College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Commencement Ceremony
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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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College of Optometry

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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.

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| Doctoral Degree | Hood: Pink | 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 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 grevounds 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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<th>GPA Range</th>
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<td>3.90 TO 4.0</td>
<td>Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)</td>
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<td>3.70 TO 3.89</td>
<td>Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)</td>
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<td>3.50 TO 3.69</td>
<td>Cum Laude (with Honors)</td>
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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*
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 Dean

Dear College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Graduates,

Congratulations! Today, we celebrate a significant milestone in your educational career.

A few years ago, you came to the University of Houston with a personal goal. Now, you have attained it. Your degree is more than a testament to your hard work; it is the foundation upon which you will build as you continue to learn throughout your lifetime.

As graduates of NSM, you have proven that you are driven by inquiry, exploration, and innovation. You will be the force behind discoveries that will revolutionize our lives and impact our state, nation, and the entire world.

As you leave UH and NSM, you hold the knowledge your professors shared with you, the wisdom you gained as you matured, and the benefit of personal experiences, professional connections, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

The faculty and staff of NSM are proud of your achievements. You have my best wishes for much success and happiness. Go Coogs!

Sincerely,

Dan E. Wells, Ph.D.
Dean and Distinguished Professor of Science
University of Houston
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

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**PROCESSIONAL**
Moores School of Music

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS**
Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
Moores School of Music

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**
Dan E. Wells
Dean
*Distinguished Professor of Science*

**GREETINGS FROM THE NSM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**
Julian Chenin, ’18
*Board Member, NSMAA*

**STUDENT ADDRESS**
Chris Andrade

**PRESENTATION OF THE DAN E. WELLS OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD**
Jeremy May
*Associate Dean, Graduate Affairs*

**PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS**
Donna Stokes
*Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs and Student Success*

**RECOGNITION OF 4.0 STUDENTS**
Associate Dean Stokes

**PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES**
Dean Wells
Associate Dean May
Associate Dean Stokes

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**
Dean Wells

**CLOSING REMARKS**
Dean Wells

**ALMA MATER**
Moores School of Music

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

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Biochemistry**
Adeniyi Gbenga Adeleye  
**ADVISOR:** Robert J. Schwartz, Ph.D.

Azeez Babatunde Muili  
**ADVISOR:** Robert J. Schwartz, Ph.D.

**Biology**
Mahmoud Mohammad Alhomouz  
**ADVISOR:** Amy Sater, Ph.D.

Sarah Michelle Empie  
**ADVISOR:** Arne Lekven, Ph.D.

Genesis Jesenia Herrera  
**ADVISOR:** Debora Rodrigues, Ph.D.

Richard Souheil Saoud  
**ADVISOR:** Arne Lekven, Ph.D.

Marium Waqar  
**ADVISOR:** Brigitte Dauwalder, Ph.D.

**Chemistry**
Roy A. Arrieta Robles  
**ADVISOR:** Jakoah Brgoch, Ph.D.

Hossein Barzegar  
**ADVISOR:** Jeremy A. May, Ph.D.

Symone Louise Carty  
**ADVISOR:** Scott R. Gilbertson, Ph.D.

Clayton Paul Donald  
**ADVISOR:** Jeremy A. May, Ph.D.

Jacob Calvin Hickey  
**ADVISOR:** Jakoah Brgoch, Ph.D.

Dung Viet Nguyen  
**ADVISOR:** Eva M. Harth, Ph.D.

Yennie Nguyen  
**ADVISOR:** Thomas Teets, Ph.D.

Hasaan Shariq Rauf  
**ADVISOR:** Eva M. Harth, Ph.D.

**Computer Science**
Alireza Ansariropour  
**ADVISOR:** Omprakash D. Gnawali, Ph.D.

Mikhail Mekhedin-Meski  
**ADVISOR:** Ricardo Vilalta, Ph.D.

Nassima Noufail  
**ADVISOR:** Fatima Merchant, Ph.D.

Urmila Sampathkumar  
**ADVISOR:** Fatima Merchant, Ph.D.

Amanveer Wesley  
**ADVISOR:** Ioannis T. Pavlidis, Ph.D.

Xiantian Zhou  
**ADVISOR:** Carlos Ordonez, Ph.D.

**Geology**
Lisabeth Nicole Arellano  
**ADVISOR:** Shahab D. Khan, Ph.D.

Yu-Huan Hsieh  
**ADVISOR:** John Suppe, Ph.D.

Muhammad Qasim  
**ADVISOR:** Shahab D. Khan, Ph.D.

Juan Pablo Ramos Vargas  
**ADVISOR:** Paul Mann, Ph.D.

Syed Osman Ali Tirmizi  
**ADVISOR:** Shahab D. Khan, Ph.D.

Joanna Walker  
**ADVISOR:** John P. Castagna, Ph.D.

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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**
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**CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**
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True we’ll ever be and Go Coogs!

Michael Sachs (’97)
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