



College of Nursing

GRADUATION AND PINNING CEREMONY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017





UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

Letter from the President

December 2017

Dear University of Houston Graduates:

Congratulations on this most memorable day of your college career! The degree you are about to receive symbolizes the world-class, tier-one education you obtained at the University of Houston.

There were many factors that contributed to your success. The support of your parents, families and friends, and the encouragement of your faculty, advisors and staff played a significant part. But what made it all possible was the personal commitment, drive and resolve that helped you cross the finish line. We take profound satisfaction in knowing these same attributes will serve you well as you make your mark in the world.

Please leave today as proud UH graduates, confident you are the best prepared, best educated and best equipped individuals of your generation. I know in my heart that you are now ready and able not just to compete, but to succeed and be leaders in your chosen careers.

With my best wishes for a bright and rewarding future,

Renu Khator

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President, University of Houston

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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. 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 am especially proud of those who volunteered during and after the hurricane. Thank you.

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

KATHRYN M. TART, EdD, MSN, RN

Founding Dean and Professor

The University of Houston, College of Nursing

Dr. Tart serves as founding dean and professor for the College of Nursing at the University of Houston. The nursing programs are offered at the University of Houston, UH Sugar Land and Victoria, Texas. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Luther College, in Decorah, Iowa; master's degree in nursing from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio; and doctorate in Higher Education Supervision and Administration, with an emphasis in Educational Leadership and Cultural Studies, from the University of Houston. Her work in nursing education includes teaching at Victoria College, in Victoria, Texas, Texas Woman's University in the Texas Medical Center where she coordinated the undergraduate program, and the Founding Dean for the University of Houston-Victoria. She was a Helene Fuld Fellow with American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and completed the HERS Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration at Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. UH's undergraduate and graduate nursing programs have full accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and full approval from the Texas Board of Nursing. She received the inaugural American Association of Colleges of Nursing Advocate of the Year award in 2009 for her work in advocating for nursing education. She serves on the Government Affairs Committee for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing in Washington, DC. She is past President of the nursing honor society, Phi Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. Dean Tart research includes the Advancement in Nursing Education in Nursing I and II (APIN) grants, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She is President-Elect for the Texas Association of Deans and Directors of Professional Nursing Programs for the State of Texas. The College of Nursing ranks in the top 5% of the nation with a 100% NCLEX-RN first time pass rate for 2015, 2016 and 2017. The first three graduating classes of Family Nurse Practitioners have a 100% first time pass rate on the national certification exam. The College of Nursing received the inaugural Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award in 2016 and 2017. It is the only national award for diversity and inclusion in higher education.

Florence Nightingale Pledge

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*

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PROCESSIONAL	"Four Seasons" by <i>Vivaldi</i>
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Kathryn Tart, EdD, MSN, RN <i>Founding Dean and Professor</i>
REGENT REMARKS	Durga D. Agrawal <i>Member, UH System Board of Regents</i> <i>President, CEO Piping Technology & Products, Inc.</i>
SPEAKER	Dean Tart
DESCRIPTION OF PIN	Dean Tart
PINNING OF BACHELOR CANDIDATES	Patricia Schrader, MSN, RN, CMSRN <i>Assistant Clinical Professor/ Second Degree BSN Manager</i>
	Sandra Lee, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE <i>Assistant Clinical Professor/RN to BSN Manager</i>
HOODING AND PINNING OF MASTER CANDIDATE	Kathleen Reeve, DrPH, ANP-BC, FNP-C <i>Associate Dean and Clinical Professor and College of Nursing Faculty</i>
	Dean Tart
PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR AND MASTER CANDIDATES	Dr. Kathleen Reeve
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Dean Tart
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE AND LIGHTING CEREMONY	Sonya Wade, DNSc, APRN, FNP-BC, RN
FAREWELL FROM THE FACULTY	Dr. Kathleen Reeve
ALMA MATER	Andrea Montano <i>Moore School of Music</i>
RECESSIONAL	"Radetzky Waltz" by <i>Strauss</i>

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Fall 2017

**SECOND DEGREE BSN
GRADUATES**

Nimmy Abraham
Fereshteh Abuzar
Asrar Ahmed ⁴
Allison Anne Artz
Meghan Elizabeth Atchison
Chika I. Ayozie ^{3,4}
Gloria Jenina Banuelos ⁴
Amber Barnes ^{3,4}
Angelina Nicole Beitzel ^{3,4}
Alyson Catherine Bell ⁴
Shelby L. Bilbrey
Eseigenete Chrishell Biresaw ^{3,4}
Lindsay Boone
Yelineth Del Carmen Bradburn
Suzanne Callejo ^{3,4}
Haley Marie Colley ^{2,4}
Christopher Cesar Corredor ³
Devan Crawford
Tarik D. Devic
Elizabeth Anne Di Francesco
Anh Thu Nguyen Dinh
Laura Fernanda Dorsch
Dorte Equitz ^{1,4}
Ashraf A. Farhoud
Tomas Josue Feliciano
Ana L. Fernandez ^{2,4}
Janette Gonzalez
Adriana Gutierrez ⁴
Emily Anne Hardy ¹
Elizabeth June Hawkes ^{3,4}
Catherine Rose Hopkins ^{1,4}
Merlia L. Hughes ⁴

