



UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Spring 2025 Commencement

**TILMAN J. FERTITTA
FAMILY COLLEGE
OF MEDICINE**

*Saturday, May 10, 2025
Cullen Performance Hall*





Commencement Ceremony
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Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations on achieving this remarkable achievement. Today's graduation marks the start of a bright new beginning. Your longtime dream becomes a reality, and I join your family and friends in celebrating this milestone with you.

As you reflect on this moment, take pride in knowing it was your hard work, intellect, perseverance and belief in yourself that got you here. Equally important was the unwavering support of those around you. These values and connections have shaped who you are today and will propel you forward in your professional journey.

As you move ahead, remember the power of paying it forward. Be a mentor to someone else who dreams of achieving what you have. Moreover, remember to express gratitude to your professors, advisors, family and friends who supported you along the way.

The Tier One education you've received at UH has provided you with the tools to thrive. This is the home of nationally top-ranked academic programs, world-renowned faculty, an NCAA Final Four basketball team, cutting-edge research and industry leaders. I have no doubt that you will join the ranks of the many successful alumni who have come before you.

Congratulations, Coogs! The world is yours.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Renu Khator'.

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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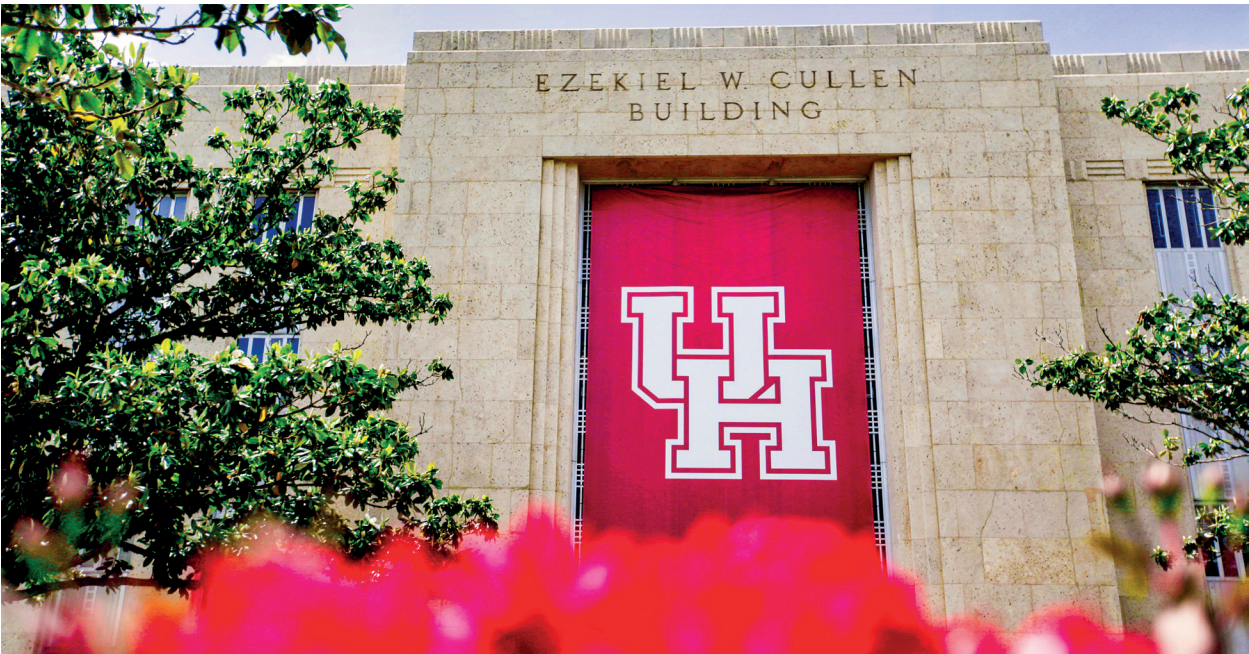
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University of Houston History



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

The University includes 14 academic colleges, one school, and the multidisciplinary Honors College that teach a wide array of subjects – from math, arts and engineering to law, pharmacy and business. What started as a campus with a single building has grown into a world-class university, offering 285 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 47,000 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. 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

