



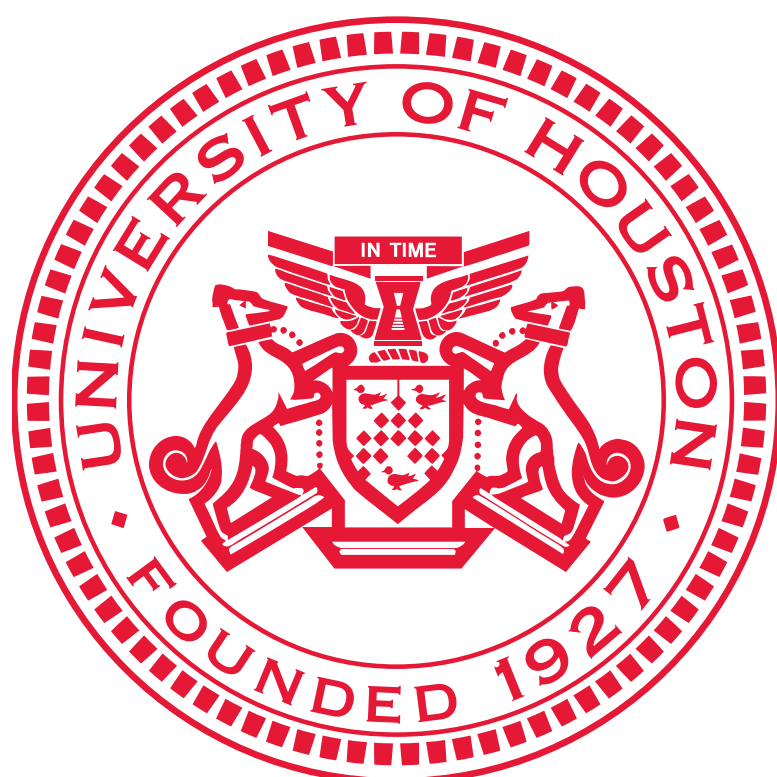
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Fall 2024 Commencement

**COLLEGE OF
EDUCATION**

Friday, December 13, 2024

Fertitta Center





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Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Today's graduation marks the start of a bright new beginning. As a college graduate, you have achieved something truly remarkable, and as president of the University of Houston, it is my honor to congratulate you on this tremendous milestone.

As you reflect on this moment, take pride in knowing it was your hard work, intellect, perseverance and belief in yourself that got you here. Equally important was the unwavering support of those around you. These values and connections have shaped who you are today and will propel you forward in your professional journey.

As you move ahead, remember the power of paying it forward. Be a mentor to someone else who dreams of achieving what you have. Moreover, remember to express gratitude to your professors, advisors, family and friends who supported you along the way.

The first-class education you've received at UH has provided you with the tools to thrive. You now join the ranks of UH alumni who have gone on to remarkable success in their fields — whether as business leaders, artists, educators, engineers or health professionals. I have no doubt that you will also find your path to success and reach your full potential.

Congratulations, Coogs! The world is yours.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads '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

