Fall Convocation
The Honors College
September 1, 2020
Jennifer Sullivan is a National Merit Scholar who was recruited by the Honors College to the University of Houston in 1992 and completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1996. She earned a Masters in Public Health at the Richard Fairbanks School of Public Health at Indiana University, a Medical Doctorate at Indiana University School of Medicine, and is board certified in both Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics.

Dr. Sullivan was appointed Secretary of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, effective January 9, 2017. Prior to this appointment, she served as the Deputy State Health Commissioner and Director for Health Outcomes at the Indiana State Department of Health. Dr. Sullivan is currently a Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics at Indiana University School of Medicine. She served as the Division Chief for Pediatric Emergency Medicine and was the Program Director for the Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics Residency from 2007-2015. Dr. Sullivan continues to work clinically in the Riley Hospital for Children Emergency Department.

Dr. Sullivan is dedicated to building effective and efficient delivery of health care and social services to Hoosiers. She takes a public health and wellness approach to policy decisions and is committed to strategic alignment across government and the private sector to improve health outcomes and fill unmet social needs. In 2019, she was recognized as the recipient of the American Public Human Services Administration’s Friedman Health and Human Services Impact Award and is a 2017 Indianapolis Business Journal Woman of Influence.

Dr. Sullivan lives in Indianapolis with her two sons, Joey and Jack, and is married to Dr. Matthew Sullivan. Joey attends Franklin College and is majoring in psychology and music. She also shares her home with a gigantic Bernese Mountain Dog named Rex and a rescue kitty named Ruffles whom she found hiding in a construction site outside of the Indiana Statehouse—which is to say, she is strongly inclined to help those in need.
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Welcome
William Monroe
Dean

Welcoming Remarks
Renu Khator
President, University of Houston
Chancellor, University of Houston System

Greeting
Paula Myrick Short
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Houston
Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Houston System

Introductory Remarks
Stephen J. Spann, M.D., M.B.A.
University of Houston College of Medicine
Founding Dean

Alumni Address
Jennifer Sullivan ('96), M.D., M.P.H.
Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Secretary

Recognitions
William Monroe
Dean
Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, and Friends,

September, 2020, challenging in so many ways, is yet a new beginning, full of promise. Now more than ever there’s a chance for fresh starts.

As dean of the Honors College, it is my privilege to highlight the broad learning, unscripted discoveries, and creative work of students of all backgrounds, majors, and pathways.

Students:

As this academic year begins we wish you many intellectual adventures and beyond-the-classroom engagements.

Develop your reading, thinking, and writing abilities. Support each other and connect with UH faculty and staff. Pursue opportunities for working with off-campus partners. Seek purpose through awareness and imagination. Be vulnerable. Refine your perspectives. Create a rich tapestry of learning and doing to benefit yourselves, your families, and your communities, local and global. Make the world a better place.

Learn like your lives, and our lives, depend on it. Because they do.

In this time of uncertainty, know that this University seeks to be, and is, a humane and inclusive community that shares and respects diverse values, experiences, and ideas.

Welcome to all…Go Coogs!

William Monroe
Dean and Nancy O’Connor Abendshein Professor
The Honors College
# Faculty and Staff

**Administration**

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*Classical Studies*

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*Director, Phronesis*

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*Medicine and Community Health*
Society of Fellows

The designation “Fellow of The Honors College” recognizes University faculty and staff, as well as friends of the College, for their contributions to Honors education. A Fellow may assist the College in many ways, including serving on senior honors thesis committees, teaching Honors courses, and providing counsel to Honors students and the College.

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Hispanic Studies

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Director, University Bands

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Geoff Brune
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Physics

Jeffrey Church
Chair, Political Science

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Associate Provost, Faculty Affairs

David Rainbow
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Religious Studies

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Psychology

Tamler Sommers
Philosophy

Donaji Stelzig
Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences

Marina Trninic
English and Rhetoric

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English

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English and Creative Writing

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Cliff Dacso
Baylor College of Medicine

Richard DeFrank
Professor Emeritus, Management

Casey Dué Hackney
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Director, Religious Studies

Emran El-Badawi
Director, Middle Eastern Studies

William Fitzgibbon
Mathematics

W. Anthony Frankino
Biology/Biochemistry
Members of the Honors College Advisory Board serve as ambassadors for the College, actively supporting the Honors mission by taking leadership roles in fundraising and by promoting and engaging the Honors College in the Houston business and civic community.

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Outstanding First Year Students

Chosen from a talented, motivated, and hard-working entering class, Outstanding First Year Students represent "the best of the best." Their grade point averages are high, but they distinguish themselves by more than just the ability to make A's, and each one has been nominated for this recognition by the Honors College teaching faculty. The recipients represent a diverse group of disciplines and backgrounds, and their achievements symbolize the fine work of the entire first-year class.

2020 Honorees

Kathryn Aing
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Nikole Davis
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Fayez Elkaissi
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# The Honors College

## Entering Class of 2020

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### Distribution by Class Rank in Secondary School

- Top 10% (including 13 Valedictorians) 48%
- Next 10% 19%
- Below 20% 11%
- Unranked 22%

### Gender Distribution

- Female 62%
- Male 38%

### Ethnic Distribution

- White 30%
- Asian 32%
- Hispanic 24%
- Black 6%
- Multi-Cultural 7%
- Unreported/Other 1%

### National Merit Finalists

- 12

### Average ACT Index (New SAT)

- 29

### Distribution by College

- Architecture 10
- Arts 16
- Business 80
- Education 21
- Engineering 157
- Hotel and Restaurant Management 5

### Distribution by ACT Index

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<td>25-26</td>
<td>(1200-1299) 13%</td>
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<td>(&lt;1200) 4%</td>
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### Distribution by College

- Liberal Arts and Social Sciences 159
- Natural Sciences 216
- Pre-Nursing 5
- Technology 16
- Exploratory Studies 42
Incoming Honors Students

**Gerald D. Hines**  
College of Architecture  
Raman Binning  
Yetlanetzi Chijate  
Diego Contreras  
Stephanie Cornejo  
Astrid Gallareta

Rosa Gomez  
Azra Keskin  
Andrea Moscoso Garces  
Aly Mohammad Noorani  
Melody Wolfarth

**Kathrine G. McGovern**  
College of the Arts  
Niala Agudelo  
Chloe Baker  
Camille Blanchard  
Ashley Borrell  
Bailey Bower  
Justin Estes  
Anthony Haddad  
Helen Huneycutt

Angela Jardina  
Akash Kambi  
Minhtam Kieu  
Kirsten Leo  
Riley Moquin  
Andrew Murray  
Liam Prendergast  
Rose Singh

**C. T. Bauer**  
College of Business  
Ronak Agarwal  
Samih Ahmed  
Garance Alfon  
Marc Andalecio  
Allysa Aquino  
Samay Azhar  
Jacob Bradley  
Tiffany Bui  
Brianna Chambers  
Megan Chen  
Nathan Chen  
Karla Cisneros Arenas  
Enoc Curiel  
Haaris Dakri  
Allison Dang  
Kathy De Leon  
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Ishaan Desai  
Anjali Dharamshi  
Valentina Diemer  
Ben Drewell  
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Victoria Escobar  
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Shane Foreman  
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Natalie Gorman  
Amrutha Gorthi  
Stephanie Haddad  
Carson Havard  
Carson Hunzucker  
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Fayha Iqbal  
Jeline Jabbour  
Tara Kamal  
Macy Katapodis  
Lindsay Klotz  
Kavi Kohli  
Smriti Korampally  
Debbie Lam  
Jeanette Lam  
Samantha Lane  
Lance Lanting  
Pham Phuong Linh Le  
Maya Macpherson  
Calvin Mai  
Phinesa Malroy  
Aniq Maredia  
Mark Mcmillan  
Adryana Minooe  
Jumana Motiwala  
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Jeanluc Nguyen  
Luan Nguyen  
Steven Nguyen  
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Kanaan Patton  
Duha Pervez  
Ethan Poedjono  
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Mahmood Rastegari
Oscar Rovira
Dewan Sayeed
Perla Silva Perez
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Mark Theeuwes
Natalie Tran
Van Tran
Tam Truong
Catalina Vasquez
Johanna Verghese
Veena Vinod
Matthew Vuong
Samiha Zaman
Parker Zancho

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Dua Abidi
Abby Bonzon
Joshua-Lauren Buenavista
Bryan Castro
Jacqueline Diep
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Whitney Fairley
Jasmine Gonzalez
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Hannah Highland
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Larose Mutombo
Rhea Nayak
Johanna Rauch
Daniyal Riaz
Kayla Stagg
Parina Vyasa
Morgan Ward

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2020 Scholarships

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Students in good standing are eligible to apply for Honors College Scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $1,500 annually. For fall 2020, the College awarded $466,804 to 421 students, 59 of whom are incoming students.

