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SPRING 2024 COMMENCEMENT

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Thursday, May 9, 2024 • Fertitta Center
University of Houston
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Commencement Ceremonies
Thursday, May 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Fertitta Center

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Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations on receiving your college degree. Today, your longtime dream becomes a reality, and I join your family and friends in celebrating this milestone with you. I am a big believer in the power of dreams and resiliency. To graduate from college, despite the challenges of the past few years, is a testament to your unwavering commitment and ability to dream big.

Whether you’re the first in your family to graduate from college or hail from collegiate scholars, your hard work and determination have brought you to this milestone. You are a generation who faced a global pandemic yet stayed focused on your studies and goals. You excelled against the odds, and this adversity has prepared you to face the professional world with more grit than any generation before. I applaud you for all that you have achieved.

Please take time to thank your professors, advisors, family and friends who supported you on this journey. It takes community to accomplish your goals, and I ask that you stay humble and give back to those in need as you go on to even greater heights.

You have received a Tier One education from the University of Houston. This is the home of industry leaders, nationally top-ranked academic programs, world-renowned faculty, the nation’s top-ranked basketball program, cutting-edge research and so much more. I know in my heart that you are now ready to compete and become leaders in your chosen careers. Now, work hard, dream big and shine on.

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
University of Houston

Commencement Ceremony

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Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen
Distinguished University Professor
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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

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

Dan E. Wells
Dean
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.

Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design
- Bachelor’s Degree: Tassel: Violet, Hood: Violet
- Master’s Degree: Tassel: Black

Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts
- Bachelor’s Degree: Tassel: Brown
- Master’s Degree: Tassel: Pink
- Doctoral Degree: Tassel: Red

C. T. Bauer College of Business
- Bachelor’s Degree: Tassel: Dark Blue
- Master’s Degree: Tassel: Drab
- Doctoral Degree: Tassel: Red

College of Education
- Bachelor’s Degree: Tassel: Light Blue
- Master’s Degree: Hood: Light Blue, Tassel: Black

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 Degree: Hood: Dark Blue, Tassel: Red
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 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

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

Graduate College of Social Work

Master's Degree
Hood: Citron
Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree
Hood: Citron
Tassel: Red

Hobby School of Public Affairs

Bachelor's Degree
Tassel: Peacock Blue

Master's Degree
Hood: Peacock Blue
Tassel: Black

Undergraduate Student Success – Integrated Studies

Bachelor's Degree
Tassel: White
Ceremonial Symbols

THE SEAL
Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston and UH System seals both bear the Official Seal of Arms of General Sam Houston, as handed down to him from his noble ancestors. It includes the escutcheon in the center of the seal — consisting of checkered chevrons denoting nobility — and three martlets, gentle lowland birds that symbolize peace and deliverance. A winged hourglass is placed above the shield. Surmounting this is the motto “In Tempore,” meaning “In Time.” The greyhounds indicate speed of giving aid. The UH seal was first adopted in 1938 as the present campus was established. Although the look of the seal has evolved over the years, the first version was etched into the floor of the Roy G. Cullen Building.

UNIVERSITY MACE
The University Mace, which is carried in academic processions, is a staff symbolizing the University’s authority and unity. The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a university president’s symbol of authority.

THE ALMA MATER
All hail to thee,
Our Houston University.
Our hearts fill with gladness
When we think of thee.
We’ll always adore thee
Dear old varsity.
And to thy memory cherished,
True we’ll ever be.

Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942
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.

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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 2024**

- Nabira Adnan  
  *Bachelor of Science in Psychology*  
  *College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

- Christopher Andrade  
  *Bachelor of Science in Mathematics*  
  *College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

- Abdullah Ansari  
  *Bachelor of Business Administration in Management of Information Systems*  
  *C.T. Bauer College of Business*

- Tiffany Bui  
  *Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance*  
  *C.T. Bauer College of Business*

- Zofia Bulhak  
  *Bachelor of Arts in English*  
  *Bachelor of Arts in Economics*  
  *College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

- Jia Chen  
  *Bachelor of Science in Computer Science*  
  *College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

- Ryan Crites  
  *Bachelor of Business Administration in Management*  
  *C.T. Bauer College of Business*

- Sarah Elizabeth Gawlik  
  *Bachelor of Arts in Psychology*  
  *College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

