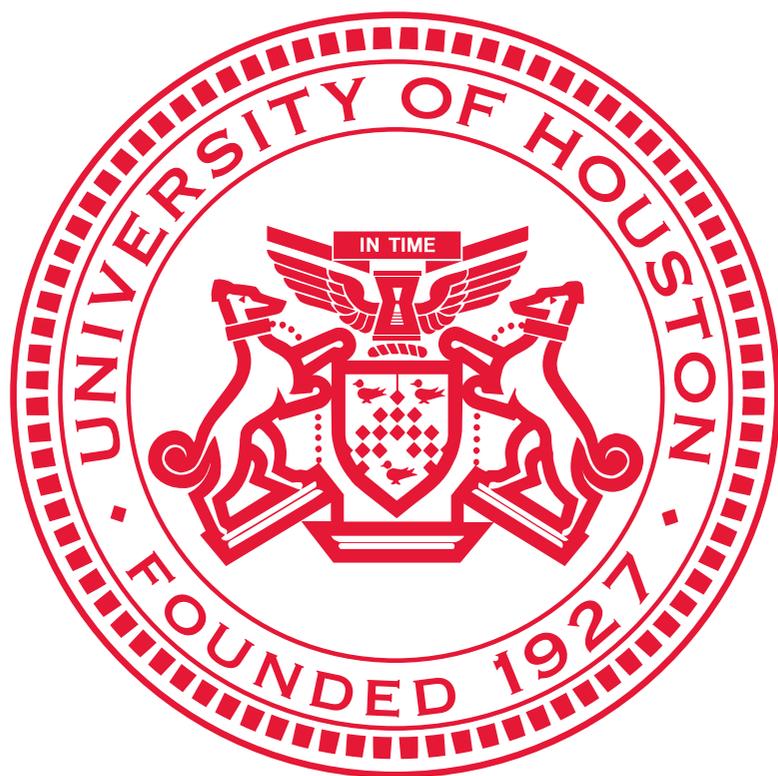


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Message from the President

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Renu khator'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

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

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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.





Message from the Dean

May 11, 2024

Dear Graduates of the Inaugural Class of the UH Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine:

Congratulations on your graduation from medical school and welcome to the medical profession! This long-awaited day has finally arrived, and you have achieved your goal of becoming a physician. You have worked hard, and you are ready to move on to the next phase of your training and assume more responsibility in the care of your patients. The energy, persistence, resilience, and grit that you have displayed in medical school will serve you well as you complete your residencies. Our faculty and staff are grateful to have been able to contribute to your medical education and are very proud of your accomplishments to date and look forward to your successes throughout your careers. Thank you for your willingness to be part of the inaugural class of a new medical school and to help us “build the airplane as we are flying it!”

To the family and friends who have accompanied you through your educational journey, we extend our congratulations for your achievements and our gratitude for their support. We trust that this support will continue through the next phase of your training, which will be just as rigorous, if not more so than medical school.

You are the first alumni of our College of Medicine, and I am confident that you will represent us well and help build our school’s reputation over time. I hope that you will leave the University of Houston with some fond memories of your medical school days and return to campus often to visit us and keep us informed of your progress in your career. We are here to serve you in any way we can be helpful; please do stay in touch! We will miss you!

May you experience great joy in providing compassionate care and bringing healing and hope to the patients and communities you will serve as a physician!

Warm regards,

Stephen J. Spann, M.D., M.B.A.
Founding Dean

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PROCESSIONAL	Moore School of Music
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moore School of Music
COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS	Kimberly Pilkinton <i>Interim Associate Dean for Medical Education</i> Claudine Johnson <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i> <i>Director for the Household-Centered Care Program</i>
HONORARY MACE BEARERS	Brian Reed <i>Chair, Clinical Sciences</i> Ashlynn Mills
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	Stephen J. Spann <i>Founding Dean</i> <i>Vice President for Medical Affairs</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable Tilman J. Fertitta <i>Chairman</i>
GREETINGS	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
GREETINGS	G. Ray Callas <i>President, Texas Medical Association</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Wayne J. Riley <i>President, Suny Downstate Health Sciences University</i>
PRESENTATION OF M.D. CANDIDATES	Stephen Scott <i>Senior Associate Dean for Education</i>
PRESENTATION AND HOODING OF CANDIDATES	Chair Reed Donald Briscoe <i>Director of Advanced Clerkships</i> Michelle Carroll-Turpin <i>Assistant Dean for Admissions</i> Kenya Steele <i>Assistant Dean for Outreach and Student Pathways</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	President Khator
ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH	Kristin Kassaw <i>Assistant Dean for Student Affairs</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Spann
ALMA MATER	Moore School of Music
RECESSIONAL	Moore School of Music



Commencement Speaker

WAYNE J. RILEY

President, Suny Downstate Health Sciences University

WAYNE J. RILEY, M.D., MPH, MBA, MACP, is the 17th President of The State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Health Sciences University.

