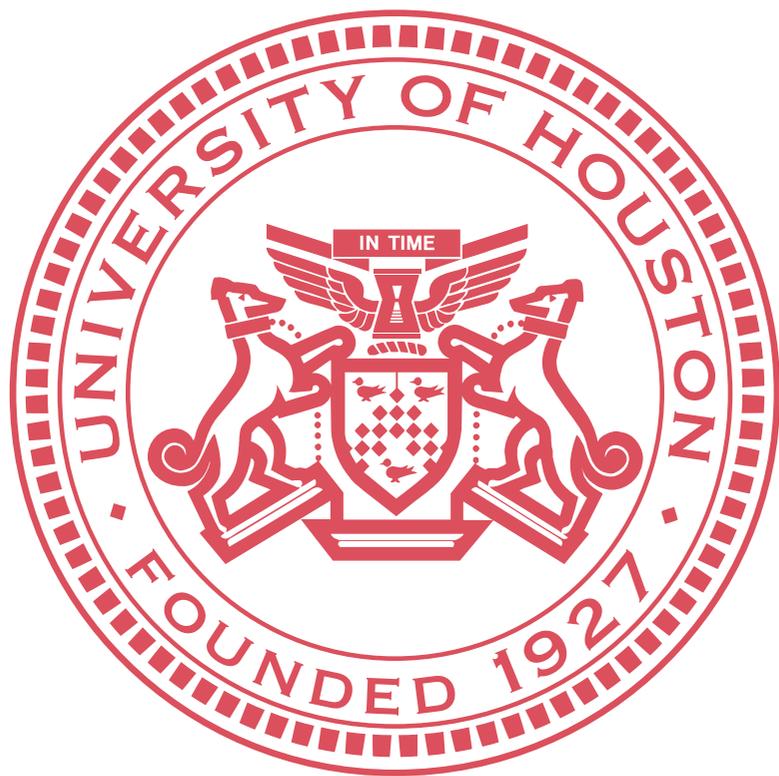


UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SPRING 2024 COMMENCEMENT

Graduate College of Social Work

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 • Fertitta Center





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Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations on receiving your college degree. Today, your longtime dream becomes a reality, and I join your family and friends in celebrating this milestone with you. I am a big believer in the power of dreams and resiliency. To graduate from college, despite the challenges of the past few years, is a testament to your unwavering commitment and ability to dream big.

Whether you're the first in your family to graduate from college or hail from collegiate scholars, your hard work and determination have brought you to this milestone. You are a generation who faced a global pandemic yet stayed focused on your studies and goals. You excelled against the odds, and this adversity has prepared you to face the professional world with more grit than any generation before. I applaud you for all that you have achieved.

Please take time to thank your professors, advisors, family and friends who supported you on this journey. It takes community to accomplish your goals, and I ask that you stay humble and give back to those in need as you go on to even greater heights.

You have received a Tier One education from the University of Houston. This is the home of industry leaders, nationally top-ranked academic programs, world-renowned faculty, the nation's top-ranked basketball program, cutting-edge research and so much more. I know in my heart that you are now ready to compete and become leaders in your chosen careers. Now, work hard, dream big and shine on.

Go Coogs!

Warmest regards,

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

University of Houston

Commencement Ceremony

University of Houston System

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University of Houston

Commencement Ceremony

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 more than 270 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 46,000 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 in 2015. 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

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Violet</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Violet Tassel: Black</i>

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Brown</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Brown Hood (Music): Pink Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Pink Tassel: Red</i>

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Dark Blue</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Drab Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red</i>

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Light Blue</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Light Blue Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood (Ed.D.): Light Blue Hood (Ph.D.): Dark Blue Tassel: Red</i>

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Orange</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Orange Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red</i>

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Navy</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Navy, Red and White Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red</i>

UH LAW CENTER

Master's Degree *Hood: Purple*
 Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Purple*
 Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

Doctor of Medicine Degree
 Hood: Kelly Green
 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

ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER COLLEGE OF NURSING

Bachelor's Degree *Tassel: Apricot*

Master's Degree *Hood: Apricot*
 Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Apricot*
 Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

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

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

Master's Degree *Hood: Citron*
 Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Citron*
 Tassel: Red

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Bachelor's Degree: *Tassel: Peacock Blue*

Master's Degree *Hood: Peacock Blue*
 Tassel: Black

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS – INTEGRATED STUDIES

Bachelor's Degree *Tassel: White*

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



Honorary Degree

DOMINIC NG

Chairman and CEO, East West Bank

A distinguished alumnus and longtime supporter of the University of Houston, Dominic Ng is Chairman and CEO of East West Bank, the largest publicly listed independent bank headquartered in Southern California. Since joining East West in 1991, Ng has transformed the bank from a small savings and loan association with \$600 million in assets into a global full-service commercial bank with over \$70 billion

in assets. Under his leadership, the financial powerhouse was ranked as the No. 1 performing bank in 2023 by S&P Global Market Intelligence and Bank Director.