- Alejandro Hadad Roura  
  *Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science*  
  *College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

- Julieta Jara  
  *Bachelor of Business Administration in Management of Information Systems*  
  *C.T. Bauer College of Business*
Nicole Laz  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems  
Cullen College of Engineering

Jacob Mai  
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting  
C.T. Bauer College of Business

Kiara Moncada Martin  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology  
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Christina Nguyen  
Bachelor of Science in Health  
College of Education

Tran Nguyen  
Bachelor of Science in Biology  
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Veronica Nwanna  
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism  
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Isha Patel  
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting  
C.T. Bauer College of Business

Amy Penaloza  
Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning  
College of Education

Michelle Pride  
Bachelor of Science in Digital Media  
Cullen College of Engineering

Kimberly Richardson  
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies  
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Justin Rizzo  
Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing  
C.T. Bauer College of Business

Melika Salehi  
Bachelor of Science in Biology  
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Karenina Urquieta  
Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance  
C.T. Bauer College of Business
DOMINIC NG

Chairman and CEO, East West Bank

A distinguished alumnus and longtime supporter of the University of Houston, Dominic Ng is Chairman and CEO of East West Bank, the largest publicly listed independent bank headquartered in Southern California. Since joining East West in 1991, Ng has transformed the bank from a small savings and loan association with $600 million in assets into a global full-service commercial bank with over $70 billion in assets. Under his leadership, the financial powerhouse was ranked as the No. 1 performing bank in 2023 by S&P Global Market Intelligence and Bank Director.

An influential voice in finance, Ng advises heads of state and government on economic growth as chair of the 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Advisory Council. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the governing boards of Mattel, Inc., the University of Southern California and the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures.

A thought leader, Ng has been published in Forbes, the Los Angeles Times, Nikkei Asia, and the South China Morning Post, among others. He’s earned numerous honors for his business and philanthropic contributions, including the Alexis de Tocqueville Award — United Way Worldwide’s highest distinction — Banker of the Year by American Banker, Businessperson of the Year by the Los Angeles Business Journal and Forbes’ 25 Most Notable Chinese Americans.

Ng graduated magna cum laude from the University of Houston in 1980 with a bachelor’s degree in accounting. He and his wife, fellow UH alumna Ellen Wong, have been financially supportive of UH since 1990. Generous with their time and resources, the two hosted multiple events in the Los Angeles area in support of the University’s historic “Here, We Go” campaign.

Ng supported himself through UH by tutoring student-athletes, including football players during the glory days of Coach Bill Yeoman. Holding fast to his love for UH and connection to student-athletes, Ng and Wong made a major gift to establish the Dominic and Ellen Ng Academic Center for Excellence inside the UH Athletics/Alumni Center. The 9,000 square-foot academic-support space, which opened in 2018, fosters collegiate excellence with dedicated areas for tutoring and group study, redesigned classrooms, and technology-driven amenities. The Center’s presence has left an indelible mark on UH’s student-athletes, helping propel their academic and future success.

The Doctor of Humane Letters degrees, honoris causa, given for exemplary service to the University of Houston or society at large, is the highest honor UH can bestow.
TDECU

TDECU is the largest credit union in Houston and the fourth largest in Texas, providing a full range of financial services to its more than 370,000 members. Established in 1955 to provide financial help to the hourly worker, today, its original $35 loan has turned into over $4.7 billion in assets. Moreover, TDECU provides philanthropic support to help its local communities thrive through a focus on educational, health and economic development.

Since 2008, TDECU has generously supported the University of Houston, contributing more than $30 million to empower its students, employees and alumni through a broad range of impactful initiatives.

In 2014, when TDECU purchased naming rights to UH’s football stadium for $15 million, it made history with the largest-ever naming rights deal for a college football stadium at that time — elevating the football program and University. Concurrently, TDECU became a sponsor of the University of Houston’s Alumni Association’s (UHAA) annual Cougar 100 event, which recognizes and celebrates the 100 most successful Cougar-owned or led companies. In that same year, it also opened a branch in the UH Student Center, making its financial services easily accessible to UH students, employees and the local community.

Committed to student enrichment, for years, the credit union has worked closely with the C. T. Bauer College of Business on student-led strategic research and recruited student interns from its A.R. “Tony” and Maria J. Sanchez Program for Excellence in Selling, many of whom became permanent employees.