Alan B. Parker Scholarship
- Syeda Maryam Beyabani
- Drew Boagni
- Nhat Y Bui
- Michaela Butler
- Jason Canales
- Sean Dalton
- Lauren Defrance
- Jack Elgie
- Erica Gonzalez

Amy & John Luchsinger Scholarship
- Francheska Quintanilla

Andrews Kurth LLP Scholarship
- Sammy Bourji
- Victoria Brooks

Arturo Monsanto Scholarship
- Mia Garcia

Becky & Truman Arnold Scholarship
- Erin Sappington

Ben & Cindy Talley Scholarship
- Sarah Hijazi

Bessie Monroe Ebaugh Scholarship
- Kennedy Foxwell
- Maya Garza
- Jack Morillo
- Veronica Ordonez
Christopher Knapp/Chilton Capital Management Scholarship

Class of 1989 Scholarship

Coastal Securities Honors Scholarship

Cooper Industries Honors Scholarship

Dorothy F. Bettencourt Clay Scholarship

Dr. Ted Estess Honors Scholarship

El Paso Corporation Merit Scholarship

Enron Merit Scholarship

Everett Dyer Scholarship

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Shereen Enan
Amber Faruqi

Zahir Amin

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James Hogan
Xavier Kaleemullah
Amenda Khoei

Andrei Merkoulov
Brianna Robertson
Usmon Shaikh
Duncan Sikaddour
David Tatchin
Andrew Wilson
Fei Ye
2020 Scholarships

2020 Tier One Scholarships

The UH Tier One Scholarships were established by President Renu Khator to attract highly qualified students to the University of Houston. The Tier One class for fall 2020 consists of 16 first-year students, who will be receiving approximately $322,400 in scholarship awards.

Noah Alexander
Briana Azad
Zofia Bulhak
Ada Cinar
Garrett Cook
Anna Economon
Sarah Gawlik
Timothy Harper
Kayla Huhn
Deborah Jacob
Gabrielle Kostecki
Pavan Kureti
Spencer Martin
Hailey McAndrew
Allison Metro
Ava Nelson

2020 Terry Foundation Scholarships

A Houston-based foundation providing scholarships to outstanding Texas residents, the Terry Foundation supports academically talented students with financial needs and a record of leadership. This fall, 9 new freshmen Terry Scholars will be inducted into the University of Houston chapter. During the 2020-21 academic year, 67 scholars (including the incoming students) will receive approximately $1.5 million from the Terry Foundation to fund their undergraduate education. Since its inception at the University of Houston in 2004, the Terry Foundation has provided over $21.7 million in scholarship funds to 362 Terry scholars.

Mckenna Campsey
Oselumenosen Ekuemelo
Justin Estes
Kelly Lam
Celine Luu
Larose Mutombo
Payton Neubauer
Kingsley Ofoegbu
Joy Olatunde
Theresa Thu Pham
2020 Scholarships

2020 National Merit Scholarships

The University of Houston awards scholarship support covering the entire cost of tuition and required fees to National Merit Scholarship finalists who select the University of Houston as their first-choice institution in accordance with the rules and deadlines established by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. This year’s National Merit Scholars joining the University of Houston’s class of 2024 will receive approximately $132,000 in scholarship awards.

Kevin Dang
Jacqueline Diep
Claire Gregory
Bilal Hasan
Vanessa Huynh
Gabrielle Lansangan
Gabrielle Lea
Jacob Louis
Anil Shanker
Urhum Syed
Andre Tijerina
Tam Truong

2020 Provost Service Learning Scholarships

Academically excellent incoming students who exhibit a commitment to service receive the Provost Service Learning Scholarship (PSLS). Because the scholarship is awarded to students accepted to the Bonner Leaders service learning program, this scholarship supports service-motivated students and the University’s efforts to serve and engage with the community, while working to alleviate the effects of socioeconomic inequalities in Houston. In the 2020-2021 academic year, 19 Bonner students will receive the Provost Service Learning Scholarship. This year’s freshmen recipients are:

Raman Binning
Mariam Dumitrescu
Shane Foreman
Nithya Ramankulanga
Katie Nguyen
Samiha Zaman
Honors College
Giving Opportunities

Student Scholarships
Honors College students go above and beyond to excel both in the classroom and in a myriad of co-curricular programs. To support our students, incentivize engagement in activities beyond the classroom, and recruit the best and brightest students from across campus, the Honors College awards scholarships to over 20% of our students annually.

Your gift to support scholarships in the Honors College will allow us to continue recruiting excellent students and will also allow those students to participate in the programs and activities that make an Honors College experience exceptional.

Faculty Development
Faculty are the lifeblood of an Honors education. Dedicated faculty enrich the learning experience in the classroom and make possible the diverse offering of co-curricular engagement programs within the College. Honors College faculty mentor students in undergraduate research, guide students in their pursuit of major awards, advise as students pursue post-baccalaureate endeavors, and lead service and learning abroad trips. The Honors College prioritizes giving that is directed to the recruitment, retention, and development of faculty who are excellent teachers and who go beyond the classroom to create educational opportunities for students. Gifts to faculty development provide Faculty Engagement Awards that recognize and incentivize outstanding faculty for their contributions to the College, while also supporting faculty fellowships and professorships that allow the Honors College to recruit the best faculty across the country.

Experiential Learning Programs
Experiential learning has always been at the heart of an Honors education. Over the last several years, the College has worked diligently to expand these opportunities for students.

Learning Abroad/Learning Away
Unlike a traditional semester-long learning abroad trip, the Learning Abroad/Learning Away program in the Honors College provides students with short-term, high impact experiences that expand the classroom and bring a student’s education to life. In recent years, Honors College students have completed in-depth research in the Galapagos, studied the Great Books in Israel, served on medical missions in Haiti and Honduras, worked with organizations serving refugees in Greece, and observed the impacts of energy and sustainability in Peru. Other destinations have included France, Scotland, Russia, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Egypt, and the Netherlands.

Support for the Learning Abroad/Learning Away program ensures that each student who has a desire to learn abroad has the opportunity to do so. With philanthropic support for this program, the Honors College provides student travel scholarships and awards for faculty who go above and beyond to bring their classroom to life beyond our Houston community.
Undergraduate Research

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards provides mentored research opportunities for undergraduates of all majors and departments across campus. Participation in undergraduate research enables undergraduates to make a difference in their fields and form strong mentorships with faculty members in their discipline. Through the Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards, the Honors College offers several programs: Houston Early Research Experience (HERE), a program providing an early introduction to undergraduate research; Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) and the Provost’s Undergraduate Research Scholarships (PURS), two competitive programs that allow for one-to-one project mentorship; and a Senior Honors Thesis program. Currently, the Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards receives many more competitive applications than it is able to fund, and additional support is needed to bring students’ projects to fruition. Support for Undergraduate Research provides scholarships for students who participate and stipends for the faculty who serve as mentors.

