University of Houston
College of Pharmacy

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

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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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Humana Endowed Dean’s Chair in Optometry
COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
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Distinguished Professor of Science
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
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
  - Tassel: Black
- Master's Degree: Tassel: Violet
- Doctoral Degree: Tassel: Red

**Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts**
- Bachelor's Degree: Tassel: Brown
  - Hood: Brown
  - Hood (Music): Pink
  - Tassel: Black
- Master's Degree: Tassel: Black
- Doctoral Degree: Tassel: Red

**C. T. Bauer College of Business**
- Bachelor's Degree: Tassel: Dark Blue
  - Hood: Drab
  - Tassel: Black
- Master's Degree: Tassel: Black
  - Hood: Dark Blue
- Doctoral Degree: Tassel: Red

**College of Education**
- Bachelor's Degree: Tassel: Light Blue
  - Hood: Light Blue
  - Tassel: Black
- Master's Degree: Tassel: Black
  - Hood: Light Blue
- Doctoral Degree: Tassel: Light Blue
  - Hood (Ed.D.): Light Blue
  - Hood (Ph.D.): Dark Blue
  - Tassel: Red

**Cullen College of Engineering**
- Bachelor's Degree: Tassel: Orange
  - Hood: Orange
  - Tassel: Black
- Master's Degree: Tassel: Black
  - Hood: Orange
- Doctoral Degree: Tassel: Red
  - Hood: Orange
  - Tassel: Black

**Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership**
- Bachelor's Degree: Tassel: Navy
  - Hood: Navy
  - Tassel: Brown
- Master's Degree: Tassel: Black
  - Hood: Navy, Red and White
- Doctoral Degree: Tassel: Red
  - 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: Red
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

Your Credit Union

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 Graduates,

On behalf of the University of Houston College of Pharmacy family, I extend a sincere congratulations and best of luck to the College’s Class of 2024. You have been exceptional representatives of the College and University. I have no doubt that you will continue to serve as worthy ambassadors for the college by building upon our reputation for excellence.

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

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

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

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

Take care,

F. Lamar Pritchard, Ph.D.
Dean
University of Houston
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PROCESSIONAL
Pomp and Circumstance: March 1
Sir Edward Elgar

PRESENTATION OF COLORS
Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Moores School of Music

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

GOLDEN COUGARS CLASS OF 1974

BANNER BEARER CANDIDATES
Hanh Do
Adriana Ibarra
Camille Johnson
Anisha Panakezham
Amy Shum

PLATFORM PARTY
WELCOME
F. Lamar Pritchard
Dean

STUDENT RESPONSE
Adam Siddique
PharmD Candidate

PRESENTATION OF PH.D. CANDIDATES
Dean Pritchard

CONFERRING OF PH.D. DEGREES
Dean Pritchard

PRESENTATION OF M.S. CANDIDATES
Dean Pritchard

CONFERRING OF M.S. DEGREES
Dean Pritchard

RECOGNITION OF HONORS
Paige Pitman
Executive Associate Dean

PRESENTATION OF PHARM.D. CANDIDATES
Dean Pritchard

CONFERRING OF PHARM.D. CANDIDATES
Dean Pritchard

RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN COUGARS CLASS OF 1974

OATH OF A PHARMACIST
Moores School of Music

RECESSIONAL
Oath of a Pharmacist

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

In fulfilling this vow:

_I will_ consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

_I will_ promote inclusion, embrace diversity, and advocate for justice to advance health equity.

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

_I will_ respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

_I will_ accept the responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise, and self-awareness.

_I will_ hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.

_I will_ embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

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

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

_The revised Oath was adopted by the AACP Board of Directors and the APhA Board of Trustees in November 2021._
Spring 2023 – Graduates

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY
Kelly K. Bui
Nhi Thao Le Nguyen

Summer 2023 – Graduates

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY
Zahra Majd
Initial Combination Therapy Versus Conventional Stepwise Approach for the Treatment of Newly Diagnosed Drug Naïve Type 2 Diabetes Patients
ADVISOR: Dr. Susan Abughosh

Ashna Talwar
Cumulative Anticholinergic Burden and Associated Outcomes Among Older Adults With Alzheimer’s Disease
ADVISOR: Dr. Rajender Aparasu