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bachelor's Degree | Tassel: Violet |
| Master's Degree | Hood: Violet Tassel: Black |

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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| Bachelor's Degree | Tassel: Brown |
| Master's Degree | Hood: Brown Hood (Music): Pink Tassel: Black |
| Doctoral Degree | Hood: Pink Tassel: Red |

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bachelor's Degree | Tassel: Dark Blue |
| Master's Degree | Hood: Drab Tassel: Black |
| Doctoral Degree | Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red |

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bachelor's Degree | Tassel: Orange |
| Master's Degree | Hood: Orange Tassel: Black |
| Doctoral Degree | Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red |

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

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|-------------------|--|
| Bachelor's Degree | Tassel: Navy |
| Master's Degree | Hood: Navy, Red and White Tassel: Black |
| Doctoral Degree | Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red |

UH LAW CENTER

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| Master’s Degree | Hood: Purple Tassel: Black |
| Doctoral Degree | Hood: Purple Tassel: Red |

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Doctor of Medicine Degree | Hood: Kelly Green Tassel: Red |
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COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES
AND MATHEMATICS

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bachelor’s Degree | Tassel: Olive |
| Master’s Degree | Hood: Olive Tassel: Black |
| Doctor of Philosophy Degree | Hood: Royal Blue Tassel: Red |
| Doctor of Pharmacy Degree | Hood: Olive Tassel: Red |

GRADUATE COLLEGE
OF SOCIAL WORK

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| Master’s Degree | Hood: Citron Tassel: Black |
| Doctoral Degree | Hood: Citron Tassel: Red |

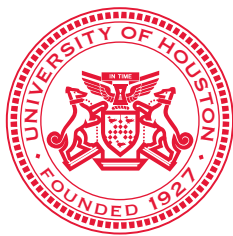
HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bachelor’s Degree | Tassel: Peacock Blue |
| Master’s Degree | Hood: Peacock Blue Tassel: Black |

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS

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| Bachelor’s Degree | Tassel: White |
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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

NATHAN FOWLER, M.D.

Dr. Nathan Fowler, a distinguished alumnus, is considered one of the world’s foremost experts in drug development for blood cancers. As chief medical officer for BostonGene, Fowler provides strategic direction to the biomedical software company, empowering it to advance precision medicine therapies for cancer patients. The award-winning company uses AI-powered solutions to provide clinicians with actionable insights, support personalized therapy decisions, expedite drug development and improve patient outcomes.

Prior to joining BostonGene, Fowler was a professor of medicine and director of the clinical investigational and translational research program in the Lymphoma and Myeloma department at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. At MD Anderson, Fowler focused on developing groundbreaking new therapies for cancer patients, which led to FDA approval of several novel therapeutic agents in lymphoma. In addition, he led the development of one of the first combination immunotherapy regimens for untreated lymphomas and is the primary investigator for the ongoing international phase III study with the combination.

A profound researcher, Fowler has published over 175 articles in peer-reviewed journals, numerous textbooks on innovative approaches to cancer therapy and is a sought-after speaker for high-profile conferences. He graduated cum laude from the University of Houston with a bachelor’s degree in biology and a minor in Spanish in 1996, earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 2001, where he also completed his residency, and received fellowship training in hematology/oncology at both Georgetown University Hospital and MD Anderson.

Most impressive is Fowler’s rich history of service and community engagement. As a student at UH, he volunteered to teach officers Spanish at the Houston Police Department. His fluency in Spanish — supported by his undergraduate minor — has become a vital asset in his medical practice, allowing him to communicate directly with Spanish-speaking patients, enabling more personal, effective care. Prior to his work in medicine, he served in the U.S. Army as a nuclear, biological and chemical defense specialist. Moreover, Fowler is the founder and president of the Halo House Foundation, a Houston-based nonprofit organization providing affordable housing to blood cancer patients receiving medical treatment. His nonprofit — which charges patients only \$20 per night for fully furnished apartments — has provided over 9,000 days of housing to hundreds of families.

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.

