



UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Fall 2024 Commencement

**COLLEGE OF
NATURAL SCIENCES
AND MATHEMATICS**

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Fertitta Center





University of Houston
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Commencement Ceremony
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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,

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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Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Medicine
TILMAN J. FERTITTA FAMILY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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Dean
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GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

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Dean
Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Pharmacy
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

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GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Pradeep Sharma
Dean
Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen
Distinguished University Professor
CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

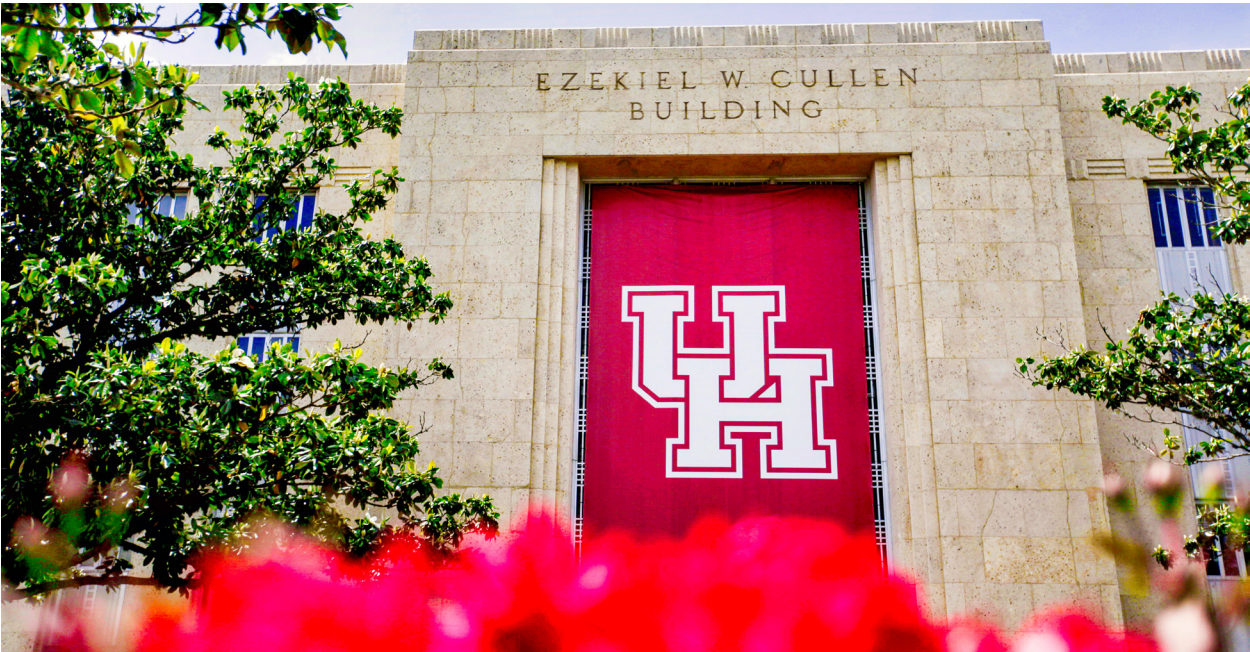
Kathryn M. Tart
Founding Dean
Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Nursing
ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER COLLEGE OF NURSING

Michael Twa
Dean
Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Optometry
COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Cynthia Warrick
Interim Dean
GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Dan E. Wells
Dean
Distinguished Professor of Science
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

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.

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Jesus Arguelles
*Bachelor of Business Administration
in Supply Chain Management*
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Adonees Mario Hamed
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

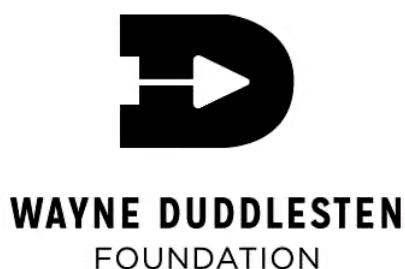
Tanya Salimkumar Momin
*Bachelor of Business Administration
in Management Information Systems*
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Maria Guadalupe Pizano
Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Jesus Rivas
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
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.