Service Learning/Bonner Leaders Program

The Honors College Service Learning program brings community members, faculty, and students together to address challenges affecting quality of life in the city and region. A group of premier service scholars, the Bonner Leaders, are excellent students who dedicate at least 270 hours each year to educationally meaningful, anti-poverty service for each of their four years at the University of Houston. The Bonner Leaders program is the largest of its kind in the United States. Bonner Leaders operate an award-winning food and nutrition program, tutor at-risk students in neighborhood high schools and middle schools, run a community-health program, and work to build capacity at Urban Harvest, Habitat for Humanity, Workshop Houston, and other partners. Gifts to the Service Learning program provide scholarship support for participating students, as well as the necessary program funds to continue serving the Houston community and beyond.

For more information about making a gift in support of the Honors College, please contact Hannah Barker, Director of Advancement, at 713.743.3220 or hmbarker@central.uh.edu.

The Great Conversation

The 28th Annual Great Conversation
Spring 2021

Conversation is the foundation of an Honors College education. Please join us as we engage in thoughtful dialogue on table topics in literature, religion, the arts, public policy, history, education, and the sciences. Proceeds from this event support scholarships for Honors College students.

More information about the Great Conversation will be sent this fall. For the latest updates, please visit thegreatconversationhouston.com.
Provost’s Undergraduate Research Scholars

The Provost’s Undergraduate Research Scholarship program provides talented juniors and seniors with the opportunity to participate in a semester-long research project under the direction of a University of Houston faculty mentor.

Fall 2019

Gerald D. Hines
College of Architecture and Design
Niell Gorman
Jeff Feng, Industrial Design

C. T. Bauer
College of Business
Paola Velasco
Vanessa Patrick, Marketing

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Karen Mejia
Daphne Hernandez, Health and Human Performance
Pierce Popson
Leigh Leasure, Psychology
Stephanie Rendon Gonzalez
Christopher Arellano, Health and Human Performance

Cullen College of Engineering
Suzanne Contreras
Abdeldjelil Belarbi, Civil and Environmental Engineering
John Jalufka
Chad Wilson, Technical Communication Instruction
Kyle Le
Jae-Hyun Ryou, Mechanical Engineering
Oscar Leon
Stacey Louie, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Sofia Martin
Taewoo Lee, Industrial Engineering

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Roba Abousaway
Frank McKeon, Biology and Biochemistry
Joanna Elhaj
Melissa Zastrow, Department of Chemistry
Connor Gaul
Steven Pennings, Biology and Biochemistry
Michael Halamicek
Thomas Teets, Chemistry
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

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Aileen Martinez-Escobar
Jakoah Brgoch, Chemistry

Clark Mask
William Ott, Mathematics

Khuong Nguyen
Ioannis Kakadiaris, Computer Science

College of Pharmacy

Tanya Kumar
Meghana Trivedi, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research

College of Technology

Wafeeq Ahmad
Tomika Greer, Human Resource Development

Spring 2020

College of Education

Shreya Desai
Rosenda Murillo, Psychological, Health, & Learning Sciences

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Joshua Garcia
Luis Medina, Psychology

Nikita Gidh
Hanako Yoshida, Psychology

Shana Hardin
Ling Zhu, Political Science

Brittany Ikner
Kevin Hoff, Psychology

Ali Raza Khan
J. Leigh Leasure, Developmental, Cognitive, & Behavioral Neuroscience

Cullen College of Engineering

Omar Abunofal
Chandra Mohan, Biomedical Engineering

Pablo Bribiesca
Devin Shaffer, Civil Engineering

Jakob Claret
Jeffrey Rimer, Chemical Engineering

Kathryn Lenihan
Allison Archer, Political Science & Valenti School of Communication

Elizabeth Perkovich
Hanako Yoshida, Psychology

Sameer Sidiq
Willa Friedman, Economics

Mark Eisenhour
Yi-Lung Mo, Civil & Environmental Engineering

Vincent Laroche
Di Yang, Mechanical Engineering

Rosangel Limongi
Taewoo Lee, Industrial Engineering
Cullen College of Engineering

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Abdullatif Maani
Stacey Louie, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Shivam Mistry
Xiaonan Shan, Electrical Engineering

Gokul Nair
Devin Shaffer, Civil & Environmental Engineering

Nhung Nguyen
Konstantinos Kostarelos, Petroleum Engineering

Justus Rooker
Aaron Becker, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Casey Shaw
Hanadi Rifai, Environmental and Civil Engineering

Robert Sipowicz
Yan Yao, Electrical & Computer Engineering

Karla Solis
Megan Robertson, Chemical Engineering

Mallika Tripathy
Chandra Mohan, Biomedical Engineering

Juan Vaca
Dong Lui, Mechanical Engineering

Matthew Zambrano
Kalyanababu Nakshratala, Civil and Environmental Engineering

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Jesus Del Riego
Nouhad Rizk, Computer Science

Bradley Engel
Ognjen Miljanić, Chemistry

Larry Guan
Daniel Onofrei, Mathematics

Elizabeth Merlinsky
John Craft, Biochemistry

Jahnvi Rajput
Yu Liu, Biology and Biochemistry

Angela Shipman
James Meen, Chemistry

Noah Sladek
Loi Do, Chemistry

Pichvyda Tuy
Nouhad Rizk, Computer Science

Victor Zeng
Rakesh Verma, Computer Science

College of Pharmacy

Luay Boulahouache
Bradley McConnell, Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Sciences

College of Technology

Isabelle do Prado Nakamura
Tomika Greer, Human Development & Consumer Sciences
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship 2020

The Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program seeks to provide funding for rising UH sophomores, juniors, and seniors across all disciplines to participate in a focused, full-time, 10-week research experience under the direction of UH faculty.

Gerald D. Hines
College of Architecture and Design

Anna Bibikova
Jeff Feng, Industrial Design

C. T. Bauer
College of Business

Abby Chopra
Emese Felvegi, Decision and Information Sciences

Emily Nham
Michael Newman, Accountancy & Taxation

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Vijay Nitturi
Lorraine Reitzel, Psychological, Health, and Learning Sciences

Ritu Sampige
Leslie Frankel, Psychological, Health, and Learning Sciences

College of Business

Bolatito Adeyeri
Christopher Arellano, Health and Human Performance

Katherine Kabel
Anka Vujanovic, Psychology

Dania Amarneh
Anka Vujanovic, Psychology

Anushka Oak
Benjamin Tamber-Rosenau, Psychology

Sarah Attia
Jen Vardeman, Communication

Jo-Anne Pham
Hanako Yoshida, Psychology

Americo Avila
Norah Gharala, History

Hiba Rabieh
Pranav Parikh, Health and Human Performance

Queen Epomba
Melody Li, Modern and Classical Languages

Urvı Sakhuja
Hanako Yoshida, Psychology

Nadia Garcia Marroquin
Daphne Hernandez, Health & Human Performance

Sheel Shah
Pranav Parikh, Health and Human Performance

Antonella Gargurevich Espinoza
Jaye Derrick, Psychology

Nathan Smith
Francisco Cantu, Political Science

Monica Gebrehiwot
Elizabeth Simas, Political Science

Ryan Tran
Islam Rizvanoghlu, Economics

Shalini Ann Ghurye
Luis Medina, Psychology

Paul Vaughan
Steven Craig, Economics
Cullen College of Engineering

Citlali Bataz
Muayyad Al-Ubaidi, Biomedical Engineering

Rabin Bhattacharai
Rodolfo Monico, Mechanical Engineering

Jared Davis
Jerrold Henderson, Engineering

Krishna Sarvani Desabhotla
Jose Contreras-Vidal, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Benjamin Diaz Villa
Ralph Metcalfe, Mechanical Engineering

