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Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m. Cullen Performance Hall

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Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations, class of 2023! Today you graduate with a first-class education from one of the nation's leading universities. We are so proud of you for reaching this important milestone.

Over the years, you've made new memories and friends, and grown in character and wisdom. And now it's time to take what you've learned and go chart a new course in the world. I know in my heart that you will do well and make a positive impact on our society.

The support of your family and friends, and the encouragement of your UH faculty, advisers and staff have also played a significant part in your success. Thank them for their contribution, as we thank you for choosing our university.

UH is the home of world-renowned researchers and professors, award-winning sports and academic programs. The knowledge and experience you've gained here have prepared you to rise to the top in your field. Many graduates who have come before you have earned national recognition and highly esteemed awards and honors for their work. And now you're joining this great class of alumni. Congratulations! I know you will make us proud.

With my best wishes for a bright and rewarding future, Go Coogs!

Warmest regards,

Renu Khator

President, University of Houston

Renu khator







Message from the Provost

Dear Spring 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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University of Houston Deans

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Founding Dean
Cullen Foundation Endowed Dean's Chair
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C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Stephen J. Spann
Founding Dean
TILMAN J. FERTITTA FAMILY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Kathryn M. Tart
Founding Dean
Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Nursing
Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing

Joseph W. Tedesco
Elizabeth D. Rockwell Endowed Dean's Chair
Cullen College of Engineering

Michael Twa Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Optometry College of Optometry

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

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 46,000 students annually.

UH is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university, and its public service and community activities, such as cultural offerings, clinical services, policy studies and small business initiatives, serve a diverse metropolitan population. Likewise, the resources of the Gulf Coast Region complement and enrich the University's academic programs, providing students with professional expertise, practical experience and career opportunities.

In keeping with the University's commitment to excellence, UH raised the benchmark of academic achievement when Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society, awarded UH the approval to start a chapter in 2015. This designation welcomed UH to an elite group of the nation's most esteemed colleges and universities.

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

ree 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 DegreeHood: Dark Blue
Tassel: Red

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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 DegreeTassel: CitronMaster's DegreeHood: 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 Tass
Master's Degree Hoo

Tassel: Golden Yellow Hood: Golden Yellow

Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree

Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red

ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER COLLEGE OF NURSING

Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Tassel: Apricot Hood: Apricot Tassel: Black

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Master's Degree

Hood: Gold

Tassel: Black

Doctor of Philosophy Degree

Hood: Royal Blue Tassel: Red

Doctor of Optometry Degree

Hood: Seafoam Green

Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: Olive

Master's Degree

Hood: Olive Tassel: Black

Doctor of Philosophy Degree

Hood: Royal Blue Tassel: Red

Doctor of Pharmacy Degree

Hood: Olive Tassel: Red

GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Master's Degree

Hood: Citron

Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree

Hood: Citron

Tassel: Red

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Master's Degree:

Hood: Peacock Blue Tassel: Black

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

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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.

SPRING 2023

Maryam Alghafir
Bachelor of Business Administration in Management
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Alyssa R. Gomez
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Catelyn C. Huynh

Bachelor of Science in Global Hospitality Leadership

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Natalie Madeline Kubosh

Bachelor of Science in Global Hospitality Leadership

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Elaine Thuy Duyen Le

Bachelor of Science in Global Hospitality Leadership

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Lauren Taylor Lyles
Bachelor of Arts in Human Development and Family Sciences
College of Education
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Ankit A. Maurya
Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance
Bachelor of Business Administration in
Supply Chain Management
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Ajmain Bashar Mustafa
Bachelor of Business Administration in
Management Information Systems
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Saad Nadeem
Bachelor of Science in Health
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science
Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition and Foods
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Brenda T. Nguyen

Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning

College of Education

Dan T. Nguyen

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Marangelly D. Rangel
Bachelor of Science in Health
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Emily B. Reyna

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Neha Sunkara
Bachelor of Science in Biology
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Bachelor of Science in Economics
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Ryan Trejo
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS







Message from the Dean

Dear Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts Graduates,

Congratulations!

You are here today because of all you have achieved at the University of Houston. You have worked tirelessly to master your craft, cultivating skills that position you at the forefront of the performing and visual

arts. You have collectively spent thousands of hours rehearsing, researching, performing, and designing on the University of Houston campus and beyond. You have added to our city's rich and vibrant culture through community-centric projects and programs that promote Houston's diverse arts community.