He is an academic primary care general internist with more than 25 years of executive management and leadership experience in academic medicine, healthcare management, government, and advocacy. Before joining Downstate, Dr. Riley held professorships at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management. For six years, he served as the 10th president, chief executive officer, and professor of Medicine at

Meharry Medical College.

Dr. Riley earned his Bachelor of Arts from Yale University, his Doctor of Medicine from the Morehouse School of Medicine, a Master of Public Health from the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and a Master of Business Administration from Rice University's Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business.

Dr. Riley was recently named among the 2021 Brooklyn Power 100 by City & State Magazine. And in June, alongside Drs. Anthony Fauci and Eric Topol received the National Medical Humanism Medal from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, where he is Board Secretary.

Dr. Riley was elected in 2020 as Board Chair of the New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) making him the first black board chair in NYAM's 173-year history. He is a Commissioner of the non-partisan U.S. Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) and President Emeritus, Former Regent, and Master of the American College of Physicians (ACP). Dr. Riley is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) of the National Academy of Sciences, has served as Vice-Chair, and later as Chair of NAM's Section on the Administration of Health Services, Education, and Research.

Dr. Riley is President of the Society of Medical Administrators, a member of the American Clinical and Climatological Association, the Sullivan Alliance to Diversify the Health Professions, Treasurer and member of the Board of Directors of the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities.

Dr. Riley serves on the Boards of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, YMCA of Greater New York, Catholic Charities Brooklyn & Queens, and the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health.

Commencement Ceremony

Class of 2024 Oath

As part of the University of Houston College of Medicine Class of 2024, I consider it my honor and privilege to uphold the following pledge:

I wholeheartedly answer the call to care for those in need with fairness.

Above all, I will do no harm.

Arabic: أولاً لا تضر (awla la tatur),

Igbo: Ihe mbu bu, agaghị m eme ihe ojoo,

Spanish: Primero, no ocasionaré daño,

Turkish: ilk önce zarar verme,

Urdu: پہلے کوئی نقصان نہ کرو

Vietnamese: Đầutiên không gây hại

To my patients: I will respect your autonomy and dignity by upholding the principles of beneficence, nonmaleficence, and justice. I commit to empowering my patients to engage in their own care and to better advocate for themselves; more importantly, I vow to remember that I am treating a human being, not a disease.

To the loved ones who support me: I recognize that I would not have made it this far in my journey without you, I vow to use the continued guidance that you provide me to serve my patients with humility.

To my community: I recognize that each person has unique identities and dispositions, and I promise to safeguard and honor these differences; I vow to educate, advocate, serve, and be an agent of positive change for all. I vow to contribute to the pursuit of health equity by addressing and working to eliminate health disparities in the Third Ward, East End, Greater Houston area, and beyond.

To my colleagues, healthcare professionals, and professors: I vow to respect the sacrifices made by those before me in the search for knowledge, equity, and human prosperity. I will learn to practice the art and science of medicine with humility and promote the advancement of medical knowledge through research and teaching. I will value the strength of collaboration and respect the knowledge of all allied health professionals.

To the University of Houston College of Medicine Community: I commit to uphold academic and professional integrity throughout my medical education and career. I vow to help cement a culture of plurality, respect, and mutual support with my classmates. I pledge to establish a legacy of transformational practice and continue to build upon and carry out this legacy. Ultimately, I shall uphold the established social mission of the University of Houston College of Medicine to holistically improve the health of underserved and marginalized communities to the best of my ability.

To myself: I recognize that to care for others, one must first care for one's self. Therefore, I vow to routinely practice physical, mental, and spiritual wellness. I commit to constantly pursue knowledge and strive for excellence. I will follow my conscience, even in adversity. I vow to serve my patients with compassion, equity, and transparency. I will examine my biases, admit to my limitations, take responsibility for my actions, and use them as catalysts for personal and professional growth.