Shereen Enan
Chandra Mohan, Biomedical Engineering

Kevin Fleming
Praveen Bollini, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Christopher Franclemont
Rohith Reddy, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Jon Genty
Rose Faghih, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Kristen Harris
Debora Rodrigues, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Abigail Janvier
Sheereen Majd, Biomedical Engineering

Sajid Khan
Miao Pan, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Ted Kim
Peter Vekilov, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Tahimy Landestoy Acosta
Mehmet Orman, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Vincent Laroche
Di Yang, Mechanical Engineering

Mariana Lopez Martinolich
Yingchun Zhang, Biomedical Engineering

Nhung Nguyen
Konstantinos Kostarelos, Petroleum Engineering

Tuan Nguyen
Marzia Cescon, Mechanical Engineering

Vinay Nuka
Alamgir Karim, Chemical and Bio-molecular Engineering

Arafat Oladipo
Megan Robertson, Chemical Engineering

Dhriti Patel
Sheereen Majd, Biomedical Engineering

Katherine Pham
Jinsook Roh, Biomedical Engineering

Laura Rossidivita
Mehmet Orman, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Conlan Taylor
Aaron Becker, Electrical Engineering

Phuong Thy Tran
Chandra Mohan, Biomedical Engineering

Prajwal Vempatti
Lars Grabow, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Tung Vu
Bhavin Sheth, Electrical & Computer Engineering
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<td>Bin Guo, Pharmaceutics</td>
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College of Pharmacy
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Deep Modi
Kevin Garey, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research
Olivia Tran
Gomika Udugamasooriya, Pharmacological &

College of Technology

Ariel Abudu
Peggy Linder, Data Science

Houston Early Research Experience (HERE)

The Houston Early Research Experience (HERE) Program recognizes freshman and sophomore students who excel academically and are engaged in the campus and local community. This two-week seminar series engages students from all majors in various research methodologies through faculty-led small group discussions and research presentations. The HERE Program concluded with student-developed presentations.

Mahin Ahsan                Joaquin Gonzalez                Nguyen                Kathryn Simmons
Kathryn Aing                Jennifer Gray               Emily Nham               Kareem Soussan
Zain Akbar                 Vividha Gupta               Eric Parada             Neha Sunkara
Nathalie Ashby              Kristen Harris            Vivek Patel             Hemish Thakkar
Zaina Boriek                David Paul Hilton        Kala Pham                Olivia Tran
Michaela Butler             Midhat Jafry              Bassam Razzaq          Ana Vallejo Herrera
Abhaya Chopra               Ayesha Javed              Jamie Rose              Manushi Vatani
Gabrielle Co                Richa Kiran               Jyothsana Sajan          Paul Vaughan
Mikayla Deehring            Kenneth Lam               Belal Salama            Phuong Vo
Dominique Dore              Zayd Latheef              Salar Sanati            Peijun Zhao
Madeline Fossitt            Ayush Mehta               Sabah Shaikh            Amin Kiahgadi
Carlos Fuentes              Or-El Meir               Abby Shelenhamer        Marina Trninic
Alexander Garcia            Dung Christian            Amritha Siby

HERE Instructors
Charlie Becker               Marc Hanke               Amin Kiahgadi
Christiana Chang             Kelly Hopkins            Rita Sirrieh

Mellon Research Scholars

Supported by a $500,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, a total of 60 undergraduate students will receive financial support to participate in faculty-mentored research activities between spring 2018 and spring 2021. This includes a two-week graduate school boot camp, a 10-week full-time summer research experience, and a Senior Honors Thesis or intensive independent research project. The following students were selected to participate in the third cohort of Mellon Research Scholars.

Ranyah Atwan
Tshepo Masango Chéry, History

Freisha Burke
Wei Wang, Modern and Classical Languages

Kaleb Clark
Dean William Monroe, Honors College, English

Daniela Contreras
J. Bryan Cole, Political Science

Antonio Enriquez
Norah Gharala, History

Paulina Ezquerra
Iain Morrison, Honors College, Philosophy

Paulina Fernandez
Johanna Luttrell, Honors College, Philosophy

Marco Garcia
Johanna Luttrell, Honors College, Philosophy

Maya Garza
Lorraine K. Stock, English

Karla Grado
Jason Casellas, Political Science

Stefanie Guzman
Richard Mizelle, History

Nicole Hart
A. Gary Dworkin, Sociology

Alyssa Holt
Maurice Wilson, UH Writing Center

Mytrang Huynh
Christy Mag Uidhir, Philosophy

Nancy Katz
Mark Goldberg, History

Rana Mohamad
Hosam Abou-Ela, English

Kat Newman
Guillermo De Los Reyes, Hispanic Studies & WGSS

Veronica Ordonez
Steven Long, English
Teresa Chapman, Dance

Pishoi Rafaile
Tshepo Masango Chéry, History

Jaden Urdiales
Andrew Pegoda, WGSS

Jaelynn Walls
Natilee Harren, Art History

Naomi Zidon
Robert Cremins, Honors College, Creative Work
The Houston Scholars is a competitive program for high-achieving freshmen and sophomores to receive mentorship and scholarship funding to pursue research, internships, and other distinctive experiential learning opportunities. Through targeted programming, participants will benefit from honing their academic and professional skills, developing connections with faculty, engaging in scholarly endeavors, and preparing for applying to nationally competitive scholarships and top graduate school programs. In addition to these benefits and participating in a motivated cohort of high-achieving students, Houston Scholars are well-positioned to take advantage of other Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards programs, such as the Houston Early Research Experience (HERE) and the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship.

Amaris Bobbio-Tarco
Abhy Chopra
Cade Coligan
Benjamin Diaz Villa
Cristobella Durette
Carlos Fuentes
Marco Garcia
Christina Gligorova
Nikki Hammond
Kristin Harris
David Paul Hilton
Vincent Laroche
Daniel Lee
Clara Martin
Austin Mitchell
Anushka Oak
Jordan Pemberton
Jocelyn Ramos
Ricardo Del Rio
Sharan Sabu
Salar Sanati
Carl Suerte
Leonard Wang
Summer Willig

Senior Honors
Thesis Awards 2019-20

The Outstanding Thesis Awards are given each year to students whose theses go above and beyond what is expected of an undergraduate researcher and writer.

Laila Abbasi
Sally Vaughan, History
Amanda Beck
Marina Trninic, English
Florenicia Caceres Ferreia
Amanda Ellis, English
Jacob Foreman
Margot Backus, Liberal Studies
Logan French
Virginia Sisson, Geology
Shu Ning Hiew
Lars Grabow, Chemical Engineering
Wafa-e-fatima Kazmi
Hayan Charara, Communication Sciences and Disorders
Alyssa Lezcano
Christiane Spitzmueller, Psychology
Manuel Martinez Alvarenga
Mark Goldberg, History
Débora Mroczek
Claudia Ratti, Physics and Mathematics
Emma Tan
Ann Christensen, Liberal Studies

Pharis Fellows

Pharis Fellows work together to create data models for understanding how individual health outcomes are embedded in social contexts using modeling and graph theory. The fellowships are offered in memory of George “Trey” Pharis, a beloved colleague at DASH (Data Analytics in Student Hands), and they allowed undergraduates to conduct full-time research throughout the summer.

