



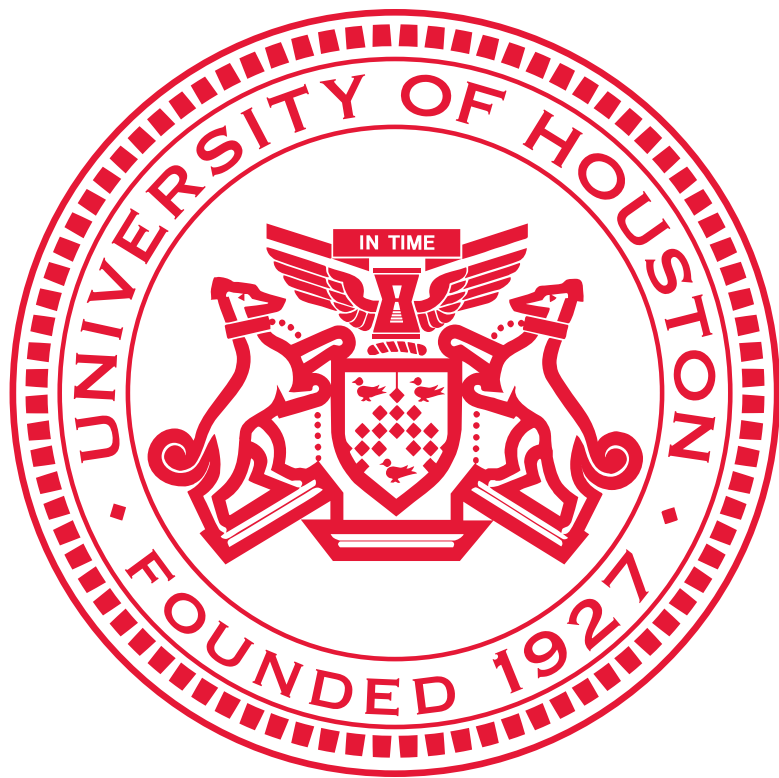
**UNIVERSITY OF  
HOUSTON**

*Spring 2026 Commencement*

**TILMAN J. FERTITTA  
FAMILY COLLEGE  
OF MEDICINE**

*Thursday, May 14, 2026  
Cullen Performance Hall*







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### Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

It is my joy to congratulate you on reaching this remarkable milestone. Receiving your college degree is an incredible achievement, and today we all celebrate you.

This accomplishment not only reflects your intellect and knowledge, but also signifies your determination, drive and ingenuity. The character you've developed and invaluable life skills you've gained will propel you throughout your career and lifetime. Be confident knowing you are now equipped to reach your full potential.

As you leave this University and embark on a new path, thank your professors, advisors, family and friends who supported you throughout this journey. Moreover, stay connected to your University as a volunteer or student mentor. I know you'll continue to grow and have much to share.

You've earned your degree from a Tier One institution, world-renowned for its academic excellence, cutting-edge research and dynamic athleticism. Today, you join the ranks of thousands of alumni who have achieved incredible success — and I know you will too.

Once again, congratulations, Coogs. The world awaits you!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Renu Khator'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Renu Khator  
*President, University of Houston*





### Message from the Provost

Dear Spring Graduates,

Congratulations! You have traveled a long and demanding road to arrive at this moment, and yet, here you are! It is an honor to congratulate you on earning your degree from the University of Houston.

Whether you are the very first in your family to cross this stage or are continuing a proud tradition as a multi-generational Cougar, today's ceremony marks a major milestone in your life. This day is equally significant for the University of Houston, as your growth and success have been our primary mission from the very first day you stepped onto our campus.

Look back at those who supported you. Reach out to the peers, professors, and staff who guided your path. Most importantly, share your gratitude with the family and friends here today—the spouses, parents, and siblings who provided the daily inspiration you needed to keep going.