University of Houston System

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Renu Khator

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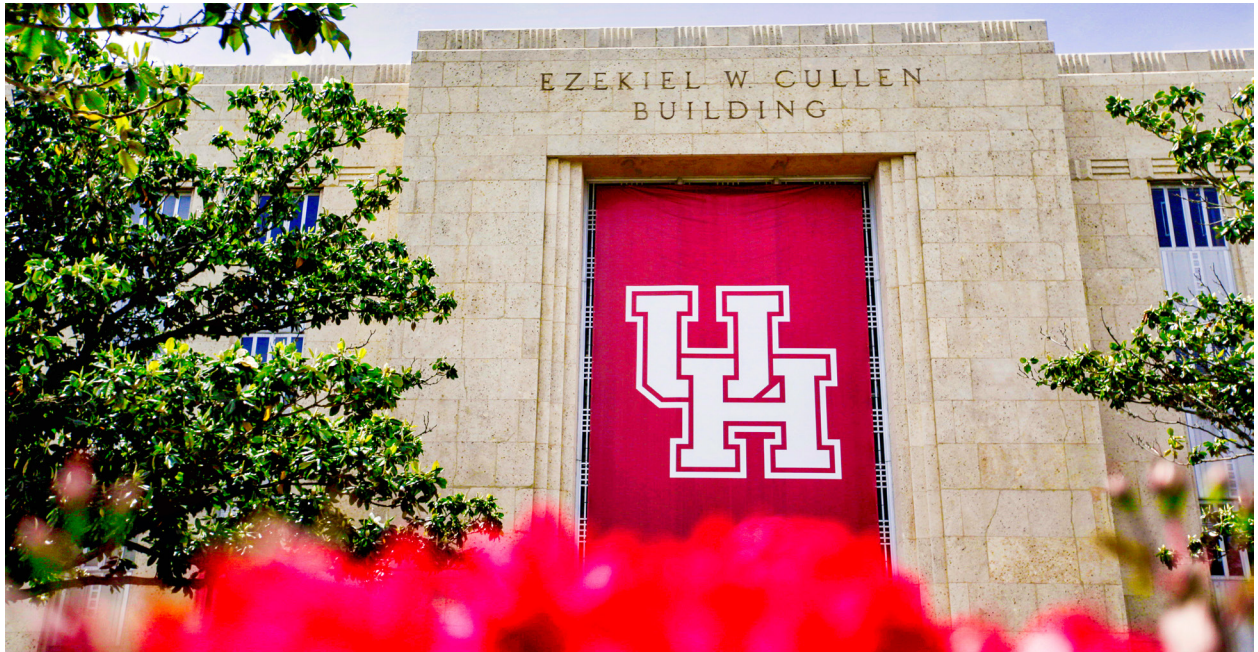
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GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

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Dean
Distinguished Professor of Science
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

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 47,000 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	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

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
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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
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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)

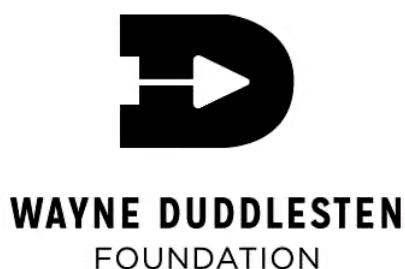
This roster does not include the names of degree holders who chose to withhold information under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.

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 2024

Jesus Arguelles Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Maria Guadalupe Pizano Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Adonees Mario Hamed Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Jesus Rivas Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Tanya Salimkumar Momin Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Allison Nicole Simon Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
	Kelvin Tran Bachelor of Business Administration in Management C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



President's Medallion

WAYNE DUDDLESTEN FOUNDATION

The WAYNE DUDDLESTEN FOUNDATION's core mission is to support programs that enable individuals to achieve their potential and become contributing members of our society. Anchored in its motto to provide "a hand up, not a hand out," the foundation awarded \$12,530,000 in grants, elevating 46 nonprofit organizations in 2023.

Its founder, the late Wayne Duddleston, was a proud Houstonian who helped shape the city as a real estate developer and philanthropist. He firmly believed in funding for education programs, as he saw education as a key to society's ills. To that end, the foundation has been a faithful supporter of the University of Houston since 1982.

Within the past decade, the foundation has funded several impactful UH programs, including a \$100,000 grant in 2014, which helped establish the Tier One Scholarship to attract high-achieving students. In 2017, a \$50,000 gift established a need-based scholarship for students in the Graduate College of Social Work.

Honoring Duddleston's business legacy and passion for mentoring young businessmen and businesswomen, a series of game-changing gifts were made to the C.T. Bauer College of Business. In 2019, a \$250,000 gift provided 25 scholarships to undergraduate students in Bauer College. In 2021, a \$4,000,000 gift established The Wayne B. Duddleston, Sr. Endowed Scholarship in Entrepreneurship, benefiting high-achieving students in Bauer College's Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship. Concurrently, the foundation gave \$1,000,000 to establish The Wayne B. Duddleston, Sr. Endowed Scholarship in Real Estate for high-achieving students in the college's Stanford Alexander Center for Real Estate.