Now, as the next generation of creators, performers, artists, and collaborators, the world is at your fingertips—waiting for you to make your mark. My most important advice to you is to remain curious, investigate your environment, and reimagine the possibilities of creative practices in our complex, 21st-century world.

As you leave the McGovern College of the Arts to embark on your career and the next stage of your life, I know your future is bright. I look forward to seeing the impact you will make on our community, our city, and our world.

Please stay in touch! You may contact me anytime at adavis@uh.edu.

Sincerely,

Andrew Davis

Dean and Professor of Music

Cullen Foundation Endowed Chair

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PROCESSIONAL Moores School of Music

CALL TO ORDER Andrew Davis

Founding Dean and Professor of Music Cullen Foundation Endowed Dean's Chair

PRESENTATION OF COLORS Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM Moores School of Music

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

RECOGNITION OF PLATFORM PARTY

Dean Davis

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER The Honorable Sylvester Turner

Mayor of the City of Houston

RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS Dean Davis

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES Steven Block

Director, Moores School of Music

Beckham Dossett

Director, School of Art

Fleurette Fernando

Director, Arts Leadership Program

Rob Shimko

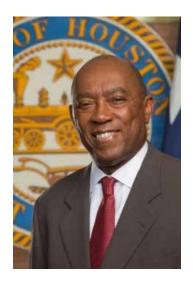
Director, School of Theatre and Dance

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES Dean Davis

CLOSING REMARKS Dean Davis

ALMA MATER Moores School of Music

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THE HONORABLE SYLVESTER TURNER

Mayor of the City of Houston

MAYOR SYLVESTER TURNER Elected in December 2015 and overwhelmingly re-elected in December 2019, Sylvester Turner is serving his second four-year term. He is Houston's 62nd mayor. In his final year as Houston's top leader, Mayor Turner's theme is "execution and implementation," as he focuses on finishing major projects and initiatives.

Since taking office, Mayor Turner has expertly managed significant challenges facing the nation's fourth-largest city, including budget deficits, homelessness, and natural disasters such as Hurricane Harvey. He is currently leading Houston's response to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Amid national unrest and calls for improving the community and police relations, the mayor signed an executive order restricting the use of force and created a Task Force on Policing Reforms.

Mayor Turner has passed seven balanced budgets within the city's fiscal constraints. He also oversaw Houston's remarkable rebound from Hurricane Harvey, championed historic pension reform, cheered on the 2017 and 2022 World Series Houston Astros, and hosted a successful Super Bowl LI. He also launched Houston's first Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, meet the Paris Agreement goal of carbon neutrality by 2050, and lead the global energy transition.

In February 2022, Mayor Turner released his One Safe Houston initiative to combat the increase in violence resulting from the pandemic, domestic violence, mental illness, and the proliferation of guns on the street. The plan has resulted in a decrease in the year-to-year number of homicides and overall violent crime rate.

Mayor Turner's signature priorities include Complete Communities, an initiative designed to revitalize and improve Houston's most under-served neighborhoods by partnering with local stakeholders to leverage resources to create a more equitable and prosperous city for all Houstonians. He also created the Hire Houston Youth program to provide jobs and internship opportunities for thousands of young people each year. He forged public-private partnerships to improve neighborhood parks and expand Houston's technology and innovation footprint.

As the chief executive of the world's energy capital, Mayor Turner brings a performancedriven approach to the job, creating a more responsive, streamlined, and efficient delivery of city services while shoring up Houston's financial future. Thanks to his

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leadership, the Texas Legislature, and local voters approved the pension reform package that reduced the city's liability by billions of dollars and provided a "fix" that had eluded the city for 17 years.

As a nationally recognized leader, Mayor Turner is a trustee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and serves on the Audit and Finance Committee. He is Chairman of the Resilient Cities Network, a member of the C40 and Global Covenant for Mayors for Climate and Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Committee, and Chairman of the Resilient Cities Network. Mayor Turner is the immediate past Chair of Climate Mayors and the immediate past president of the African American Mayors Association.

Before serving as Houston's mayor, Turner served for 27 years as the Representative for Texas House District 139. He worked on the House Appropriations Committee for 21 years and served as Speaker Pro Tem for three terms. He was appointed to several Budget Conference Committees to balance the state's budget and served on the Legislative Budget Board.

