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Spring 2025 Commencement

**ANDY AND BARBARA
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Friday, May 9, 2025
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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

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

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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| 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

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

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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|-------------------|--|
| 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

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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

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| 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

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| Master’s Degree | Hood: Purple Tassel: Black |
| Doctoral Degree | Hood: Purple Tassel: Red |

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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| 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

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| Doctor of Medicine Degree | Hood: Kelly Green Tassel: Red |
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COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES
AND MATHEMATICS

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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

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| Bachelor’s Degree | Tassel: Apricot |
| Master’s Degree | Hood: Apricot Tassel: Black |
| Doctoral Degree | Hood: Apricot Tassel: Red |

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

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| 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

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| 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

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| Master’s Degree | Hood: Citron Tassel: Black |
| Doctoral Degree | Hood: Citron Tassel: Red |

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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| Bachelor’s Degree | Tassel: Peacock Blue |
| Master’s Degree | Hood: Peacock Blue Tassel: Black |

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

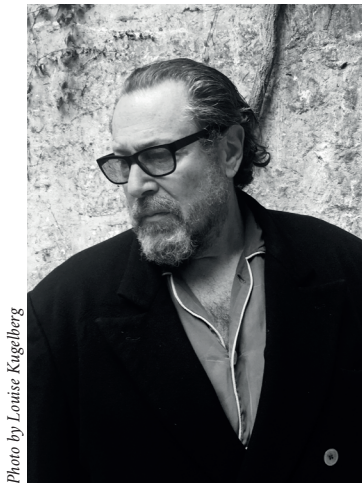


Photo by Louise Kugelberg

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

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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**Andy and Barbara Gessner
College of Nursing**

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Message from the Dean

Dear Nursing Graduates,

You are exemplary nursing graduates from the University of Houston! Congratulations to each of you who earn the nursing degree and are being pinned with a UH Nursing pin. Thank you for being a student at the University of Houston and thank you for choosing to be a nurse!

As a graduate from the Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing, you are equipped for your career as a nurse leader and nurse clinician. During your time at the University of Houston as a nursing student, you, your classmates and faculty collectively spent thousands of hours on Zoom, in clinical, classroom, simulation labs, or volunteering, thus adding to the strength and vibrancy of our community and our profession.

I am especially proud of each of you as you navigated the ever challenging landscape of health care. You are prepared to embrace the future of nursing. As you graduate, you enter a work environment where nurses are incredibly needed, trusted and respected.

I look forward to seeing the impact your careers and professional contributions will have on the future of health care and nursing. You will have many experiences and opportunities in your career, and I look forward to hearing about them all as you practice nursing in the city of Houston, our state, the nation and around the world.

As lifelong learners, I invite you to stay connected with your Gessner College of Nursing. We welcome and invite you to become “life members” of the Nursing Alumni Association.

You will always have a special honor of being a UH Gessner Nurse. You will be reminded of this distinct honor each time you wear your nursing pin, engage with the Gessner College of Nursing or the University of Houston.

Congratulations Cougar Nurses!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Tart

Kathryn M. Tart, EdD ('99), MSN, RN, FNAP
*Founding Dean and Professor
Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Nursing*

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| PROCESSIONAL | Moores School of Music |
| PRESENTATION OF COLORS | Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard |
| NATIONAL ANTHEM | Moores School of Music |
| WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS | Kathryn M. Tart <i>Founding Dean and Professor</i> <i>Humana Endowed Dean’s Chair in Nursing</i> <i>Fullbright Specialist</i> |
| GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS | The Honorable Jack B. Moore <i>Member</i> |
| COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS | Dr. Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN <i>Executive Director for the Texas Board of Nursing</i> |
| DESCRIPTION OF PIN | Dean Tart |
| PINNING OF BACCALAUREATE CANDIDATES | Deborah A. Smith <i>Clinical Assistant Professor/BSN Program Director</i> |
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| PINNING OF MASTERS CANDIDATES | Chanique Ecby <i>Clinical Assistant Professor/</i> <i>Director of Graduate Programs</i> |
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DR. KRISTIN K. BENTON, DNP, RN

DR. KRISTIN K. BENTON, DNP, RN, currently serves as Executive Director for the Texas Board of Nursing and served as the agency Director of Nursing from 2013 to 2023.

