







# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

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## COLLEGE of NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

### Letter from the Dean

Dear College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Graduate,

Congratulations! Today we celebrate a milestone in your life; I hope you will reflect on all that this achievement means.

- The degree that will appear on your transcript is an indelible testimony to your hard work and mastery of challenging mathematical and scientific subject matter.
- Your degree is the foundation upon which you will build as you continue to learn throughout your lifetime.
- Most importantly, the degree you have earned represents great potential for secure employment, a better quality of life and the achievement of your goals.

As you leave this campus, you will carry with you the knowledge your professors shared with you, the wisdom you gained as you matured and the personal experiences, professional connections, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

My best wishes for much success and happiness.

Sincerely,



Dan E. Wells  
*Dean*

**University of Houston**  
**College of Natural Sciences**  
**and Mathematics**

**Convocation**

Thursday, December 17, 2015, 2 p.m.  
Hofheinz Pavilion

PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music Brass Quintet
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS	UH Army ROTC Color Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM	ManCorps
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	Dan E. Wells <i>Dean</i>
STUDENT ADDRESS	Kimberly Nguyen
PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS	Ian Evans <i>Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies</i>
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	Dean Wells Anne Delcour <i>Associate Dean, Graduate Studies</i> Department Chairs
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Wells
ALMA MATER	ManCorps
RECESSIONAL	Moores School of Music Brass Quintet

# College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

## LEADERSHIP

### Administration

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Ian Evans, Ph.D.

*Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies*

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*Associate Dean, Student Success*

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*Associate Dean, Research*

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*Biology and Biochemistry*

David Hoffman, Ph.D.

*Chemistry*

Jaspal Subhlok, Ph.D.

*Computer Science*

Hua-wei Zhou, Ph.D.

*Earth and Atmospheric Sciences*

Matthew Nicol, Ph.D.

*Mathematics*

Gemunu Gunaratne, Ph.D.

*Physics*

# College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

## CONVOCATION TRADITIONS

### Academic Regalia

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The Costume of the participants in the academic procession dates back to the 14th century. Academic institutions in the United States adopted a code of academic dress in 1895.

**Gowns:** The bachelor's gown has long pointed sleeves while the master's gown has an oblong sleeve open at the wrists. The doctoral gown is fuller with full-length velvet panels on the front and three velvet crossbars on each sleeve in black or the color distinctive to the subject of the wearer's degree.

**Hoods:** The hood, worn by master's and doctoral degree recipients, drapes over the shoulders and down the back and indicates the subject to which the degree pertains and the university that conferred the degree. The size of the hood indicates the level of the degree.

**Caps:** The black mortarboard is the most common cap used. The tassel fastened in the center is worn in the left front quadrant after the degree is conferred. It is black or the color appropriate to the subject of the degree.

### College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

BACHELOR'S DEGREE	<i>Tassel:</i> Golden Yellow
MASTER'S DEGREE	<i>Hood:</i> Golden Yellow <i>Tassel:</i> Black
DOCTORAL DEGREE	<i>Hood:</i> Dark Blue <i>Tassel:</i> Red

# College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

## CONVOCATION TRADITIONS

### Convocation Banner Bearers

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The banners in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Convocation are carried by students from each department.

UNIVERSITY BANNER	Kimberly Nguyen
COLLEGE BANNER	Ronnie Lastra
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY	Benjamin Cohn
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY	Garret Couture
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE	Daniel Huan Nguyen
DEPARTMENT OF EARTH AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES	Benjamin Rosser
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS	Nikhil Jaiswal
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS	Benmaan Jawdat



### Academic Honors

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

#### Pre-Fall 2010 Catalog

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under any catalog 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 Catalog to Present

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under, and since, the Fall 2010 catalog 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)

# College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Fall 2015

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### Atmospheric Sciences

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#### Biology

Alicia Blessing  
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Ying Chu Chen  
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#### Mathematics

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#### Mathematics

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#### Applied Mathematics

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#### Biology

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Corbin W. Crews  
Allegra C. Giblin  
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Maria Carolina Mejia Hernandez  
Qishan Zhou

### Geophysics

Xueyi Jia  
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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### Biochemical and Biophysical Sciences

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### Computer Science

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### Computer Science – Business

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### Geology

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Laura Nathalie Pulido Arias  
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Samuel Aaron Smith  
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### Geophysics

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Amanda Marie Williams

### Physics

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*The roster of candidates for graduation and graduates does not include the names of those students who chose to withhold information under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.*

<sup>1</sup> Summa Cum Laude - <sup>2</sup> Magna Cum Laude - <sup>3</sup> Cum Laude - <sup>4</sup> Banner Bearers



## College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

### THE HONORS COLLEGE

#### 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 honors designations.

##### **University Honors with Honors in Major**

Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) and complete a senior honors thesis.

##### **University Honors**

Students who complete the Honors College curriculum and elect not to complete a senior honors thesis.

##### **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.

# College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

## THE HONORS COLLEGE

### Honors Recipients

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#### University Honors

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Mustafa M. Karagoli

Aum Patel  
Theophilus Nguyen Pham  
Jessica L. To  
Danielle Lynne Underwood  
Ran Zhao

#### Collegiate Honors

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Nicolas Alejandro Carvajal

Taylor E. Hinchliffe  
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#### Membership in The Honors College

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### Convocation Volunteers

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A special thank you to the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics staff and students that assisted in making our convocation ceremony possible, and to our reader, Mr. Mike Lejeune.

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## The Alma Mater

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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*





