

**University of Houston**  
**College of Nursing**

**Pinning Ceremony**

Friday, May 12, 2017, 4 p.m.  
University of Houston at Sugar Land



**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Nursing Graduates,

You are exemplary nursing graduates from the University of Houston! You have earned the BSN or MSN degree and you are now UH Nurses ready to be pinned with UH Nursing pin. You mark an historic moment for the University of Houston by your presence here today – both for graduation and pinning! Thank you for being a student at the University of Houston and thank you for choosing to be a nurse!

Your education at the College of Nursing has equipped you to embark upon your career as a nurse leader and nurse clinician. During your time at the University of Houston as a nursing student, you have collectively spent thousands of hours in clinical, classroom, simulation labs, and volunteering, thus adding to the strength and vibrancy of our community and our profession.

I look forward to seeing the impact your careers and professional contributions will have on the future of healthcare 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 College of Nursing. We welcome and invite you to become “life members” of the UH alumni association. You will always have a special honor by being a UH Nurse. You will be reminded of this distinct honor each time you wear your nursing pin, engage with the College of Nursing or the University of Houston.

Congratulations **Nursing Cougars!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Tart".

Kathryn M. Tart, EdD, MSN, RN  
*Founding Dean and Professor*

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**Speaker**

**PAULA MYRICK SHORT, Ph.D.**, is the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the University of Houston System, and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of Houston.

Since her appointment in June 2013, she has established the UH Graduate School, the Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy for Department Chairs, the Foundations of Excellence initiative, Houston GPS as well as implemented student success initiatives such as UH in 4, Provost Summer Read, Passport for Coogs, and Cub Camp. Prior to joining UH, Dr. Short served 12 years as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents, the sixth-largest governing board system of higher education in the United States, annually serving more than 200,000 students. In Tennessee, she served as a legislative-appointed Board member of the Tennessee Technology Development Corporation, as a Board member of the Life Sciences Institute-Tennessee Emerging Technologies, and as an Academic Auditor for the Australian Universities Quality Agency.

In her role as Senior Vice Chancellor for the University of Houston System, Dr. Short is responsible for the academic quality and accreditation of all four UH system institutions: UH, UH – Downtown, UH – Clear Lake, and UH – Victoria. She chairs the UH System Provost Council and has served two terms on the Funding Formula Committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

As Senior Vice President and Provost of the University of Houston, Dr. Short is responsible for faculty development, strategic enrollment planning, undergraduate student success, graduate education, education innovation and technology, global strategies and partnerships, as well as UH Energy and UH Arts. She recently led the development of a new college at UH, the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts, and led the renaming of the nursing program from School of Nursing to the College of Nursing.

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*Paula Myrick Short biography, continued...*

Additionally, Dr. Short is the Director of the Center for ADVANCING UH Faculty Success, funded by a \$3.3 million grant from by the National Science Foundation. Under Dr. Short's leadership, the Center is addressing gender equity and diversity issues related to moving more women and women of color forward with careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Nationally, Dr. Short has served as president of two professional associations. In 2013, Provost Short was honored with the Master Professor Award by the University Council for Educational Administration recognizing her record of promoting educational innovation in the classroom. In 2009, she was recipient of the Paul A. Elsner International Excellence in Leadership Award in recognition of her multiple accomplishments in improving higher education. Having published over 105 journal articles, books, book chapters, and technical reports; she also has been recognized for her research contributions with the Jack A. Culbertson Award, given by the University Council for Educational Administration. In 2014, she was named one of the 50 most influential women in Houston.

Dr. Short has served as a tenured faculty member at Auburn University, The Pennsylvania State University, the University of Missouri – Columbia, and currently is tenured Distinguished Professor of Education at UH's College of Education. Dr. Short received her Ph.D. in Administration in the Department of Organizational Development and Institutional Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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PROCESSIONAL	The Four Seasons – <i>Vivaldi</i>
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Kathryn Tart, EdD, MSN, RN <i>Founding Dean and Professor</i>
SPEAKER	Paula Myrick Short, Ph.D. <i>Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Houston System Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Houston</i>
DESCRIPTION OF PIN	Dean Tart
PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES	Dean Tart and College of Nursing Faculty
PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CANDIDATES	Dean Tart and College of Nursing Faculty
PINNING	Sandra Lee, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE <i>Assistant Clinical Professor RN to BSN Track Manager</i>  Terry D. Kirk, EdD, RN, NEA-BC <i>Associate Clinical Professor</i>
FAREWELL FROM THE FACULTY	Terry D. Kirk, EdD, RN, NEA-BC <i>Associate Clinical Professor</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Tart
RECESSIONAL	Alma Mater music

**College of Nursing**  
**GRADUATING STUDENTS**

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**Spring 2017**

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**MSN**

Sanjay Abeyadeera <sup>4</sup>  
Danielle Bragg <sup>4</sup>  
Cara Caldwell <sup>4</sup>  
Amy Hahn  
Ronit Gerecht <sup>4</sup>

