University of Houston
College of Pharmacy

Commencement Ceremony
Thursday, May 11, 2023, 9:00 a.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
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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Humana Endowed Dean’s Chair in Optometry  
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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.
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.
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
Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the University of Houston College of Pharmacy family, I extend a sincere congratulations and best of luck to the College’s Class of 2023. You have been exceptional representatives of the College and University. I have no doubt that you will continue to serve as worthy ambassadors for the college by building upon our reputation for excellence.

I believe that graduates of the College of Pharmacy are unique in that, regardless of your chosen area of practice, all of you have the opportunity to enrich the lives of those around you. As you embark upon and progress through your careers, I urge you to always remember why you chose your respective field and the sacrifices that you endured in order to make it happen: to serve our communities and improve the quality of life and health of its members with compassion, honesty and integrity.

I would also like to give special thanks to the parents, spouses, children and friends of our graduates for their patience, understanding, sacrifices and support – both moral and financial - during these challenging, but rewarding, years at the college. Although your guidance, comfort and encouragement certainly will continue to be sought and appreciated in the years to come, you can rejoice in the gradual return to “normalcy” with no more long nights of studying, get-togethers unattended and trips untaken. Yet, even more so, you can relish the shared feeling of pride in what your graduate has accomplished and the abundant opportunities ahead.

In the coming years, I would ask that you not forget your College, former professors, and fellow and future Cougars. I encourage you to not only give back to the College by supporting College activities, programs and scholarships, but also by keeping us updated on the many achievements you will experience in your careers and personal lives. We will always take great pride in your achievements.

Congratulations again to the graduates of our professional and graduate programs. The entire UH College of Pharmacy Family is very proud of you.

Take care,

F. Lamar Pritchard, Ph.D.
Dean
University of Houston
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Pomp and Circumstance: March No.1
Sir Edward Elgar

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Moores School of Music

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS
Elizabeth Coyle
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Louis Williams
Associate Professor

GOLDEN COUGARS
Class of 1973
Leslye Esthela Echeverria
Priya Jasmin Patel
Tien Pham

BANNER BEARER CANDIDATES

PLATFORM PARTY
WELCOME
F. Lamar Pritchard
Dean

GREETINGS FROM THE
UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS
The Honorable Edward Carrizales
Board Member

GREETINGS
Diane Z. Chase
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Jeanette Lahoud
Pharm.D. Candidate

STUDENT RESPONSE
Jeanette Lahoud
Pharm.D. Candidate

PRESENTATION OF PH.D. CANDIDATES
Conferral of Ph.D. Degrees

PRESENTATION OF M.S. CANDIDATES
Conferral of M.S. Degrees
Recognition of Honors

PRESENTATION OF PHARM.D. CANDIDATES
Conferral of Pharm.D. Candidates
Recognition of Golden Cougars Class of 1973
Oath of a Pharmacist
Recessional
Oath of a Pharmacist

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy.

In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will promote inclusion, embrace diversity, and advocate for justice to advance health equity.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for all patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise, and self-awareness.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession’s moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

The revised Oath was adopted by the AACP Board of Directors and the APhA Board of Trustees in November 2021.
Summer 2022 – Graduates

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY**

Ravi Kumar Goyal  
Impact of Cyclin-Dependent Kinase 4 and 6 Inhibitors on Chemotherapy Utilization and Overall Survival in Women with HR+/HER2– Metastatic Breast Cancer in the United States  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Michael Johnson

Sorochi Iloanusi  
Clinical and Epidemiological Analyses of Mental Illness, Substance Use and Health Outcomes of People Living with HIV in Texas  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. E. James Essien

Anjana Mohan  
Estimating the Impact of Adherence to Direct Oral Anticoagulants on Health Outcomes Among Patients with Atrial Fibrillation  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Susan Abughosh

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS**

Swaranova Sanyal  
Monitoring and Management of Metabolic Adverse Effects in Children and Adolescents Treated with Second Generation Antipsychotics (SGAs)  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Hua Chen

Soham Dilip Yande  
Comparative Effectiveness of Direct Oral Anticoagulants versus Low Molecular Weight Heparins in Cancer Associated Thrombosis (CAT)  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Michael Johnson

Xue Zhou  
Development of Novel Peptide-Drug Conjugates for Targeting Brain Tumors and Brain Metastases  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Xinli Liu

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACOLOGY**

Hanan Qasim  
AKAP12 Signalosome Regulates Cardiac β2-Adrenergic Receptor Signaling  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Bradley McConnell

Yinan Huang  
Comparative Effectiveness of Methotrexate-based Combinations for Rheumatoid Arthritis  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Rajender Aparasu

Zuoxu Xie  
Developing Locally Active COX-2 Inhibitors for Relieving Keen Osteoarthritis Pain Safely  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Ming Hu

