politics  
Thesis ADVISOR: Sarasij Majumder

Jenny Truong  
ENGLISH  
Ptolomea  
Thesis ADVISOR: Martha Serpas

COLLEGE OF NATURAL  
SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS

Kiran Khan  
COMPUTER SCIENCE/POLITICAL SCIENCE  
The Growing Acceptance of  
Trumpism within the Republican  
Party  
Thesis ADVISOR:  
Brandon Rottinghaus

Danny Le  
HONORS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES  
Magnesium on the Structural  
Behavior of the  $\alpha$ L-I Domain  
Thesis ADVISOR: Mehmet Sen

Yugbhai Patel  
PHYSICS  
Prospects for Gluon Imaging at the  
EIC Using ePIC  
Thesis ADVISOR: Rene Bellwied

Dimanthi Perera  
HONORS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES  
Simulating Mitotic Exit: Training the  
Minimal Chromatin Model on Human  
Mitotic Chromosomes  
Thesis ADVISOR: Greg Morrison

Elaine Vo  
BIOLOGY  
The Role of Inflammation in the  
Pathogenesis of Meibomian Gland  
Dysfunction  
Thesis ADVISOR:  
Vivien Coulson-Thomas



Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

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CULLEN COLLEGE  
OF ENGINEERING

Tisha Haukongo  
BIOTECHNOLOGY  
Synthetic Microbiomes for Plant  
Stress Tolerance  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Abdul Latif Khan

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL  
ARTS AND SOCIAL  
SCIENCES

Kalena Holeman  
ENGLISH  
Reading the Descent Otherwise: Notes  
Toward a Black Feminist Analysis of  
Dante and the Journey in Twentieth-  
Century Literature of the Black  
Diaspora  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Haylee Harrell

Nicholas Stees  
POLITICAL SCIENCE/PHILOSOPHY  
The Philosophy of Pain and the  
Framework of Communicative Justice  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Tamler Sommers

Membership in the Honors College with Honors in Major

GERALD D. HINES  
COLLEGE OF  
ARCHITECTURE  
AND DESIGN

Diego Contraras Rios  
ARCHITECTURE  
Missing Middle(s)  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Shawn M. Lutz

Honors in Major

GERALD D. HINES  
COLLEGE OF  
ARCHITECTURE  
AND DESIGN

Angela Altamirano Sanchez  
ARCHITECTURE  
Nature’s Forgotten Blueprint:  
Reclaiming Gaia’s Natural Resources;  
earth  
Thesis **ADVISOR:**  
Rafael Beneytez-Durán

Ileana Carbajal  
ARCHITECTURE  
Enhancing Human Brain Health  
Through Design  
Thesis **ADVISOR:**  
José Roldán Caballero

Kai Wen Chua  
ARCHITECTURE  
X-Minute City: Infrastructure  
Citizenship Through Public  
Transportation  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Susan Rogers

Lene Fourie  
INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE  
UBUNTU - “I am because we are”  
Thesis **ADVISOR:**  
Marta Rodriguez Fernandez

Brandon Garcia  
ARCHITECTURE  
Suburban Renaissance: Reimagining  
the American Dream Through Play  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Jason Logan

Litzy Garcia  
ARCHITECTURE  
Adaptable Architecture: The Fourth  
Space  
Thesis **ADVISOR:**  
Rafael Beneytez-Durán

Jeffery Moisant  
ARCHITECTURE  
Echoes of Industry  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Daniel Jacobs

Cyrus Sadegi  
ARCHITECTURE  
Submerged: Ft. Project Nemo/  
Narrative-Based Design  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Dietmar Froehlich

Ian Simon  
ARCHITECTURE  
Beyond Fear: Architectural Solutions  
for Nuclear Infrastructure  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** José Roldán  
Caballero

Jamison Wicks  
ARCHITECTURE  
Hubs of Growth  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Donna Kacmar

CULLEN COLLEGE  
OF ENGINEERING

Ngoc Khoa Nguyen  
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING  
Evaluating the Effect of Weight Loss  
on Releasing Chronic Rhinosinusitis  
Symptoms in Obese Population Using  
Machine Learning  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Ying Lin

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL  
ARTS AND SOCIAL  
SCIENCES

- Rawan Aljaouni  
PSYCHOLOGY  
Measuring Compassion Within  
University of Houston College of  
Medicine Students  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Bradley Smith
- Ke’La Barnes  
PSYCHOLOGY  
When Dominance Drives: Exploring  
Moderators of Intimate Partner  
Sexual Coercion  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Julia Babcock
- Lindsay Bevers  
PSYCHOLOGY  
The Association Between Anxiety  
Sensitivity and Eating Expectancies  
in Hispanic Emerging Adult College  
Students  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Michael Zvolensky
- Victoria Blake  
ENGLISH  
Fairy Folklore and Classical  
Mythology in Shakespeare’s A  
Midsummer Night’s Dream  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Ann Christensen