In 2017, Mayor Turner received the Ohtli Award, the Mexican government's highest honor. In March 2020, the University of Houston's Master of Public Administration Program honored Mayor Turner with the Pioneer of Public Service Award.

Numerous publications and news outlets such as 60 Minutes, MSNBC, CNN, CNBC, and FOX News have recognized Mayor Turner as a thought leader. The Wall Street Journal, Black Enterprise Magazine, Cuba Today Magazine, Ebony, New York Times, Washington Post, and USA Today have also featured Mayor Turner for his leadership and accomplishments.

Spring 2023 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Moores School of Music

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

Zachary Benjamin Averyt

The Interpretation and Pedagogy of 20th-Century Settings of Shakespeare RESEARCH CHAIR: Prof. Joseph Evans

Anna-Maria Gkouni

The Role of the Piano in O. Messiaen's Turangalîla-Symphonie

RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Paul Bertagnolli

Matthew Lyon Hazzard

The Veil Opens: An Analysis of Storytelling Features in Eric Whitacre's The Sacred Veil

RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Timothy Koozin

Gilyoung Kang

Compositional Concepts in Jennifer Higdon's String Poetic

RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Barbara Rose

Lange

Cameron David Miller

A New Pedagogical Approach to the Altissimo Register in Robert Muczynski's Saxophone Works

RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. John Snyder

John Joseph Mitchell

"The Great Toulousain Dynasty": The History, Evolution, and Legacy of les Facteurs d'Orgues Théodore Puget, Père et Fils. 1838-1960

RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Matthew Dirst

Juan Fernando Perez Ossa

Microrhythm and Articulation in Count Basie's Recordings

RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Timothy Koozin

MASTER DEGREES

Arts Leadership

MASTER OF ARTS

Stephen Davis

Yunona Dranichnikova Shawanna Renee Goffney

Paige Elizabeth Kutschall

Gabriela Magana

Dametria Evonne Morris

Colby Wilson

Paula Michelle Wilson

School of Art

MASTER OF ARTS

Sophie Asakura Zoie M. Buske Olivia Adele Ek

Sydney Ann McCombs

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Isela Aguirre

Saran Alderson

Layla Moreira Bispo

Violette Bule

John S. Delaney

Brian Ellison

Salma Mohamed Ashraf Moussad

Mohamed Hamouda

Catherine Ruth Martinez

Michelle Rose Matthews

Adrian N. Munoz

Katie Patzke

Mandana Ranjbarcheshmehsorkhi

Cory Reeves

Hollie Stephan

Lee Walters

Moores School of Music

MASTER OF MUSIC

Justine Elizabeth Ash

. Tarryn Mckenzie Ballard

Hannah Brooke Deplazes

Matthew R. Dion

Arthur Paul Gilligan

Miranda Denise Graham

Nathan Wesley Holmes

Charlotte Faith Jackson

Amia M. Langer

Lang Ming

Sharon Montes

Mariam Mouawad

Luis Osorio Betancourt

Cameron Grant Peck

Michael Jacob Remish

Joeavian Rivera

Wing Hei Ringel Sat

Rachel Pauline Shukan

Timothy Smale

Samantha Grace Taylor

Jessika Valentim De Albuquerque

Daniela Yepes Dimate

Jiaxian Zhou

School of Theatre and Dance

MASTER OF ARTS

Aria Giacona

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Brandi N. Alexander

Domonique L. Champion

Patrick Sexton Fretwell

Karina Nicole Ithier

Liam Johnson

Olivia Knight

Teresa L. Meckley

James Philip Riddle

Alex Vrinceanu

Rashaud Demetrius Williams

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BACHELOR DEGREES

School of Art

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Art

Sabahat Riasat Ali² Carly M. Bancroft³

Madeline Paloma Bazaldua 1

Kayla N. Byrd Aldair Y. Castano Alexis N. Castro Denise Chavez-Mora ² Iimmy Chiem ⁷

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Ceara A. Colvin Najee Jamal Eaglin Lorena Flores '

Tyrese Lorenzo Franklin ² Arely Alyssa Garza ² Aya Ghoneim

Santiago Hernandez ³ Elizabeth Maria Herrera ² Aubree Summer Hughes ¹

Crystal Huynh Audrey Kent

Ashton Deshon Lundy

Luis Antonio Martinez Salazar

Hannah Leigh Moore Nicholas John Mueller Anny Vo Truc Nguyen Khoi G. Nguyen ³ Cindy Nguyen ¹ Karla V. Orellana ¹