It is with great privilege and gratitude that I commit to upholding the highest standards of the medical profession and the principles of this oath. I take this oath solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

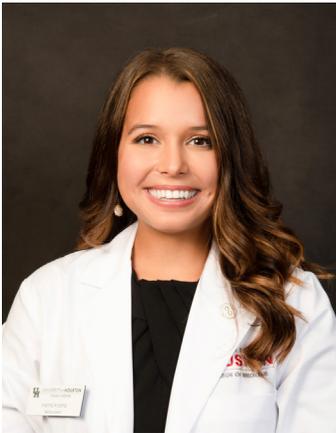
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Rosemary Agwuncha
AUSTIN, TEXAS
RESIDENCY:
Family Medicine,
Waco Family Medicine
Institute, Waco, Texas



Anthony Carona
DICKINSON, TEXAS
RESIDENCY:
Anesthesiology,
Baylor Scott & White Medical
Center, Temple, Texas



Marina Arocha
HOUSTON, TEXAS
RESIDENCY:
Pediatrics,
The University of Texas
Medical School,
Houston, Texas



Cenk Cengiz
HOUSTON, TEXAS
RESIDENCY:
General Surgery,
St Davids Healthcare Graduate
Medical Education,
Austin, Texas



Angelica
Calderon Rodriguez
THE COLONY, TEXAS
RESIDENCY:
Preliminary Surgery,
St. Elizabeth's Medical Center,
Boston, Massachusetts



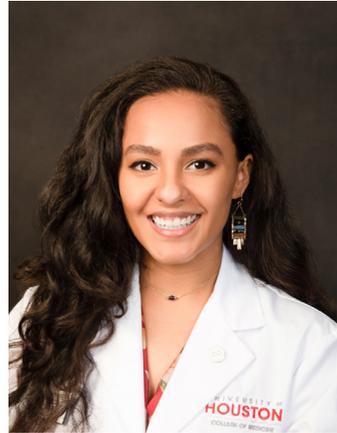
Sakina Chinwala
DALLAS, TEXAS
RESIDENCY:
Pediatrics,
The University of Texas
Southwestern Medical School,
Dallas, Texas

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Brittanie Cockrell
PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS
RESIDENCY:
Pediatrics/San Antonio,
Baylor College of Medicine,
San Antonio, Texas



Maya Fontenot
HOUSTON, TEXAS
RESIDENCY:
Emergency Medicine-
Family Medicine, Christiana
Care, Newark, Delaware



Christian Colin
CONROE, TEXAS
RESIDENCY:
Family Medicine,
Conroe Regional Medical
Center, Conroe, Texas



Brianna Gonzalez
MISSION, TEXAS
RESIDENCY:
Family Medicine,
MacNeal Hospital,
Berwyn, Illinois



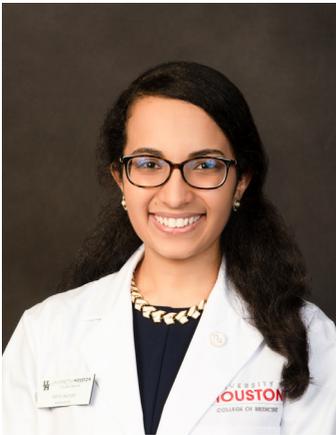
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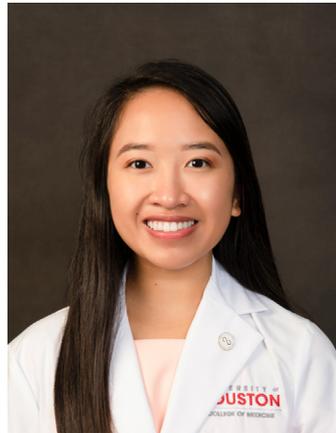
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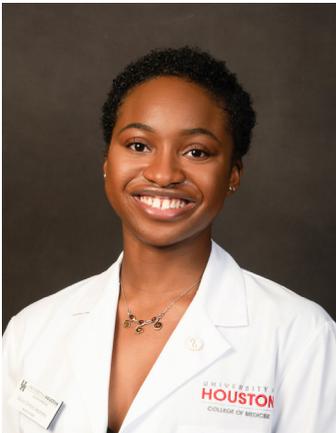
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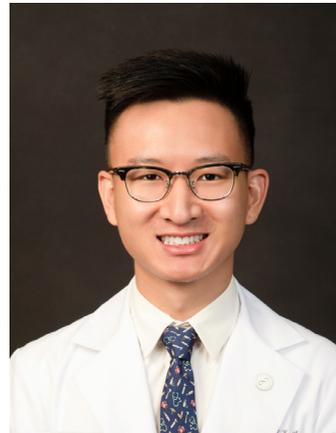
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Sachs'.

Michael Sachs ('97)
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