In 2023, a generous \$5,000,000 gift established The Wayne B. Duddleston Free Enterprise Institute to expand entrepreneurship training and resources for all students at the University. Karen Duddleston, Wayne Duddleston's wife and a UH alumna, said the institute will help more people along the journey to success and help diversify and build strength within our economy for generations that follow. The transformative institute will operate in association with Bauer College's top-ranked Cyvia and Melvyn Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship.

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 2024, 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!

Sincerely,

Cathy Horn
Dean and Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair

Commencement Ceremony
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PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music Honorary Grand Marshal and Associate Marshal Faculty Candidates for Graduation Platform Party
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS	Houston Batallion ROTC Color Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moores School of Music
CALL TO ORDER	Kristi Santi <i>Professor</i> <i>Honorary Grand Marshal</i>
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY	Mimi M. Lee <i>Associate Dean for Faculty and Staff</i> <i>Belonging and Success</i>
CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS	Tiffany J. Davis <i>Associate Dean for Student</i> <i>Belonging and Success</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable Ricky Raven <i>Member</i>
GREETINGS	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES	Cathy Horn <i>Dean and Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair</i>
DOCTORAL CANDIDATES	Dean Horn
MASTER’S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Davis
BACHELOR’S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Davis
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	President Khator
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Horn
ALMA MATER	Moores School of Music
RECESSIONAL	Moores School of Music

Summer 2024 – Graduates

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction

Lisa M. Edwards

The Connection Between Interactive Read-Aloud Activities, Oral Language, and Purposeful Play in Prekindergarten

ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Kelly Jean Hogelin

Separate, Mark, Investigate, Look, and Evaluate: A Strategic Approach for Ensuring Increased Student Comprehension

ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Michele Lee Zackrie

Educator Perceptions of Case Method to Support High School Students' Development of Workforce Readiness Skills

ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Curriculum and Instruction

Azizah Curry Iluore

Centering Black Finishers: A Qualitative Case Study of Recent Black Female Teacher Education Graduates

ADVISOR: Dr. Jeannette Alarcón

Morgan Love Mitchell

Impact of Whiteness on Undergraduate Mathematics Identity Scale: Theoretical Foundations, Scale Development, and Validation

ADVISOR: Dr. Jennifer Chauvot

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Christopher Michael Johnson

Validation of the Disability Identity Development Scale Among Student Veterans with Disabilities in Higher Education

ADVISOR: Dr. Cathy Horn

Psychological, Health, and Learning Sciences

Emily Jellinek-Russo

The Transition to Kindergarten for Autistic Children: A Three-Part Study Examining Systems Level Influences on the Transition

ADVISOR: Dr. Milena Keller-Margulis

Zongqi Li

Perceptions of Same-Sex Intimate Partner Violence: Effects of Sex and Masculinity

ADVISOR: Dr. Nathan Grant Smith

Tracie Yiyao Liu

The Role of Reminiscence in Identity Construction among Chinese American Emerging Adult Women

ADVISOR: Dr. Blake Allan

Elías Samuel Loría Garro

Queering Graduate Training: Advanced Doctoral Psychology Students Self-Reported Attitudes, Knowledge, and Skills to Work with LGBT Individuals

ADVISOR: Dr. Milena Keller-Margulis

Luiza Marques de Oliveira Martins

Athletic Stress and Burnout in College Athletes

ADVISOR: Dr. Consuelo Arbona

Chaniqua Desireé Mazyck

Frailty Mediating the Progression of Mild Cognitive Impairment to Dementia: A Comparative Study

ADVISOR: Dr. Consuelo Arbona

Marshall Motsenbocker

Family Separation and Psychological Distress Among Undocumented Mexican Immigrants: A Latent Class Analysis from Proyecto Voces