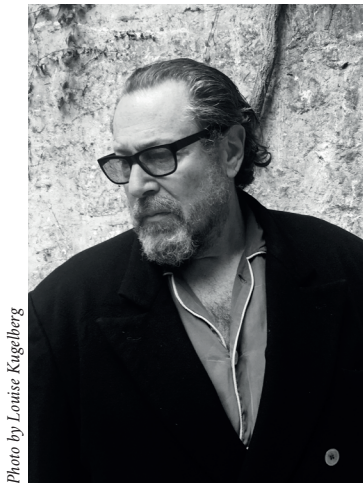


Photo by Louise Kugelberg

Honorary Degree

JULIAN SCHNABEL

A prolific and groundbreaking artist, Julian Schnabel is a world-renowned painter whose multidisciplinary work spans sculpture, architecture, furniture and film. Widely regarded as one of the most influential American artists of the last 40 years, Schnabel rose to prominence as a leading figure in the neo-Expressionist movement in the 1980s. He later became a celebrated filmmaker and continues to excel in both fields today.

An accomplished alumnus of the University of Houston, Schnabel earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1973. He later became the first UH graduate to be honored with a solo exhibition at the University’s Blaffer Art Museum.

His first major exhibition was a group of paintings at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Houston, in 1976. By the late 1970s, he was exhibiting at some of New York’s most prestigious galleries, including Mary Boone and the legendary Leo Castelli Gallery. The strength of Schnabel’s work lay in his use of preexisting materials not traditionally used in art making, varied painting surfaces and inventive modes of construction — breaking artistic norms of the time. His unorthodox approach helped revive painting in the United States and beyond during a period largely characterized by conceptual art and minimalism.

In the 1990s, Schnabel expanded into filmmaking, directing and writing “Basquiat” — a critically acclaimed film about the famed artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and New York’s 1980s art scene. To date, he has directed six major films, including the acclaimed “Before Night Falls”, which earned Javier Bardem an Academy Award nomination for his breakout role. His 2007 film “The Diving Bell and the Butterfly” was nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Director, and earned Schnabel the Best Director Award at the Cannes Film Festival.

Schnabel’s paintings are housed in some of the most prestigious museums in the world, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art; the Museum of Modern Art, New York; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; the Reina Sofia in Madrid; the Tate Modern in London; and the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris. A true visionary, Schnabel transformed the language of painting and paved the way for new generations of artists.

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President’s Medallion

CONRAD N. HILTON FOUNDATION

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, established in 1944 by hotel magnate and philanthropist Conrad N. Hilton, has long championed initiatives that alleviate human suffering and foster global goodwill. Hilton’s profound belief in the transformative power of hospitality led to a significant milestone in 1969 when he donated \$1.5 million to the University of Houston to establish the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management — the first hospitality school in Texas. This foundational gift laid the groundwork for what has

evolved into the Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership, a premier institution in hospitality education.

Over the decades, the Hilton Foundation’s unwavering support has been instrumental in the college’s growth and success. The foundation has contributed substantially to the college by funding critical infrastructure, innovative programs, scholarships and strategic initiatives. Notably, in 2021, amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation bestowed a \$10 million unrestricted endowment to aid the college in navigating the crisis and continuing its mission of cultivating future hospitality leaders.

The endowment has provided critical operational and student support, including student scholarships, research funding, professional development training, library materials, equipment acquisition, staff and clerical support, and other key areas that enrich and enhance the college.

The foundation’s commitment extends beyond financial contributions. It also provides strategic guidance to grow the world’s only hospitality program where students work and take classes in an internationally branded, full-service Hilton hotel, which is also operated by the college. In addition, the Hilton company has hired thousands of Hilton College graduates who work in Hilton hotels around the world. Their enduring support has helped students — many of whom are the first in their family to attend college — become leaders in the hospitality industry.

Today, the Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership is revered globally as one of the best in hospitality education and research thanks to the enduring support of the Hilton Foundation. Since its founding, the foundation has awarded more than \$3.6 billion in grants, bringing hope, healing and transformative change to thousands worldwide. A profoundly benevolent organization, each year the Hilton Foundation awards a multimillion-dollar prize to a nonprofit leading effort to alleviate human suffering — the world’s largest annual humanitarian award.

