University of Houston
Fall 2022 Commencement

Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership

Friday, December 16, 2022 • Cullen Performance Hall
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December 16, 2022

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations! Today you’ve reached a tremendous milestone that sets the stage for a bright, new beginning. Today, you become a college graduate.

This accomplishment represents your years of hard work and sacrifice and a steadfast commitment to achieve. I know that same drive and endurance will serve you well as you make your mark on the world. Moreover, I know your education will make a positive impact on our society as you contribute the knowledge and skills you gained here.

You’ve received a first-class education at the University of Houston, and I know you will reach your full potential. The support of your family and friends, and encouragement of your UH faculty, advisers and staff have also played a significant part in your success. Thank them for their contribution, as we thank you for choosing our university.

UH is the home of award-winning sports, nationally top-ranked academic programs, world-renowned faculty, ground-breaking research and so much more. It has transformed you into the best prepared, educated and equipped individuals of your generation because you were committed to doing the work. Now, go forward as proud graduates and take the world by storm.

With my best wishes for a bright and rewarding future, Go Coogs!

Warmest regards,

Renu Khator
President, University of Houston
Message from the Provost

Dear Graduates,

Mission accomplished! You are graduating from the University of Houston and ready to apply the knowledge gained at our institution to bold new endeavors.

As someone who has spent a few decades in academia, I know it wasn't easy. Balancing classes, work and personal obligations tested you at times. Still, you persevered to reach this moment.

You didn't do it alone, however. Take a moment to acknowledge those who supported you on the road to today's commencement.

Also, stay in touch with your alma mater. Today's ceremonies should not serve as a “farewell” to the University. Instead, look upon these commencement exercises as an informal invitation to someday return to UH and share your stories with future generations of graduates.

After all, you are forever a member of the Cougar family! Following today's ceremonies, you will be official members of our growing alumni base. No matter where your journeys lead, you will remain an integral part of our University.

As you prepare to cross the stage today, please know that all of us are proud of you. Your very presence at today's ceremonies is an indication of the tenacity and talent that helped earn your degrees and will take you far in your respective careers.

On behalf of the faculty, college deans and the many staff members committed to your success, congratulations! We are honored that you selected the University of Houston for your academic pursuits and proud that you are representing our institution as graduates!

Onward,

Robert H. McPherson

Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
University of Houston

Commencement Ceremony

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College of Nursing
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Cullen College of Engineering
Michael Twa
Humana Endowed Dean’s Chair in Optometry
College of Optometry
Dan E. Wells
Distinguished Professor of Science
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
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 15 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.

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# University of Houston

## Commencement Ceremony

### UH Law Center
- **Master's Degree**
  - Hood: Purple
  - Tassel: Black
- **Doctoral Degree**
  - Hood: Purple
  - Tassel: Black

### 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

### College of Nursing
- **Bachelor's Degree**
  - Tassel: Apricot
- **Master's Degree**
  - Hood: Apricot
  - Tassel: Black

### 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

### College of Technology
- **Bachelor’s Degree**
  - Tassel: Maroon
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Maroon
  - Tassel: Black

### Hobby School of Public Affairs
- **Master’s Degree**
  - Hood: Peacock Blue
  - Tassel: Peacock Blue
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
Academic Honors

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.

Undergraduates who have graduated with the stated academic honors have achieved the following grade point averages earned in the last 54 hours completed at the University of Houston.

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<td>3.50 TO 3.69</td>
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This roster does not include the names of degree holders who chose to withhold information under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.

Summa Cum Laude – 4.0 GPA Graduates

The following graduates are recognized for achieving Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average while also completing their degree within four years of starting their first semester in college at the University of Houston.

**FALL 2022**

Diana Allemakovna Bucumi  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance*  
*C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS*

Sarah Bunjaku  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance*  
*C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS*

Midhat Zehra Jafry  
*Bachelor of Science in Biology*  
*COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS*  
*Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies*  
*COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES*

Charles M. Loh  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems*  
*C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS*

Elizabeth A. Lopez-Aguilar  
*Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communication*  
*COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES*

Reagan L. Mccawley  
*Bachelor of Science in Psychology*  
*COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES*

Natalia X. Perez Navarro  
*Bachelor of Arts in History*  
*COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES*

Nhi K. Nguyen  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems*  
*C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS*

Rebecca M. Ramos  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems*  
*C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS*

Kimberly Shen  
*Bachelor of Science in Global Hospitality Leadership*  
*CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP*

Yvana Suarez  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance*  
*C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS*
A true pillar of the community, The Cullen Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life of all people in Houston through sustained investments in high-performing education, health care, public service and cultural arts. Since its inception in 1947, the Foundation has distributed over $500 million in grants supporting numerous Houston institutions, including the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, YES Prep Public Schools, Memorial Park Conservancy, New Hope Housing and The Houston Food Bank, among others. In its 75 years of existence, The Cullen Foundation has given more than $82 million to the University of Houston System.