Angelise Y. Jacquet
Christalina J. John ^{3,4}
Nelline Johnson ⁴
Elena Juarez
Bailey M. Kahn ⁴
Britney Kasmir ^{3,4}
Jessica Lee Kidwell
Amber Lea Lane
Drew A. Lawler ⁴
Jeralyn An Lee
Mary Elizabeth Loughran ^{2,4}
Jenna Macha
Kasey Lynn Macha
Amber Nicole Manus
Madison Martin ^{3,4}
Brittany Cooper McClain
Monet McKenzie ^{3,4}
Silbia Mendoza
Rachel L. Millender
Alyssa C. Mitchell ⁴
Aashaqali Momin
Niki Momin ³
Demetrius S Moore
Gabriela Morrison
Diem Nguyen ⁴
Caroleena Ortiz
Gloria Padilla Castro ³
Jordan Nicole Parker ^{3,4}
Jinal V. Patel ^{3,4}
Vy Pham
Darla Richelle Pierce ^{3,4}
Edward Shen Qu
Erica Lynn Rambo ⁴
Isabel Rincon

1 Summa Cum Laude Honors 2 Magna Cum Laude Honors 3 Cum Laude Honors

4 Sigma Theta Tau International Member

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GRADUATING STUDENTS

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Elizabeth Renee Rocha
Katlyn Alyssa Rodriguez
Christina Isabella Saenz ^{1,4}
Sarah Valentina Sgarbi
Elizabeth Shaji ³
Megan Shull ¹
Lara Sizemore
Lakeshia Danielle Stafford
Ahmad Tabbara
Mallory Ann Taber ²
Lana Kay Taylor ^{3,4}
Kimchau Ngoc Tran
Thanh Tan Tran
Sandra Valdez
Stephanie Vargas

James R. Webster ^{3,4}
Madeleine Youngblood ⁴
Jennifer Jade Zibili

RN TO BSN GRADUATES

McCall Avree Draeger
Sonia M. Ilag ^{3,4}
Neal Ryan Labrador
Rebecca Ann Longoria
Stephanie L. Mitchell
Thuong Trong Tran ^{3,4}

MASTER GRADUATE

Julie Melynn Zurek ⁴

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Faculty

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
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Patricia Schrader, MSN, RN, CMSRN
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Shainy Varghese,
PhD, MSN, RN, CPNP
Associate Professor

Sonya Wade,
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Assistant Clinical Professor

Adjuncts

Sylvia Anasi, MSN, RN

Davida Chatman, MSN, RN

Lorraine Cull, MSN, RN

Shermel Edwards-Maddox, MS, RN

Christina Garza, MSN, RN

Sofia John, MSN, RN

Edtrina Moss, MSN, RN

Kristine Murray, MSN, RN

Michelle Obey, MSN, RN

Arielle Olivares, MSN, RN

Maria E. Perez, BSN, PhD

Wilhelmina Rich, MSN, RN

Melissa Wade, MSN, RN, FNP-BC

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Provost Paula Myrick Short
Nursing Scholarship
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Second Degree BSN Clinical Affiliations

CHI St. Lukes Sugar Land Hospital
Cypress Independent School District
Devereaux Advanced Behavioral Health
Fort Bend Independent School District
Harris County Psychiatric Center
Harris Health System
Ben Taub and LBJ Hospitals
Houston Community College-Stafford/
Mental Health America
of Fort Bend County
Houston Independent School District
Houston Methodist Texas Medical Center
Houston Methodist Sugar Land
Houston Methodist West
Houston Methodist Willowbrook

Katy Independent School District
MD Anderson Cancer Center
Memorial Hermann
Memorial City Hospital
Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital
Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital
Shriner's Hospital
St. Peter's Preschool
Texana Early Childhood
Development Center
Texana Crisis Center
Texas Children's Hospital
Texas Medical Center
Westpark Springs

RN to BSN Clinical Affiliations

CHI – St Lukes
Memorial Hermann Memorial City
Memorial Hermann Southwest

Memorial Hermann Sugar Land
Houston Hospice
Vantage Hospice

MSN Practicum Affiliation

SE Memorial Hermann

Memorial Hermann,
Texas Medical Center

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UH Nursing Pin Design Committee

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Julie Schrader (*BSN '15*)

Tricia Smith (*BSN '15*)



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.

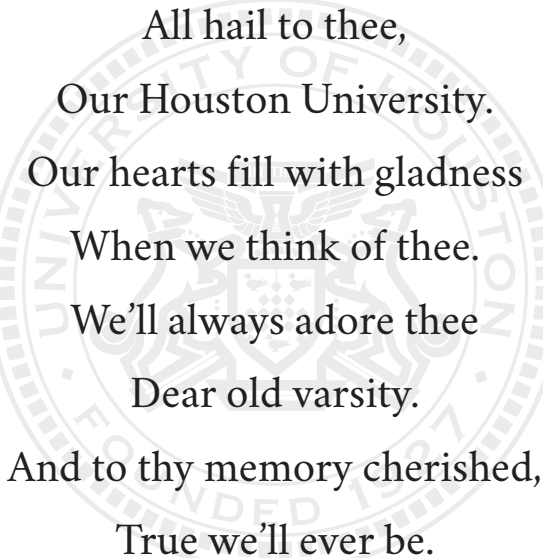
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The Alma Mater

The seal of the University of Houston is a large, faint watermark in the background. It is circular with the text "UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON" around the top and "FOUNDED 1927" around the bottom. In the center is a shield with a book, a lamp, and a scale, with wings above it.

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

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