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Hewlett Packard Enterprise

President’s Medallion

HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE

Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) is a global technology leader whose purpose is to advance the way people live and work.

Headquartered in the Greater Houston region, HPE develops intelligent solutions that allow organizations to capture, analyze, and act upon data seamlessly. The company’s innovative solutions across networking, hybrid cloud, and AI help customers develop new business models, engage in new ways, and increase operational performance.

Named one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies by Ethisphere, HPE is dedicated to offering IT solutions that help their customers and partners achieve their social impact commitments. In 2018, HPE made a transformative \$10 million gift to the University of Houston’s Data Science Institute as part of a game-changing collaboration to increase innovation. The gift also funded a scholarship endowment and high-performing computing equipment to enhance data science research activities across all UH colleges. In addition, funding supports education programs for K-12 students, as well as UH students, faculty and staff.

In honor of their gift and extensive contributions, the institute was renamed the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Data Science Institute, which has become a central hub for data science education and interdisciplinary research at UH. The institute has expanded educational opportunities by offering micro-credentials and certificate programs in data analytics, artificial intelligence, high-performance computing and related fields, that are critical in today’s industries. Students benefit from hands-on experiences, industry workshops and mentorship from HPE professionals who serve as lecturers and collaborators on real-world projects. This integration of academic and industry expertise ensures that graduates are well-prepared to meet the demands of a data-driven workforce.

Furthermore, the institute actively engages with the broader community by developing programs for middle and high school students, aiming to strengthen the STEM pipeline through project-based learning initiatives. These efforts help build a diverse and skilled workforce equipped to tackle future technological challenges.

Moreover, the partnership has enhanced UH’s capacity to deploy data science tools to address major societal challenges in the health care, energy and smart materials sectors, among others. The enhanced computational power has enabled researchers to conduct advanced analyses and simulations that have transformed disaster response, advanced breast cancer detection and improved the diagnosis of lupus-related kidney disease.

By fostering education, research and community engagement, the partnership has positioned UH as a leader in data science and innovation, benefiting the University, Greater Houston, Texas and beyond.

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Message from the Dean

May 10, 2025

Dear Graduates of the University of Houston Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine:

Congratulations on your graduation from medical school and welcome to the medical profession!

Today marks the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to your calling as a physician. You've reached a significant milestone, and now you stand ready to begin the next chapter of your journey — one that brings greater responsibility, deeper learning, and the privilege of caring for patients in their most vulnerable moments.

The determination, resilience, and compassion you have demonstrated throughout medical school will continue to serve you well as you move forward into residency and beyond.

Our faculty and staff are honored to have been part of your medical education. We are proud of all you've accomplished and look forward to following your careers as you make meaningful contributions to your patients, your communities, and the profession. It has been a privilege to witness your growth, and we are excited to see the positive impact you will have in the years ahead.

To the family members, friends, and loved ones who have supported you along the way — we extend our warmest congratulations and deepest gratitude. Your encouragement, understanding, and steadfast presence have been vital to this achievement. As these new physicians transition into residency, your continued support will remain an invaluable source of strength.

As new alumni of the Fertitta College of Medicine, you carry with you not only your knowledge and skills, but also the values and experiences that have shaped you during your time here. We hope you leave with fond memories of your medical school years, lasting friendships, and a sense of pride in all you've achieved. Please stay connected with us, return often, and let us celebrate your future successes together. Know that we are always here to support you in the years ahead.

May your careers be filled with purpose, joy, and the deep satisfaction of providing compassionate care, bringing healing and hope to those you serve.

Congratulations once again, Class of 2025!