ADVISOR: Dr. Virmarie Correa Fernández

Emily Nicole Naveira

Factor Structure and Validation of a Complex PTSD Measurement for College Women

ADVISOR: Dr. Consuelo Arbona

Syed A. Rizvi

Does Religion Help with Nature Exposure? Faith as a Moderator During Summer Camp

ADVISOR: Dr. Bradley Smith

Georgina Jonelle Danette Sakyi

Cultural Influences on Diagnostic, Treatment, and Research Perceptions of Parents Raising Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Three-Article Dissertation

ADVISOR: Dr. Jorge Gonzalez

Xue Li Samantha Tan

Social Skills Training for Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Three-part Study of Impact and Generalizability, Internalizing Difficulties, and Cost Analysis

ADVISOR: Dr. Milena Keller-Margulis

Niloofar Tavakoli

Profiles and Symptoms of PTSD in a Sample of Federal Law Enforcement Officers: the Role of Social Support Before and After Treatment

ADVISOR: Dr. Virmarie Correa Fernández

Mariana Vazquez

A Three-Part Study to Enhance Understanding of Latino Parents' Involvement in Children's Early Education

ADVISOR: Dr. Jorge Gonzalez

Erin Charlise Washington

LGBQ College Drinking and Identity-Related Stress

ADVISOR: Dr. Nathan Grant Smith

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction

Marithza Gudino

Marissa Dawn Hernandez

Taylor Leigh Livingston

Yelena Lubyagina

Benjamin Masserano

Arlyn Elacion Melocotones

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Elyana Aguilar

Guadalupe N. Aguilera

Pedro Alegria, Jr.

Justin Buren

Samantha Janay Cruz

Camila Escobar Fuller

Sasha Green

Sara R. Hall

Rylie K. Haussler

Georgia Hawkins

Kierra Hubert

Brittney Denee Jefferies

Jenni Jones

Ewart G. Jones, Jr.

Jennifer Nina Judge

Holley Kloosterman

Christopher Leelum

Commencement Ceremony

Crystal Jovon Lombard
Brandon Ignacio Luna
Ernesto Manrique, Jr.
Briana McCorkle
Jennifer Dyan Mills
Angela Painter
Scott J. Parker
Sherrie Riles-Martin
Elena Margarita Silva-Leal
Erika Sixtos
Brandi Marie Stokes
Rebecca Anna Trevino

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Psychological, Health,
and Learning Sciences
Karol Guiana Carballo Robles

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Curriculum and Instruction

Alisson D. Dimas ¹
Karina Escobedo ¹
Robin Michelle Farris ¹
Jazmin Flores Santiago ^{1, 4}
Alexander Javier Hernandez ³
Maritza M. Juarez ²
Alexander Raul Paul Rueda ³

Psychological, Health,
and Learning Sciences

Justin Ajayi
Aatika Arif ²
Allyson Elizabeth Armstrong
Yassmine Belloul ³
Daeja Aniece Davidson
Christina Marie De La Cruz
Jasmine M. Durst ²
Madeline C. Garver ²
Maryam Iqbal
Alexandria Veronica Jenkins

Ana Maria Josa Dominguez ³
Richard Kim Le
Micaiah Ajani Liddell
Tamra La'trece Maxwell
Kayla Renee Montaner
Michelle L. Nguyen
Lisa Nguyen ²
Natalie C. Oettli
Alexis Phuc Nhi Pham ³
Jennifer Aurora Martinez Place ³
Reem Qureshi
Sana Rahimtoola ¹
Jennifer Nichole Rodriguez ²
Lizett Salceda
Grace Rhianna Sewell ¹
Azka Shahzad
Ambar A. Solorzano ³
Jacob William Vasquez-Kruk ¹
Freshia Wanjiku
Kennedy Lauren Williams
Jermain Duke Woodard
Blaze Wilkerson Yepes
Asher Zeeshan