An influential voice in finance, Ng advises heads of state and government on economic growth as chair of the 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Advisory Council. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the governing boards of Mattel, Inc., the University of Southern California and the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures.

A thought leader, Ng has been published in *Forbes*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Nikkei Asia*, and the *South China Morning Post*, among others. He's earned numerous honors for his business and philanthropic contributions, including the Alexis de Tocqueville Award — United Way Worldwide's highest distinction — Banker of the Year by *American Banker*, Businessperson of the Year by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* and *Forbes'* 25 Most Notable Chinese Americans.

Ng graduated magna cum laude from the University of Houston in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He and his wife, fellow UH alumna Ellen Wong, have been financially supportive of UH since 1990. Generous with their time and resources, the two hosted multiple events in the Los Angeles area in support of the University's historic "Here, We Go" campaign.

Ng supported himself through UH by tutoring student-athletes, including football players during the glory days of Coach Bill Yeoman. Holding fast to his love for UH and connection to student-athletes, Ng and Wong made a major gift to establish the Dominic and Ellen Ng Academic Center for Excellence inside the UH Athletics/Alumni Center. The 9,000 square-foot academic-support space, which opened in 2018, fosters collegiate excellence with dedicated areas for tutoring and group study, redesigned classrooms, and technology-driven amenities.

The Center's presence has left an indelible mark on UH's student-athletes, helping propel their academic and future success.

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.



President's Medallion

TDECU

TDECU is the largest credit union in Houston and the fourth largest in Texas, providing a full range of financial services to its more than 370,000 members. Established in 1955 to provide financial help to the hourly worker, today, its original \$35 loan has turned into over \$4.7 billion in assets. Moreover, TDECU provides philanthropic support to help its local communities thrive through a focus on educational, health and economic development.

Since 2008, TDECU has generously supported the University of Houston, contributing more than \$30 million to empower its students, employees and alumni through a broad range of impactful initiatives.

In 2014, when TDECU purchased naming rights to UH's football stadium for \$15 million, it made history with the largest-ever naming rights deal for a college football stadium at that time — elevating the football program and University. Concurrently, TDECU became a sponsor of the University of Houston's Alumni Association's (UHAA) annual Cougar 100 event, which recognizes and celebrates the 100 most successful Cougar-owned or led companies. In that same year, it also opened a branch in the UH Student Center, making its financial services easily accessible to UH students, employees and the local community.

Committed to student enrichment, for years, the credit union has worked closely with the C. T. Bauer College of Business on student-led strategic research and recruited student interns from its A.R. "Tony" and Maria J. Sanchez Program for Excellence in Selling, many of whom became permanent employees.

In 2023, the credit union renewed its football stadium naming rights agreement with a \$20 million partnership, which included an expansion of its support across the University. Its renewal helped to bolster UH's prominence in the Big 12 Conference and its vision to become a top 50 university. TDECU sponsored a new loyalty program to increase fan engagement. It also expanded its support of UHAA, partnering on numerous events and programs, as well as the UH Young Alumni Association. It became a presenting sponsor of the University's Cougar Cupboard food pantry, expanding access to nutritious food, free of charge for students in need. Additionally, it began providing financial literacy workshops for student-athletes covering saving, budgeting, debt management and taxes, among other key topics. TDECU also proudly sponsored UH Athletics' Champions Circle, which connects student-athletes with leading companies that help hone and further develop their professional skills

The President's Medallion is awarded at the sole discretion of the President to individuals and organizations that have distinguished themselves by their support of the University of Houston and the community.





Graduate College of Social Work
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Message from the Interim Dean

Congratulations on your graduation today from the Graduate College of Social Work.

At today's commencement ceremony, we celebrate your hard work, dedication, and commitment. We honor your many accomplishments as Graduate College of Social Work students and acknowledge the support of your family, significant others, friends, and classmates who have helped you during your educational journey. We also recognize the outstanding GCSW faculty and staff whose expertise, encouragement, and support have contributed to your success.

This commencement ceremony also marks the beginning of your career addressing some of the most pressing social issues facing our communities. You possess unique skills and knowledge that have prepared you to advocate for and serve those in need.

I, along with the faculty and staff of the Graduate College of Social Work, wish you every success in the coming years and we look forward to your continued involvement with our College and with our Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association. Today, on your graduation, we honor you and wish you a successful and rewarding social work career.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah C. Larsen".