Kayla Baham
Rishi Chitturi
Joshua Garcia
Maham Gardezi
Cameron Green
Anjali James
Ashley Jimenez
Claire Juhas
C. Griffin Litwin
Sakina Mandviwala
Sondos Moursy
Saloni Patel
Madhumitha
Periyasamy
Daniel Phu
Salar Sanati
Nabeela Siddeeque
Sameer Sidiq
Gundeept Singh
Elaine Tran
Pichvyda Tuy
Manushi Vatani
Brandon Warner

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NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS 2019-20

AWARD WINNERS

Samuel Akinwande – GEM Fellowship Program
April Alex – Fulbright Study/Research Grant to Peru
Rachel Ballenger – Fulbright Study/Research Grant to Spain
Luay Boulahouache – Houston Methodist Undergraduate Summer Research Internship
Zaina Boriek – Baylor College of Medicine SMART Program
Kevin Fleming – DAAD RISE Scholarship to Germany
Fernando Flor – Fulbright Study/Research Grant to France
Mikael Floyd – Harry S. Truman Scholarship
Stephanie Fose – Critical Language Scholarship (Azerbaijani)
Jessica Haney – Critical Language Scholarship (Japanese)
Lida Hedayatpour – Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Tajikistan
Wasiq Javed – PBK Key Into Public Service Scholarship
Hamad Khan – Critical Language Scholarship (Arabic)
Austen Knowler – Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Lithuania
Leandro Ledesma – Baylor College of Medicine SMART Program
Kaden Lewis – Boren Scholarship to Senegal
Kaden Lewis – Critical Language Scholarship (Arabic)
Debora Mroczek – National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
Vishnu Narayana – Baylor College of Medicine SMART Program
Brina Rahmaty – Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Kosovo
Mouad Rifai – DAAD RISE PRO Scholarship to Germany
Jennifer Tores – Baylor College of Medicine SMART Program
Pichvyda Tuy – DAAD RISE Scholarship to Germany
Jackelin Velasquez – Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Spain
Elmer Villalobos – Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Germany
Brian Vu – National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
Brian Vu – PKP Fellowship, Marcus L. Urann Award
Johnny Zapata – Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship
Nimra Zubair – Critical Language Scholarship (Punjabi)
NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS 2019-20

FINALISTS/HONORABLE MENTIONS/ALTERNATES

Kainat Aziz – Critical Language Scholarship (Urdu), Alternate

Jesse Delgado – JET Program, Alternate

Ersie Gentzis – Fulbright Study/Research Grant to Greece, Alternate

Karina George – Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Thailand, Alternate

Wasiq Javed – Harry S. Truman Scholarship, Finalist

James Jenkinson – National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention

Devon Lagueux – National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention

Manuel Martinez Alvarenga – Fulbright Study/Research Grant to El Salvador, Alternate

Zeshan Mohiuddin – Critical Language Scholarship (Urdu), Alternate

Johnny Zapata – Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship, Alternate

Nimra Zubair – Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award – Roma Student Initiative, Alternate
The FrameWorks Program is a co-curricular offering that provides sophomores and juniors a supportive community of peers and faculty mentors as they conceive, research, write, present, and ultimately publish article length essays that draw on the interdisciplinary humanities and speak to an annual theme: “Wall” in 2019/2020. The program culminates every Spring with the FrameWorks Symposium at which Fellows will publicly present their work.

The FrameWorks Program was founded in 2019 and is a collaboration between The Honors College Creative Work Minor and the Office of Undergraduate Research, with funding from the Cougar Initiative to Engage.

2020 FrameWorks Fellows

- Zoie Buske
  “Be Someone’: Murals, Community, and Houston”
  Bavija Tiwari

- Cristobella Durette
  “Panels and Gutters: Empathy, Comics Journalism, and Joe Sacco’s Footnotes From Gaza”
  Laura Bland

- Paulina Ezquerra
  “Reading Kafka in the Age of Trump”
  Robert Zaretsky

- Matthew Flores
  “It is Melody in Shape: South Texas, Ángel Lartigue, and the Art of Dwelling”
  Roberto Tejada

- Marco Garcia
  “Nietzsche on Inpsychation and Forgetfulness”
  Iain Morrison

- Rebecca Hentges
  “Oceans or Mountains Between: Russia, Siberia, and the Question of Eurasianism”
  David Rainbow

- Ayania Hicks
  “Breaking Artistic Boundaries: Zora Neale Hurston and the Harlem Renaissance”
  Marina Trninic

- Allison Lee
  “Beyond ‘Infinite Security’: Freedom in Sylvia Plath’s The Bell Jar”
  Richard Garner

- Roberto Tejada
  “Nietzsche on Inpsychation and Forgetfulness”
  Iain Morrison

- Kat Newman
  “Running at The Cisnormative Wall: The Danish Girl, Orange is the New Black, and Euphoria”
  Jess Waggoner
Since its founding in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious honor society, has celebrated excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and championed freedom of thought. PBK recognizes the best and brightest liberal arts and sciences undergraduates and grants lifelong membership through a highly competitive selection process. The Mu of Texas chapter, PBK’s 284th, was installed on March 4, 2016, at the University of Houston.

### 2020 Inductees

**Members in Course**

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[Image of Phi Beta Kappa members]
Phi Kappa Phi

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was established in 1897 to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education, to engage students and faculty in service to others, and to promote the unity and democracy of education. Members represent a variety of fields such as engineering, business, and education as well as the traditional arts and sciences.

2020 Inductees

Bolatito Adeyeri
Diane Baumann
Kimberly Bautista
Kamran Bhattacharya
Laura Biagi
Daniel Botello
Michele Britton-Cirtain
Annemarie Brogdon
Sarah Bryant
Hannah Burton
Neriyah Butler
Claudia Calderon
Tuyen Cao
Alexandra Carpenter
Laura Casper-Teague
Jacky Chan
Lloyd Chesley
Daniela Contreras
Jacklyn Cortiaux
Valerie Craff
Ellen Creecy
Emily Crossman
Brandon Crowley
Samantha Janay Cruz
Ashley Devitt
Kiet Dinh
Aery Dion
Patrick Etcheverry
Valery Freeland
Jaime Freeman
Phillip Garcia
Susan George
Maureen Gerwin
Rachel Graham
Taylor Green
Tara Haire
Sarah Hakam
Adam Haut
Karli Hayles
Delanie Hendershot
Andrew Herrera
Sarah Howell
Patrick Hubbard
Henry Hughey
Epstein Jacob
Sherin Johnson
Allison Jones
Lea Kamoun
Zakir Khan
Robin King
Kelly Klak
Rina Lawrence
Nguyen Le
Ashley Lindly
Benjamin Lubrano
Ileagh Maclvers
Tiffany Martin
Brenda Martinez
Suzanne Mastren
Catherine Mastren
Anna Mayzenberg
Susan McCoy
Gabrielle McCullough
Darci McGee
Timothy McShane
Martha Michals
Gabrielle Mills
Shailee Modi
Jonathan Moody
Kevin Moore
Eli Moreno
Assia Muhammad
Andrew Myler
Caitlyn Mytelka
Gabriella Nelson
Tuyet-Brittney Nguyen
Michael Nguyen
Trang Nguyen
Thien-Y Nguyen
Phong Nguyen
Simon Nichols
Vijay Nitturi
Mohamed Nounu
Keily O’Reilly
Morgan Parasher
Pooja Patel
Gabriela Perez
Samantha Perez
Cuong Phan
Giao Phan
Christopher Pierson
Cody Plant
Mishaal Rashid
Brooke Renfro
Martin Reyes
CameronRobicheaux
Justice Robinson
Jordan Robisheaux
Lorin Rodriguez
Enrique Salinas
Quamettria Scott
Sameer Sidiq
Kali Simpson
Maha Sohail
Byron Steele
Nicole Stidham
Taylor Sun
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Ashley Thomas
Phoenix Thompson
Gianluigi Ulloa
Carmen Valencia
Ayon
Axel Valero
Anthony Vu
Brian-Tinh Vu
Dustin Walters
Karen Waxler
Genevieve Weber
Sean Weda
Sarah Yoon
Timothy Zhou
Omicron Delta Kappa

The Omicron Delta Kappa Circle at the University of Houston was established in 1960 to recognize students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and scholarship. ODK acknowledges and encourages achievement in scholarship, athletics, campus community service, social and religious activities, campus government, journalism, speech, mass media, and the creative and performing arts.