The Foundation was established by Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen and, today, Cullen family members carry on their legacy of philanthropy through active roles as directors of the Foundation. The Cullen family and The Cullen Foundation have been generous and longtime supporters of the University of Houston, with Hugh Roy Cullen’s support dating back to the University of Houston’s first decade. A devoted champion of the University, during his lifetime he gave millions to various UH projects, served as chairman of the then University of Houston Board of Regents and had the College of Engineering named after him in honor of his unyielding philanthropy.

In 2013, the Foundation pledged $10 million to UH’s historic “Here, We Go” campaign, funding two new endowed chairs, support of the dean’s chair in the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts, the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Data Science Institute and multiple buildings. In 2020, $600,000 was given to the Roy Cullen Building Renovation Fund. To address learning loss during the pandemic, in 2021, the Cougar Tutors Instructional Recovery Partnership received $500,000 from The Foundation. The generous gift enabled instructional recovery for students at six Houston-area charter schools.

The President’s Medallion is awarded at the sole discretion of the President to organizations that have distinguished themselves by their support of the University of Houston.
Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Today marks a major milestone in your lives—the day you officially transition from students to alumni. You have accomplished so much in your time at the Conrad N. Hilton College, and now you will build upon those experiences as you launch your careers. Several factors have contributed to your success at the University of Houston: the support of your families and friends; encouragement from faculty and staff; and—most importantly—your own determination to learn, grow and accomplish your goals.

You are now part of a global network of close to 9,300 Hilton College graduates, and the friendships you have made as students will serve as the foundation for great professional relationships in the coming years. Wherever your journey takes you, I encourage you to stay connected to your College.

The Fall Class of 2022 is among the best the College has ever produced, and I know you will continue to serve as outstanding ambassadors for our program in all of your professional endeavors. On behalf of the entire Hilton College family, I offer my sincere congratulations to all of you.

Best wishes—and Go Coogs!

Dennis Reynolds
Dean
Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair
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College Banner Bearer
Platform Party
Faculty

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Moores School of Music

WELCOME AND OPENING ADDRESS

Dennis Reynolds
Dean, Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair

GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

The Honorable Doug H. Brooks
Member

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Jason McCann
Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Vari®

PRESENTATION OF MASTERS DEGREE CANDIDATES

Ki-Joon Back
Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies
Eric Hilton Distinguished Chair

PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES

Mary Dawson
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Donald H. Hubbs Professorship

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dean Reynolds

PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI AWARD FOR SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE

Achim Schmitt
Dean of Graduate School
École Hôtelière de Lausanne

PRESENTATION OF GLOBAL MASTERS AWARDS

Dean Reynolds

PRESENTATION OF DEAN’S AWARDS AND CLOSING REMARKS

RECESSIONAL
JASON McCANN

Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Vari®

JASON McCANN's mission is to create workspaces that elevate people. In 2013, he co-founded Vari, creator of the popular VariDesk sit-stand desks.

Under his leadership, Vari has grown at an incredible pace. SMU Cox named it Dallas’ fastest growing business and EY named Jason the Entrepreneur of the Year.

Today, the workspace innovation company provides office furniture for high-growth businesses, with products in 98% of the Fortune 500. VariSpace, the company’s commercial real estate venture, offers enterprises space-as-a-service with flexible lease terms.

Jason has been published by Forbes, Entrepreneur, and Inc. and was named CEO of the Year by D CEO Magazine in 2021. He has spoken about workspace innovation at Australia’s Parliament and at events like Inc. Founders House at SXSW, Dreamforce, and Startup Grind.

Jason and his family live near Dallas. He earned his B.S. and MBA from the University of Houston.
Fall 2022 – Candidates for Graduation

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Neziah Bowers
Jack Patrick Burke
Rebecca M. Douglass
Sarah Renee Flores-Lewis
Megan L. Flowers
Boyd Foster
Ilana Gallegos-Rivera
Grace Mae Garcia
Anthony Li Hong
Sonia Ashok Katakhdhond
Minh Trong Le
Ngoc Thi Kim Nguyen
Chloe R. Penton
Isabella M. Raschke
Megan Roper
Mackenzie N. Snuggs
Hannah Elizabeth Todd
Sachinsingh Rakesh Singh Tomar
Huy Duc Vu

EXECUTIVE MASTER OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Leigh Newton Alvarez
Jerald J. Bass
Nadia Casaperalta
Joey Elizondo
Robin Lynn Jackson
Brandon Alexander Soverall
Katharine Tiffany
Cristina Kelly Vazquez