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY
Deven M. Jadeja
Megan Allysa Jones

Fall 2023 – Graduates

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY
Shrey Gohil
Safety and Effectiveness of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors in Older Adults with Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer and Pre-Existing Autoimmune Disease
ADVISOR: Dr. Michael Johnson

Ning Lyu
Identification, Prediction, and Intervention Strategies on Second Generation Antiseptic Associated Weight Gain (AAWG) among Children and Adolescents
ADVISOR: Dr. Hua Chen

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS
Brianna Eales
Novel Therapy for Acinetobacter baumannii Infections
ADVISOR: Dr. Vincent Tam

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACOLOGY
Mehrdad Rajaei
Novel Genetic/Chemogenetic Tools for Studying Beta-Adrenergic Receptors Biased Signaling in Heart Failure
ADVISOR: Dr. Bradley McConnell

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY
Vien Ky Do
Izuh Kevin Ikpeama
Annabelle Anh-Thu Nguyen
Spring 2024 – Candidates for Graduation

**Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes and Policy**

Jieni Li  
Comparative Effectiveness and Safety of High Efficacy Disease-Modifying Agents and Moderate Efficacy Disease-Modifying Agents in Patients with Multiple Sclerosis  
**Advisor:** Dr. Rajender Aparasu

Jason Nathaniel Levy  
A Descriptive Report on the Impact of Pharmacy in the Operational Success of Hospital at Home Implementation at a County Academic Hospital System  
**Advisor:** Dr. Shane Tolleson

Lamees Adel Loubani  
Evaluation of Pharmacy Workflow Associated With the Use of an Automated Workflow Management System in an Inpatient Pharmacy at a Pediatric Academic Medical Center  
**Advisor:** Dr. Divya Varkey

Atra Azad Mouser  
Assessment of Motivational Factors That Influence Intentions Regarding Utilization of Inventory Function in Automated Dispensing Cabinets  
**Advisor:** Dr. Amelia Sofjan

Luning Shi  
Implementation and Evaluation of Robotic IV Compounding Technology in a Tertiary Hospital Oncology Pharmacy  
**Advisor:** Dr. Matthew Wanat

**Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutics**

Michelle L. Spruill  
Application of Mass Spectrometry Imaging to Identify Novel Targets for HER-2+ Breast Cancer Brain Metastasis  
**Advisor:** Dr. Xinli Liu

Zicong Zheng  
Mechanistic Investigation of Approaches to Simplifying a Classical Herbal Formulation to Alleviate Irinotecan-Induced Diarrhea  
**Advisor:** Dr. Ming Hu

**Master of Science in Pharmacy Leadership and Administration**

Matthew Anthony Cheramie  
The Impact of Compass Rose Within a Non-340B Health System Specialty Pharmacy at a Comprehensive Cancer Care Center  
**Advisor:** Dr. Divya Varkey

**Doctor of Pharmacy**

Raina Sunny Abraham  
TAK1 Signaling in the Regulation of Cancer Stem Cells and Rhabdomyosarcoma Growth  
**Advisor:** Dr. Ashok Kumar

Ann Chukwuamaka Adigwe  
Halimat A. Ajeniifuja Aroyehun  
Ammar Alsaedi  
Hasan Alsaedi  
Issra Altaie  
Gabrielle Leanne B. Alvarez  
Yusra Arshad  
Pegah Asadi  
Rima Azkouli  
Jiyoon Baek  
Yasmeen I. Bhardwaj  
Haley Brooke Brusen  
Sarah Priscilla Cirildo  
Toby Milton Coggins  
Melanie Ann Curtner  
Kim T. Dang  
Phuong Bich Dang  
Hieu Chau Minh Dao  
Sarah Grace Davis  
Yash Hiren Desai  
Hanh Do  
Mason Do  
Saja El-Masri  
Sarah Angel Garcia-Plouch  
Kelsey C. Green  
Madeline Guidry  
Sally Hamdan  
Amna Osman Hamed  
Jenny Z. Hu  
Sara Kamel Hussein  
Alexxis-Marie Hutson  
Adriana Giselle Ibarra  
Nabeela Jamal  
Andrew Y. Jiang  
Jocbebed Sarah Joel  
Camille Alexis Johnson  
Feba Rachel Johnson  
Jacob Howard Jones  
Petr Jordanov  
Krista LaBorde  
Gabrielle Thuy Ngan Le  
Kevin Le  
Jennifer Lee  
Han Huynh Lieu  
Daniel Listiyo  
Mackenzie Ann Luke  
Brielle Karla Magnno  
Sarah Mahmoud Abdu Mahmoud  
Rica Feline Solis Mequiabas  
Kazim Raza Mir  
Maryam Neshastehriz  
Jennifer Ng  
Binh Nguyen  
Christopher Hoang Phuong Nguyen