2020 Inductees

Taleed Atieh  Lida Hedayatpour
Elnora Awatt  Paris Jordanger
Sanjana Ayyagari  Erin Kiley
Miah Baker  Tayma Machkhas
Ja’Brea Bennett  Ileagh MacIvers
Dion Birhiray  Madison Monroe
Lauren Carrere  Victoria Mousa
Fernando Ciprian  Xoxi Munoz
Brandon Crowley  Will Nordt
Nicolas Davis  Therese Grace
Pooja Desai  Nuguid
Cristobella Durette  Anushka Oak
Ryan Emmert  Shirley Park
Bradley Engel  Joel Phillips
Hannah Felske  Daniel Phu
Maureen Gerwin  Shreyas Ranganath
Brian Gonzales  Martin Reyes
Jason Graf  Lorin Rodriguez
Sarah Hakam  Amber Sangil

Erin Sappington
Taegen Senawong
Akeil Shams-ul-hooda
Taylor Sun
Hannah Tello
Thinh Pham
Mallika Tripathy
Hima Vadakekara
Mallory Walters

Leonard Wang
Erin Williams
Constance Na Xu
Cassandra Zinecker
The UH Bonner Leaders Program

The Bonner Leaders Program is a service learning organization in the Honors College at the University of Houston and a member program of the national Bonner network. In addition to curricular learning, Bonner students engage in 5-10 service hours weekly; they conduct long-term service projects in the community surrounding UH which aim to alleviate the effects of poverty related to food insecurity, education, and community health. In doing so, students learn leadership, project management, and technical skills, and they undergo extensive personal and professional development.

The Bonner program has two broad goals: poverty alleviation and the development of effective and ethical leaders who are prepared for the real-world challenges that await them post-graduation in their lives, work, and communities.

**Students**

Mauricio Arriaga
Kathryn Aing
Zain Akbar
Bryan Armbruster
Isaac Benedict
Mihret Beregen
Raman Binning
Karina Borja
Jane Bowman
Austin Brooks
Alexander Carr
Sara-Grace Chan
Gabrielle Co
Ashley Cruz
Nikole Davis
An Dinh
Dominique Dore
Mariam Dumitrascu
Ariel Durham
Michaela Edwards
Amber Faruqi
Shane Foreman
Carlos Fuentes
Maham Gardezi
Shalini Ghurye
Erica Gonzalez
Nikki Hammond
Benjamin Haverty
Kayla Haynes
Evan Headroe
Rebecca Hentges
David Paul Hilton
Kennard Hitchcock
Allen Huang
Fayha Iqbal
Sheloma Isac
Amber Jozwiak
Tara Kamal
Tanvi Kelkar
Lindsay Klotz
Spurthi Kuppasad
Vincent Larocche
Zayd Latheef
Jetson Le
Gabrielle Le
Veronica Ledezma
Lindsey MacPhail
Daniel Maguadog
Mary Danielle Manio
Mark Mathews
Anna Mayzenberg
Katherine McNair
Shailee Modi
Lauren Morton
John (Jack) Mraz
Viet Nguyen
Katie Nguyen
Simon Nichols
Kaylie O’Connell
Christina Okhuysen
Angeline Pham
Ashley Pretty
Nithya Raman-kulangara
Bassam Razzaq
Alfonso Reyes
Jacob Rimlinger
Brianna Robertson
Humberto Rodriguez
Noor Shabaneh
Sharon Siby
Amritha Siby
Julian Silva
Gauravjit Singh
Crystal Solis-Saucedo
Neha Sunkara
Rashika Sunku
Raphaela Tchani
Jessica Tran
Michelle Tran
T Tran
Dylan Tran
Samira Velingker
Auburn Waid
Samiha Zaman
Peijun Zhao

**Faculty and Staff**

Doug Erwing
Trinity Rinear
The University of Houston Speech & Debate Program is the home of competitive speech and debate on campus. A co-curricular program of the Honors College, it harnesses the competitive energy of UH undergraduates to engage them in research, argumentation, and leadership on the grand challenges facing contemporary society. As a high-impact key engagement activity, its strategic goals are to cultivate competitive success, encourage campus engagement, and foster community building across Houston and beyond.

2019-2020 Competition Team Participants

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Faculty and Staff

| Richard Garner | Rob Glass |
A variety of awards have been established to recognize exemplary faculty who go above and beyond in their efforts to reach students, and whose leadership grows and sustains our curricular and co-curricular programming. The Honors College thanks the following 2019-2020 recipients for their commitment to mentorship, teaching, and service.

2019 Ted L. Estess Award for Faculty Leadership
Jesse Rainbow

2019 Vince and Louise Foster Award for Teaching Excellence
David Rainbow

2019 Matthew B. and Tamara Steele Award for Teaching Excellence
Michael Barnes

2019 Wong Faculty Engagement Awards
Michelle Belco
Dustin Gish
Marc Hanke
Max Rayneard
Rita Sirrie

2019 Dean’s Awards for Outstanding Academic Service
Laura Bland

2019 Dean’s Master Teacher Award
Irene Guenther

2019 Dean’s Award for Leadership and Service
Stuart Long

2019 Grand Challenges Award
Daniel Price
2019 Lerner Family Faculty Fellowship Awards

Robert Cremins
Dustin Gish
Irene Guenther
Dan Price
David Rainbow
Jesse Rainbow
Ben Rayder

Provost’s Faculty Awards

John and Rebecca Moores Professorship

Stuart Long

Teaching Excellence Award

David Rainbow

Community Engagement Award

Daniel Price

Distinguished Leadership in Teaching Excellence

David Shattuck
Learning Abroad and Learning Away

Honors College students often study abroad or study away to enhance their college experience. Each year, Honors College faculty and staff plan several journeys and support student travel to regional and national conferences and conventions.

Artists and Their Regions

As a capstone course of the Creative Work minor, Artists and Their Regions involves an in-depth study of how place and identity influence the creative process. The theme of the 2020 Artists and Their Regions course was Los Angeles Noir, an exploration of how the city’s unique juxtaposition of high and low art culture has shaped its identity as one of America’s creative hubs. During our course we explored a wide range of creative works that capture Los Angeles noir, ranging from the noir crime novels of Raymond Chandler to the films of David Lynch and the essays of Joan Didion.

Our course culminated in a trip to Los Angeles that we took from March 9-14 to conduct field research and to work on creative projects that are inspired by, and in conversation with, the City of Dreams. During our trip we visited various iconic Los Angeles landmarks and institutions, including the Venice Beach Boardwalk, The Hammer Museum, and downtown L.A. locales featured in the works of Raymond Chandler and Charles Bukowski. What was unique about this experience is that we were traveling on the brink of a global pandemic. As our trip continued, the city began closing around us, illuminating the fragility of the urban landscape and contributing to our urgency to experience it fully. This was reflected in the showcase of student projects held during our last evening in the city, which included photo collages, video works, and docupoetry.

Students

Morgan Adler
Vivian Bains
Devon Canal
Audrey Eyring
Andrei Merkoulov
Kaitlin Miller

Faculty and Staff

Brandon Lamson
In fall 2019, the Creative Work minor offered a new elective, Creative Cities, that complements Artists & Their Regions, the program’s signature course. This first iteration of the elective wove a tale of two Texan creative cities: Houston and Austin. Because the creative spaces of Houston existed just “beyond the hedgerows” of the UH campus, by November it was time to hit the road and investigate the creative culture of the state capital. That long weekend turned out to be, to quote critic Lorna Sage, “a tour of the possible.”

