Fall 2023 Commencement

University of Houston
College of Education

Commencement Ceremony
Friday, December 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
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, an NCAA Final Four basketball team, 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

Renu Khator
President, University of Houston
Message from the Provost

Dear Fall 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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Cullen College of Engineering
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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 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.
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  Tassel: Violet
- Master’s Degree  Hood: Violet
-  Tassel: Black

**Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts**
- Bachelor’s Degree  Tassel: Brown
- Master’s Degree  Hood: Brown
- Hood (Music): Pink
- Tassel: Black
- Doctoral Degree  Hood: Pink
- Tassel: Red

**C. T. Bauer College of Business**
- Bachelor’s Degree  Tassel: Dark Blue
- Master’s Degree  Hood: Drab
- Tassel: Black
- Doctoral Degree  Hood: Dark Blue
- Tassel: Red

**College of Education**
- Bachelor’s Degree  Tassel: Light Blue
- Master’s Degree  Hood: Light Blue
- Tassel: Black
- Doctoral Degree  Hood (Ed.D.): Light Blue
- Hood (Ph.D.): Dark Blue
- Tassel: Red

**Cullen College of Engineering**
- Bachelor’s Degree  Tassel: Orange
- Master’s Degree  Hood: Orange
- Tassel: Black
- Doctoral Degree  Hood: Dark Blue
- Tassel: Red

**Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership**
- Bachelor’s Degree  Tassel: Navy
- Master’s Degree  Hood: Navy, Red and White
- Tassel: Black
- Doctoral Degree  Hood: Dark Blue
- Tassel: Red
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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

Andy and Barbara Gessner 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

Hobby School of Public Affairs
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
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.

- **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)

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 2023**

- **Anahy Baca**  
  Bachelor of Science in Retailing and Consumer Science  
  **Cullen College of Engineering**

- **Kayla Huhn**  
  Bachelor of Arts in English  
  Bachelor of Arts in Spanish  
  **College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**

- **Malak Khalil**  
  Bachelor of Science in Political Science  
  **College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**

- **Emily Nguyen**  
  Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance  
  **C.T. Bauer College of Business**

- **My Tran**  
  Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems  
  **C.T. Bauer College of Business**

- **Trinity Tran**  
  Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning  
  **College of Education**
President’s Medallion

THE HONORABLE SYLVESTER TURNER

Mayor of the City of Houston

Sylvestre Turner is the 62nd mayor of Houston, a position he has held since 2016. Born and raised as one of nine children in the Acres Homes community of northwest Houston, Turner was a natural-born leader. During high school, he was president of Student Council, a member of the science, chess and Mu Alpha Theta clubs, and class valedictorian. He earned his bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Houston in 1977 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1980.

Since taking office, Turner has passed seven balanced budgets, led the city’s remarkable rebound from Hurricane Harvey, championed historic pension reform, created the Hire Houston Youth program and launched Houston’s first Climate Action Plan – a comprehensive strategy for Houston to lead the global energy transition. One of Turner’s signature priorities is Complete Communities — an initiative to revitalize and improve Houston’s most underserved neighborhoods. In complement of the initiative, in 2018 he announced a $30 million joint agreement with Harris County to transform seven streets around UH and Texas Southern University.

Before becoming mayor, Turner served for 27 years in the Texas House as the representative for District 139. During his tenure, he served on the House Appropriations Committee, Legislative Budget Board, as Speaker Pro Tem and on several budget conference committees.

Turner has received numerous honors including the Ohtli Award, the Mexican government’s highest honor; Rice Kinder Institute’s Stephen L. Klineberg Award; the United States Conference of Mayors Local Arts Leadership Award; and the President Bush Medal for Empowerment of People with Disabilities, among others.

He’s been a proud and vocal supporter of UH, recognizing its symbiotic relationship with the city. For his unwavering dedication and service, Turner has been awarded UH’s Distinguished Alumni Award, the Elected Public Official of the Year award and its Pioneer of Public Service Award. The Sylvester Turner Academic Distinction Scholarship and the Sylvester Turner Scholarship Endowment Fund within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences were established in his honor.

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

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on this milestone in your academic journey! On behalf of the faculty and staff in the College of Education, we applaud your dedication to dreaming big, working hard and earning your degree. We are proud of your success and hope you reflect fondly on the knowledge you’ve gained and the memories you’ve made. Welcome to the Forever Coog family!

As a member of the Class of 2023, you hold a special place in history. From our annual fall kickoff events through Commencement today, you have demonstrated remarkable persistence to reach your goals.

Now, you are ready to take the next step on your professional path. Walk with confidence, but don’t be afraid to ask for help. Embrace empathy, empower others and never stop learning. I hope you will continue to fulfill the College’s mission to improve educational and health outcomes for all people and communities.