While many contributed to your success, please take a moment to truly celebrate the person most responsible for this achievement: you. You balanced the heavy weight of classes, careers, and family obligations. It was a rigorous challenge, but you persevered. You are now ready to reap the lifelong rewards that come with being a UH graduate.

Though you may be leaving this campus, you will always be a vital part of the University of Houston family. You now carry forward the legacy of all the graduates who came before you. As you represent this institution in your future endeavors, carry your “Cougar Pride” with you and let the world know where you started.

Once again, congratulations on this incredible accomplishment!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diane Z. Chase', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Diane Z. Chase

*Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Houston*

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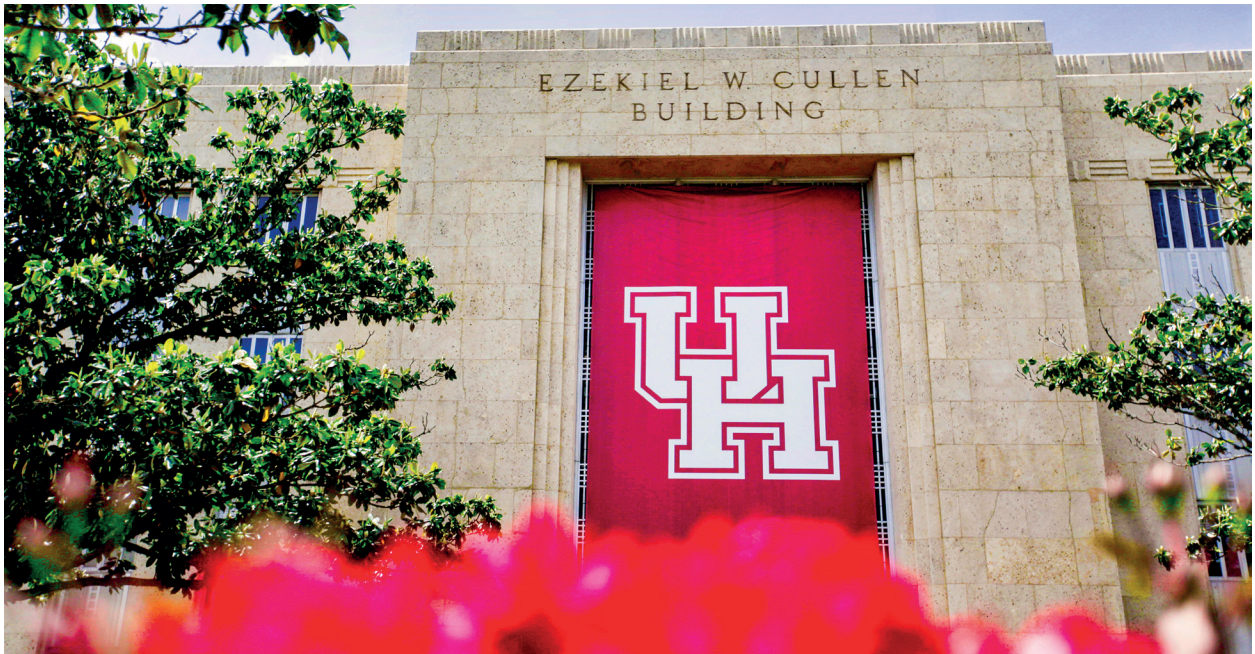
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## University of Houston

### Commencement Ceremony

## University of Houston History

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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 a multidisciplinary Honors College, collectively teaching 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 over 285 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 48,000 students annually.

The Cougars consistently compete at the highest levels, earning conference championships, bowl game invitations and NCAA Final Four appearances. In 2023, UH joined the Big 12 Conference — a hard-fought mission to join a Power Four conference.

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. This unprecedented success has been followed by a string of similar achievements, being awarded a Phi Beta Kappa honor society chapter, the opening of Houston's first medical school in nearly 50 years, more than tripling the number of National Academy members on the faculty and dramatically improving the graduation rates.