In a short amount of time, students met a wide variety of Austin’s “creative citizens”—from the enthusiastic team at the renowned independent business Book People to their genial hosts at Drifter Jack’s hostel. They learned about Modernist Networks at the world-class Harry Ransom Center and the international significance of Austin at the Consulate General of Ireland. A highlight of the visit to the Blanton Museum of Art was Ellsworth Kelly’s Austin, which they put “in conversation” with Houston’s Rothko Chapel. And they didn’t forget about those perennial sources of Austin inspiration: food and music. The queso flowed at a couple of the city’s casual food institutions, and at a more formal institution, the Bullock State History Museum, they paid particular attention to the permanent exhibition dedicated to the long-running TV show “Austin City Limits.” It was tuneful proof of this talented town's status as the “Live Music Capital of the World.”

**Students**

- Vivian Bains
- Anna Baker
- Justin Bui
- Neriyah Butler
- Devon Canal
- Allison Funk
- Marco Garcia
- Ayania Hicks
- So Jun
- Noah Key
- Caroline Mousa
- Sarah Paciurea
- Ayania Hicks
- Haley Rosso
- Caroline Mousa
- Sarah Paciurea

**Faculty and Staff**

- Julia Brown
- Robert Cremins
Artists & Their Regions: Ancient & Modern Egypt

In January 2020, the Honors College ventured back to North Africa. There, program participants studied the art, architecture, and literature of ancient Egypt, one of the world’s oldest civilizations, and one of a handful of places where writing was independently invented. The trip took a special interest in the way that the unique geography of the Nile River valley shaped the religion and history of Egypt, and in the enduring meaning of ancient history for 100 million Egyptians today. The group visited the country’s many antiquities, from the pyramids of the Giza Plateau to the sprawling temples at Luxor, from the Egyptian Museum in the heart of Cairo to the technicolor tombs in the Valley of the Kings. Major cities visited included Cairo, Luxor, and Alexandria.

Students

Nour Alhawamdeh  Ariel Durham  Christopher Lellis  Amber Sangil
Sarah Attia  Maya Garza  Ileagh MacIvers  Jewel Trueba
Hadrian Barbosa  Nikki Hammond  Austin Mitchell  Andrew Wilson
Justin Bui  Katherine Kabel  Jack Mraz  Giulia Zaffaroni

Faculty and Staff

Adrian Castillo  Keri Myrick  Jesse Rainbow

Tunisia/Turkey: Ancient Civilizations & Arab Uprisings

The Honors College traveled to the land of Ancient Carthage over 2019 Thanksgiving break. Students, faculty, and staff visited the remains of Byrsa and took in the country’s history at the Bardo National Museum. They performed at the Amphitheatre of El Jem, then made their way down Avenue Habib Bourguiba for some fresh food and even fresher political discourse with locals. Whether a history buff, an adventurer, or a culture aficionado this trip had something for everyone!

Students

Saida Adaya  Ersie-Anastasia  Tristan Lagoutte  Abby Shelenhamer
Hannah Ajrami  Gentzis  Kathryn Lenihan  Mishal Siddiqui
May Ali Al Ameri  Rebecca Hentges  Jack Mraz  Alondra Torres
Jane Bowman  Jack Hodges  Jeane Rivera  John Walkington
Amanda Boyd  Hamad Khan  Amber Sangil
Fabiana Chaparro  Laiba Khan  Erin Sappington

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WASHINGTON, D.C.: VISUAL RHETORIC

Constructed from the start to be the residence of the federal government of the nation, Washington is unlike any other major capital city in the world. Washington is not only the vibrant center of our national politics, but a source-book to study the formation and evolution of our national political principles. This learning away excursion engaged students in reading and understanding the design of Washington, D.C. as the embodiment of the principles and practices by which we have defined and dedicated ourselves as one Nation since the early Republic. On this 4-day Excursion to our National Capital, students visited the National Mall, with its Monuments and Memorials, the U. S. Capitol and the White House, the National Galleries and Museums – taken all together, these sites form the visual rhetoric of the political constitution of our nation.

STUDENTS
Christopher Chase
Jack Clanton
Jade Collins
Daniela Contreras
Brandon Crowley
Madison Everett
Reggie Huerta
Ahmed Keshta
Cassidy Lee
Shyenne Lucas
Sandra Tzul

FACULTY AND STAFF
Dustin Gish
Trinity Rinear
Ten students participated in “Community and Change in American Leadership” with the Osgood Center for International Affairs in Washington, D.C. Meeting at the Elliott School of Foreign Affairs, the program included an immersion into Washington, meeting with journalists, government leaders and experts in foreign affairs. Later joined by Bauer in DC students and Leland Fellows, the group negotiated a response to a foreign policy crisis in the cabinet of George Washington, held at Mt. Vernon. A virtual summer internship matched students with mentors and meaningful research projects, supplemented by a weekly speaker and professional development series.

**Students—January Leadership Program**

Samuel Babridge  
Abigail Ballance  
Shravani Deo  
Mark Korompay  
Anna Mayzenberg  
Shaan Muhammad  
Xoxi Muñoz  
Alondra Torres  
Isbah Usmani

**Faculty and Staff**

Doug Erwing  
Alison Leland

**Students—Summer Externship Online**

Shan Ahmad  
Bilal Ahmed  
Hannah Ajrami  
Daniel Ali  
Jared-Daniel Blanco  
Fabiana Chaparro  
Christopher Chase  
Josue Cruz-Arriola  
Nikole Davis  
Sakethram Desabhotla  
Cristobella Durrette  
Lee Ecat  
Karina George  
Samuel Guadarrama  
Tania Hameed  
Rebecca Hentges  
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Jonathan Keyes  
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Keilly O’Reilly  
Jessica Obispo  
Brendan O’Hare  
Vivek Patel  
Angeline Pham  
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Keerti Rao  
Jignil Shah  
Nithyapriya Shankar  
Amritha Siby  
Sumaya Siddiqui  
Ahmed Syed  
Isabella Tapiador  
David Tatchin  
Victoria Teoh  
Faith Walton  
Truitt Williams

**Faculty and Staff**

Alison Leland
The Smithsonian, Washington, D.C.

Ten students were selected to be the sixth class of Smithsonian interns for summer 2020, with support from the Cougar Initiative to Engage. With the spring closure of the museum system, the relationship continues with virtual or in person internships planned for summer 2021.

**Students**

Doriane Alfon  
Ariel Durham  
Russel Gardin  
Paris Jordanger  
Amina Malik  
Jesse Martinez  
Shailee Modi  
Joy Nans

**Faculty and Staff**

Alison Leland  
Mary Ann Ottinger

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**Model Arab League**

Since 1988, the Honors College has participated in the national Model Arab League (MAL) conference, held for three days in Washington, D.C., each spring. The league offers students an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills and to learn about the social, economic, cultural, and political issues facing leaders of the Arab world. Participation in MAL is valuable to students of all academic majors and nationalities as they gain valuable leadership training through public speaking and discussion, writing and editing, interpersonal relations, and cross-cultural dialogue. Delegates come away with practiced skills that will serve them well in their future endeavors. This past spring, the following delegates represented the Honors College at the University of Houston:

**Students**

Nour Alhawamdeh  
Hannah Ajrami  
Sarah Atta  
Tammy Chang  
Jackson Cloyd  
Shnutez Doddipalli  
Ariel Durham  
Ramy El-Dowek  
Nikki Hammond  
Julia Hess  
Gabrielle Le  
Cassidy Lee  
Kathryn Lenihan  
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Samuel Szydek  
Edward Vo  
Giulia Zaffaroni

**Faculty and Staff**

Adrian Castillo  
Keri Myrick  
Jesse Rainbow

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**Model United Nations**

Model United Nations (MUN) is a program designated to educate students of all ages about becoming aware of current events and international relations, as well as being open minded and respectful toward different cultures around the world. Model UN participants will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of how different countries cooperate with one another in order to address global issues such as eliminating famine, protecting human rights, providing basic necessities of life, preventing or ending armed conflicts, and many others. This past fall, the following delegates represented the Honors College at the University of Houston:
Model G20