I look forward to seeing your impact in the world, through teaching, leadership, health promotion, counseling, research and more. I’m confident you will transform lives in Houston—and beyond.

The Coog network is strong, and you join more than 35,000 alumni from the College of Education. As a fellow alumna, I encourage you to stay involved and give back. Please consider being an active member of our COE Alumni Association (it’s free to join) and help future students succeed by supporting scholarships, volunteering your time, and sharing your wisdom.

Thank you for choosing the College of Education. We are forever proud of you! And please keep connected at uh.edu/education/alumni. Go Coogs!

All the best,

Cathy Horn, Ph.D.
Dean and Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair
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PROCessional
Moores School of Music
Honorary Grand Marshal and Associate Marshal
Faculty
Candidates for Graduation
Platform Party

Presentation of Colors
Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard

National Anthem
Moores School of Music

Call to Order
Bradley Davis
Associate Professor
Honorary Grand Marshal

Welcome and Introduction of Platform Party
Mimi M. Lee
Associate Dean for Faculty and Staff Belonging and Success

Celebrating Student Success
Tiffany J. Davis
Associate Dean for Student Belonging and Success

Greetings
Diane Z. Chase
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Presentation of Academic Honors and Degree Candidates
Cathy Horn
Dean and Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair

Doctoral Candidates
Dean Horn

Master’s Candidates
Associate Dean Davis

Bachelor’s Candidates
Associate Dean Davis

Conferral of Degrees
Provost Chase

Closing Remarks
Dean Horn

Alma Mater
Moores School of Music

Recessional
Moores School of Music
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Doctor of Education

Curriculum and Instruction

Michelle Lynn Becwar
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Georgina Elizabeth Castilleja
Capable, Connected, and Cared for: The Lived Experiences of an Urban Charter School Founding Team and Their Perspective of The Impact of Social Emotional Learning in Creating a School Identity.
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Annette Margaret Eubank
One Size Does Not Fit All: Community College Faculty Perspectives on At-Risk Student Success Interventions.
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Jacqueline Hall Garner
Elementary Teachers’ Perceptions about the Causes of Literacy Gaps among Elementary Students.
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Coretta L. Mallet-Fontenot
An Examination of Teacher Supports.
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Lisa Ellen Hamilton
Dyslexia Therapists’ Experiences in Structured Literacy.
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

W. Jeanine Wilkins
Designed for Digital? A Qualitative Multiple-Case Study of Teacher Self-Efficacy and the Technology Integration and Implementation with the Digital Science Textbook.
ADVISOR: Dr. Virginia Rangel

Doctor of Philosophy

Curriculum and Instruction

Anita Sundrani
ADVISOR: Dr. Jennifer Chauvet

Psychological, Health and Learning Sciences

Taylor Mikhail Alexander
Is Math for Me? The Impact of Identification, Mindsets, and Belonging on Marginalized Adolescents’ Math Anxiety.
ADVISOR: Dr. Allison Master

Andreea Maria Dragomir-Davis
Mental Health Profiles and Recidivism in Juvenile Justice-Involved Youths.
ADVISOR: Dr. Marcel de Dios

Kristen Herner Erps
A Three-Part Study Investigating Suicide Risk Assessment in Schools.
ADVISOR: Dr. Milena Keller-Margulis

Sahar S. Eshtehardi
Investigating Parental Health-Related Quality of Life in Pediatric Type 1 Diabetes: A Social Determinants Framework.
ADVISOR: Dr. Blake Allan

Laura Harvey
Death Anxiety and Proximal Defense Strategies Among Female College Students During the First Wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
ADVISOR: Dr. Marcel de Dios

Taewon Kim
Development and Validation of the Work Capital Scale.
ADVISOR: Dr. Blake Allan

Morgan M. Mcneel
A Three-Part Study Investigating Parent Perceptions of Control Regarding Their Child’s Autism Spectrum Disorder.
ADVISOR: Dr. Milena Keller-Margulis

Andrew D. Mercer
ADVISOR: Dr. Nathan Smith

Christian Stewart
Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Positive Illusory Bias, and the Dual-Factor Model of Mental Health.
ADVISOR: Dr. Bradley Smith

Master of Education

Curriculum and Instruction

Silvia Bobb
Becky Ashby Castro
Matthew Cline
Cheryl LaVerne Davis
Ryan Ellis
Matthew Wert Frerichs
Nathaly V. Herrera
Tao Hui Hui
Jacqueline Deshea Humber Jones
Shameika Vee Jefferson
Ruchi Kaushik
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Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

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Ammara Jamal
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Cheryl Ann Marcelo
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Steven E. Lopez ²

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Angelina M. Rodriguez ³
Noemi Rodriguez ⁷
Lidia A. Salazar ³
Elian M. Tee ¹
Parina Jayesh Vyasa