Jonathan A. McCullers, MD
Vice President of Health Affairs and Dean

University of Houston
Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine

Commencement Ceremony
Saturday, May 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
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| PROCESSIONAL | Moores School of Music |
| CALL TO ORDER OPENING REMARKS | Jonathan McCullers <i>Vice President for Health Affairs Dean</i> |
| PRESENTATION OF COLORS | Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard |
| NATIONAL ANTHEM | Moores School of Music |
| COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS | Claudine Johnson <i>Director of Household Center Care Program</i> Camille Leugers <i>Director Longitudinal Primary Care</i> |
| MACE BEARER | Brian Reed <i>Chair, Clinical Sciences</i> |
| BANNER BEARER | Iliana Sanchez |
| WELCOME | Dean McCullers |
| GREETINGS FROM UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS | The Honorable John A. McCall, Jr. <i>Vice Chairman</i> |
| GREETINGS | Diane Z. Chase <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost</i> |
| GREETINGS | Fertitta Family |
| COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS | Cynthia Cross <i>Medical Chief of Community Health and Regional Services, University of Tennessee Health Science Center</i> |
| PRESENTATION OF MD CANDIDATES | Stephen Scott <i>Senior Associate Dean</i> |
| PRESENTATION AND HOODING OF CANDIDATES | Brian Reed <i>Chair, Clinical Sciences</i> Amber Zulfiqar <i>Director LIC Academics, Director Foundational and Clinical Sciences Integration</i> Kenya Steele <i>Assistant Dean for Outreach and Pathways</i> |
| CONFERRAL OF DEGREES | Provost Chase |
| ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH | Kristin Kassaw <i>Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i> |
| CLOSING REMARKS | Dean McCullers |
| ALMA MATER | Moores School of Music |
| RECESSIONAL | Moores School of Music |



Commencement Speaker

CYNTHIA CROSS, MD, FAAP

Medical Chief of Community Health and Regional Services

CYNTHIA CROSS, MD, FAAP, is Medical Chief of Community Health and Regional Services at Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital, where she expands upon her work as their former Division Chief of Pediatric Hospital Medicine and Medical Director of School and Mobile Health. As part of her commitment to improved care access in the region, she also serves as Medical Director of Le Bonheur on the Move. She serves as Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

She is a leader of the Le Bonheur-UTHSC School Task Force that advises schools throughout the region on communicable diseases and issues that

affect schools. Dr. Cross is a board member of the Urban Child Institute and is a member of the Senior Leadership Council at Le Bonheur Children’s. In 2021, she was named a Healthcare Hero by Memphis Business Journal.

Dr. Cross began her healthcare career as a nurse. She earned her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and completed an internship and residency at Baylor College of Medicine. She completed her final year of residency at the University of TN College of Medicine/LeBonheur Children’s Hospital. She is Board Certified through the American Board of Pediatrics in both Pediatrics and Pediatric Hospital Medicine. She is also a member of the Society of Hospital Medicine.

Commencement Ceremony

Class of 2025 Oath

It is a privilege to be part of the University of Houston College of Medicine; a community that upholds and shares our values. As future physicians, we recognize our responsibility to our community, our colleagues, and ourselves and pledge the following oath:

As a servant leader, I will actively invest resources into the growth of my community.
In the pursuit of health, I will advocate for my patients because no voice is too soft when that voice speaks for others.
I will vigilantly serve historically disadvantaged communities while promoting access to healthcare. I will not permit bias, prejudice, or other constraints to impact my responsibility to my patients.
I will faithfully serve with compassion, recognizing the humanity of every patient.
I will remain humble and strive for continuous growth. I will honor the perspectives and experiences of my colleagues, our patients, and their loved ones.
I will practice with honesty and integrity, to maintain high moral standards, and to never use my position to marginalize others. I will take these actions to foster both trust and accountability.
In order to effectively care for others, I will first take care of myself- physically, mentally, and spiritually, knowing that I cannot pour from an empty cup.
Above all, I commit to do no harm and act as a servant of humanity. I will always strive to be a competent and compassionate physician.

Urdu: Jab mein doctor banhoonga main kabiliat aur piyar se patients ka khyal rakhoona.

Edo: Obo-Ebo no vben itohan agbon ke-vbe no-henegbe agha ka mwenyi.

Igbo: Aga m agbali mgbe niile ibụ dọkita ruru eru ma nwee ọmịiko.

Spanish: Seré un médico tanto competente como compasivo.

Farsi: Man pezesghi shayeste va delsooz khaham bood.

Yoruba: Mo ̣etan lati je dokita to moye to si je alaanu.

Arabic: Sanakun atibaa mutamiezeen wa aatoofeen.



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