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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

RENU KHATOR

President



May 2013

Dear Graduates:

Congratulations on one of the happiest, most memorable, and most important days of your life – the day of your graduation!

The University of Houston is a very special place. It is the place that welcomed you, helped you grow intellectually, and encouraged you on your journey. It is the place that, thanks to our incredible diversity, has provided you with the life experiences to work, feel at home, and succeed anywhere in the world.

You are graduating at a time of great triumphs for UH, from the Tier One designation by the Carnegie Foundation two years ago, to our inclusion by the Princeton Review on its list of best colleges in the nation, to being ranked by U.S. News and World Report for the first time in our history.

Several factors contributed to your success. The support of your parents and families, and the encouragement of your faculty, advisors, and staff played a significant part. But the most important factor is you, and the motivation, determination, and drive that brought you to this day, and will continue to serve you as you make your mark on your community and the world.

As you leave here today as proud alumni, know that you are a member of the best prepared, best educated, and best equipped class the University of Houston has ever produced.

With my best wishes for a successful career and a bright future,

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

Renu Khator

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013 · 9 A.M.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
MORNING CEREMONY

OPENING PROCESSION

Grand Marshal Steve Wallace
Faculty Senate President and Professor

Commencement Marshal Lawrence Curry
Professor Emeritus

Faculty

College Banner Bearers

Platform Party

President Renu Khator

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of Moores School of Music Men's Chorus

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Renu Khator
President

GREETINGS

The Honorable Welcome W. Wilson Sr.
Former Member, University of Houston System Board of Regents

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Dean Presents the Candidates

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

President Khator

ALMA MATER

Members of Moores School of Music Men's Chorus

RECESSIONAL

*Event music provided by Moores School of Music Brass Quintet, conducted by David Bertman, Director

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013 · 2 P.M.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
AFTERNOON CEREMONY

OPENING PROCESSION

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PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

Dennis W. Quaid

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013 · 7 P.M.

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

OPENING PROCESSION

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Cedric Bandoh
President, Student Government Association

Michael Pede
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HONORARY DEGREE

Belle Griggs Johnson

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

Ron and Carolyn Yokubaitis

PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS

Paula Myrick Short
Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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Deans Present the Candidates

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013 · 9 A.M.

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE
CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

OPENING PROCESSION

Grand Marshal Steve Wallace
Faculty Senate President and Professor

Commencement Marshal Lawrence Curry
Professor Emeritus

Faculty

College Banner Bearers

Platform Party

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HONORARY DEGREE

Edith Irby Jones, M.D., M.A.C.P.

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

Harold L. Kohn, Ph.D.

PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS

Paula Myrick Short
Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Deans Present the Candidates

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

President Khator

ALMA MATER

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RECESSIONAL

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013 · 6 P.M.

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

OPENING PROCESSION

Grand Marshal Steve Wallace
Faculty Senate President and Professor

Commencement Marshal Lawrence Curry
Professor Emeritus

Faculty

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Platform Party

President Renu Khator

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The Honorable Welcome W. Wilson Sr.

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

Marvin E. Odum III

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THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON



THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

The University of Houston's proud heritage dates back to its founding in 1927. In the beginning, UH was known as Houston Junior College. Classes for the first 230 students were held at San Jacinto High School and were taught by a faculty of eight. Over the years, the junior college grew and prospered, officially becoming the University of Houston in 1934. Two years later, the institution acquired land for a permanent campus and its first building, the Roy G. Cullen Building, opened in 1939. The university became a state institution in 1963.

Today, the University of Houston is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university, serving more than 40,000 students, with more than 300 undergraduate and graduate programs. UH stands at the forefront of education, research and service, with more than 40 research centers and institutes, and sponsors more than 300 partnerships with corporate, civic and governmental agencies. UH 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. UH has awarded more than 268,000 degrees, and approximately 80 percent of our alumni remain in the Houston area.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, teaching centers offering University of Houston degrees and classes opened in Clear Lake, downtown Houston and Victoria. Over time, these teaching centers became free-standing universities, offering education and opportunity to their communities. The University of Houston System was legally established in 1977. Today, the UH System is the region's largest provider of comprehensive university services from the baccalaureate to the doctorate. The UH System plays a primary role in meeting the higher education needs of the Houston metropolitan area and Texas. It is comprised of four universities and six teaching centers. The accredited universities in the UH System are: University of Houston, UH-Downtown, UH-Clear Lake and UH-Victoria. The teaching centers are UH Sugar Land, UHS at Cinco Ranch, UH Northwest, UHD Northwest, UHCL Pearland and UHS at Texas Medical Center.