Sarah C. Larsen, Ph.D.
Interim Dean

University of Houston
Graduate College of Social Work

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PROCESSIONAL	Moore School of Music Candidates for Graduation Platform Party
CALL TO ORDER	Sarah Narendorf <i>Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development</i>
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moore School of Music
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	Sarah C. Larsen <i>Interim Dean</i>
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Cecilia Reynolds and Anika Rodriguez <i>GCSW Student Association</i>
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER	Suzanne Pritzker <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i>
STUDENT SPEAKER	Frances Fisher <i>MSW Candidate</i>
PRESENTATION OF PH.D. CANDIDATES	Samira Ali <i>Associate Dean for Doctoral Education</i>
HOODING OF PH.D. CANDIDATES	Dissertation Advisors
PRESENTATION OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Pritzker
CANDIDATE NAMES READ BY	Steven Parks <i>Lecturing Faculty</i>
HOODING OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES	Juan Barthelemy <i>Associate Professor</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Interim Dean Larsen
CLOSING REMARKS	Interim Dean Larsen
RECESSIONAL	Moore School of Music Platform Party Graduates

Fall 2023 – Graduates

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Priscilla Patrick Kennedy

Learning to Confront Structural Racism:
An Interpretive Phenomenological
Analysis of Social Work Students'
Experiences

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Dr. Susan Robbins

Gaby Mohr-Avitia

What's Race Got to Do With It? A
Cannabis Industry Policy Analysis Using
Critical Race Theory

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Dr. Susan Robbins

Wen Xu

Zooming In and Out: Narratives on
Becoming a Mother in Mainland China

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Dr. Monit Cheung

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Monicia JoMea Christian

Eve Elise Clardy

Katie Ellis Dufour

Joshua Dejshun Epkins

Jonathan Hock

Aidan Elliot Maule Kronmiller

Cheryl A. Lovelady

Santiago Ruiz Morales III

Khadesia Symone Nedd

Natalie Rojas-Melendez

Carl Peter Schwartz

Sandra Renee Smiley

Ariana Danitza Vargas

Amanda Marie Watts

Spring 2024 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Gabrielle Aquino-Adriatico

'Tough as Tsinelas': A Mixed Methods
Study on the Mental Health Experiences
and Strength of Filipina Mothers During
the COVID-19 Pandemic

