

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Spring 2025 Commencement

ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER COLLEGE OF NURSING

Friday, May 9, 2025 Cullen Performance Hall





Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing

Commencement and Pinning 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,

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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Distinguished University Professor
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> Cynthia Warrick Interim Dean Graduate College of Social Work

Dan E. Wells

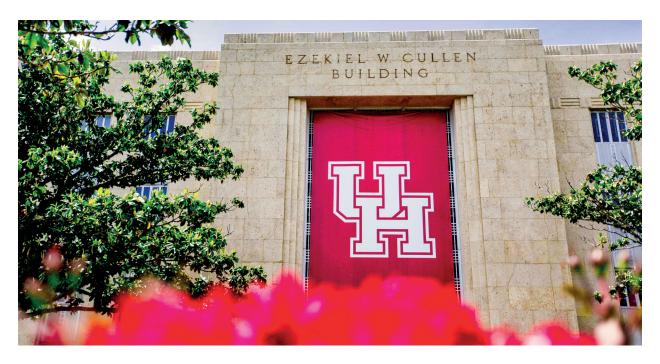
Dean

Distinguished Professor of Science

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Commencement Ceremony

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

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

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Tassel: Brown Hood: Brown Hood (Music): Pink

Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree

Hood: Pink Tassel: Red

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Tassel: Dark Blue Hood: Drab Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree

Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Tassel: Light Blue Hood: Light Blue

Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree

Hood (Ed.D.): Light Blue Hood (Ph.D.): Dark Blue

Tassel: Red

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: Orange

Master's Degree

Hood: Orange Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree

Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Bachelor's Degree

Tassel: Navy

Master's Degree

Hood: Navy, Red and White

Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree

Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red

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UH LAW CENTER

Master's Degree Hood: Purple

Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree Hood: Purple

Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor's Degree Tassel: Citron Hood: Citron Master's Degree

Tassel: Black

Hood: Dark Blue **Doctoral Degree**

Tassel: Red

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

Doctor of Medicine Degree

Hood: Kelly Green Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor's Degree Tassel: Golden Yellow Master's Degree Hood: Golden Yellow

Tassel: Black

Hood: Dark Blue **Doctoral Degree**

Tassel: Red

ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER **COLLEGE OF NURSING**

Bachelor's Degree Tassel: Apricot Hood: Apricot Master's Degree

Tassel: Black

Hood: Apricot **Doctoral Degree**

Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Master's Degree Hood: Gold

Tassel: Black

Doctor of Philosophy Degree

Hood: Royal Blue Tassel: Red

Doctor of Optometry Degree

Hood: Seafoam Green

Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Bachelor's Degree Tassel: Olive Master's Degree Hood: Olive

Tassel: Black

Doctor of Philosophy Degree

Hood: Royal Blue

Tassel: Red

Doctor of Pharmacy Degree

Hood: Olive Tassel: Red

GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Master's Degree Hood: Citron

Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree Hood: Citron

Tassel: Red

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Bachelor's Degree Tassel: Peacock Blue Master's Degree Hood: Peacock Blue

Tassel: Black

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS

Bachelor's Degree Tassel: White

Ceremonial Symbols



THE SEAL

Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston and UH System seals both bear the Official Seal of Arms of General Sam Houston, as handed down to him from his noble ancestors. It includes the escutcheon in the center of the seal — consisting of checkered chevrons denoting nobility — and three martlets, gentle lowland birds that symbolize peace and deliverance. A winged hourglass is placed above the shield. Surmounting this is the motto "In Tempore," meaning "In Time." The greyhounds indicate speed of giving aid. The UH seal was first adopted in 1938 as the present campus was established. Although the look of the seal has evolved over the years, the first version was etched into the floor of the Roy G. Cullen Building.



UNIVERSITY MACE

The University Mace, which is carried in academic processions, is a staff symbolizing the University's authority and unity. The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a university president's symbol of authority.

THE ALMA MATER

All hail to thee,
Our Houston University.
Our hearts fill with gladness
When we think of thee.
We'll always adore thee
Dear old varsity.
And to thy memory cherished,
True we'll ever be.

Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942

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Academic Honors

Academic honors are based on the requirements of the catalog year students entered the University. The final designation for honors is determined by the Provost's Office upon final completion of all degree requirements.

Undergraduates who have graduated with the stated academic honors have achieved the following grade point averages earned in the last 54 hours completed at the University of Houston.

3.90 TO 4.0 Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)
3.70 TO 3.89 Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)
3.50 TO 3.69 Cum Laude (with Honors)

This roster does not include the names of degree holders who chose to withhold information under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.

Summa Cum Laude – 4.0 GPA Graduates

The following graduates are recognized for achieving Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average while also completing their degree within four years of starting their first semester in college at the University of Houston.