Christina Gutierrez  
Hannah Lee  
Daniel Mullen  
Shawna Pippin  
Angela Schlafley

**Summer 2017**

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**RN TO BSN**

Clifford Baldo  
Megan Bates  
Augustine Enehikhuere <sup>2</sup>  
Barzilai Escalante <sup>2</sup>  
Teresa Hernandez  
Kimberly Mikeska <sup>2</sup>

Eric Montebalanco  
Keneisha Parker  
Kimberly Perkins  
Susan Sanchez-Hatchett  
Vera Uzoma

<sup>1</sup> Summa Cum Laude Honors   <sup>2</sup> Magna Cum Laude Honors   <sup>3</sup> Cum Laude Honors  
<sup>4</sup> Sigma Theta Tau International Member

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## Administration

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Kathryn Tart, EdD, MSN, RN  
*Founding Dean and Professor*

Kathleen Reeve, DrPH, ANP-BC, FNP-C  
*Associate Dean and Clinical Professor*

## Staff

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*Instructional Designer*

Tammy Whatley, BAAS  
*College of Nursing Student Affairs Director*

## Faculty

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Cheryl Brohard,  
PhD, RN, AOCN, CHPCA, CNS-ONC  
*Assistant Professor*

Terry D. Kirk, EdD, RN, NEA-BC  
*Associate Clinical Professor*

Sandra Lee, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE  
*Assistant Clinical Professor/  
RN to BSN Manager*

Lee Anne Lightfoot, MS, RN, NE-BC  
*Assistant Clinical Professor*

Tracy McManaman-Bridges,  
MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM  
*Lecturer*

Lenora A. McWilliams, PhD, RN  
*Assistant Professor*

Rosalinda Morales,  
PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP  
*Assistant Clinical Professor*

Earline Moreland, MSN, RN, FNP-BC  
*Assistant Clinical Professor*

Danielle Quintana, MSN, RN, CNOR  
*Assistant Clinical Professor*

Patricia Schrader, MSN, RN, CMSRN  
*Assistant Clinical Professor/  
Second Degree BSN Manager*

Shainy Varghese,  
PhD, MSN, RN, CPNP  
*Associate Professor*

Sonya Wade,  
DNSc, APRN, FNP-BC, RN  
*Assistant Clinical Professor*

## Adjuncts

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Janie M. Avila, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

Lorraine Cull, MSN, RN



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J. Dunn Foundation Nursing Scholarship

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## UH Nursing Pin Design Committee

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The pin was created by the Pinning Committee in 2015. The pin was designed with thought, precision, and unity. The goals of the design were to represent the school, profession, and contribution to society. The interlocking UH in the center of the circle represents the student's journey and partnership with the University

of Houston and relationships formed along the way. The color red represents passion, advocacy, love, caring, and leadership which are values of UH nursing. The placement of the BSN or MSN on the banner represents the nursing profession and the culmination of the nursing student's focus. The pin is a symbol of the student's ultimate goal of earning their nursing degree.

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## Academic Regalia

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**BACHELOR'S DEGREE**    *Tassel: Apricot*

**MASTER'S DEGREE**    *Hood: Apricot*  
*Tassel: Black*

### Gold Cords

Undergraduate students who complete the degree requirements with academic honors with 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)

### Purple Cords

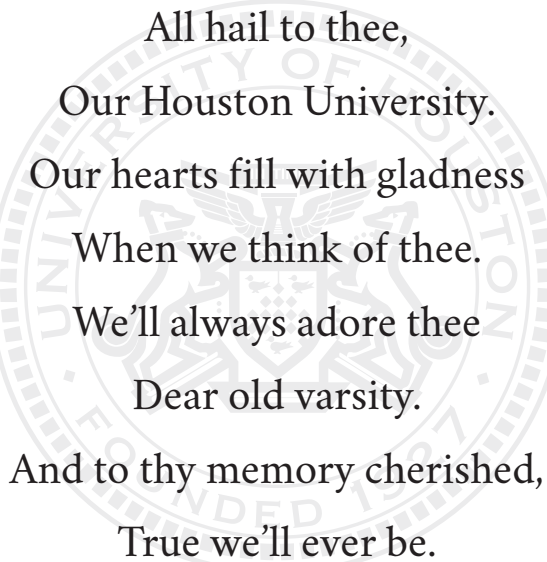
Sigma Theta Tau International, Phi Chi Chapter, the only international honor society in Nursing.

### Red and White Cords

Spirit cords indicating philanthropy to the College of Nursing.

## The Alma Mater

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The background of the text features a large, faint watermark of the University of Houston seal. The seal is circular and contains the text "UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON" around the top and "FOUNDED 1927" around the bottom. In the center of the seal is a crest with a book and a torch.

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*