Alexandra Collette Pasculado

Nicoulas V. Pittman Oscar A. Restrepo ³ Claudia P. Rojas ¹ Caroline Anne Schulze Zeena Ghanim Sumo ³ Jose Ricardo Zelaya Romero

Art History

Frances G. Bolger 1

Adrienne Marie Chance ³
Kassandra Elisa Garcia ²
Farah Yasmin Islam
Peyton M. Mitchell ²
Erin Colleen Satterwhite ^{1,4}
Claudette Maria Vega Anchondo
Allison V. Young ³

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Alexander Lucio Lopez 1

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Linda Ly 1

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Alfonso Ochoa Hanna J. Oliva ³

Brandon Lee-Vorael Stelly Dranat Agore Vazquez Carolina Yanez²

Sculpture

Dylan Ellery Anderson² Jasmine C. Gann¹

Moores School of Music

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Music

Mackenzie Hart ¹ Brandon B. Temple

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Music

Emmanuel Acevedo Caroline R. Berry ¹ Miles Bi ²

Andrew M. Burnett ² Sadie N. Chamberlain ²

Julian Diaz

Sean Yi-Heng Ding ²
Genevieve L. Effler ²
Nathan Adel El-Habashy ³
Jonathan S. Forbes
Aaron Cruz Gonzalez
Halle E. Goodman ⁷
Ethan V. Ha
Reagan N. Hallick ²
Zachary Aaron Hoover ²

1 Summa Cum Laude - 2 Magna Cum Laude - 3 Cum Laude - 4 Banner Bearer (highest GPA)

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Jacob Ryan Kline ²
Carissa Rylee Ledesma ²
Ryan A. Ludwig ³
Kyle A. Maninantan
Jose (JC) Martinez
Mojgan Misaghi ²
Huy Quoc Nguyen ²
John N. Paulson
Sorin Jeremiah Pena ³
Antonio Sanz ²
Kaitlyn Patricia Slean
Timothy R. Turnley ²

Performance

Lauren Bennett Alisiya Boiko ² Melissa Villasana Escobar ² Audrey E. Foster Oliver W. Hassall ³ David A. Holtgrewe ² Gracie Diannara Martinez ² Melanie Christen McCreary David Santiago Pena Vega ¹ Sarah Marie Piercy ³ Katelynn A. Watson ^{1,4}

School of Theatre and Dance

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Dance

Cristian Angel Martinez²

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Dance

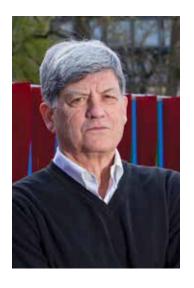
Niala Gabunas Agudelo ³ Monica Lissette Arenas ³ Kendahl C. Bermudez Paula A. Carpy Breyonna Erakae Milton Brianna Katrell Payne ³ Daniela Romero

Theater

Jami S. Aguirre ¹ Helayna R. Barber ^{1,4} Brandon Brian Cho Amy Nichole Curtis ²

Matthew M. DeBerardinis Heather Lynn Ervin³ Joy E. Germany² Samantha Morgan Hernandez² Lauren Kelley³ Ricky L. Martinez Madeline H. Moore Emily Christine Mordecai³ Jaurius Dupree Norman Tyler David Pitman³ Paige Olivia Popovec Carolyn Mae Richards² Christina Ashley Roy Brandon Nicholas James Sanders 3 Jacob Tyler Santo Brittney L. Schmidt 3 Michael Leonel Sifuentes 3 Meagan Rachelle Smallwood 1 Olivia Gay Smith 3







Message from the Dean

Congratulations, Class of 2023!

We are excited to gather and celebrate you and your successful journey through the University of Houston and the Honors College.

By persevering through a world pandemic, each of you has made history – never losing sight of the goal! But the pandemic did not deter you despite unprecedented difficulties.

I've been affiliated with the Honors College for more than 45 years of my 48-year career as a faculty member at the University of Houston. My association began before it was even a college as you know it today – it began as the Honors Program in the 1970's. Since those initial beginnings, I have seen unprecedented growth, both in numbers of students and programs, and in overall quality. I believe that the Honors College provides exceptional opportunities to our students and has become increasingly important to the University.

