

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Fall 2024 Commencement

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

> Friday, December 13, 2024 Cullen Performance Hall





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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,

Kenu khate

Renu Khator

President, University of Houston





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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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Dean
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Dean

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Dean

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COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

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Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair
Conrad N. Hilton College of
Global Hospitality Leadership

Pradeep Sharma
Dean
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Distinguished University Professor
Cullen College of Engineering

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Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing

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

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Interim Dean
GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Dan E. Wells

Dean

Distinguished Professor of Science

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

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University of Houston History



The University of Houston was established as the Houston Junior College in 1927. As the college grew, it prospered and officially became the four-year University of Houston in 1934. Two years later, the college attained land for a permanent campus, and in 1939 it constructed its first building, the Roy G. Cullen Building. The University became a state institution in 1963.

The University includes 14 academic colleges, one school, and the multidisciplinary Honors College that teach a wide array of subjects – from math, arts and engineering to law, pharmacy and business. What started as a campus with a single building has grown into a world-class university, offering more than 270 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 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 Master's Degree

Tassel: Violet Hood: Violet Tassel: Black

KATHRINE G. McGovern College of the Arts

Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Tassel: Brown Hood: Brown Hood (Music): Pink

Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree

Hood: Pink Tassel: Red

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Tassel: Dark Blue Hood: Drab Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree

Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Tassel: Light Blue

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 Master's Degree Tassel: Orange
Hood: Orange

Doctoral Degree

Tassel: Black 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

Commencement Ceremony

UH LAW CENTER

Master's Degree Hood: Purple Tassel: Black

Hood: Purple Doctoral Degree

Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor's Degree Tassel: Citron Master's Degree Hood: Citron

Tassel: Black

Hood: Dark Blue **Doctoral Degree**

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

Hood: Apricot Master's Degree

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 Hood: Olive Master's Degree

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

Hood: Citron **Doctoral Degree**

Tassel: Red

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Bachelor's Degree Tassel: Peacock Blue Hood: Peacock Blue Master's Degree

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

Commencement Ceremony

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

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 Duddlesten, 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 Duddlesten'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. Duddlesten, 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. Duddlesten, 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. Duddlesten Free Enterprise Institute to expand entrepreneurship training and resources for all students at the University. Karen Duddlesten, Wayne Duddlesten'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.



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Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership, I offer congratulations to all the 2024 graduates present today. 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: the

support of your families and friends; encouragement from faculty and staff; and—of greatest importance—your own determination to learn, grow, and accomplish your goals.

You are now part of a global network of over 10,000 Hilton College graduates, and the friendships you 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 Class of 2024 is among the best the College has ever produced, and I know you will continue to serve as outstanding ambassadors for our program in your professional endeavors. You also got to experience what no other class has witnessed—the renovation to our Hilton Hotel along with the construction of a new tower, the formation of our new Cougar Grounds, and the creation of our Eric's Club Center for Student Success, which combines our suite of student services. These are indeed exciting times.

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

Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership

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Friday, December 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Cullen Performance Hall

> **PROCESSIONAL** College Banner Bearer

> > Platform Party

Faculty

PRESENTATION OF COLORS Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard

> Moores School of Music **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

WELCOME AND OPENING ADDRESS Dennis Reynolds

Dean, Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER Maria Cleaveland

> Sales Director, Americas Urnex Brands, LLC

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL Ki-Joon Back

AND MASTERS DEGREE CANDIDATES Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies

Moores Chair Professor

PRESENTATION OF Mary Dawson

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC HONORS Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

AND DEGREE CANDIDATES Eric Hilton Distinguished Chair Professor

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES Dean Reynolds

AND PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI

AWARD FOR SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE

PRESENTATION OF GLOBAL Associate Dean Back

MASTERS AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF DEAN'S AWARD Dean Reynolds

AND CLOSING REMARKS

Moores School of Music RECESSIONAL

Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership

Commencement Speaker



Commencement Speaker MARIA CLEAVELAND

MARIA CLEAVELAND is a food & beverage and hospitality professional with business development, strategic planning, finance, and operations expertise. A veteran of the early specialty coffee scene, she has built wholesale and licensing businesses at Starbucks, Peet's & Equator Coffees. Notably, Cleaveland managed Starbucks' initial expansion

into US airports and brings an entrepreneurial spirit to every project. Currently she is advising BrewBird, a venture backed startup reinventing the "single-serve" coffee for the 21st century and serves as Sales Director for the Americas at Urnex Brands, the global leader in specialized cleaning for the coffee sector. In her roles, Maria advances sales with technical acumen while advancing gender equity in her volunteer leadership positions. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the US Women in Coffee, a chapter of the International Women's Coffee Association (IWCA) and serves on the Leadership Council of the Coffee Technicians Guild

Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership

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Fall 2024 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN HOSPITALITY **ADMINISTRATION**

Hyun Kyung Lee

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HOSPITALITY **MANAGEMENT**

Fatemeh Ghazal Abbasi Rawan Fahad Al Hamad Angelina Maggie Chang Shamshir Kaur Gill Jad Michel Jabbour

Hao Lei

Estefania Lozada Pinedo Marcos Ant Mendoza

An Nguyen Hanh N. Redfearn Sungyeon Ryoo

EXECUTIVE MASTER OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Brian Mark Crumby Trevor Davion Deckard Ronald De'Leon Edwards, Jr. Alejandro Mejia Gamez Kenneth Michael Heston Belinda Jackson