1 Summa Cum Laude Honors – 2 Magna Cum Laude Honors – 3 Cum Laude Honors  
4 Rho Chi Academic Honor Society – 5 Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society – 6 College Banner Bearer
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Elaine Hang Nguyen 2
Elizabeth Nguyen 1, 4
Hieu Cong Nguyen 3
Jonny Nguyen
Linh Ngoc Hoai Nguyen 3
Ngan Ngoc Nguyen 1, 4
Noelle Nguyen
Selena Quynh Nguyen 3
Tran Huyen Bao Nguyen 2
Trung T. Nguyen 3
Innocent Liwo Nkwetie 3
Anisha Panakezham 1, 4, 6
Harnish N. Patel 3
Yashvi Patel 1, 5
Chloe Pham 2, 4
Michelle T. Phan 5
Alan Pho 3
Audrey D. Phung 3
Aswathy Pillai
Claudia Pino Hernandez
Alliana M. Posadas 3, 5
Phillip Shayne Pruneda 3
Emily Le Linh Phuong Quach 1, 4
Vy Nguyen Phuong Quach 3
Raheleh Rahimzad 3, 5
Ramiro Jose Rangel
Natalie Renee Rea
Amanda Jane Rembowski 3
Abrehet Sahu
Amy Shum 1, 4, 5, 6
Adam Siddique 3, 5
Anna Esther Tam 3
Faye Taylor
Somavetey Thol
Milen Thomas 2
Sarah R. Thomas 3, 5
Abigail Collyn Thomet
Ivy Dung Truong 1, 4
London A. Umejiaku 3
Kayla Beth Valigura
Merlyn Maria Varghese 3
May Vorarath 3
An Quang Vu 2, 4
Abel Anthony Williams, Jr.
Tehreem Zakaria

Pharmacy Certificate
in Hispanic Healthcare
Ramiro Jose Rangel

Academic Honors

Doctoral students who complete their degree requirements will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the corresponding grade point averages earned in the Doctor of Pharmacy program at the University of Houston.

Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors)
Requires a 3.90 to 4.0 GPA on a scale of 1 to 4

Magna Cum Laude (with high honors)
Requires a 3.70 to 3.89 GPA

Cum Laude (with Honors)
Requires a 3.50 to 3.69 GPA

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Rho Chi

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

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

Rho Chi Graduating Members

- Halimat A. Ajenifuja Aroyehun
- Pegah Asadi
- Rima Azkoul
- Yasmeen I. Bharde
- Hieu Chau Minh Dao
- Yash Hiren Desai
- Hanh Do
- Kelsey C. Green
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- Camille Alexis Johnson
- Petar Jordanov
- Kevin Le
- Jennifer Lee
- Jason Nathaniel Levy
- Han Huynh Lieu
- Maryam Neshastehriz
- Elizabeth Nguyen
- Ngan Ngoc Nguyen
- Anisha Panakezham
- Chloe Pham
- Emily Le Linh Phuong Quach
- Amy Shum
- Ivy Dung Truong
- An Quang Vu

Phi Lambda Sigma

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

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

Phi Lambda Sigma Graduating Members

- Raina Sunny Abraham
- Ann Chukwumaka Adigwe
- Yasmeen I. Bharde
- Sarah Angel Garcia-Plouch
- Andrew Y. Jiang
- Camille Alexis Johnson
- Jason Nathaniel Levy
- Lamees Adel Loubani
- Mackenzie Ann Luke
- Atra Azad Mouser
- Yashvi Patel
- Michelle T. Phan
- Alliana M. Posadas
- Raheleh Rahimzad
- Amy Shum
- Adam Siddique
- Sarah R. Thomas
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