- Alissa Boxleitner  
ENGLISH  
“You Can’t See Her, But You Can”:  
Myriam Gaube, the Institutional  
Rape Narrative, and the Politics of  
Survivorship  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Haylee Harrell
- Anisah Khan  
ENGLISH  
The Great Indian Divide of 1947: Told  
by Two Generations  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Auritro Majumder
- Lucas Leger  
ENGLISH  
The Monstrous Other: The  
Convergence of Queer Culture and  
the Horror Genre  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Paul Guajardo
- Douglass Pipkin  
PSYCHOLOGY  
The Role of Shame and Guilt in  
Negative Outcomes of Alcohol Use  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Clayton Neighbors
- Manvi Singh  
PSYCHOLOGY  
Immigrant Discrimination in Hiring  
Based on Country of Origin  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Isaac Sabat

COLLEGE OF NATURAL  
SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS

- Jacob Leipold  
BIOLOGY  
Structural Impact of the N-Terminal  
Flanking Peptide on VWF A1 Domain  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Mehmet Sen
- Teymour Meguid  
BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES  
The Conservation of Rho  
Transcription Termination  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** William Widger
- Jason Ruszkowski  
PHYSICS/POLITICAL SCIENCE  
Stimulated Brillouin Scattering by  
Satellite Transmission  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Edgar Bering

University Honors

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AND DESIGN

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ARCHITECTURE

KATHRINE G.  
MCGOVERN COLLEGE  
OF THE ARTS

- Valeria Bautista  
APPLIED MUSIC
- Alaina Janae Harmon  
ART

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE  
OF BUSINESS

- Waleed Abushaaban  
FINANCE/ ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Viviana Amaya  
FINANCE
- Sundas Araim  
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
- Allyn Barragan  
FINANCE/ACCOUNTING
- Zahra K. Bhattacharya  
FINANCE /COMPUTER SCIENCE
- David Buenaventura  
FINANCE/ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- Erin Callahan  
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
- Carolina Camacho  
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
- Marie Collazo  
MANAGEMENT
- Samantha Covarrubias  
MARKETING

- Chelsea Crow  
ACCOUNTING
- Yash Dhanji  
FINANCE/SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
- Camden Elliott  
MARKETING/FINANCE
- Stephanie Farrell  
MANAGEMENT
- Layla Faysal  
MARKETING
- Christian Frank  
MANAGEMENT
- Kay Grein  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- Arnav Ashish Gupta  
FINANCE
- Simone Heck  
FINANCE/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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Rawand Hwayyiz  
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Rohit John  
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Emily Yeh  
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PSYCHOLOGY

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ECONOMICS

Samma Elhammady  
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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Jasmine Garcia  
PSYCHOLOGY/COMPUTER SCIENCE

Danielle Gomez  
LIBERAL STUDIES

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CHINESE STUDIES/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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PSYCHOLOGY/MATHEMATICS

Simranjot Kaur  
PSYCHOLOGY/BIOLOGY

Makenna Celeste Kennedy  
PSYCHOLOGY

Rabeeya Khan  
PSYCHOLOGY

Rex Walker Kidd  
SOCIOLOGY

Antonio Deshea Kirts  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Karla Landa  
PSYCHOLOGY

Larissa Liu  
KINESIOLOGY – EXERCISE SCIENCE

Soledad Lopez  
ANTHROPOLOGY

Ashley Maldonado  
KINESIOLOGY – EXERCISE SCIENCE

Riya Mann  
HUMAN NUTRITION AND FOODS

Yuleth Martinez  
SPANISH

Enoabasi Mbaba  
PSYCHOLOGY/HEALTH

Camille McFarland  
ENGLISH

Mihael Mendo  
PSYCHOLOGY

Isha Merchant  
COMMUNICATIONS – STRATEGIC  
COMMUNICATION

Paola Navarro  
PSYCHOLOGY

Kelly Nguyen  
PSYCHOLOGY

Uma Patel  
POLITICAL SCIENCE/FINANCE

Chelsey Nhung Phan  
PSYCHOLOGY

Rebecca Potts  
COMMUNICATIONS – COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Emily A. Powell  
ECONOMICS

Cindy Giselle Rivas Alfaro  
COMMUNICATIONS – JOURNALISM

Adriele Rivera  
KINESIOLOGY – EXERCISE SCIENCE

Fatima Rivera Chavez  
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Drusila Saucedo  
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PSYCHOLOGY

Amna Siddiqui  
ENGLISH

Caasi Sleeman  
PSYCHOLOGY

Samantha Torres-Lozano  
COMMUNICATIONS – COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Kelly Trinh  
HUMAN NUTRITION AND FOODS

Nmesomachukwu Ukachi-Nwata  
PSYCHOLOGY

Rose Isabelle Villanueva  
PSYCHOLOGY

Patrick Garrison Vogel  
ENGLISH

Andrew James Wach  
COMMUNICATIONS – COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Eshal Warsi  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Matthew Wilson  
HISTORY

Charis J. Wu  
HISTORY/SOCIOLOGY

Mielad Ziaee  
PSYCHOLOGY

COLLEGE OF NATURAL  
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Salma Shaaban Mahran Abbady  
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BIOLOGY