**DOCTOR OF PHARMACY**

Amania Yousuf Ahmed  
Diem Mya Bich Nguyen

Samar M. Tarazi  
Anahita Zini

Fall 2022 – Graduates

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY**

Precious A. Anyanwu  
The Development of the Patient-Reported Outcome Measure: Measuring Opioid Use Disorder-Financial Toxicity (MOUD-FiT)  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. J. Douglas Thornton

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS**

Lu Wang  
Investigation into the Disposition of Hydroxyflavones and Their Glucuronides  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Ming Hu

**DOCTOR OF PHARMACY**

Noor Mazin Abdulla Abdulkaareem  
The Pharmacology and Molecular Mechanisms of ADGRF1 (GPR110) in Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2-Positive Breast Cancer  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Meghana Trivedi

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACY LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION**

Lily Hoang Tran  
Pharmacy Technician Turnover Rates During a Pandemic at a Children’s and Women’s Health-System  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. David A. Wallace

**UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON**
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN PHARMACOLOGY,
MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY
CONCENTRATION

Haowen Zhang
Novel Peptoid Targeting Cell Surface Vimentin for Lung Cancer Treatment
ADVISOR: Dr. Gomika Udugamasooriya

Spring 2023 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN PHARMACEUTICAL
HEALTH OUTCOMES AND
POLICY

Russell Wilson
cGMP Training Programs: Understanding the Effects of Cognitive Load
ADVISOR: Dr. Sujit Sansgiry

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN PHARMACOLOGY

Kalyani Arun Kulkarni
Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of AT2R Mediated Anti-proteinuric Activity
ADVISOR: Dr. Tahir Hussain

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
PHARMACY LEADERSHIP
AND ADMINISTRATION

Alfred Awuah
Development of a Medication Override Process for Obstetrics and Newborn Care at a Large Academic Medical Center
ADVISOR: Dr. Matthew Wanat

Hannah Jeter
Impact of Multistep Order Transmittal (MSOT) within a Non-340B Specialty Pharmacy at a Comprehensive Cancer Center
ADVISOR: Dr. Divya Varkey

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Mahshid Abbasi
Sarah Aamer Abdulrazzaq ²
Hala T. Alijijaakli ¹ ²
Summer Virginia Alvarez
Jalon Thomas Barnes ¹ ³
Prathusha G. Bethala

Alan Gia-Thanh Luu
Integration of a Health-System Specialty Pharmacy into an Employee Plan
ADVISOR: Dr. Kevin Garey

Yolanda Martinez
Impact of System Wide Implementation of Vancomycin-to-Dose per Pharmacy and AUC-based Bayesian Dosing Software
ADVISOR: Dr. Kevin Garey

Eileell Alin Nguyen
Impact of a Multidisciplinary Team Medication Administration Appointment Reconciliation on High-Cost Drugs Expenditure, Patient Appointments and Employee Satisfaction
ADVISOR: Dr. Divya Varkey

Demetria Marie Peroulas
Impact of Gamification Strategies Applied to Pharmacy Department Education
ADVISOR: Dr. Shane Tolleson

Ashley Marie Sidebottom
Medication Reconciliation Accuracy Assessment of Pharmacy versus Non-pharmacy Services on Patients Admitted Through the Emergency Department
ADVISOR: Dr. David A. Wallace

Cassadi Dlo Cazares
Anu George Cherayil ²
Alex Kottackal Cherian
Reena A. Cherian
Wilh Chollett ³
Blake Lars Christensen ²
Christina Elizabeth Cisar ¹ ⁴
Amy N. Co ⁵
An H. Dang
Andy Dang ²
Lorri Mai Anh Dao
Laura Diaz
Vu H. Do ⁵
Andrew Duc-Thong Doan ⁵
Lesly Esthela Echeverria ² ⁴ ⁶
Reef Moayad Elazem ²
Dana Leigh Elder ⁴
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Avnesha Gupta ³
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Ian Harvey
Marcus Holt Hayner ¹ ⁴
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Aroge Imran ³