The University consistently earns accolades for its students' achievements, such as the top 50 of Forbes' list of America's Top Colleges and Princeton Review's "50 Best Value Public Colleges." It also ranks 36th in the nation on U.S. News & World Report's 2025 social mobility index ranking and among the top 100 universities in the world for utility patents. Moreover, President Renu Khator is boldly leading UH to become a U.S. News & World Report top 50 public university.

## 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

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel:</i> Violet
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Violet <i>Tassel:</i> Black

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel:</i> Brown
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Brown <i>Hood (Music):</i> Pink <i>Tassel:</i> Black
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Pink <i>Tassel:</i> Red

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel:</i> Dark Blue
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Drab <i>Tassel:</i> Black
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Dark Blue <i>Tassel:</i> Red

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel:</i> Light Blue
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Light Blue <i>Tassel:</i> Black
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood (Ed.D.):</i> Light Blue <i>Hood (Ph.D.):</i> Dark Blue <i>Tassel:</i> Red

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel:</i> Orange
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Orange <i>Tassel:</i> Black
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Dark Blue <i>Tassel:</i> Red

### CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel:</i> Navy
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Navy, Red and White <i>Tassel:</i> Black
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood:</i> Dark Blue <i>Tassel:</i> 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*

**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**

**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*



## Honorary Degree

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### JERICHO BROWN, PH.D.

A Pulitzer-Prize-winning poet, Jericho Brown is one of the most celebrated authors of our time. An acclaimed writer, scholar and professor, Brown has received some of the most coveted honors in American literature.

Growing up in Shreveport, Louisiana, Brown found solace at his local library and in writing. As soon as he learned of the prestigious Pulitzer Prize, he dreamed of becoming a writer. In a full-circle moment in 2020, he won the high honor for his third poetry book, “The Tradition.” The work — described by the Pulitzer board as a collection of masterful lyrics that combine delicacy with historical urgency — was also a finalist for the National Book Award.

“The Tradition” is preceded by his first book, “Please,” which won the American Book Award. His second book, “The New Testament,” won the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award. A prolific writer, Brown’s poems have appeared in *The New York Times*, BuzzFeed, *Fence*, *jubilat*, *The New Republic*, *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, *TIME* and several volumes of *The Best American Poetry*. He is also the editor of “How We Do It: Black Writers on Craft, Practice and Skill” and of “The Selected Shepherd.”

In 2024, Brown received the MacArthur Foundation’s “genius grant” and was described as a “poet reflecting on contemporary culture and identity in works that combine formal experimentation and intense self-examination.” He has also received distinguished fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard and the National Endowment for the Arts. In addition, he has won the Whiting Award.

An avid scholar, Brown earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Dillard University, his Master of Fine Arts from the University of New Orleans and his Ph.D. in creative writing and literature from the University of Houston. He is the Charles Howard Candler Professor of English and Creative Writing and director of the Creative Writing Program at Emory University in Atlanta.

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## Honorary Degree

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### DONALD J. KESSLER

A pioneering leader in astrophysics, Donald J. Kessler is a former NASA scientist whose breakthrough research brought attention to an unrecognized risk to space safety. He is best known for the Kessler Syndrome, which describes how orbital debris could threaten space operations, while proposing strategies to manage and mitigate those risks.

Kessler joined NASA as a University of Houston cooperative education student and, after developing an interest in the risks to spacecraft from meteoroids, recognized the greater risk created by man-made orbital debris from spacecrafts. His 1978 paper, titled “The Collision Frequency of Artificial Satellites: The Creation of a Debris Belt,” predicted an exponential

increase in orbiting fragments and increasing risk to spacecraft. In addition, he pioneered mathematical models of collision probabilities.

Following his vital research and calculations, NASA established an orbital debris program with Kessler as lead scientist and a principal in the operation and its outreach. A prolific research scientist, Kessler built the analytical capabilities that remain central to NASA’s approach to debris monitoring, mitigation practices and disposal guidelines. Moreover, he and his colleagues met with leaders from European, Russian and Asian space communities to encourage an international focus on mitigating the increasing amount of debris in Earth’s orbits. This global outreach led to the creation of the Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee, a coalition of 13 national and international space agencies that develop consensus guidelines used worldwide.