Fall 2024 - Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction

Alisa Ann Chadd
Perceptions of Secondary Teachers
on the Implementation of Dialogic
Instruction to Enhance Students'
Academic Performance and
Engagement
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Kareen Elizabeth Chin
Understanding the Transition
Experience from Clinical Fellow
to Practicing Physician Using
Constructivist Grounded Theory
ADVISOR: Dr. Robert Hausmann

Jessica Elizabeth Gardner
The Mentor Experience Encountered
by a Female Superintendent
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Jeffrey Merino
A Place for Us: (Re)Imagining a Sense
of Belonging for Latine Students in
Early Childhood Learning Settings at
Independent Private Schools
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Ashleigh Scott
Teacher Perceptions of the Impact
of Instructional Coaching on Tiered
Instruction
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Edward H. Veyran
The Perceptions of Coaches Teaching
Character Education to Student-
Athletes
ADVISOR: Dr. Margaret Hale

Educational Leadership
and Policy Studies

Mandelé Chené Aubrey-Davis
Keepers of Black Boy Joy: Exploring
the Educational Leaders, Programs,
and Systems that Support the
Achievement of Black Males who
Stutter
ADVISOR: Dr. Keith Butcher

Shemon Montee Bailey
The Role of Social Capital in Closing
the Achievement Gap: A Study into
African American Males Who Have
Applied for College
ADVISOR: Dr. Bradley Davis

Jeffrey S. Collier
An Examination of Course Scheduling
and Middle School Band Enrollment
and Retention
ADVISOR: Dr. Keith Butcher

Jacquelyn C. Delaney
The Mentor Effect on Females
Aspiring to the Superintendency
ADVISOR: Dr. Kristen Hassett

Megan Dickey
Preparing Teachers of the Deaf: An
Analysis of Preparation Program
Content and the Requisite Skills
Identified by RDSPD Supervisors
ADVISOR: Dr. Bradley Davis

Courtney Huckaby Dickey
A Quantitative Examination of the
Relationships between Student
Race, Discipline Referrals, and the
Assignment of Exclusionary Discipline
in a Rapidly Diversifying Texas Public
School District
ADVISOR: Dr. Bradley Davis

Bich N. Do
Two Major Problems at Once: The
Effects of Tropical Cyclone Disasters
on Chronic Absenteeism in Louisiana
ADVISOR: Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

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Message from the Dean

Dear Fall 2024 Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation from the Honors College at the University of Houston! Your talents and motivation have culminated in the impressive achievements we recognize today. For 45 years, the Human Situation course has served as a gateway of endless possibilities for many students before you. Think back to your first Human Situation lecture and how far you have come. Honors courses have challenged you to think deeply about the nature of being human, as individuals and in societies. You've been encouraged to take what you learn beyond the classroom into research and community engagement.

The faculty, staff, and fellow students of the Honors College have been members of your team. They are now cheering you on as you begin your career or continue your studies in graduate or professional programs. We take pride in your achievements, and take comfort knowing that, though you are leaving on this new journey, the Honors College will always be a part of your life. Stay connected with the College and use your success to inspire future generations and support the many programs and scholarships that you enjoyed during your time here.

We know that you are well-prepared to lead in your chosen field and to contribute solutions to the grand challenges we face in this ever-changing world. As you find your place in a new community, be bold in ethical action and stand strong in the face of adversity. We believe in you!

Best,

Heidi Appel
Dean of the Honors College
Professor of Biology & Biochemistry



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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.

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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.

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University Honors with Honors in Major

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OF ENGINEERING

Carter Tristan Ung

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University Honors

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OF BUSINESS

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Kyle Jones
Sarah Kimberly
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Tyler Garrett
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OF THE ARTS

Yasdi Bejarano

CULLEN COLLEGE
OF ENGINEERING

Trinity Avie
David Bonilla
Spencer Martin
Byron Perez
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SCIENCES

Willow Copeland-Vallejo
Clarke Foster
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Lourdes Pinell
Julianna Smith
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