College of Natural Sciences
and Mathematics
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Message from the Dean

Dear College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Graduates,
Congratulations! Today, we celebrate a significant milestone in your educational career.

A few years ago, you came to the University of Houston with a personal goal. Now, you have attained it. Your degree is more than a testament to your hard work; it is the foundation upon which you will build as you continue to learn throughout your lifetime.

As graduates of NSM, you have proven that you are driven by inquiry, exploration, and innovation. You will be the force behind discoveries that will revolutionize our lives and impact our state, nation, and the entire world.

As you leave UH and NSM, you hold the knowledge your professors shared with you, the wisdom you gained as you matured, and the benefit of personal experiences, professional connections, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

The faculty and staff of NSM are proud of your achievements. You have my best wishes for much success and happiness. Go Coogs!

Sincerely,

Dan E. Wells
Dean and Distinguished Professor of Science

University of Houston
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

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PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moores School of Music
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	Dan E. Wells <i>Dean</i> <i>Distinguished Professor of Science</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable Tomas Bryan Member
GREETINGS	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE NSM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Teri Garrett, '01 <i>Treasurer, NSMAA</i>
STUDENT ADDRESS	Rund Abu-Ashour
PRESENTATION OF THE DAN E. WELLS OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD	Jeremy May <i>Associate Dean, Graduate Affairs</i>
PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS	Donna Stokes <i>Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs and Student Success</i>
RECOGNITION OF 4.0 STUDENTS	Associate Dean Stokes
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	Dean Wells Associate Dean May Associate Dean Stokes
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	President Khator
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Wells
ALMA MATER	Moores School of Music
RECESSIONAL	Moores School of Music

Summer 2024 – Graduates

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Atmospheric Sciences

Morshad Ahmed
ADVISOR: Bernhard Rappenglueck, Ph.D.

Biochemistry

Ashfia Fatima Khan
ADVISOR: Tasneem Bawa-Khalfe, Ph.D.

Rulong Ma
ADVISOR: James Briggs, Ph.D.

Asitha Nuwan Premaratne
ADVISOR: Chin-Yo Lin, Ph.D.

Jessica Hanna Stevens
ADVISOR: Jan-Åke Gustafsson, Ph.D.

Kacie D’ann Waiters
ADVISOR: Tasneem Bawa-Khalfe, Ph.D.

Biology

Hoa Nhu Le
ADVISOR: Dinler Amaral Antunes, Ph.D.

Simone Lupini
ADVISOR: Debora Rodrigues, Ph.D.

Jacky Wu
ADVISOR: Qin Feng, Ph.D.

Tianyi Zhou
ADVISOR: Yu Liu, Ph.D.

Chemistry

Doo Young Kim
ADVISOR: Thomas Teets, Ph.D.

Hieu Dang Nguyen
ADVISOR: Loi Do, Ph.D.

Minh Dang Nguyen
ADVISOR: T. Randall Lee, Ph.D.

Sungwon Yoon
ADVISOR: Thomas Teets, Ph.D.

Computer Science

Elaheh Baharlouei
ADVISOR: Tamar Solorio, Ph.D.

Urmila Sampathkumar
ADVISOR: Fatima Merchant, Ph.D.

Mathematics

Mohammad Shah Alam
ADVISOR: Ilya Timofeyev, Ph.D.

Malihehsadat Chavooshi
ADVISOR: Alexander Mamonov, Ph.D.

Sen Lin
ADVISOR: Robert Azencott, Ph.D.

Seyed Homayoon Shobeiri
ADVISOR: Mehrdad Kalantar, Ph.D.

An T. Vu
ADVISOR: Demetrio Labate, Ph.D.