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BIOLOGY

Usman Azim  
BIOLOGY

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COMPUTER SCIENCE/FINANCE

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BIOLOGY

Lucy Blood  
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COMPUTER SCIENCE

Taylor Cornett  
MATHEMATICAL BIOLOGY

Dulce Garcia  
BIOLOGY

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COMPUTER SCIENCE/PSYCHOLOGY

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COMPUTER SCIENCE

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COMPUTER SCIENCE

Neha Joshi  
COMPUTER SCIENCE

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BIOLOGY/PSYCHOLOGY

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BIOLOGY

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BIOLOGY

Kylan Naidoo  
BIOLOGY

Kevin Nguyen  
BIOLOGY

Minh Khue Nguyen  
BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES

Natalie Nguyen  
BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES

Ngoc-Trang Adrienne Nguyen  
BIOLOGY

Islamiyah Odunaiya  
BIOLOGY

Kimeera Paladugu  
BIOLOGY

Arun Parameswaran  
HONORS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Nia Pereda  
BIOLOGY

Auxil Perez  
BIOLOGY

Vi Pham  
HONORS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Vishnu Raghavan  
BIOLOGY

Laila Rahman  
HONORS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Joseph Reisdorf  
COMPUTER SCIENCE

Anand Santosh Sabnis  
COMPUTER SCIENCE

Vipun Sharma  
BIOLOGY

Zainab Tafish  
HONORS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Phuong Tran  
BIOLOGY

Daniel Viray  
COMPUTER SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS

Hannah Wani  
BIOLOGY

Robin Westveer  
MATHEMATICS

Jenna Hani Zamil  
BIOLOGY

HOBBY SCHOOL  
OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Juan P. Moreno  
PUBLIC POLICY

Tiffani Than  
PUBLIC POLICY

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GERALD D. HINES  
COLLEGE OF  
ARCHITECTURE  
AND DESIGN

- Astrid Alessandra Gallareta  
ARCHITECTURE
- Kevin Jack Liu  
ARCHITECTURE
- Harry Leslie Parlette  
ARCHITECTURE
- Lauren Kathleen Smith  
ARCHITECTURE

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE  
OF BUSINESS

- Hebah Amjad  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION  
SYSTEMS/MARKETING

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- Humaira Khan  
HEALTH
- Jocelyne Ma  
HEALTH

CULLEN COLLEGE  
OF ENGINEERING

- Mohamed Wael Abuzaid  
COMPUTER ENGINEERING
- Nayera Osman Ahmed  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
- Jing Tao Lim  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
- Lesley Lopez  
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING
- Jonathan Nguyen  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
- Mohammed Rayed Sheikh  
COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS
- Anish Sohail Siddiqui  
COMPUTER ENGINEERING AND ANALYTICS
- Muskaan Trivedi  
COMPUTER ENGINEERING

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL  
ARTS AND SOCIAL  
SCIENCES

- Tya Chakaroun  
PSYCHOLOGY
- Jacorian Clayton  
COMMUNICATIONS – MEDIA PRODUCTION
- Charlotte Durham  
ENGLISH
- Michael Frausto  
POLITICAL SCIENCE
- Maria J. Gabarron  
POLITICAL SCIENCE
- Jasmine Gozalo  
PSYCHOLOGY
- Victoria Rose Groody  
ECONOMICS
- Aidan Hegner  
KINESIOLOGY – SPORTS ADMINISTRATION
- Xin Qi Huang  
ECONOMICS
- Noah Leflore  
LIBERAL STUDIES
- Mike Minh Ly  
HISTORY/SOCIOLOGY
- Myra Mohiuddin  
LIBERAL STUDIES
- Hiswat Mustapha  
PSYCHOLOGY
- Ngwanma Nwafor  
HUMAN NUTRITION AND FOODS
- Zohaib Sidi  
POLITICAL SCIENCE/BIOLOGY
- Eleanor Anne Standige  
PSYCHOLOGY
- Sandra Taboada-Palau  
COMMUNICATIONS – JOURNALISM
- Kaitlin Tilotta  
PSYCHOLOGY
- Rachel Zdansky  
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING

COLLEGE OF NATURAL  
SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS

- Natalie Renee Allen  
MATHEMATICS
- Hamza Awan  
BIOLOGY
- Shinelle Rose Barretto  
COMPUTER SCIENCE
- Sydney Bennett  
BIOLOGY
- Karina Borja  
BIOLOGY
- Venus Ferguson  
COMPUTER SCIENCE
- Cydney Haynes  
BIOLOGY
- Sydney Anne Lozado  
MATHEMATICS
- Lady Helaine Maberit  
BIOLOGY
- Valerio Martinez  
COMPUTER SCIENCE
- Kevin Moises Mejia Bonilla  
COMPUTER SCIENCE
- Alessandro J. Montenegro  
COMPUTER SCIENCE
- Ayomide David Odejimi  
COMPUTER SCIENCE
- Ryan Pereira  
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