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction
Abdulrahman Mohammed H. Alsulaimi
Leadership Reimagined: Integrating Futures Thinking into Health Sciences Education.
ADVISOR: Dr. Robert Hausmann

Katja Doris Auer
Exploring Leadership Process Preferences of an Emerging Healthcare Workforce: An Interpretive Phenomenological Study on Generation Z.
ADVISOR: Dr. Robert Hausmann

Asfia Mohammed
Discovering the Impact of Using the Self-Assessment Tool for Fieldwork Educator Competency on Self-Perceived Fieldwork Educator Competence.
ADVISOR: Dr. Robert Hausmann

Elizabeth Rosemary Norris
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Ashlesha Parikh
ADVISOR: Dr. Sara McNeil

Jennifer Lynn Sells
ADVISOR: Dr. Sara McNeil

Suzanne Adele Thiem
Feedback Literacy for Secondary Students.
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Michelle Pauline Chang Wright
Elementary Teacher Perceptions on Standards-Based Grading: How Standards-Based Grading Can Bring Equity to All.
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
Meredith Arlene Akers
The Impact of Varying Levels of Blended Teaching Readiness on Student Achievement Outcomes.
ADVISOR: Dr. Virginia Rangel

Alexandrea Janea Berg
Underrepresentation of Black, Brown, and Economically Disadvantaged Students in Gifted and Talented Education.
ADVISOR: Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

Katrina Duarte-Meng
Engaging Economically Marginalized Families: The Effect of a District’s Current Common Resources on Ninth Grade Student Achievement.
ADVISOR: Dr. Kristi Santi

Holli Sharon Eddins
Making Dyslexia Intervention Future Proof: Using Data-Based Individualization to Innovate Instruction for Students with Disabilities.
ADVISOR: Dr. Kristi Santi

¹ Summa Cum Laude - ² Magna Cum Laude - ³ Cum Laude - ⁴ Banner Bearer (Highest GPA)
Amy Elizabeth Frank
School Connectedness: How Principals and Teachers Can Support Mobile Students.
Advisor: Dr. Bradley Davis

Anna Marie Gonzalez
Examining the Use of State Reading Results as Part of a Universal Screener to Identify Struggling Readers in Middle School.
Advisor: Dr. Kristi Santi

Victoria Laurel Langford-Windslow
Evaluating the Development of Individualized Transition Plans and Postsecondary Outcomes for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.
Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

Matthew Montemayor
The Effect Accommodations Have on Overall Performance on SAT for Eleventh-Grade Students with Accommodations Based on Disability Program Type in Comprehensive High Schools.
Advisor: Dr. Kristi Santi

Gloria Rodriquez Vasquez
Challenging Deficit Narratives on Latino Family Engagement.
Advisor: Dr. Bradley Davis

Rhonda Williams
Increasing College Readiness Outcomes in Economically Disadvantaged Students.
Advisor: Dr. Kristi Santi

Doctor of Philosophy

Curriculum and Instruction
Andrea Elizabeth Allen
Making the Invisible Visible: A Qualitative Study Examining the Experiences of Latina Art Teachers Navigating Issues of Racism and Oppression in K-12 Classrooms.
Advisor: Dr. Sheng Kuan Chung

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
Binh C. Bui
Delayed Enrollment Among Minority and Male Students: Factors and Effects on College Outcomes.
Advisor: Dr. Cathy Horn

MASTER OF EDUCATION
Curriculum and Instruction
Desiree Rose Becerra
Maria Campos
Gione-Paul Dupree Comeaux
Kylie Christine Dalager
Stephany Garcia
Anna Guadalupe Gardner
Jasmine B. Goodjoint
Brooke Haley Griffis
Kristina Amaka Haley
Jasmine Nicole Haymon
Ashleigh Elise Joerg
Nolan Kelley Julien
Hue Kim Lu
Monica Mayan Martinez
Michelle Medina
Shazia Momin
Francis Charles Nichelson
Jessica Damara Palafox Izquierdo
Angela C. Palmer
Diana Guadalupe Polanco
Julie Ann Rivera
Andrea Sage
Amanda Christine Scully
Fatima Shah
Garrett Simpson
Adriana Vasquez
Terren Neshel Vinson
Karista Monique Williams

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
Cindy Aranjo

Bachelors of Arts

Psychological, Health and Learning Sciences
Hussein Ali Bakir
Olivia Nichelle Battise
Catherine Maryangela Cisneros
Gerardo Angel Fierro Maldonado
Sheridan Marie Gallarneau
Savannah D. Galvan
Linda Maria Hernandez
Dylan Michael Novak