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC REGALIA

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 bachelors (apprentices of the arts), masters (teachers) and doctors (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

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: VIOLET

Master's Degree

Hood: VIOLET

Tassel: BLACK

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 HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: NAVY

Master's Degree

Hood: NAVY, RED AND WHITE

Tassel: BLACK

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: CITRON

Master's Degree

Hood: CITRON

Hood (Music Only): PINK

Tassel: BLACK

Doctoral Degree

Hood: DARK BLUE

Hood (Music Only): PINK

Tassel: RED

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: GOLDEN YELLOW

Master's Degree

Hood: GOLDEN YELLOW

Tassel: BLACK

Doctoral Degree

Hood: DARK BLUE

Tassel: RED

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: MAROON

Master's Degree

Hood: MAROON

Tassel: BLACK

CEREMONIAL SYMBOLS



THE SEAL

Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston's and UH System's 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 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

HONORARY DEGREE



EDITH IRBY JONES, M.D., M.A.C.P.

Dr. Edith Irby Jones is a trailblazing doctor and humanitarian who has served those in need for more than half a century in Houston, the nation, and across the globe. She is a Gold Star Patron for the “To Bear Fruit for Our Race” project sponsored by the UH Center for History Policy.

When she was admitted to the University of Arkansas College of Medicine in 1948, she was the first African American to enroll in an all-white medical school in the south. She graduated in 1952 and practiced medicine in Hot Springs, Arkansas before moving to Houston with her late husband, Dr. James B. Jones, former dean and professor at Texas Southern University.

In 1959, she became the first African American female resident in the Baylor College of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals. She opened her private practice in the heart of the Third Ward, and she continues to practice from the same location today. In 1985, she was elected the first female president of the National Medical Association, established during segregation when African American doctors were not allowed to join the American Medical Association.

She is a founding member of the Association of Black Cardiologists and a charter member of Physicians for Human Rights, which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997. She has helped to establish clinics in Veracruz, Mexico, and Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti. She holds three honorary doctorates and is the holder of a professor chair at Cornell University.

HONORARY DEGREE



BELLE GRIGGS JOHNSON

Mrs. Belle Griggs Johnson has defined the art of being a Cougar for decades, building the University of Houston Libraries System's arts legacy and helping create what is now one of the largest public art collections in southeast Texas.

Mrs. Johnson, a 1951 alumna, and her late husband, Richard J. V. Johnson, created the Belle Griggs Johnson Endowed Book Fund in 1993 to support the UH Libraries System's acquisition of books, serials, and visual and sound recordings related to art, drama, literature, and music. As a member of the UH Art Committee, she helped choose much of the public art that graces UH buildings and grounds.

While her husband served as Chairman and Publisher of the Houston Chronicle, Mrs. Johnson was an active volunteer and benefactor for charities across the Houston community. She is, however, proudest of her connection to her alma mater. In 2001, Mrs. Johnson and her husband co-chaired the UH Libraries' capital campaign to raise more than \$39 million to expand the M.D. Anderson Library and provide a new home for the Honors College, changing the face of learning and educational research for generations to come.

Mrs. Johnson is the recipient of the Ima Hogg Award, the Community Leader Award of the Consular Ladies of Houston, and the Spirit of Anne Morrow Lindbergh Award from the Huffington Center on Aging, among others.

HONORARY DEGREE



THE HONORABLE WELCOME W. WILSON, SR.

The Honorable Welcome W. Wilson, Sr., who graduated from the University of Houston in 1949 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, is one of his alma mater's most distinguished alumni, most committed supporters, and most cherished friends.