You have thrived and grown with the guidance of outstanding faculty and staff as you navigated your way through the Honors College's exceptional academic experiences, real-world service to the community, and outstanding opportunities in research.

You are not in the same place you were when you began this journey, and neither is the College. During your time in Honors, you have been a part of its dynamic growth and development with the addition of new minors, a record-breaking number of awardees of scholarships and major awards, and expanded opportunities for co-curricular engagement and research.

As you begin your careers or continue your studies through graduate or professional programs, we know you are well prepared to lead in your chosen field and continue contributing solutions to the grand challenges of tomorrow.

Although you're graduating, the Honors College will always be a part of your life. Stay connected with the College as an alum and I hope you will support the College's programs and scholarships for future generations that will come behind you.

Go Coogs!

Stuart Long Interim Dean

and Associate Dean, Undergraduate Research

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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

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Joseph David Royer

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Caitlyn M. Foret Tatiana Haddad Alfonso Morgan Reyes Alexandra Rafaela Samperio

Esraa Wasel

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Erin Colleen Satterwhite

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Arturo De La Barcena Kevin Fleming Shanzeh Imran

Veera Venkata Ramprajwal Vempatti

Iva Jane Wagner

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Daniel Lim

Maxximus Ganesh Ramsaroop Ritu Ranganath Sampige

University Honors

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Akanksha S. Bhatia Pooja K. Desai Jessica I. Merhav

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Turab Abbas Aisha Adebisi Kiana Akhlaghi Allysa Nadine Aquino Jared-Daniel Garcia Blanco Jordan Cavarrubio

Abhaya Chopra Hannah Collins Carissa Denise Daniels Kathy Marisol De Leon

Ishaan Desai Ashley Dhaliwal Jose Diez

Taylor Marie Diggs Britney Phuong Dzu

Lee Ecat

Michaela Camille Edwards

Atika Fatima Giselle Galletti Amrutha Sreya Gorthi Patricia Estefania Hernandez Gerald Charles Howard Poornima Harikrishnan Iyer Joaquin Emmanuel Jamerlan

Salma Kadrie Tara Nur Kamal Jacob Myoung-Koo Kang

Dhruv Kini Zayd Latheef

Lauren Elizabeth Lattin

Ariana Lee
November Lee
Phinesa Anne Malroy
Caitlin Mantei
Aniq Maredia
Miguel Martinez
Mark Douglas Mcmillan
Drew Thomas Middleton
Katherine Miranda Brizuela
Alexander Mosqueda
Vincent Thanh Nguyen

Ayah Obeid Jessica Obispo Vivek Patel Angeline Pham Anna Minh Pham Brianna Marie Pham Francheska Quintanilla Hala Faisal Rawas Manasi Reddy

Nicholas Thomas Renfro Claudia Rodriguez Oscar Rovira Aysha Saif

Dewan Muhammed Ariyan-Bin Sayeed

Zachary Schroeder Sabah Shaikh Abby Shelenhamer Amritha Siby Ashley Siloran Gauravjit Singh Isabella Stack Ahmed Syed

Yahya Muhammad Tayyan Victoria Mitteness Teoh Bridget Alexis Tindal Van Tructuong Tran Britney Turcios

Ana Beatriz Vallejo Herrera Angela Lubay Villaruel

The Honors College

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Brenda Natalie Benitez Arye Sanjay Bhide Saman Butt Aaron Chang Kaleb M. Clark Erika Cruz Nandita Milind Deo

Nandita Milind Deo Maya K. Dompier Tiffany Tram Duong Rayana Fadhli Genesis A. Garay Adrian Gonzalez

Jenna Kathryn Goodrich Simone Lynn Green Alexandra Hayek David Paul Hilton Stella Angeliki Iliakis

Ayesha Javed

Deaunte Deshuwn Johnson Ella Gormah Johnson Bryce R. Jones Cedra Muna Kadrie Xavier Kaleemullah Anthony S. Kehl

Tanvi Shrihari Kelkar Rahima Khan Zenah Khatib Joseph Kim Taylor A. Laredo

Veronica J. Ledezma Monsivais

Grace Lytle

Monica Ebende Madiba Alexis Petcharin Manuel Abigail Rosamond Martin

Yuriana Martinez
Alice Martirossian
Abigail Miranda
Maya Ruba Moujaes
Erin M. Myers
Farah Nazar
Ethan Cole Palay
Jennifer Sofia Perez
Olivia Caroline Pirtle
Christine Jeanelle Pulido