¹ Summa Cum Laude Honors – ² Magna Cum Laude Honors – ³ Cum Laude Honors
⁴ Rho Chi Academic Honor Society – ⁵ Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society – ⁶ College Banner Bearer
Jean P. Kim 2
Connor Michael Kudrick
Jeanette Lahoud 3, 4, 5
Kevin Dinh Le 3
Lauren Lynn Lee 5
Emmeline Fan Li 2
Josephine Luu 2
Jose F. Magana
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Sukaina Makzoumi
Trina Mercado 3, 5
Matthew A. Merta 2, 5
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Essra N. Mtwaly 1
Atir Nandwani 3
Andrew Ngo 2
Tuan Duc Ngo
Alexis N. Nguyen 1, 4
Cindy Tuyet Chinh Nguyen
Dung Minh Tri Nguyen
Lindsey Nhu Nguyen 2
Mi T. Nguyen 3
Nhung Jenny Nguyen
Phuong Thi An Nguyen 1, 4
Thao Thanh Nguyen
Tom Nguyen
Van Binh Tran Nguyen
Irene Hyunmin Oh 1, 4
Francesca Isabel G. Oleta 5
Rhadda Oniha 1, 5
Matthew L. Ortman
Nicholas Joseph Palma 1, 4, 5
Kevin Parker 1
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Isha Pervaiz 2
Tien Pham 5, 6
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Jee yeon Ryu 1
Simin Dokht Sadeghi
Rudolph Saenz
Isabella Marie Serrato Chavez
Hannah Susan Schmidt 1, 4
Noemie Ann Senawong 2, 5
Ryan Patrick Shea 3
Gagan Deep Singh
Dwight Jeremiah Sonnier
Sara Emily Stashlik 2
Alyssa Stutes
Joel Sunil 3
Ojus Tamrakar
Hoang Thi Ton Nu Tang Cong 1
Raymond Thai 1, 4
Michael A. Toraño 2, 4, 5
An Trung Tran 1
Jaceline Tuyet Tran
Tammie Tran 1, 4
Tiffany Tran 3
Jenny Baochau Trinh 2
Trang T. Trinh 1, 4
Pauline H. Truong
Sara Uddin 3
Dustin Vo 2, 4, 5
Kathy Phi Vo
Quynh N. Vo 3
Catherine Hong-An Vu 2, 5
Huda Ahmed Wainwright
Lindsay Zixin Xu
Jason Yang 2
Azzam Yazji 1, 4
Susan Suyeon Yoo 2
Poojaba D. Zala

PHARMACY CERTIFICATE IN HISPANIC HEALTHCARE
Summer Virginia Alvarez
University of Houston
College of Pharmacy
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Pharmacy Honor and Leadership Societies

Rho Chi

The Rho Chi Society, Pharmacy’s academic honor society, was established in 1922 to encourage and recognize excellence in intellectual achievement, foster fellowship among its members, encourage high standards of conduct and character, and advocate critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy. The fundamental objective of Rho Chi is to promote the advancement of the pharmaceutical sciences through the encouragement and recognition of sound scholarship by bringing professional students, graduate students, and faculty members together in fraternal and helpful association. High standards of intellectual and scholarly attainment have been demanded for election to membership.

The Society’s insignia, the Greek letters, “Rho” and “Chi,” were originally selected because, when placed in the relative position in which they are found on the Rho Chi Key, they are emblematic of the prescription sign. The colors attached to the seal of membership were chosen to indicate the royalty of purple and the loyalty of white. The eight sides of the Key represent chemistry, biology, physiology, pharmaceutics, pharmacology, and the biomedical, social/administrative, and clinical sciences.

Rho Chi Graduating Members

Hala T. Aljijakli
Jalon Thomas Barnes
Christina Elizabeth Cisar
Leslye Esthela Echeverria
Julian Matthew Garza
Kunhee Han
Marcus Holt Hayner
Tracy Ann Helfes

Jeanette Lahoud
Nisha Mohiuddin
Alexis N. Nguyen
Phuong Thi An Nguyen
Irene Hyunmin Oh
Nicholas Joseph Palma
Priya Jasmin Patel
Tien Pham

Hannah Susan Schmidt
Raymond Thai
Michael A. Torano
Tammie Tran
Trang T. Trinh
Dustin Vo
Azzam Yazji

Phi Lambda Sigma

Phi Lambda Sigma, Pharmacy’s leadership society, was established in 1965 to honor and promote the development of leadership qualities, especially among pharmacy students. Members are selected by peer recognition. No greater honor can be bestowed upon an individual than to be recognized as a leader by one’s peers. Such recognition instills and enhances self-confidence, encourages the less active student to a more active role and promotes greater effort toward the advancement of pharmacy.

The insignia of the Society is the key pin, which bears a mortar and pestle and the Greek letters “Phi”, “Lambda” and “Sigma”. A wreath of laurel surrounds the mortar and pestle. The colors of the Society are green and gold.

Phi Lambda Sigma Graduating Members

Amy N. Co
Andrew Duc-Thong Doan
Vu H. Do
Dana Leigh Elder
Tara Jean Flesher
Jeanette Lahoud

Lauren Lynn Lee
Trina Mercado
Matthew A. Merta
Francesca Isabel G. Oleta
Nicholas Joseph Palma
Priya Jasmin Patel

Noemie Ann Senawong
Michael A. Torano
Dustin Vo
Catherine Hong-An Vu
The University of Houston College of Pharmacy's faculty, staff, and students salute the Class of 1973 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of their Commencement.

Paul Dalton
Jesse Flores
Nancy Herman
Carlanne Hickman
Joe Ickes, Jr.
Douglas Roger Jaeger
Rick Michael Johnston
Gaylon Woodie Jones
Charles W. Lindhout
John Leslie Lowery
Vincent Anthony Luparello
Kaye Luparello
Carolyn Kutac Ohrt
Randell Joseph Richard
Randy Short
Kathy Bosholm Smith
Gary Frank Spradling
Jerry Raymond Stone
Christine Yep
Jewelry Lim Yep
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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