# University of Houston

**Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing**

**Commencement and Pinning Ceremony**

Friday, May 12, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

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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
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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**Distinguished Professor of Science**
**College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**
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.

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University of Houston

Commencement Ceremony

UH LAW CENTER

Master's Degree
Hood: Purple
Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree
Hood: Purple
Tassel: Black

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

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
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*

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*

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

Brenda T. Nguyen  
*Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning*  
*COLLEGE OF EDUCATION*

Brenda T. Nguyen  
*Bachelor of Science in Psychology*  
*COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES*

Dan T. Nguyen  
*Bachelor of Science in Psychology*  
*COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES*

Emily B. Reyna  
*Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning*  
*COLLEGE OF EDUCATION*

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

Neha Sunkara  
*Bachelor of Science in Biology*  
*COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS*

Ryan Trejo  
*Bachelor of Science in Economics*  
*COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES*
Message from the Dean

Dear Nursing Graduates,

You are exemplary nursing graduates from the University of Houston! You earned the BSN this Spring or MSN degree this Summer and will be pinned with a UH Nursing pin. Thank you for being a student at the University of Houston and thank you for choosing to be a nurse!

You are the first graduating class under the Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing which has equipped you to begin upon your career as a nurse leader and nurse clinician. During your time at the University of Houston as a nursing student, you, your classmates and faculty collectively spent thousands of hours on Zoom, in clinical, classroom, simulation labs, or volunteering, thus adding to the strength and vibrancy of our community and our profession.

I am especially proud of each of you as you navigated the ever challenging landscape of health care. You are prepared to embrace the future of nursing. As you graduate, you enter a work environment where nurses are incredibly needed, trusted and respected.

I look forward to seeing the impact your careers and professional contributions will have on the future of health care and nursing. You will have many experiences and opportunities in your career, and I look forward to hearing about them all as you practice nursing in the city of Houston, our state, the nation and around the world.

As lifelong learners, I invite you to stay connected with your Gessner College of Nursing. We welcome and invite you to become “life members” of the Nursing Alumni Association. You will always have a special honor of being a UH Nurse. You will be reminded of this distinct honor each time you wear your nursing pin, engage with the Gessner College of Nursing or the University of Houston.

Congratulations Cougar Nurses!

Sincerely,

Kathryn M. Tart, EdD ('99), MSN, RN
Founding Dean and Professor
Humana Endowed Dean’s Chair in Nursing
Fulbright Specialist
University of Houston
Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing

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PROCESSIONAL
“Four Seasons” by Vivaldi

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Moores School of Music

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Kathryn M. Tart
Founding Dean and Professor
Humana Endowed Dean’s Chair in Nursing
Fullbright Specialist

GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS
The Honorable Durga D. Agrawal
Secretary

SPEAKER
Hope A. Reeves, MSN, RN
Clinical System Educator, Core Clinicals
ITG Learning Center of Excellence, HCA Healthcare

DESCRIPTION OF PIN
Dean Tart

HOODING OF GRADUATE CANDIDATES
Dean Tart

PINNING OF GRADUATE CANDIDATES
Carol Dwyer
Clinical Assistant Professor

PINNING OF BACHELOR CANDIDATES
Shermel Edwards-Maddox
Traditional BSN Track Manager/Clinical Assistant Professor

PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR AND MASTER CANDIDATES
Shermel Edwards-Maddox

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Dean Tart

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE AND LIGHTING CEREMONY
Kelle Phan
Clinical Assistant Professor

FAREWELL FROM THE FACULTY
Cheryl Brohard
Associate Professor

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ALMA MATER
Moores School of Music

RECESSIONAL
“Radetzky Waltz” by Strauss
Commencement Speaker

HOPE A. REEVES
Clinical System Educator, Core Clinicals
ITG Learning Center of Excellence, HCA Healthcare

Hope Reeves left her home in Bermuda as a teenager to pursue a nursing degree at the Community College of Philadelphia, where she earned her associate’s degree in nursing. She practiced nursing in Philadelphia and Bermuda for several years before obtaining her bachelor’s degree in nursing from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

Over the past 20 years, Hope has worked tirelessly to build her personal practice as a nurse mentor and educator with organizations such as TPAPN, GNSA, ANA, and Sigma Theta Tau. She also serves as the University of Houston Nursing Alumni President and the co-chair for The Voice Black College networking in the HCA Gulf Coast division.

Houston has been her home for the last 15 years. She considers herself blessed to have her two children, Aramis and Schi.

In 2020, Hope earned a Master of Science degree in Nursing Administration from the University of Houston. Hope serves her community as Rodeo Houston Volunteer, a mentor for Sistahz Full Circle, and currently oversees the Children’s Ministry at her church. She currently works as a Clinical Systems Educator for HCA Healthcare. This year marks her 10th year with the organization.

In her spare time, Hope enjoys traveling with her family and watching Korean dramas.
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Spring 2023 – Traditional BSN Candidates for Graduation

Chidera Alice Rachel Azie ²
Sarah Bereket ³
Chloie Anne Calderon
Angela Choi
Brooke Elizabeth Cone ², ⁴
Devon Elizabeth Kiehne ², ⁴
Jessica N. Lee

Anthony H. Nguyen ²
Jico D. Nguyen
Jolie B. Nguyen
Vincent H. Nguyen ³, ⁴
Ardee Josh A. Noble
Rishita Shah ³, ⁴
Simarpreet K. Shahi ³, ⁴

Adriana J. Shanar
Loreal Breanna Shedrick ³, ⁴
Kelly Lynn Tran ³, ⁴
Maria I. Vidal ³, ⁴
Emery White ⁴

Summer 2023 – MSN Candidates for Graduation

Cecilia Nicole Bell
Samjhana Rajbhandari

Tricia J. Smith
Princess A. Uluocha

1 Summa Cum Laude Honors • 2 Magna Cum Laude Honors • 3 Cum Laude Honors • 4 Sigma Theta Tau International Member
## BSN Clinical Affiliations

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Florence Nightingale Pledge

“I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to faithfully practice my profession of nursing. I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards and practices of my profession.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling. I will assist other healthcare providers and will devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen and take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of the community.

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely. I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill wherever they may be and whenever they are in need.

I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of humankind.”

— Author Unknown
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
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
Maximus 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 Obisco
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
Gauravijit 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
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

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Arye Sanjay Bhide
Saman Butt
Aaron Chang
Kaleb M. Clark
Erika Cruz
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
Aysha 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 Martirosian
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. Durette
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 Shariﬁ
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
Aleeh 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
Laetitia 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
Lynnse 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

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The Honors College

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
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
Sarah Hanz
Hariza Hussain
Davin Kade Kalena
Samantha Marie Lara
Keegan Bryce Lessard
Lesly 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

Katherine 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 Irranto
Daniel M. Johns
Arundhati Krishna
Luke L. Lehman
Alexander Matthew Muffler
Erah Noor

Membership in The Honors College

Gerald D. Hines
College of Architecture
and Design
Marina E. Latto
Maria Fernanda Noguera
Kristen Robles Sagun

College of Liberal Arts
and Social Sciences
Parsa Alizadeh
Claire N. Coffey
Chase Allan Fulmer
Sarah M. Imran

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

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
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

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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