Jyothika Rajagopalan Ivanna Raudales Mackenzie Rivers Aysha Saif Kathryn Sen Gupta Amritha Siby Farooq Siddiqui Sarah Siddiqui Eos J. Sison Neha Sunkara

Sophia Rosalynd Philomena Sutter

Anna Ruth Taylor Vivian Tran Angélica Luz Vences

Phillip Rio Yonekawa-Blest

KATHRINE G. McGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Frances Bolger Mackenzie Hart Meagan Rachelle Smallwood Claudette Maria Vega Anchondo

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Jacqueline N. Diep Carlos Gerardo Fuentes Maheen Hassan Margaret M. Kamholz Alexis Petcharin Manuel Jordan Ezekiel Pemberton Jamie N. Rose

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Anaga Ajoy Chandika Teja Akula Smithson Arrey-Tabot Arrey Tony A. Bandak Carlos Benitez Cody S. Betzner Emma Dunaway Bond Penny Lane Bond-Reading Sean Michael Bruzdoski Nicole Burke Josiah Thomas Cherian Mikayla Eryn Deehring Blake Stephen Demler Michela V. Durrette Jonathan D. Eisenbrandt

Ryeen Farangi Mariana Garcia Acosta

Patrick D. Garza Lediya Haider Danny A. Hamed Nikki M. Hammond Zachary Trent Iglesia Abigail Brianna Janvier

Kailee B. Keiser Amy Erna Koelbel Anthara R. Krishnan Jacob Lightfoot Jiyuan Luo

Dalen Trigg Masur Bryan Lewis McElvy Mohammed Kazim Mirza Annabelle N. O'Day

Ali A. Oufi Akhil Piyush Patel Kevin Philip Donovan Pik Syed S. Rahman Collin James Rhodes Elizabeth R Richardson Jacob N. Rimlinger Caleb W. Rogers Tala Shannak

Aliasghar Irfan Shariff Anique Ur Rehman Siddiqui

Patricio Silva
Kathryn Simmons
Hailey P. Stafford
Conlan Taylor
Kevin Hoang Tran
Eva E. Treviño
Alexa Faith Truong
Megan K. Truong
Sophia A. Urh

Matthew M. Van Houten Jeremy A. Yarbrough

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Mikela S. Berger Maya Ruba Moujaes

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Aleeah Afzal

Mariam Al Shaikhly

Geremi Louise Bermudez Alvarez

Hufsa Arain
Laraib Arain
Eithan Austria
Janelle Lynette Bauske
Santiago Bukowitz
Melanie Bustos
Natalie Bustos
Frederick Clague
Erika Cruz
Eduardo Dagnino
Jada Rena Dye
Jack Elgie

Emma Nicole Garcia Juan Paulo Gonzales Joaquin C. Gonzalez Laeticia Guenoun Daniella Guerrero Linda Akram Habazi Lainey Hannemann Kristen Harris Benjamin Haverty Andrea Hernandez Gonzalez

Gerald Charles Howard Tasneem Islam Gayathry James Srijith Kambala Ilam Karediya Fatimah Khan Zuha Khan Zeyad Koussayer Oluwaseun Lagbenro Kenneth Khanh Lam

Kathryn Jane Landers Harrison Le

Veronica J. Ledezma Monsivais

Krystal Gail Lester Jennifer Sophia Lin Guadalupe Lombera Sara Loubani Maria Lozano

Anuraag Raghav Madabushi

Clara Martin Mark Mathews

Lynnsie Nicole McBride Noor Dhamin Najris Al Dhamin

Melika Nassizadeh Nha Nguyen Ryan Nguyen Victor Van Nguyen Radha Nune Ahsan Omer Eric Ou

Kala Thanh Pham Heeba Rahman Steven Ramirez Sallianne Roher Leah Rose Rowan Zukhruf Saeed Jyothsana Sajan Liana Salehian Angel Santhosh Leslie Gabriela Sapon