Katie Jones

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY **BUSINESS**

Marissa Rajendra Patel

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY **BUSINESS**

Celeste Blakey John Christian Boner Jack Samuel Cohen Zhuoga Danzeng Iwo Marek Dojnow Denis Durand Can Fang

Andrea V. Frittella Daniela Gardere

Franziska Diana Hammerle

Laura Have Mingyu Jin Chujun Lin Lin Hui Liu Zirong Li Xueqi Li Yuhang Luo

Phani Siddharth Varma Meka Iris Liliane S. Mallinger Enora Louise Sorava Maynart Jean-Loïck Jacques L. Michaux

Clara Monnier Shengyue Ouyang Loic Pierre Nicolas Pasta Jimmy Rowan Radwan Juliette Saint-Paul Haochen Su Yue Wang Margaux Wrzosek

Frederika Carmine N'guessan Yace

Mingwei Yang

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY **LEADERSHIP**

Nerea Aguayo Celayeta 1 Eden Annmarie Babineaux 1 Gabrielle Del Fonso Bacani Marygrace Balvez

Aryana O. Behr Michelle Bermea 1 Halie A. Bluitt Kennedy M. Bomer

Ryan Cant Seth H. Chan Michael Chu³

Mariandreina Cumare Nuñez

Holden Davis

Betsabe Jaanai De La Cruz 1 Parker Samuel Dixon Viktorvia Drazdova Daniel Eric Elmore³ Mia A. Espino Wael Fadi

Eponine Brenwen Gallegos

Diana R. Gaspar Briauna Marie Gonzalez Inevda Gutierrez Bradlev M. Harden Richard Hernandez Haley Alexa Hixson Thi Song Nhan Hoang² Katherine D. Jensen Kerry C. Johnson Meinpry Sierra Kabakole³

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Mintae Kim

Taylor Dell Koblenzer² Lave Bernard Kourouma Joseph M. Krupka 1 Regina Landero Ramirez

Dongjian Lyu¹

Yasmin Citlalli Macouzet Barcenas

Eleni Judith Maddox 1 Veronica Marin 1 Michael McCrory Ashlev M. Mendez Vanessa Mendoza Shaziah Bianeth Moses Kevin A. Navarro Victoria Mailan Nguyen Anh Thu Pham Nguyen ² Alexis Olano Paull

Brooke Bao Khuyen Pham² Jillian Sophia Rangel

Vibhuti Nirindi Roopnarine

Liliana A. Soto 1 Landen Joseph Stites Annika Summers Chase Adam Thibodeaux Xavier T. Thierry ² Makaela Jasmine Toliver

Allegra Regina-Anabella Tombolini

Tuan Quoc Tran² Hong Anh Tran Helen Iudith Umana³

Nicholas Constantine Varcados

Isaac Vera Donna Vo

Shelbie Renee Weatherly Maria L. Wedeking Mackenzie T. Wells Jieun Yang Jeonguk Yoon 1





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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

 $Professor\ of\ Biology\ \textit{\&B}\ Biochemistry$



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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

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ashley Lubben

Honors in Major

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Carter Tristan Ung

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Joaquin Davila Jason Ruszkowski

University Honors

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Zohra Baig Benjamin Bertram Michelle Chen Michelle Flores Susana Flores Adonees Hamed Lauren Ho Kyle Jones Sarah Kimberly Jarely Leal Mauricio Malpica Daniella Menendez Rhea Mistry Inara Mohammed Tanya Momin Jobelle Navarro Justin Nguyen Emma Nicholas

Maria Ruelas Valdovinos Amjad Saleh Yahir Sarabia Pranjal Sheth Tyler Sun Faizan Sundrani Ylleza Sylejmani Jimmy Tran Jason Trujillo Johana Villanueva

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Abigail Burns

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Sophia Grayson
Johan John
Adriana Lopez Cajigas
Jacob Louis
Robert Lucord
Genaye Sanders
Nikolai Sardo
Deborah Thomas
Tommaso Zaffaroni

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Eboni Boyd Alyssa Cantu Collin Cardenas Marianna Cwalinski Camila Flores Tyler Garrett Ariel Henson Talia Hirsch Simone Noelle Manio Thania Marquez Yuleth Martinez Astry Miranda Logan Tantibanchachai Luke Williams Munira Ziauddin

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Gail Aflalo Atira Anuramchand Grace Dreifuerst David Drew **Enmanuel Escoto** Samuel Gonzales Lien Han Noah Harrison Baycha Isik Saher Khan Gabrielle Lansangan Preston Lee Jesus Mendoza Lynna Nguyen Ashlyn Pro Laila Rahman Sonali Ranchod Celine Saidy Iliana Solheim Dena Talebi

The Honors College

Collegiate Honors

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Yasdi Bejarano

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Trinity Avie David Bonilla Spencer Martin Byron Perez Jordan Washington

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Willow Copeland-Vallejo 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

Membership in The Honors College

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Grace Kielty Arianna Silvas William Sims Saraswati Stocksdale Catherine Weaver

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Emilio Marin Novoa Kaitlin Wood

ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER COLLEGE OF NURSING

Sheila Lopez Baltazar

UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENT SUCCESS –
INTEGRATED STUDIES

Azra Keskin







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 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

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