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 System

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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.
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: 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
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
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*
SPRING 2024 (continued)

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
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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

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

You made it! Congratulations!

Today, the Hobby School community joins your loved ones in celebrating your accomplishment.

This commencement marks a special milestone for the Hobby School of Public Affairs, with an inaugural class of undergraduates earning a degree in public policy. The school launched the bachelor’s programs in the spring of 2022 to complement graduate degree offerings in public policy. This is also the first time Master of Public Administration graduates will cross the stage as part of the Hobby School.

Your hard work paid off. I believe the “Hobby way” of training provides a firm foundation and an advantage in a dynamic marketplace.

Looking to the future, and I may have mentioned this to some of you before, here are three additional things to help you succeed in your professional journeys.

First, consider this rule number one: see things as they are and not in ways that make you feel complacent or comfortable. This is the path to constant self-improvement.

Second, don’t make messes for others to clean up. This is the road to personal responsibility.

Finally, always bring your A-game. A C-game means you are not living up to your potential. If someone else is doing better, learn from them, return to rule number one, make changes and adapt.

This three-step process of self-improvement never ends. It will serve you well.

In this process, you will also become a person that people turn to for assistance. Being a go-to person in any organization or endeavor creates a reputation and, with it, momentum to further fulfill your goals and aspirations.

You are now members of the Hobby School Alumni Association. The faculty and staff pledge to work with you in all endeavors, great and small.

Wishing you all a rich and rewarding future.

Jim Granato
Dean
**University of Houston**  
Hobby School of Public Affairs  

Commencement Ceremony  
Thursday, May 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
Cullen Performance Hall

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The Honorable Armando Walle
Texas State Representative. District 140

Texas State Representative Armando Walle, now in his eighth term in the Texas House of Representatives, grew up in the Aldine community and graduated from MacArthur High School. The oldest of five children raised by a single mother, he was the first in his family to attend and graduate from college. The values and lessons of his humble upbringing inform his legislative priorities, including the health, safety, and economic well-being of Houston’s working families, disaster relief, and flood mitigation.

Representative Walle serves on multiple committees, including the House Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures, the Select Committee on Sustainable Property Tax Relief, the Select Committee on Health Care Reform, and the House Committee on House Administration. He is also a member of several legislative caucuses, including the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, for which he serves as General Counsel.

Before Representative Walle was elected to the Texas House, he served on the staffs of multiple elected officials, including Congressman Gene Green and Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee. Now a practicing attorney, Representative Walle earned his bachelor’s and law degree from the University of Houston. He remains a staunch supporter of the University of Houston System and an advocate of UH. State Representative Walle lives in North Houston with his family—his wife, Debbie Walle, and their two young sons.
Fall 2023 — Graduates

**Master of Public Administration**
Amanda Caceres
Taiwo Fadairo
Usman Mahmood

**Master of Public Policy**
Alejandro Garcia

Graduate Certificate in Public Policy
Diana Anzures

Graduate Certificate in Public Policy: Data Analytics
Matthew Kniowski

Spring 2024 — Candidates for Graduation

**Master of Public Administration**
Alyssa Chapa
Dahlia Chaudhury
Abigail Culver
Andrea Duhon
Kenneth Jones
Julius Kizzee
Eliz Markowitz
Sandra Ortiz
Christian Pelaez
Chellsey Phillips Canlas
Brett Robinson
Sydney Hargroder

**Master of Public Policy**
Enrique Garcia
Anastasia Inman
Hamza Khan

Graduate Certificate in Public Policy
Wykita Adams
Jason Frederick
Alison Tcheguini

Graduate Certificate in Public Policy: Ethics
Priscila Batres

Graduate Certificate in Public Policy and Public Administration
Alexis Bain
Dahlia Chaudhury
Arjumand Khan

Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy
Sameer Abdulmajeed
Cruz Almonaci Vargas
Sergio Longoria
Elizabeth Macdonough

Summer 2024 — Candidates for Graduation

**Master of Public Administration**
Jack Clanton

**Master of Social Work/Master of Public Policy**
Carli Bernardo

Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy
Dominique Lombard
Samantha Mejia
Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society Graduates

Pi Alpha Alpha is the global honor society for public affairs and administration.

The minimum requirements for undergraduate students to be inducted are to achieve and maintain a 3.7 or above GPA and the completion of approximately 70% of coursework in a public policy degree with at least 15 hours of major-specific coursework.

The minimum requirements for graduate students to be inducted are to achieve and maintain a 3.7 or above GPA and complete more than 50% of coursework in a public policy/public administration degree.

Cruz Almonaci Vargas
Alyssa Chapa
Andrea Duhon
Enrique Garcia
Sydney Hargroder

Anastasia Inman
Dominique Lombard
Eliz Markowitz
Michael Ogbuigwe
Christian Pelaez

Brett Robinson
Juhyeon Song
Trevor Toteve

Garnet Coleman Award for Student Excellence

The Garnet Coleman Award for Student Excellence has been created in honor of former Texas State Representative Garnet Coleman’s support for the Hobby School’s programs and students. This award is presented to outstanding graduating students in the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Cruz Almonaci Vargas
Andrea Duhon
Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation from the Honors College at the University of Houston! Your talents and motivation have culminated in the impressive achievements we recognize today. For 45 years, the Human Situation course has served as a gateway of endless possibilities for many students before you. Think back to your first Human Situation lecture and how far you have come. Honors courses have challenged you to think deeply about the nature of being human, as individuals and in societies. You’ve been encouraged to take what you learn beyond the classroom into research and community engagement.

The faculty, staff, and fellow students of the Honors College have been members of your team. They are now cheering you on as you begin your career or continue your studies in graduate or professional programs. We take pride in your achievements, and take comfort knowing that, though you are leaving on this new journey, the Honors College will always be a part of your life.

Stay connected with the College and use your success to inspire future generations and support the many programs and scholarships that you enjoyed during your time here.

We know that you are well-prepared to lead in your chosen field and to contribute solutions to the grand challenges we face in this ever-changing world. As you find your place in a new community, remember to be bold in action and to stand strong in the face of adversity. We believe in you.

Go Coogs!

Heidi Appel
Dean
Professor of Biology & Biochemistry
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

### Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design
- Vincent Taylor

### Cullen College of Engineering
- Harry L. Goldberg
- James Michael Valentine

### College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- Sarah Seyouam Belew
- Jayda Branch
- Zofia Helena Bulhak
- Riley Blue Caylor
- Megan Ruth Dagnall
- Sarah Elizabeth Gawlik
- Nicole Gonzalez
- Alivia Diane Mayfield

### College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Genesis Karmaria McGriggs
- Elisabeth Stevens

### College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Nabeha Hasan
- Danielle Antoinette Henry
- Mazen Daniel Malak
- Theresa Nguyen

## Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

### College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- Veronica Nwanna

### College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Paola Guevara Montoya

## Honors in Major

### Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design
- Hind Al Khaffaf
- Andrew Chase
- Michala Daniels
- Christopher Torres
- Mark Villa

### Cullen College of Engineering
- Delath De Zoysa

### College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- Melanie Adhikary
- Michelle Garcia
- Layla Hanusic
- Cole Harrison
- Lynn Moussa Pasha
- Sarah Rizvi

### College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Randy Pham
- Charlie Smith

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Melody C. Wolfarth

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