An Thuy Vu
ADVISOR: Loic Cappanera, Ph.D.

Physics

Alek Hutson
ADVISOR: Rene Bellwied, Ph.D.

Aymen Nomani
ADVISOR: Pavan Hosur, Ph.D.

Atrayee Sarkar
ADVISOR: Gregory Morrison, Ph.D.

Anjaly Sasikumar Menon
ADVISOR: Anthony Timmins, Ph.D.

Nosheen Younas
ADVISOR: Eric Bittner, Ph.D.

MASTER OF ARTS

Mathematics

Victoria Anne Dowdy
Mary Rebecca Steen

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Applied Mathematics

Jesus Alfonso Bustillos
Jessica Marie McKim

Biology

Amani Rucker

Chemistry

A H M Emon Ali

Computer Science

Bhasura Suseen Gunawardhana

Geophysics

Presley D. Greer

Statistics & Data Science

Robyn Rong Du
Adam Ottoniel Duarte
John Blake Emmons
William Daniel Ferguson
Paulina Anna Kulesz

Elissa Kuon
Shadae Juliet Josephine Lewis
Ethan Marshall
Clinton McKenzie
Jesse Mercado
Elaheh Rajabi
Ali Saffouri
Hui Song
Dhruv Padmakar Suryavanshi
Antony Tharappel
Yi Zhang

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Biochemical and Biophysical Sciences

Bryan W. Armbruster ²
Robert C. Bowers
Katie Le
Samuel H. Tran ²
Aileen D. Vu ²

Biology

Helen Nneoma Agbara
Zayba Ahmed
Funmi Babajide
Jordan Davis
Aybran J. Delgado
Michael H. Esparza
Hans Sebastian Guapacha Ramirez
Inara Rahim Khawaja
Elizabeth Liana Koegel
Gregory Nnamdi Madu
Jennifer N. Nguyen
Michelle Lan Nguyen
Eni Benjamin Okonofua
Bryan D. Pulliam ³
Samarjit Satish Seshadri
Dinh P. Tran
Alexandra Paige Triche

Computer Science

Rohit Adhikari
Harris Ali Adnan
Sameer Altaf
Ryan W. Ball
Amit Bhatta
Nicholas P. Bui ²
Lyle Costo
Oanh Thi Dinh

1 Summa Cum Laude – 2 Magna Cum Laude – 3 Cum Laude – 4 Banner Bearer

Commencement Ceremony

Christopher Do ³
Demetrie E. Hayes
Vu Ho
Alex Huang
Christopher Tri Cuong Le ³
Kien H. Le
Fatema M. Meem
Brandon Ngo
Khanh Nhu Nguyen
Boluwatife Odetola
Odianosen Boluwarin Odianosen

Maxwell Chimaobim Ogbonna
Stanley C. Okoye
Bhavik H. Patel
Si Nguyen Pham ¹
Arvin Razani Nezamololamaei ³
Conner Steven Reimers ³
Jesus Salazar
Suryansh R. Sharma ³
Sara Shiha
Sahib Singh
Yucheng Zhang ¹

Geology
Daniel Mario Davis ³
Roberto R. Reyna ^{2,4}

Mathematics
Jake Morales McCoy
Ryan T. Nguyen
John Luke Salcedo ³
Theodore Pascual Vo

Fall 2024 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Atmospheric Sciences

Tabitha Christine Lee
ADVISOR: Yuxuan Wang, Ph.D.

Jincheol Park
ADVISOR: Yunsoo Choi, Ph.D.

Ahmed Khan Salman
ADVISOR: Yunsoo Choi, Ph.D.

Biochemistry

Jiayi Chen
ADVISOR: Yu Liu, Ph.D.

Sakuni Vibodha Rankothgedera
ADVISOR: Preethi Gunaratne, Ph.D.

Biology

Abhinav Bagchi
ADVISOR: Chin-Yo Lin, Ph.D.