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY BUSINESS

Timur Akhsanov
Jay Jayesh Bhakta
Amanda Maria Charreton
Chunyuan Chen
Tommaso Guidi
Giovanni Guidi
Shicheng Guo
Maayán Harispe
Xing Nan He
Katarina Holecova
Jiahui Huang
Yen Lin Kuo
Alexander Lebedev
Élise Lemercier
Wenxin Li
Xin Li
Luca Malandrino
Sai Krishna Goud Meekala
Matthieu Claude Michel
Édouard Provino
Shivam Sharma
Hubie Robert Sangster
Ricardo Tellez
Anne de Rooij
Yingni Wang
Junyi Yang

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Perla Glen Albiter 1
Alysa Taylor Aldredge
Emma Elyse Allbee
Jonathan Alvarado 3
Zachary Andrzejewski 2
Yamil Asaf Garduno
Leslie Basave 2
Kaithlynn Mabulay Bruno 3
Victoria Lynn Buck
Alana Marie Bush 2

Fernando Gabriel Callejas Quevedo
Crystal Charrie 2
Bailin Chen 1
Alexandra Noelle Clayton
Argelia D. Contreras
Anthony Baldemar Cortez, Jr. 2
Bernice Joann Creamer
Shirjil Asif Davwa 3
Austin M. Demoney
Duc Tri Duong 3
Krissy Feng 1
Madison R. Fleming
Danielle J. Foster
Jasmine A. Fraire
Joshua A. Friedman
Raven Gallien
Tiffany I. Garbanzos 2
Hiram Moises Garcia
Jordyn E. Garcia 1
Justin A. Garcia
Sophia N. Garcia
Kyle Matthew Garza 3
Ethan Laurence Giles
Thomas Wayman Grant 3
Alyssa Nicole Grooms 3
Omar Guerrero 1
Nour N. Hammoudeh
Nikki Hashemi 2
Yong He 3
Jinglong Heng 3
Rebecca D. Holman
Ashley Bright Hu 1
Ting Hin Hui 1
Treasure Jackson
Joseph B. Jacobsen
Fatashia Jannat 2
Yi Kao 1
Pichaphoorn Kheang 1
Isaiah Edgar King
Alexis Nicole Kokines
Thomas Bernhart Kozuch 2
Vincent Lin 3

1 Summa Cum Laude - 2 Magna Cum Laude - 3 Cum Laude
University of Houston
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Yuxuan Liu
Joann Ming Cho Loomis
Veronica Araceli Martinez Serrano
Taylor Christine McHenry
Laura Camila Medina Galindo
Damian P. Melchor
Edith Moctezuma Alvarado
Ian M. Moffett
Brandon G. Montanez
Alicia R. Murillo
An Duy Nguyen
Viet Hoang Nguyen
Janese Elizabeth Olvera
Matthew A. Orosco
Fernando David Osorio Gutierrez
Jiwan Park
Marie Elizabeth Pellinen
Eryc Perez
Christopher Josue Polanco Cabrera
Hanh Nguyen Redfearn
Amberley Robles
Alejandro Rodriguez
Alejandra C. Romero Castillo
Abril Mariana Roque Trejo
Dianisse Michelle Santana
Megan A. Schultz
Sameed Shahid
Kimberly Shen

Kaylee Sheppard
Macy L. Strozier
Kevin Eugene Tarney
Rosalinda N. Thach
Qianhui Tu
Efrain Vaquera
Jared Anthony Veasey
Haley Melissa Ventura
Yingwen Weng
William Claude Wheless
Yuhong Xiaolin
Weihang Xu
Keying Zhang

1 Summa Cum Laude - 2 Magna Cum Laude - 3 Cum Laude
Message from the Dean

Congratulations, Class of 2022!

Today, we gather to celebrate you and your successful journey through the University of Houston and the Honors College.

Know that each of you has made history -- by persevering through a world pandemic, never losing sight of the goal! But the pandemic did not deter you despite unprecedented difficulties.

I’ve been affiliated with the Honors College for more than 45 years of my 48-year career as a faculty member at the University of Houston. My association began before it was even a college as you know it today – it began as the Honors Program in the 1950s. Since those initial beginnings, I have seen unprecedented growth, both in numbers of students and programs, and in overall quality. I believe that the Honors College provides exceptional opportunities to our students and has become increasingly important to the University.

With the guidance of outstanding faculty and staff, you have thrived and grown as you navigated your way through the Honors College’s exceptional academic experiences, unparalleled opportunities in research, and real-world service to the community.

Independent of the path you have taken, you are not in the same place you were when you began this journey, and neither is the College. During your time in Honors, you have been a part of its dynamic growth and development with the addition of new minors, a record-breaking number of awardees of scholarships and major awards, and new opportunities for both research and co-curricular engagement.

As you begin your careers or continue your studies through graduate or professional programs, we know that you’ll be well prepared to lead in your chosen field and continue contributing solutions to the grand challenges of tomorrow.