SPRING 2025

Rifa Ali

Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting C.T. Bauer College of Business

Imran Ammar Araim
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Marcos Delgadillo Lope
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Maria Alejandra Duarte Salcedo
Bachelor of Science in Economics
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Athina Wilhelmina Economon

Bachelor of Science in Economics

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Luiz Black Fernandez
Bachelor of Science in Biology
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Guadalupe A. Gaspar
Bachelor of Science in Retailing and Consumer Science
Cullen College of Engineering

Sally Huang
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Sara Moreno
Bachelor of Arts in Spanish
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Ngoc-Trang Adrienne Hoai Nguyen

Bachelor of Science in Biology

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Tiffany Thao Nguyen
Bachelor of Science in Health
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Amna Siddiqui

Bachelor of Arts in English

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Manvi Singh
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Camila Sosa Chassaigne
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Vanessa Camthy Truong
Bachelor of Science in Digital Media
Cullen College of Engineering

Ashley J. Vasquez
Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance
Bachelor of Business Administration
in Supply Chain Management
C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Hannah Wani
Bachelor of Science in Biology
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Charis J. Wu
Bachelor of Arts in History
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Muhammad Zain

Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship
Bachelor of Business Administration in Management
C.T. Bauer College of Business
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

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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.



Honorary Degree

IULIAN 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.

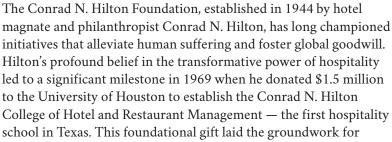
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President's Medallion

CONRAD N. HILTON FOUNDATION



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.

The President's Medallion is awarded at the sole discretion of the President to individuals and organizations that have distinguished themselves by their support of the University of Houston and the community.



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

Dear Nursing Graduates,

You are exemplary nursing graduates from the University of Houston! Congratulations to each of you who earn the nursing degree and are being pinned with a UH Nursing pin. Thank you for being a student at the University of Houston and thank you for choosing to be a nurse!

As a graduate from the Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing, you are equipped for your career as a nurse leader and nurse clinician. During your time at the University of Houston as a nursing student, you, your classmates and faculty collectively spent thousands of hours on Zoom, in clinical, classroom, simulation labs, or volunteering, thus adding to the strength and vibrancy of our community and our profession.

I am especially proud of each of you as you navigated the ever challenging landscape of health care. You are prepared to embrace the future of nursing. As you graduate, you enter a work environment where nurses are incredibly needed, trusted and respected.

I look forward to seeing the impact your careers and professional contributions will have on the future of health care and nursing. You will have many experiences and opportunities in your career, and I look forward to hearing about them all as you practice nursing in the city of Houston, our state, the nation and around the world.

As lifelong learners, I invite you to stay connected with your Gessner College of Nursing. We welcome and invite you to become "life members" of the Nursing Alumni Association.

You will always have a special honor of being a UH Gessner Nurse. You will be reminded of this distinct honor each time you wear your nursing pin, engage with the Gessner College of Nursing or the University of Houston.

Congratulations Cougar Nurses!

Sincerely,

Kathryn M. Tart, EdD ('99), MSN, RN, FNAP

Founding Dean and Professor

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Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Nursing

Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing

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PROCESSIONAL Moores School of Music

PRESENTATION OF COLORS Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM Moores School of Music

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Kathryn M. Tart

Founding Dean and Professor

Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Nursing

Fullbright Specialist

GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM The Honorable Jack B. Moore

BOARD OF REGENTS Member

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Dr. Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN

Executive Director for the Texas Board of Nursing

DESCRIPTION OF PIN Dean Tart

PINNING OF BACCALAUREATE CANDIDATES Deborah A. Smith

Clinical Assistant Professor/BSN Program Director

HOODING OF MASTERS CANDIDATES Dean Tart

PINNING OF MASTERS CANDIDATES Chanique Ecby

Clinical Assistant Professor/ Director of Graduate Programs

PRESENTATION OF BACCALAUREATE Patricia Schrader

AND MASTERS CANDIDATES Clinical Associate Professor/Associate Dean

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES Dean Tart

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE E'Loria Simon-Campbell

AND LIGHTING CEREMONY Assistant Clinical Professor

Second Degree BSN Track Manager

FAREWELL FROM THE FACULTY Associate Dean Schrader

ALMA MATER Moores School of Music

RECESSIONAL Moores School of Music

Commencement and Pinning Ceremony



Commencement Speaker

DR. KRISTIN K. BENTON, DNP, RN

DR. KRISTIN K. BENTON, DNP, RN, currently serves as Executive Director for the Texas Board of Nursing and served as the agency Director of Nursing from 2013 to 2023.

In her current role she leads the agency in meeting its mission to protect the public by ensuring that each person licensed as a nurse in Texas is safe and competent to practice.