Aroshi Mitra
ADVISOR: Qin Feng, Ph.D.

Chemistry

Jong Moon Lee
ADVISOR: T. Randall Lee, Ph.D.

Computer Science

Alireza Ansaripour
ADVISOR: Omprakash Gnawali, Ph.D.

Sara Bouhali
ADVISOR: Fatima Merchant, Ph.D.

Aftab Hussain
ADVISOR: Amin Alipour, Ph.D.

Rabimba Karanjai
ADVISOR: Weidong Shi, Ph.D.

Md Mahin
ADVISOR: Christoph Eick, Ph.D.

Fatima Zahra Qachfar
ADVISOR: Rakesh Verma, Ph.D.

Nicholas D. Troutman
ADVISOR: Weidong Shi, Ph.D.

Geology

Daniella Gutiérrez
ADVISOR: Qi Fu, Ph.D.

Yu-Huan Hsieh
ADVISOR: John Suppe, Ph.D.

Ruby Virginia Patterson
ADVISOR: Thomas Lapen, Ph.D.

Ana Maria Vielma Amarista
ADVISOR: Thomas Lapen, Ph.D.

Geophysics

Edgar Contreras
ADVISOR: William Sager, Ph.D.

Mathematics

Arianna H. Cecco
ADVISOR: Mehrdad Kalantar, Ph.D.

Physics

Ian Endicott Harmon
ADVISOR: Mini Das, Ph.D.

Pablo Andres Lopez Duque
ADVISOR: Carlos Ordonez, Ph.D.

Anthony P. Wood
ADVISOR: Daniel Cherdack, Ph.D.

Jingcheng Yuan
ADVISOR: Mini Das, Ph.D.

MASTER OF ARTS

Mathematics

Crystal Nichole Perez
Kepler Huy Vu

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Biology

Modupeola Oluwabunmi Bolaji
Shams Maallah

Chemistry

Xavier Daniel Saavedra

Computer Science

Aftab Hussain
Avinash Nadendla
Artiben Patel
Sai Kiran Peruru
Abhiram Remella

Geology

Zachary Taylor Billiter
Alishia K. Crichlow
Brennen Michael Kuhn
Gabriel E. Lopez
Caroline Emilia Mandujano
Newton Takang Ayuk
Jessica M. Telschow
Arya Tilak
Javier Uravasquez

Geophysics

Emre Pacal
Briseida Palacios Perez
Li Li Shen
Nastassia Rose Simon
Carlos Mauricio Torres

Mathematics

Rosalind Wallace Finley
Sarah A. Syed

1 Summa Cum Laude – 2 Magna Cum Laude – 3 Cum Laude – 4 Banner Bearer

Commencement Ceremony

Physics

Ahmed Mostafa Sabri
Soliman Abuali
Abhijit Bera
Paul Byaruhanga
Tania Ghosh
Ana Carolina Gonzalez Romero
Thacien Habamahoro
Muyuan He
Bishnu Karki
Rutik Manikandhan
Swadeepan Nanda
Suresh Nonis
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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.

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.

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University Honors with Honors in Major

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SCIENCES

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OF ENGINEERING

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University Honors

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Yasdi Bejarano

CULLEN COLLEGE
OF ENGINEERING

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David Bonilla
Spencer Martin
Byron Perez
Jordan Washington

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ARTS AND SOCIAL
SCIENCES

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Clarke Foster
Alexander Mizerik
Lourdes Pinell
Julianna Smith
Ra’ana Williams

COLLEGE OF NATURAL
SCIENCES AND
MATHEMATICS

Carolyn Bergen
Rachel Goebel
Hasher Khan
Baqir Salim
Jaskaran Singh

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William Sims
Saraswati Stocksdale
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Azra Keskin







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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

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Please scan 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!

Shazia Khan

Shazia Khan ('84)
UH Alumni Association Foundation Board President

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