A Texas native, Kessler spent three years in the U.S. Army’s Air Defense Command before enrolling at UH, where he graduated cum laude and with honors in physics in 1965. He retired from NASA in 1996 as chief scientist of the orbital debris program.

Kessler has received numerous awards for his transformational work, including NASA’s Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Losey Atmospheric Sciences Award, the International Association for the Advancement of Space Safety Jerome Lederer Space Safety Pioneer Award, and he has had an asteroid named in his honor. More than four decades after his transformative discovery, Kessler’s research continues to shape global policy and safeguard the long-term sustainability of space operations for the benefit of humanity.

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### Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates of the University of Houston Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine:

Congratulations on your graduation from medical school and welcome to the medical profession!

Today marks the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to your calling as a physician. You've reached a significant milestone, and now you stand ready to begin the next chapter of your journey — one that brings greater responsibility, deeper learning, and the privilege of caring for patients in their most vulnerable moments.

The determination, resilience, and compassion you have demonstrated throughout medical school will continue to serve you well as you move forward into residency and beyond.

Our faculty and staff are honored to have been part of your medical education. We are proud of all you've accomplished and look forward to following your careers as you make meaningful contributions to your patients, your communities, and the profession. It has been a privilege to witness your growth, and we are excited to see the positive impact you will have in the years ahead.

To the family members, friends, and loved ones who have supported you along the way — we extend our warmest congratulations and deepest gratitude. Your encouragement, understanding, and steadfast presence have been vital to this achievement. As these new physicians transition into residency, your continued support will remain an invaluable source of strength.

As new alumni of the Fertitta College of Medicine, you carry with you not only your knowledge and skills, but also the values and experiences that have shaped you during your time here. We hope you leave with fond memories of your medical school years, lasting friendships, and a sense of pride in all you've achieved. Please stay connected with us, return often, and let us celebrate your future successes together. Know that we are always here to support you in the years ahead.

May your careers be filled with purpose, joy, and the deep satisfaction of providing compassionate care, bringing healing and hope to those you serve.

Congratulations once again, Class of 2026!

Jonathan A. McCullers, MD  
*Vice President of Health Affairs and Dean*

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<b>CALL TO ORDER   OPENING REMARKS</b>	Jonathan McCullers <i>Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF COLORS</b>	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS</b>	Omolola E. Adepoju <i>Executive Director of Humana Integrated Health Systems Science Institute</i>
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	Suzan Skef <i>Director of Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship</i>
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	Sydney Gandy <i>President, Class of 2026</i>
<b>WELCOME</b>	Dean McCullers
<b>GREETINGS FROM UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS</b>	The Honorable Patrick J. Fertitta <i>Member</i>
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b>	John J. Whyte <i>CEO and Executive Vice President, American Medical Association</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF MD CANDIDATES</b>	Stephen Scott <i>Vice Dean for Education</i>
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	Dean McCullers
<b>ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH</b>	Kristin Kassaw <i>Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean McCullers
<b>ALMA MATER</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	Moore School of Music



### Commencement Speaker

#### JOHN J. WHYTE, MD, MPH

##### CEO and Executive Vice President of the American Medical Association

JOHN WHYTE, MD, MPH serves as the CEO and Executive Vice President of the American Medical Association, the nation's largest physician organization.

Prior to the AMA, Dr. Whyte served as the Chief Medical Officer at WebMD, leading initiatives that expanded strategic partnerships, created new business opportunities, and positioned WebMD at the forefront of digital health innovation. He was a pivotal force in evolving WebMD's digital platforms from content delivery engines to powerful tools connecting consumers directly to care, establishing critical new revenue

models. He is a recognized leader in health care delivery and regulation and is consistently named as one of the Top 20 Health Influencers.