Bachelors of Science

Curriculum and Instruction
Miral Imad Abusaada
Tolulope Adekanye
Alejandra R. Aguilar
Brittany Leeann Alcantar
Maria Lucila Arellano
Natascha Victorya Pereira Atayde
Katelyn Michelle Atkinson
Melissa Michelle Banda
Stephanie N. Boehm
Chloe B. Brooks
Kaitlyn Michelle Buckley
Pamela Cabello Trujillo
Lesly Campos

1 Summa Cum Laude • 2 Magna Cum Laude • 3 Cum Laude • 4 Banner Bearer (Highest GPA)
Leslye Campos 1
Katia Michell Carreon 1
Catherine Michelle Carrillo-Moran 1
Alysa Castillo 1
Maria D. Cavazos 1
Yazmin Cervantes 2
Michelle L. Chandler 1, 4
Ashley Contreras 1
Samantha I. Cordova 2
Azaria Daniels 2
Nicole Kathryn Dedicominicis 3
Dakota Lyn Domel 1, 4
Brandon G. Escamilla 1
Karina J. Escobar 2
Jennifer Esparz 1
Zhou Fang 1
Griselda Flores 2
Maricarmen Garcia 2
Melissa Mireya Garcia 1
Violeta Garcia 2
Alexa Garza 1
Brissa Garza 2
Anna Samantha Gomez 1
Aylin Gomez 2
Mia Gonzalez
Nicholas Bank Goodwin
Julia Paige Hernandez
Alexis P. Heuser 2
Debani L. Huerta Muñoz 1
Hiba Huque
Emely A. Jimenez 7
Diamond Dion King
Audrey V. Lai 3
Mihed A. Lezzer
Edwin J. Linares 1
Mirza Albertina Lino 1
Sarah K. Linscomb 1
Manolo Uziel Lopez 1
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Message from the Dean

Dear Fall 2023 Graduates,

I am thrilled to congratulate the first class of fall graduates during my tenure as the Dean of the Honors College. You are a group of highly motivated and talented individuals, and we celebrate your tremendous accomplishments. We know, as you do, that teamwork and collaboration make your impressive achievements possible. I hope that you view the faculty, staff and fellow students of the Honors College as members of your team — cheering you on as you begin your careers or continue your studies in graduate or professional programs. We know that you are well prepared to lead in your chosen field and will continue to contribute solutions to the grand challenges that we face.

During your time with us, the Honors College has challenged you to ask big questions in the Human Situation and in your upper division courses. You’ve been guided to go beyond the classroom and take part in the many offerings in research or service learning. You have been encouraged to find your place in this community and be bold in action to make UH, the Honors College and Houston a better place. You are not in the same place you were when you began this journey. I urge to you to take stock of how far you’ve come since your first Human Situation lecture. Keep exploring and engaging with big ideas in your next chapter, whatever that may be.

Although you’re graduating, the Honors College will always be a part of you. I encourage you to keep in touch and share your personal and professional experiences with us. We take pride in your achievements. I also hope that you will give back to support future Honors College scholars. Continued support from alumni and friends is essential to the success and growth of the Honors College and the generations of students that will come behind you.

Go Coogs!

Heidi Appel
Dean
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

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Kayla Huhn
Angela L. Jardina

**University Honors**

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**C. T. Bauer College of Business**
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Samay Hassan Azhar
Brianna Denise Chambers
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Enoc Curiel
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Auburn Jodee Waid

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Natalie Bustos
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Nathan Edward Hanby

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

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Christianna Avouris
Zaina Boriek
Tyler Austin Hermes
Rohit Shajan

College of Education

Fnu Nashita Kazim
Myra Qamar

Cullen College of Engineering

Baiamir Douglasovich Edgeller
Salam Habra
Arun Suresh
Mohammad Rami Tuffaha

Hobby School of Public Affairs

Rachel Lauren McGregor

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

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Lukas P. George
Momim Hamdani
Diana Huynh
Iman Jaka
Hafsa Latif
Gabriela Melissa Lovo Argueta
Jorlale Kerwine Matsing Pessonka
Rael Merry Memnon
Preston Douglas Satterfield
Salomon E. Serur

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College of Education

Rhea Devraj Nayak

Cullen College of Engineering

Minnah Imtiaz
Tarami Khalil Readus
Anh Thu N. Tran

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Saul Duran

Undergraduate Student Success – Integrated Studies

Candace McCray

Honors in Major

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Raul Caballero Montes
Message from the UH Alumni Foundation Board President

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 at an event, joining an Association or Network, signing on to UH Link, to becoming a Life Member, the opportunities to engage are endless.

Please click the QR code below to enjoy all the activities that soon await you. In the meantime, savor this moment and continue to soar.

True we’ll ever be and Go Coogs!

Michael Sachs ('97)
UH Alumni Association Foundation Board President

Have You Completed Your Alumni Checklist?

https://houstonalumni.com/recent-grads/