In 2023, the credit union renewed its football stadium naming rights agreement with a $20 million partnership, which included an expansion of its support across the University. Its renewal helped to bolster UH’s prominence in the Big 12 Conference and its vision to become a top 50 university. TDECU sponsored a new loyalty program to increase fan engagement. It also expanded its support of UHAA, partnering on numerous events and programs, as well as the UH Young Alumni Association. It became a presenting sponsor of the University’s Cougar Cupboard food pantry, expanding access to nutritious food, free of charge for students in need. Additionally, it began providing financial literacy workshops for student-athletes covering saving, budgeting, debt management and taxes, among other key topics. TDECU also proudly sponsored UH Athletics’ Champions Circle, which connects student-athletes with leading companies that help hone and further develop their professional skills.

The President’s Medallion is awarded at the sole discretion of the President to individuals and organizations that have distinguished themselves by their support of the University of Houston and the community.
Message from the Dean

Dear Class of 2024:

Today marks a significant milestone – a day to celebrate your hard-earned achievements, reflect on the journey that brought you to this point, and look forward with optimism to the future that awaits. As graduates of the University of Houston, you stand on the brink of new beginnings, armed with the knowledge and skills you’ve developed during your time at the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS).

Your class stands out in its unity and determination. In a world that can often seem fragmented, your resilience and pioneering spirit serve as powerful examples of what can be achieved with dedication and hard work. This year, UH made waves in the Big 12 Conference, with the men’s team reaching the Sweet 16 – an accomplishment that reflects the UH ethos of tenacity and excellence that also characterizes you and your journey.

As you transition from students to alumni, remember you’re stepping out into a world that needs your perspective and leadership. The education you’ve received, grounded in a deep understanding of and respect for humanity, has equipped you with knowledge and a profound sense of responsibility to apply your talents for the greater good. Your journey at the University of Houston has prepared you to confront the world’s complexities with the critical thinking skills, ethical perspectives and courage necessary to make positive change. I have every confidence that you will meet the challenges of our times with the same determination and resolve that have brought you to this moment.

The path ahead may lead you to further academic endeavors, professional pursuits or community service, but wherever you go, the lessons learned and the resilience forged here will illuminate your way.

As you join the ranks of our distinguished alumni today, remember that the University of Houston continues to thrive with the support and engagement of our alumni community. Your achievements will contribute to our collective mission of reaching new heights of excellence in education and research.

On behalf of all CLASS faculty and staff, I extend to you our heartfelt congratulations. Seize the future with an open heart, an open mind and the assurance that you are equipped to make a profound impact.

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel P. O’Connor
Dean
University of Houston
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

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Presentation of Colors
Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Moores School of Music

RECOGNITION OF PLATFORM PARTY
Todd Romero
Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs

WELCOME REMARKS
Daniel P. O’Connor
Dean

GREETINGS FROM UH SYSTEM
The Honorable Mielad Ziaee
Member

BOARD OF REGENTS
Diane Z. Chase
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS
Sally Connolly
Associate Dean, Student and Faculty Success

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES
Susan Scarrow
Associate Dean, Graduate Studies

PRESENTATION OF MASTER’S CANDIDATES
Associate Dean Scarrow

PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR’S CANDIDATES
Associate Dean Romero

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Provost Chase

CONCLUDING REMARKS
Dean O’Connor

ALMA MATER
Moores School of Music

RECESSIONAL
Moores School of Music
**Spring 2024 – Candidates for Graduation**

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Department of Economics**

Eva Davinia Loaeza-Albino  
**Essays on Health Economics and Empirical Industrial Organization**  
**ADVISOR:** Andrea Szabo, Ph.D.

William Sevier  
**Essays on Labor Responses to Childcare: Military Retention and the Child Penalty**  
**ADVISOR:** Chinhui Juhn, Ph.D.

Khanh Thi Vu  
**Essays on Macroecometrics**  
**ADVISOR:** Bent Sorensen, Ph.D.

**Department of English**

Amy Patricia Lipke  
**Academic Language Acquisition: Developmental Stages of Academic Writing for First-Year Composition Students**  
**ADVISOR:** Paul Butler, Ph.D.