Before joining WebMD, Dr. Whyte served as Director of Professional Affairs and Stakeholder Engagement at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. There, he spearheaded groundbreaking initiatives to modernize clinical trial design, expand diversity in research, and advance the regulatory use of real-world evidence — efforts that continue to impact patient-centered drug development today.

Earlier, as Chief Medical Expert and Vice President of Health and Medical Education at Discovery Channel, Dr. Whyte launched educational programming that captured both medical and mainstream audiences, successfully aligning mission-driven health education with corporate funding strategies and building new multimedia brand identities.

At the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Dr. Whyte played a pivotal role in formalizing Medicare's national coverage decision process, directly shaping payment policies and advancing innovative models to improve healthcare outcomes. His experience at CMS demonstrates a deep understanding of health policy, reimbursement strategies, and the critical intersection of clinical innovation and payment models.

A board-certified internist, Dr. Whyte completed his MD at Hahnemann University School of Medicine, his residency at Duke University Medical Center, and earned his MPH in Health Policy and Management at Harvard University. He previously served as a health services research fellow at Stanford University. An accomplished author, Dr. Whyte has written extensively for both professional and consumer audiences, including five best-selling books.

## Commencement Ceremony

### Class of 2026 Oath

As an aspiring physician, I take this oath freely and enthusiastically to my future patients, my community, my colleagues, and myself:

Above all, I pledge to first do no harm. I promise to treat my patients with respect and dignity, valuing their autonomy and fostering an environment of trust. I will be culturally competent and address my implicit biases. I vow to be mindful of my limits and ask for help when it is in the best interest of my patients. I will be a patient advocate and an agent of change for the betterment of healthcare in my community and beyond.

I will contribute to medical progress for the benefit of the greater good. I will embrace evidence-based medicine and combat misinformation. I vow to adopt a pioneering spirit that values curiosity and discovery. I will promote inclusivity in the field of medicine and encourage a collaborative environment built on respect and open communication.

As I pursue these goals, I will care for myself so that I can best serve others. I will remain grateful to those who led me here today. I will honor their efforts by passing on knowledge to the next generation of physicians and engage in life-long learning.

I promise to be humble, empathetic, and professional to earn my place as a servant-leader. I aspire to provide competent and compassionate care and to advance the field of medicine.

**This oath serves as the foundation for my medical practice. I commit to its values with full accountability to my community, my peers, and myself. (translated below)**

#### Igbo

Iyi a bu ntoala maka oru ahuikem. M na etinye aka na uru ya na  
nzaghachi zuru oke nye obodom m, ndi ogbo m na onwem

#### Spanish

Este juramento es la fundación de mi práctica médica. Me comprometo a sus valores  
con plena responsabilidad ante mi comunidad, mis compañeros, y a mi mismo.

#### Vietnamese

Lời tuyên thệ này là nền tảng cho việc hành nghề y khoa của tôi. Tôi quyết tâm cam kết giữ những  
giá trị này với trọn trách nhiệm đối với cộng đồng của tôi, đồng nghiệp của tôi, và bản thân tôi.

#### Urdu

میں عہد کرتا ہوں کہ یہ مندرجات میری پیشہ ورانہ زندگی کی اساس بنیں گے۔  
میں عہد کرتا ہوں کہ خود احتسابی کے جذبے کے ساتھ ان ذمہ داریوں سے عہدہ برا ہونے کی سعی کرونگا جن کی توقع  
اس حلف کی بنیاد پہ میرا معاشرہ اور میرے ہم پیشہ ساتھی مجھ سے رکھیں گے۔

#### Serbian

Ova zakletva služi kao temelj moje medicinske prakse. Obavezujem se ovim  
vrednostima uz punu odgovornost prema svojoj zajednici, vršnjacima, i sebi.

#### Arabic

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sandy G. Lee'.

Sandy Lee  
*UH Alumni Association Foundation Board President*

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