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Dr. Patrick Leung

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Gul R. Abdali

Sacha Abou Sleiman

April Aguilar

Irina Cristina Alejandro Guardiola

Azwaa Ali

Antanisha Sherrece Alves

Elizabeth Gail Anderson

Alondra Guadalupe Andrade

Kathryn Elizabeth Crosby Atkins

Kimmi L. Attaway

Caylie S. Babb

Monique Shawnte Baker

Joseph A. Bartolotta

Audrey C. Barton

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Kamren Bell

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Geraldine Carolina Blanco

Michelle Antoinette Bolden

Cynthia Ann Bove

Logan Baylee Breen

Meredith Margaret Cagley

Analisa Campos

Ciara Nicole Carlson-Hargis

Kimberly Ann Carpenter

Thomas Carter II

Brittney Renee Castille

Safia Aslam Chaudhary

La'Dereka Rena Christian

Vanessa C. Clairjeune

Holli Fawcett Clayton

Lou-Anne Clerger

Michaela Leigh Coburn

Kori Grace Cook

Javier Agustin Corona

Destiny Victoria Davis

Katina Janae' Davis

Jerry Dale Donahoe

Kathryn Terzah Doyle

Ashley Octavia Edwards

Isaac Eguia

Karen Nancy De San Juan Eroazo

Kylie Erp

Amy Escobar

Frances Fisher

Allena Gwendolyn Flores

Laura Meredith Fouad

Leiza Madai Francia

Alexia Frometa

Marina R. Gallegos

Lyssette Galvan

Caroline Marie Garcia

Miguel Manuel Garcia

Jacqueline Gheorghie

B. Giffin

Danielle Gillespie

Julia Elizabeth Giroux-Keys

Jodie Lynn Goldberg

Ollicia Deshawn Gonzalez

Zachary Evan Gresham

Amber Lee Guerra-Perez

Armine Gulyan

Samantha Christine Hand

Juliana Claire Hose

Hunter Gabriel Hostettler

Samina Afroze Huq

Antonia Iyer

Jasmine Ann James

LaTicia C. Jeffers

Christiana T. Jefferson

Jaleice R. Johnson

Sebastian Warren Jones

Ada Alicia Jovel

Fred Kayiwa

Amrit Khalsa

Jennifer Kirsten

Tiffani A. Kreft

Oluwatosin O. Laniyan

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Kellyn June Lappinga
Samantha Ledezma
Maranatha Glory Liga
Kathryn Liptrap
Kyrah Grace Lowe
Louann Fang Lucas
Grace Marcelo-Ramirez
Lila Grace Martin
Carrie Niccole Mayatt
Victor Martin Medrano, Jr.
Jonny Josue Melgar Nolasco
Anahi Miranda Mendoza
Donielle Y. Montgomery
Jaymie Lenette Moses
Britni N. Moya
Amanda Murt
Rachel Myhill
Cynthia Marie Newson
Tri Duc Nguyen
Peter J. Norris
Lexi C. Onuoha
Luke Cowan Orth
Stefanie S. Page
Hailey Alexandra Park

Alexandra Izzabehr Parris
Yasmin Pereira
Gabriela Janice Pinon
Sarah Morghan Poehler
Miriam Pretelin
William Diguisto Queenan
Cydnee Kiara Quinn
Tahira Raza
Nereida Rendon
Maria Therese Rocha
Marco Antonio Rodriguez
Savina Michelle Rodriguez
Brandy Rosales
Jeanette Olushola Salu
Sophie Sanati
Katherine Steigerwald Schaeffer
Sharon Rae Seiler
Jennifer Renee Shelton
Sarah Stasica
Corey Stork
Alisi Joelle Talbot
Nathaneal Caleb Taylor
Oscar Lee Thomas
Serena J. Thompson

Maria Genoveva Torres
Jade Gloria Tucker
Kiley F. Uherek
Nneka Adeline Ukawilu
Evelyn L. Vasquez
Melissa Reina Vences
AJa Venible
Cyrus Dhruv Virani
Sabrina Ann Washington
Arlo F. Weltge
Michele Rene White
Amanda Atwood Wiggins
Tanesha Wilcox
Regina Baby Wiley
Princess William
Nakarah Marie Williams
Nzingha Anna Williams-Eugene
Wendy Winborn
Antoinette Renee Young
Erin Elizabeth Yousef
Kevin James Zahradnik
Wendy Estela Zuniga

Summer 2024 – Candidates for Graduation

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Jairus Marc F. Aguilar
Maristel Aguilar
Marilyn Alicia Allen
Rebeca Edith Amaya
Brittany Nicole Anderson
Fabiola Ausencio Mauricio
Antoinette Shanice Batton
Heaven Lee'Anne Baylor
Tanisha L.E. Belvin
Carli Joan Bernardo
Sydney Lauren Biekert
Jaki Blanco
Rachel Boudreaux
Tasia Brown
Heidy Calderón
Kiara L. Campbell
Jailen J. Chapple

Mallika Choudhury
Zahra AbdiAziz Cope
Jessica Abigail De La Fuente
Maria V. Delgado
Ellie Nicola Dingwall
Jo Faith Dye
Ma'Kiyah D'ajah Edwards
Eva Lee-Andra Elliott
Karina Galiano
Ava Renee Garrison
Kaila Paloma Gray
Melody Ann Gray
Marie Noelle Handkins
Ashley Chauntele-Michelle Hardy
Natalie McKenna Hartman
Ashley Aaliyha Hernandez
Alissa Jean Huddleston
Misty Gayle Hughes
Kittina Kemetra Jones

Sara Elizabeth Kleiner
Kathryn Anne Kneer
Rhonda Renee Kuykendall
LaTasha Glodine LeBlanc
Jada R. Lee
Daniela Madrigal Fernandez
Clara P. Martinez
Tabbitha Martinez
Nancy Lee Martinez-Guzman
Kleigh GlenMarie McLain
Jasmine N. Morgan
Jamie Lee Murphy
Shazia Nagi
Brittney Jordan Neilson
Anisa M. Nelson
Rashele N. Owens
Anna Karina Palma
Maya Peyton Pierre
Mariana Pineda

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Christian J. Primus
Sandra Noemy Reeves
Mary Katherine Revia
Stefany Lucero Rico
Deannie Marie Rodriguez
Emily Salazar
Doria Salinas
Sandra A. Salinas-Ponce
Rachel Anne Schaffer
Emily Jane Scullion

Tristen Chase Seagull
Marium A. Shinwari
Kadijah Smith
Quinton Sneed-Lott
Amanda E. Stafford
Shannon Gabrielle Starkey
Clarice R. Starks
Alyssa M. Stephenson
Chloe Elizabeth Stowe
Kimberli Alyssia Sullivan

Kara Joy Svercl
Trista Andrea Torres
Zuly Tovar Nevarez
Emma Marie Tresch
Devina Vaillancourt
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