Alix V. Zachow  
**Synaptic Clefts: Critical Interventions of the Neurocognitive Elegy**  
**ADVISOR:** Amanda Ellis, Ph.D.

**Creative Writing and Literature**

Pritha Bhattacharyya  
**If Only We Could Help It and Other Stories**  
**ADVISOR:** Robert Boswell, MFA

Josh English  
**not this**  
**ADVISOR:** Roberto Tejada, Ph.D.

Daniel Peter Kennedy  
**Break (a novel)**  
**ADVISOR:** Alexander Parsons, MFA

Joy M. Priest  
**“The Black Outside: A Poetics of Black Ecological Desire”**  
**ADVISOR:** francine harris, MFA

**Department of Health and Human Performance**

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN KINESIOLOGY**

Sally Ann Kenworthy  
**Trailing Limb Angle as a Measure of Propulsion in Older Unimpaired Adults**  
**ADVISOR:** Stacey Gorniak, Ph.D.

Molly Vega  
**A 12-Week Telehealth-Supported Physical Activity Randomized Controlled Trial in Children with Chronic Kidney Disease: Feasibility and Quality of Life**  
**ADVISOR:** Melissa Markofski, Ph.D.

**MASTER OF ARTS**

**Jack J. Valenti School of Communication**

Maia Vashae Anding  
Viviana Alessandra Bernasconi Scialon  
MD Mahbubul Haque Bhuiyan  
Kyla J. Bolton  
Soonjung Choi  
Jeremy A. Cajina-Clarke  
Symone Daniels  
Irene D’Ann Espinoza  
Cristina Flores  
Regina Lynn Greenslate  
Jalyssa R. Hobbs  
Megan Elizabeth Hughes  
Mercy Ogheneruona Irivwieri  
Kimberley Ann Louise Parker  
Jennifer Marie Reyes  
Brittany Maree-Henley Stegent  
Dylan Stracener  
Kaeley E. Vaughan  
Matthew D. Zimmerman

**Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**

Mahfuza Anika  
Hana A. Asefa

**Department of Comparative and Cultural Studies**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

Melissa Gale DeRemer  
Faith Tenise Herd

**Department of Economics**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED ECONOMICS**

Leopoldo Samuel Diaz  
Mustafa Mudassar Khan  
Michael Yekele Ogbuigwe

**Department of English**

Shaelynn Renae Enquist  
Benjamin Morales-Knight  
Aurora Pena  
Virginia Mixon Swindell

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1 Summa Cum Laude – 2 Magna Cum Laude – 3 Cum Laude
MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING
Iris Cronin
Sara Kaplan Cunningham
Madeleine Maryse Gaudin
Vanessa Beatriz Golenia
Maria Hiers
Aaron Neptune
Weijsa Pan
Scott Repass
William Seelen
Jaxson Matthew Spencer

BACHELOR OF ARTS
African American Studies
Tre Blakes

JOURNALISM
Vanessa Alonso
Olivia Noelle Anderson
Jianna Maria Dayrit Bajar
Juliana E. Chavez
Colin Augustus Clark
Cameron Leslie Copeland
Robert Matthew De La Garza
Chase Delaney Farris
Chaya Bryn Flanders
Zahra Gokal
Jaqueline Gonzalez
Javier Gonzalez
Karis Gabrielle Johnson
Eugenia Kisasu
Henry Jose Gregorio Acevedo Laporte
Alonzo Moses
Mathew Chiendu Nwakamma
Veronica Nkchekiyere Nwanna
Nancy Teresa Ordonez
Shairah Y. Parekh
Augusto Antonio Perez
Armando Elias Rendon
Adrian J. Romero
Anthony Brooks Russ, Jr.
Jiselle Alena Strong
Leslie Denise Tartt
Trajan Orlando Taylor
Franjeska Del Carmen
Acosta Valbuena
Alfredo Vazquez
Raquel Ann Wood

Media Production
Adrian Matthew P. Abellar
Renzo Michael Divinagracia Alisasis
Beza Gashaw Ammanuel
Virgilio M. Anchondo
Victoria I. Avila
Hannah Nichole Bittick
Laila S. Blair
Sofia A. Combs
Sebastian Aleksander Craig

MASTER OF ARTS
Sport and Fitness Administration
Raymundo Angel Barrera
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