University of Houston
Graduate College of Social Work

Commencement Ceremony
Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 7:00 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
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The University of Houston was established as the Houston Junior College in 1927. As the college grew, it prospered and officially became the four-year University of Houston in 1934. Two years later, the college attained land for a permanent campus, and in 1939 it constructed its first building, the Roy G. Cullen Building. The University became a state institution in 1963.

The University includes 14 academic colleges, one school, and 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
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 Degree  Hood: 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 Degree: Tassel: Citron
- Master's Degree: Hood: Citron, Tassel: Black
- Doctoral Degree: Hood: Dark Blue, Tassel: Red

TILMAN J. FERTITTA FAMILY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
- Doctor of Medicine Degree: Hood: Kelly Green, Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
- Bachelor's Degree: Tassel: Golden Yellow
- Master's Degree: Hood: Golden Yellow, Tassel: Black
- Doctoral Degree: Hood: Dark Blue, Tassel: Red

ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER COLLEGE OF NURSING
- Bachelor's Degree: Tassel: Apricot
- Master's Degree: Hood: Apricot, Tassel: Black
- Doctoral Degree: Hood: Apricot, Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
- Master's Degree: Hood: Gold, Tassel: Black
- Doctor of Philosophy Degree: Hood: Royal Blue, Tassel: Red
- Doctor of Optometry Degree: Hood: Seafoam Green, Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
- Bachelor's Degree: Tassel: Olive
- Master's Degree: Hood: Olive, Tassel: Black
- Doctor of Philosophy Degree: Hood: Royal Blue, Tassel: Red
- Doctor of Pharmacy Degree: Hood: Olive, Tassel: Red

GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK
- Master's Degree: Hood: Citron, Tassel: Black
- Doctoral Degree: Hood: Citron, Tassel: Red

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
- Bachelor's Degree: Tassel: Peacock Blue
- Master's Degree: Hood: Peacock Blue, Tassel: Black

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS – 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*
Honorary Degree

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 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 Interim Dean

Congratulations on your graduation today from the Graduate College of Social Work.

At today’s commencement ceremony, we celebrate your hard work, dedication, and commitment. We honor your many accomplishments as Graduate College of Social Work students and acknowledge the support of your family, significant others, friends, and classmates who have helped you during your educational journey. We also recognize the outstanding GCSW faculty and staff whose expertise, encouragement, and support have contributed to your success.

This commencement ceremony also marks the beginning of your career addressing some of the most pressing social issues facing our communities. You possess unique skills and knowledge that have prepared you to advocate for and serve those in need.

I, along with the faculty and staff of the Graduate College of Social Work, wish you every success in the coming years and we look forward to your continued involvement with our College and with our Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association. Today, on your graduation, we honor you and wish you a successful and rewarding social work career.

Sincerely,

Sarah C. Larsen, Ph.D.
Interim Dean
University of Houston
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PROCISIONAL
Moores School of Music
Candidates for Graduation
Platform Party

CALL TO ORDER
Sarah Narendorf
Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development

PRESENTATION OF COLORS
Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Moores School of Music

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Sarah C. Larsen
Interim Dean

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
Cecilia Reynolds and Anika Rodriguez
GCSW Student Association

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER
Suzanne Pritzker
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

STUDENT SPEAKER
Frances Fisher
MSW Candidate

PRESENTATION OF PH.D. CANDIDATES
Samira Ali
Associate Dean for Doctoral Education

HOODING OF PH.D. CANDIDATES
Dissertation Advisors

PRESENTATION OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES
Associate Dean Pritzker

CANDIDATE NAMES READ BY
Steven Parks
Lecturing Faculty

HOODING OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES
Juan Barthelemy
Associate Professor

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Interim Dean Larsen

CLOSING REMARKS
Interim Dean Larsen

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Fall 2023 – Graduates

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

Priscilla Patrick Kennedy
Learning to Confront Structural Racism: An Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis of Social Work Students’ Experiences
**COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Dr. Susan Robbins

Gaby Mohr-Avitia
**COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Dr. Susan Robbins

**MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

Monica JoMea Christian
Eve Elise Clardy
Katie Ellis Dufour
Joshua Dejshun Epkins
Jonathan Hock

Wen Xu
Zooming In and Out: Narratives on Becoming a Mother in Mainland China
**COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Dr. Monit Cheung

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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

Gabrielle Aquino-Adriatico
‘Tough as Tsinelas’: A Mixed Methods Study on the Mental Health Experiences and Strength of Filipina Mothers During the COVID-19 Pandemic
**COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Dr. Patrick Leung

**MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

Logan Baylee Breen
Meredith Margaret Cagley
Analisa Campos
Ciara Nicole Carlson-Hargis
Kimberly Ann Carpenter
Thomas Carter II
Brittney Rene Castille
Safia Aslam Chaudhary
LaDereka Rena Christian
Vanessa C. Clairjeune
Holli Fawcett Clayton
Lou-Anne Clerger
Michaela Leigh Coburn
Kori Grace Cook
Javier Agustin Corona
Destiny Victoria Davis
Katina Janae’ Davis
Jerry Dale Donahoe
Kathryn Terzah Doyle
Ashley Octavia Edwards
Isaac Eguia
Karen Nancy De San Juan Eroazo
Kylie Erp
Amy Escobar
Frances Fisher
Allena Gwendolyn Flores
Laura Meredith Fouad
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Sandra Noemy Reeves
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Stefany Lucero Rico
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Emily Salazar
Doria Salinas
Sandra A. Salinas-Ponce
Rachel Anne Schaffer
Emily Jane Scullion
Tristen Chase Seagull
Marium A. Shinwari
Kadijah Smith
Quinton Sneed-Lott
Amanda E. Stafford
Shannon Gabrielle Starkey
Clarice R. Starks
Alyssa M. Stephenson
Chloe Elizabeth Stowe
Kimberli Alyssia Sullivan

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