Hammaad Mohammad Sayyed

Sarah Siddiqui Mallika Singh

Caroline Ann Sizemore

Noor Souman Adelaide Stevens Neha Sunkara Hafsa Athar Syed Nga Phi Thai

Carissa Brooke Timpf Olivia Uyen Tran Phuong Vu Tran Phuongthy Tran Ekta Upadhyay Nesreen Sara Zahra Peijun Zhao

Kayla Denise Zinsmeyer

Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Lauren Taylor Lyles

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Damon Renel Spencer

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Damon Renel Spencer

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Lauren Taylor Lyles

The Honors College

Collegiate Honors

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Marina E. McCree Emily Morgan Mendenhall Ana Gabriela Perez Orozco

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Gustavo De Toni Uchoa Michael Liam Ryan

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Hajar Ahmed Somtochi S. Anyalebechi Marlen E. Avila Moreno Alaina Nichole Bartholomew Rachel Genevieve Byrd Jacquelyn Clendening Surwondolyn Wilkerson Dixon Caeley Maya Dodson Lena Eghneim Walter Figueroa Shreya Gade Jean-Paul R. Gazzaneo Duarte Ishleen Kaur Gulati Sarabeth Hanz Hariza Hussain Davin Kade Kalena

Keegan Bryce Lessard Leslly Magana Dominique Pearl Mcclain Connor Spencer Norris Marissa D. Ortiz Catherine Lee Perez Enrique Salinas Jasmine Ann Smith Sydney Stogel Emily June Strathouse Kenneth Valencia

KATHRINE G. McGovern College of the Arts

Jamie Lee Koenig Sorin Jeremiah Pena

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Madeleine Hsieh Kyungmi Kim

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Noah T. Ashworth
Fayez H. Elkaissi
Brian Muhammad Irianto
Daniel M. Johns
Arundhati Krishna
Luke I. Lehman
Alexander Matthew Muffler

Jerome Tanamor Raceles Kyle Ramsey Lillian Mae Roelofs Nivriti Sabhnani Chloe Shivers

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Lina Emad Abdelgabar Hajar Ahmed Joseph Christopher Babu Christopher Scott Cerino Justin Wei Ong Chan Ruby Dang Peter Hoang Dinh Rafael Augustus Estrada Mohammad Asad Farooqui Daniel Fernandez Axit Itsai Garcia Carter Elliott Herweck Derek Michael Huber Hafsa Latif Rael Merry Memnon Claudia Padilla Annalika S. Parambil Muhammad Asad Rehan Thanh Tran Matthew David Woodring

Membership in The Honors College

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Marina E. Latto Maria Fernanda Noguera Kristen Robles Sagun

Samantha Marie Lara

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Parsa Alizadeh Claire N. Coffey Chase Allan Fulmer Sarah M. Imran

Erah Noor

Chase D. Martin Allyson Mussell Jose P. Samperio Haley Suchyta Sonia A. Villarreal

Nabiha Zaman

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Wafa Mazhari

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Alejandro Garcia Camacho Adam Jacob Haut Aleena Khawaja Jared Schuette Anh Thu N. Tran

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Reena Y. Zou

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Tommy Lin Enrique Martinez Brennan Mercker Omar Meziou Luke Nguyen Thanh Nguyen An Minh Pham Anil Shanker Luat Ethan Tran

ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER COLLEGE OF NURSING

Emery White

Honors in Major

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Triciajane Nonato Asuncion Bruno Belo Teles Xavier Gina Marie Biscardi Rodrigo Alberto Gallardo Luis Martinez Gallardo Andrew J. Medina Regyna Palacios Dorant Allan Vidal Perez Kieran Inteus Renfrow Sara Consuelo Romero Yasmeen Saab Pornpun Kim Saotonglang Blake Ashton Wilcox

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Salma Tais Argueta Carlos Campos Aaron Edson Nicolas Musemeche Rosalind Williamson

KATHRINE G. McGovern College of the Arts

Christina N. Quinn

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Shawn Fields Tae Young Lim Joshua Micaiah Wade





Message from the UH Alumni Foundation Board President

Congratulations 2023 Graduates!

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, using your UH Go app to login as an alumnus, joining a group, coming to

events, to becoming a Life Member, the opportunities to engage are endless.

To start your journey as an alumnus, please scan the QR code below so you can enjoy all the activities that soon await you. In the meantime, enjoy this moment and continue to soar.

True we'll ever be and Go Coogs!

Wayne Luckett ('74)

UH Alumni Association Foundation Board President

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