Although you’re graduating, the Honors College will always be a part of your life. Stay connected with the College as an alum and I hope you will support the College’s programs and scholarships for future generations.

Go Coogs!

Stuart Long
Interim Dean
and Associate Dean, Undergraduate Research
The Honors College Honors

The Honors College at the University of Houston offers students special opportunities to develop their academic abilities. Below are the Honors College designations.

**University Honors and University Honors with Honors in Major**
Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) graduate with University Honors. If students also complete a senior honors thesis, they graduate with University Honors with Honors in Major.

**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.
University Honors with Honors in Major

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Anna Mayzenberg
Ethan Paquet

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Ashley Dianne Acuna
Marco Antonio Garcia
Hana Osama Mohamad

University Honors

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Mahin Ahsan
Sheheryar Ali
Jack Alexander Barsotti
Abigail Bryant
Colin Campbell
Blake Bryan Deckard
Derick Adrian Del Rio
Cody Wayne Doyle
Zarius Kersi Engineer
Victoria Escobar
Josh Flynn
Clarissa Juliet Garcia
Vividha Gupta
Megan Tien Harris
Aaron Edward Hart
Trent Cade Holub
Jeline Jabbour
Aamirah Jamal
Amy Quynh Lai
Lindee Le
Sana Nguyen
Emily Nham
Amritha Poozhikunnath Manojkumar
Fernanda Olvera
Jiten Oza
Rebecca Ramos
Mahmood Rameen Rastegari
Alexandra Marie Romero
Emma Francisca Saenz
Chandler Adam Scott
Christianna Simon
Ana Paola Torres Lopez

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Chinonso Nnenna Agodu
Elnora Awatt
Syeda Maryam Beyabani
Kaleb M. Clark
Blake Bryan Deckard
Isabella Frazier
Cira-Marie Frias
Jhoana Marie Icay Fulgencio
Claire E. Fuller
Connor Adrian Garcia
Maya Annika Garza
Summer Rose Gebrail
Jaelys Gonzales
Michelle Marie Guerra
Josue Guerrero
Daniela M Herrera Almaguer
Amina Aslam Khan
Kush Kinariwala
Marley Knittle
Aamina Malik
Suzanne Marie Mastren
Villa Gasper Matovu
Reagan Mccawley
Sondos Moursy
Duc Gia Bach Nguyen
Tag Fouad Osama
Sydney Michelle Perkins
Anna Marie Rowbatham
Amna Zehra Saleem
Hassan A. Syed
Minahil Zaki

KATHRINE G. McGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS
Mia L. Garcia

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Gabriela Christine McAndrew

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Shiv Chopra
Yusef Haikal
John Mcnamara
Marcos Elian Ibarra Montoya
Joseph C. Palacios
Jocelyn Ramos
Dorthy Alynna D. Tapic
Tyler D. Todd

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP
Megan Aimee Schultz

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
Shaikh Fatima Afaq
Isaac Thomas Benedict
Sammy A. Bourji
Gabrielle Juliano Co
Emilie Kate Cooper
Shereen Yasser Enan
University of Houston
The Honors College

Collegiate Honors

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Camille R. Blanchard
Gabriela Katherine Davila
Victoria Elizabeth Davila
Marenya Elizabeth Emerson
Alex Ferrer
Walter Figueroa
Jeremiah Kilbane
Imani Elaine Lewis
Helen Louise Long
Amelia A. Mcdill
Jane Ijeoma Onuoha
Enrique Salinas
Kennedy Temple
Nicole Thude
Jaclyn Vaughn

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS
Paulina A. Khotkskaia
Phillip Velarde

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Mariam Haider

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Daniel Dorali
Mark Escudero
Mekiah D. Hickman
Tom Jacob Joseph
Gantabya Kadel
Alexandru Ioan Neagu
Robert Peter Sipowicz
Dobri Nikolaev Stalev

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
Saamiya Syed
Angela Lumei Young

Membership in The Honors College

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Michael Isaac Gutierrez
Jose P. Samperio

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
Syed Abidi

Honors in Major

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Joshua Cornelius
Message from the UH Alumni Foundation Board President

Congratulations 2022 Graduates!

Let me be the first to welcome you to the UH Alumni Association. You are joining a global network of over 305,000 Cougars. With your participation, we can only grow stronger. As you embark on this next chapter, know that your Alumni Association is here to help you stay connected with your beloved alma mater. From volunteering, using your UH Go app to login as an alumnus, joining a group, coming to events, to becoming a Life Member, the opportunities to engage are endless.

To start your journey as an alumnus, please click the QR code below so you can enjoy all the activities that soon await you. In the meantime, enjoy this moment and continue to soar.

True we’ll ever be and Go Coogs!

Wayne Luckett ('74)
UH Alumni Association Foundation Board President

Have You Completed Your Graduation Checklist?
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