In her current role she leads the agency in meeting its mission to protect the public by ensuring that each person licensed as a nurse in Texas is safe and competent to practice.

Before joining Board staff, Dr. Benton taught in the Austin Community College Vocational Nursing Education Program from 2000-2012. She served on the Board of Nursing representing vocational nursing education from 2008-2012 and was gubernatorially appointed as Board President in 2011. Dr. Benton currently serves on the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies Advisory Committee, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Examination Committee and Nurse Licensure Compact Commission.

Dr. Benton holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing and was the recipient of the DNP Excellence in Nursing award in 2017. She has authored publications on nursing leadership, nursing regulation, and remediation of nursing practice breakdown. She resides in Austin with her husband, Jerry, and two children, Henry and Camille.

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“I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to faithfully practice my profession of nursing. I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards and practices of my profession.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling. I will assist other healthcare providers and will devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen and take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of the community.

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely. I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill wherever they may be and whenever they are in need.

I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of humankind.”

— *Author Unknown*





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
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The Honors College Honors

The Honors College at the University of Houston offers students special opportunities to develop their academic abilities. Below are the Honors College designations.

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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.

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Simulating Mitotic Exit: Training the
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The Role of Inflammation in the
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Synthetic Microbiomes for Plant
Stress Tolerance
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Reading the Descent Otherwise: Notes
Toward a Black Feminist Analysis of
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The Philosophy of Pain and the
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Evaluating the Effect of Weight Loss
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Measuring Compassion Within
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When Dominance Drives: Exploring
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The Association Between Anxiety
Sensitivity and Eating Expectancies
in Hispanic Emerging Adult College
Students
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Fairy Folklore and Classical
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“You Can’t See Her, But You Can”:
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Negative Outcomes of Alcohol Use
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Collegiate Honors

Students who complete and fulfill the requirements for the honors program in the college of their major, including 21 hours of honors courses, or by completing an Honors College minor, graduate with Collegiate Honors.

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
BIOLOGY
- Nguyen Quynh
BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES
- Brandon Schuette
COMPUTER SCIENCE
- Shimonee Shah
BIOLOGY
- Zohaib Sidi
BIOLOGY/POLITICAL SCIENCE
- Trung Tran
BIOLOGY
- Maria Varghese
COMPUTER SCIENCE

Lydia Varughese
BIOLOGY

Nader Yusuf
BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES

ANDY AND BARBARA
GESSNER COLLEGE
OF NURSING

Anna Helena Faith Dela Cruz Eligio
NURSING

HOBBY SCHOOL
OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Saron Abebe Regassa
PUBLIC POLICY

Membership in The Honors College

Students who complete and fulfill the requirements of the college of their major graduate with Membership in the Honors College.

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COLLEGE OF
ARCHITECTURE
AND DESIGN

Andrea Moscoso Garces
ARCHITECTURE

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Daphne Canales
HEALTH

CULLEN COLLEGE
OF ENGINEERING

Srivarshan Arasu
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Han N. Duong
COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Samuel Vanegas
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL
ARTS AND SOCIAL
SCIENCES

Kaitlin Barajas
ANTHROPOLOGY

Cameron Davis
PSYCHOLOGY

Jonathan Escobedo
PSYCHOLOGY

Madison Hayes
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Sunny Hua
COMMUNICATIONS – JOURNALISM

Alishba Javed
PSYCHOLOGY

Laura Pham
HISTORY

Sydney Reinhart
KINESIOLOGY – EXERCISE SCIENCE

COLLEGE OF NATURAL
SCIENCES AND
MATHEMATICS

Dyma Hikmat
MATHEMATICS

Samuel Mlinka
COMPUTER SCIENCE

Marshall Morgan
COMPUTER SCIENCE

Ayush Patel
COMPUTER SCIENCE

Cameron Ptak
BIOLOGY

Alfredo Ruiz
COMPUTER SCIENCE





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