He served for three years as Chairman of the UH System Board of Regents, and worked tirelessly in support of Tier One state funding for UH in his role as Co-Chair of the statewide Texans for Proposition Four. The group helped win successful passage of the constitutional amendment that created a special fund for the state's seven emerging research universities, including the University of Houston. He now serves as Chair of the UH Drive to Tier One Campaign, and continues to be a strong advocate of the UH System and UH, bringing the case for support before the Texas Legislature and the private, corporate, civic, and philanthropic sectors.

Mr. Wilson also inspired the fundraising campaign that named UH's Jack J. Valenti School of Communication in memory of his fellow UH alumnus and lifelong friend.

He is Chairman of the Board of GSL Welcome Group, LLC, which owns and leases single-tenant office, manufacturing, and other industrial facilities in Texas, and is a principal in Kingham Dalton Wilson, Ltd., a regional industrial construction company.

Mr. Wilson was inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame in 2011, the same year he was named Entrepreneur of the Year by the Houston Technology Center. In 2012, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Houston Business Journal, and in 2013 he was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the Corporate Real Estate Executives Organization and the Crusader Award from Neighborhood Centers, Inc. for his commitment to Houston's community.

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION



HAROLD L. KOHN, PH.D.

Dr. Harold L. Kohn, Kenan Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), is being honored with the 2013 President's Medallion for his stellar achievements in the research of clinical agents, including the discovery of lacosamide (Vimpat[®]), when he was a researcher at the University of Houston. This first-in-class antiepileptic drug for the treatment of partial-onset seizures in adults is now marketed in the United States and 35 other countries.

Dr. Kohn received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Michigan in 1966, and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the Pennsylvania State University in 1971. He spearheaded groundbreaking research at the University of Houston from 1973 to 1999, while serving as M.D. Anderson Professor of Chemistry. His contributions have been recognized with the Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, the UH Research Excellence Award, and the University of North Carolina Faculty Mentoring Award, among others.

When Dr. Kohn moved to the UNC School of Pharmacy, where he serves as director of the Bill and Campbell Faculty Mentoring program, he expanded his commitment to mentoring younger faculty members – the next generation of breakthrough researchers.

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION



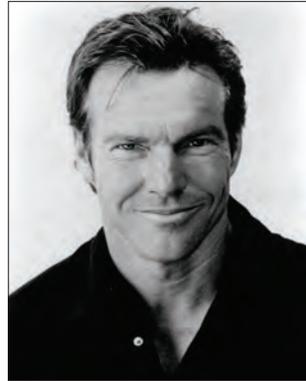
MARVIN E. ODUM III

Mr. Marvin E. Odum III, President of Shell Oil Company and Director of Shell's Upstream Americas business, is being honored with the 2013 President's Medallion for his ongoing achievements in the energy and business arenas. He is a member of the UH Energy Advisory Board.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from The University of Texas and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Houston. He began his Shell career as an engineer in 1982 and has since served in managerial positions in both the technical and commercial aspects of energy discovery and production. Prior to being named Upstream Americas Director in 2009, Odum was Executive Vice President for the Americas for Shell Exploration and Production.

As President of Shell Oil Company since 2008, Odum is forging a future of energy diversity with community responsibility. He holds leadership positions on the boards of the Business Roundtable and the American Petroleum Institute, is on the executive committee of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, and on the steering committee of the Energy, Security, Innovation and Sustainability Initiative of The Council on Competitiveness. He is involved with several charities in Houston, as well as serving on the board of trustees of the National Urban League and the board of directors of the Greater Houston Partnership.

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION



DENNIS W. QUAID

Mr. Dennis Quaid, award-winning actor and humanitarian, is being honored with the 2013 President's Medallion for his creative contributions to big and small screen productions, and his work for children's charities in Austin, New Orleans, and Central America.

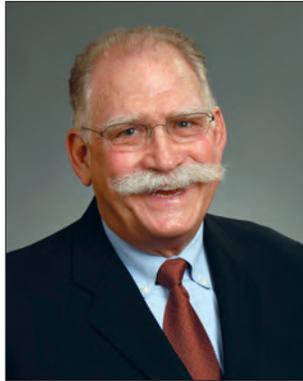
While Mr. Quaid was a student at the University of Houston in the 1970s, he studied drama under the tutelage of UH legendary drama coach Cecil Pickett. Mr. Quaid, along with fellow students Brett Cullen, Robert Wuhl, and Cindy Pickett – all of whom credit Cecil Pickett with their individual professional success – participated in "An Afternoon with the Artists" event held on campus last year in Pickett's honor.