Model G20 (MG20) is an innovative program designed to fully simulate a G20 Leaders’ Summit. Recognizing the G20’s influence in shaping today’s world, we seek to prepare future leaders to build a strong, sustainable, balanced, and inclusive global economy. MG20 helps students develop skills in multilateral negotiations, public speaking, team building strategy, and diplomacy. A closer look at the inner workings and agenda of the G20 provides participants with a better understanding of the dynamics of international affairs, including such key issues as economic growth, job creation, migration, refugees, trade agreements, financial regulation, development, climate change, and others. This past fall, the following delegates represented the Honors College at the University of Houston:

Students

Hannah Ajrami
Salman Al-Luqman
Nour Alhawamdeh
Ariel Durham

Faculty and Staff

Keri Myrick
Adrian Castillo

Individual Study Abroad Trips

April Alex – Fulbright Study/Research Grant to Peru
Rachel Ballenger – Fulbright Study/Research Grant to Spain
Fernando Flor – Fulbright Study/Research Grant to France
Lida Hedayatpour – Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Tajikistan
Lida Hedayatpour – USAC Language Immersion Program, Costa Rica
Austen Knowler – Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Lithuania
Thea Pascual – ISA Language Immersion Program, South Korea
Brina Rahmaty – Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Kosovo
Paul Vaughn – Department of State Internship, European Union, Brussels
Jackelin Velasquez – Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Spain
Elmer Villalobos – Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Germany
Dina Zamil – Clinton Global Initiative University, Scotland
Thanks to a generous gift from Ron and Jane Lerner, two very special friends of the College and the parents of an Honors alum, students participating in an Honors College learning abroad or learning away program are eligible to apply for funding opportunities, regardless of financial need. The Lerner Family Fund Scholarship is available gap funding and is the premier learning abroad scholarship offered by the Honors College. In the 2019-2020 academic year, 116 students received financial support for their global engagement experiences.

- Roba Abousaway
- Saida Adaya
- Morgan Adler
- Hannah Ajrami
- May Ali Al Ameri
- Salman Al-Luqman
- Nour Alhawamdeh
- Sarah Attia
- Samuel Babidge
- Vivian Bains
- Anna Baker
- Abigail Ballance
- Hadrian Barbosa
- Damaris Blanco
- Serpaz
- Jane Bowman
- Amanda Boyd
- Megan Dorothy
- Buena
- Justin Bui
- Devon Canal
- Fabiana Chaparro
- Gabrielle Charvat
- Jade Collins
- Carmen Crandell
- Brandon Crowley
- Shrvani Deo
- Pooja Desai
- Christina Dias
- Orren Dinwiddie
- Katherine Doan
- Tiffany Duong
- Ariel Durham
- Kian Ebrahim-zadeh
- Aristote Economos
- Ramy El-Doweik
- Brian Erickson
- Audrey Eyring
- LeAndrea Fields
- Mikael Floyd
- Allison Funk
- Darby Gates
- Ersie-Anastasia Gentzis
- Jenna Goodrich
- Nikki Hammond
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- Hamad Khan
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- Mark Korompay
- Eleni Kouzounis
- Tristan Lagoutte
- Christopher Lellis
- Kathryn Lenihan
- Sara Loubani
- Shyenne Lucas
- Mackenzie Luke
- Ileigh Maclivers
- Anuraag Madabushi
- Anna Mayzenberg
- Emily Mendenhall
- Andrei Merkoulov
- Kaitlin Miller
- Austin Mitchell
- Victoria Mousa
- Jack Mraz
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- Thea Pascual
- Chase Philip
- Jeane Rivera
- Mackenzie Rivers
- Haley Rosso
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- Mishal Siddiqui
- Brandon Smith
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- Alexia Thomas
- Alondra Torres
- Anna Torres Lopez
- Malika Tripathy
- Jewel Trueba
- Isbah Usmani
- Paul Vaughn
- Angelica Vences
- Theodor Victor
- John Walkington
- Andrew Wilson
- Stephen Yuen
- Giulia Zaffaroni
- Dina Zamil
- Peijun Zhao
- Cassandra Zinecker
The Lerner Family Fund also supports faculty and staff in their professional development initiatives. From scholarships and fellowships, to community-based projects and lecture awards, faculty and staff are encouraged to pursue opportunities that further the mission of the College and promote personal growth.

**Lerner Family Fellowship**

Robert Cremins  
Dustin Gish  
Irene Guenther  
Dan Price  
David Rainbow  
Jesse Rainbow  
Ben Rayder

**Human Situation Lecture Awards**

Euripides, *Electra*  
Hayan Charara  
Tamler Sommers  
Daniel Wallace

Plato, *Crito*  
Iain Morrison  
Tamler Sommers

*The Book of Matthew*  
Jamie Ferguson  
Jesse Rainbow  
Max Rayneard

Dostoyevsky, *Crime and Punishment*  
Brandon Lamson  
Robert Liddell  
Iain Morrison  
Max Rayneard  
Marina Trninic  
Daniel Wallace

**Staff Scholarships**

Keri Myrick
Honors College Organizations

Bleacher Creatures

Bleacher Creatures is the official spirit group of the Honors College, offering all Honors students the opportunity to "paint up and git rowdy!" at Cougar home games.

Club Theater

Club Theater is a student acted, directed, produced, and written theater troupe that produces a series of short plays every semester showcasing the theatrical talent of Honors students. Club Theater welcomes individuals with all levels of experience and interest in all aspects of theater.

Honors Advocates

Honors Advocates is a volunteer organization that recruits and orients new students to the University and the Honors community. Some advocates also serve as advisers and counselors with the Honors staff during summer orientation sessions and the Honors Retreat.

Honors Ambassadors

Ambassadors are a select group of Honors College students who represent the College to both internal and external constituencies, including prospective students, alumni, and donors.

Honors College Mentorship Program

The Honors College Mentorship Program provides guidance and support to incoming students through peer mentoring. Incoming Honors students are encouraged to meet with student mentors regularly as well as participate in a variety of Honors community building events to ensure a successful transition to the University of Houston.

Omicron Delta Kappa

The National Leadership Honor Society

The purpose of ODK is to recognize University of Houston students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and scholarship. ODK acknowledges and encourages achievement in scholarship, athletics, campus community service, social and religious activities, campus government, journalism, speech, mass media, and the creative and performing arts.
Speech and Debate

The Speech and Debate Program at Houston includes competitive debate and individual events teams, a public debate series, and an exciting cluster of courses. The program draws on rhetorical theory and requires research into complex matters of public policy such as energy, the environment, and health care. SDP at Houston is open to all students, from novices to seasoned competitors.

Student Governing Board

SGB functions as a liaison between the Honors faculty, administration, and students, and as a planning body for the various social activities for the college.

Terry Scholars

The Terry Scholars chapter promotes student success both inside and outside the classroom, providing its members an academic support network and sponsoring monthly community service opportunities open to all University of Houston students.
The New Grand Challenges Forum

The New Grand Challenges Forum encourages students to think critically, discuss openly, and learn unequivocally. The Honors College welcomes a diverse group of distinguished scholars, authors, activists, and artists in an effort to further the University’s commitment to intellectual rigor, critical thinking, and scholarly excellence. The New Grand Challenges Forum offers students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the local community a time to hear a wide range of lectures dedicated to three compelling themes, which for the fall 2020 semester, are Plagues and Pandemics, Justice and Equity and Mental Health.

Hosted by the Honors College, in partnership with the Division of University Advancement, the New Grand Challenges Forum is open to the entire UH Community. In fall 2020, the lectures will be held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

For more information, please visit: thehonorscollege.com/NewGCF

September 2020: Plagues and Pandemics

October 2020: Justice and Equity

November 2020: Mental Health
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