He was the recipient of the 2012 University of Houston Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Mr. Quaid's acting honors include the Independent Spirit Award, the Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture, and the New York Film Critics Association Award for Best Supporting Actor.

He has appeared in more than 70 feature films, among them "The Right Stuff," "The Big Easy," "Far from Heaven," and "The Rookie." He stars in the television series "Vegas" and commits his free time to raising funds for children's charities through the annual Dennis Quaid Charity Weekend golf tournament in Austin. He also works with the International Hospital for Children in New Orleans and frequently travels to Central America to help bring children back to the United States for treatment they cannot get in their home countries.

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION



RON AND CAROLYN YOKUBAITIS

Mr. Ronald Yokubaitis and Mrs. Carolyn Yokubaitis, co-founders of Data Foundry, Inc., now one of the largest Usenet services in the world, are being honored with the 2013 President's Medallion for entrepreneurial innovation.

Mr. Yokubaitis lettered for the Cougar football team in 1962-63, the first two seasons under legendary coach Bill Yeoman. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Houston and a Juris Doctor degree from the UH Law Center, where he served on the Law Review.

Collaborating as a team, Mr. and Mrs. Yokubaitis developed one of the first 50 ISPs in the nation in 1994, when there was a lack of Internet options for users who were not students or government employees. Since its inception, Data Foundry, Inc. has expanded in reach and versatility to serve global subscribers in more than 195 countries. In a second wave of entrepreneurial inspiration, Mr. and Mrs. Yokubaitis founded Giganews in 1998 to address the growing consumer demand for Usenet Newsgroups. Today, Giganews ensures almost instantaneous article download and posting from anywhere in the world.

Through Data Foundry, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Yokubaitis have been exceptional supporters of the UH Law Center and UH Athletics. They have recently pledged a very generous gift for the construction of the new football stadium complex.

HONORS

Academic honors are based on the requirements of the catalogue year students entered the university. The final designation for honors is determined by the Provost's Office upon final completion of all degree requirements.

PRE-FALL 2010 CATALOGUE

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under any catalogue prior to Fall 2010 will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last sixty-six (66) hours completed at the University of Houston.

- 3.75 to 4.0 Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)
- 3.50 to 3.74 Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)
- 3.25 to 3.49 Cum Laude (with Honors)

FALL 2010 CATALOGUE TO PRESENT

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under, and since, the Fall 2010 catalogue will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last fifty-four (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)

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

SPRING 2013

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Stephanie J. Balbin
Nicholas E. Becraft
Valeriya V. Bowker
Pratik Nath Emon
Jazel Karlina Fontanilla
Nahid S. Haimonty
Crystal Nicole Hernandez-Barrios
Bradly Hirdes
Nanako Hori
Joseph Weathers Hyslop
Micah J. Jacobson
Seda Koyluoglu
Adam Loc Nguyen
Prerana Paliwal
Dillon S. Phillips
Michael Joseph Rhodes ⁴
Megan Rorie ⁵
Marzieh Rostami
Sylvia San
Kristina M. Sinclair
Anton Stoev
Paul G. Suttles
Juliette Thompson
Dana Trammel
Allison Leigh van Heugten
Michael C. Viviano

MASTER OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Sylvia Borges Pereira Fonseca

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

Sharon Chapman
Erick D. Diaz
Preetal Praful Shah

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

Miriam Alcantara
Arif S. Ali
Archana Anand ²
Melanie Alison Arena ³
Christie Marie Badinger ²
Luis Baena ³
Jamal Banan
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Allow me to leave you with this parting advice: keep your Cougar connection strong! Whether your destiny takes you around the corner or around the world, always remember that you're a Cougar, and always show it. Being an active alumnus is one of the best ways to do that, and we promise to make you as proud of your alma mater as we are proud of you.

With Best Wishes,

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