Before joining Board staff, Dr. Benton taught in the Austin Community College Vocational Nursing Education Program from 2000-2012. She served on the Board of Nursing representing vocational nursing education from 2008-2012 and was gubernatorially appointed as Board President in 2011. Dr. Benton currently serves on the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies Advisory Committee, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Examination Committee and Nurse Licensure Compact Commission.

Dr. Benton holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing and was the recipient of the DNP Excellence in Nursing award in 2017. She has authored publications on nursing leadership, nursing regulation, and remediation of nursing practice breakdown. She resides in Austin with her husband, Jerry, and two children, Henry and Camille.

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Spring 2025 – Candidates for Graduation

BSN

Soromtochukwu Jenna Aguoru ³ Alisha Ali ³ Vivian Thanh Diep Anna Helena Faith De La Cruz Eligio ³ Maia Sole English ² Jaron Go John Lesley Henderson Mariela Hernandez Robert Hernandez Valdes ³ Janice Pan ² Mary Lizbeth Parra Roman Natalie Jade Pena Jacquelyn Anh Thu Pham ² Rachel T. Pham ³ Kayla Janelle Rose ² Julene J. Sada ² Cindy Lizbeth Sanchez Tolisa Obianuju Uchendu ² Kyle Glenn Voitle ²

Summer 2025 – Candidates for Graduation

BSN

Samantha Dash-Rigby Jalal Farid Karadia Ashley Charlie-Ann Mullings Lotus Phuong Pham Le²

MSN

Maura Anderson Barzilai Escalante Gabriel Omondi Okoth Magan Christine Wilkins

Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing

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Scholarship Donor List

Bajwa Endowed Nursing Scholarship
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Fred & Mabel R. Parks Foundation
Friends of Nursing
G and M Hamman Foundation
GEER II - BSN Scholarships
George Foundation Nursing Scholarship
Gessner Family Scholarship Traditional BSN
Hamill Foundation 2nd Degree BSN
Hamill Foundation Scholarship Traditional BSN
Inez German Warren Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
Marjorie Akers HIlty Gurasich Scholarship Endowment
R.E. Bob & Vivian Smith Foundation
Shah Family Endowed Nursing Scholarship
Vivian L. Smith Foundation Scholarship

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BSN Clinical Affiliations

Ben Taub Hospital – Texas Medical Center Fort Bend Independent School District HCA Houston Healthcare Women's Hospital Houston Behavioral Health Hospital Houston Independent School District Houston Methodist Continuing Care Hospital Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital Houston Methodist Hospital - Texas Medical Center Houston Methodist West Hospital Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital - Texas Medical Center Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital St Peter's Early Childhood Development Center Texana Center Texas Children's Hospital - Texas Medical Center The Lighthouse of Houston UH Childern's Learning Center UT Health Houston Harris County Psychiatric Center (HCPC)

MSN Clinical Affiliations

Centra Clinic
Christ Clinic
Express Family Clinic
First Response Family Clinic
Houston Methodist West
Houston Methodist Willowbrook
Houston OB Gyn Group
Just 4 Kids
MD Anderson – Texas Medical Center
Memorail Hermann Katy
Neonatology & Pediatrics Associates
Paradigm at the Creek
PCP for Life-Louetta
Texas Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology
Vibrance Health

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Florence Nightingale Pledge

"I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to faithfully practice my profession of nursing. I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards and practices of my profession.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling. I will assist other healthcare providers and will devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen and take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of the community.

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely. I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill wherever they may be and whenever they are in need.

I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of humankind."

— Author Unknown



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Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation from the Honors College at the University of Houston! Your talents and motivation have culminated in the impressive achievements we recognize today. You have been on an extraordinary journey! Think back to your first Honors course and how far you have come. Honors courses have challenged you to think deeply about the nature of being

human, as individuals and in societies. You've been encouraged to take what you learn beyond the classroom into research and community engagement.

Our unique community of faculty, staff, and students in the Honors College have been members of your team cheering you on. We are all now celebrating you as you begin your career or continue your studies in graduate or professional programs. We take pride in your achievements. As you leave on this new journey, the Honors College will always be a part of you.

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

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

Best,

Heidi Appel

Dean of the Honors College

Professor of Biology & Biochemistry



The Honors College Honors

The Honors College at the University of Houston offers students special opportunities to develop their academic abilities. Below are the Honors College designations.

University Honors and University Honors with Honors in Major

Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) graduate with University Honors. If students also complete a senior honors thesis, they graduate with University Honors with Honors in Major.

Collegiate Honors and Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

Students who fulfill the requirements for the honors program in the college of their major, including 21 hours of honors courses; who complete an Honors College minor, or who complete 21 hours of approved honors courses. If students also complete a senior honors thesis, they graduate with Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major.

Membership in The Honors College and Membership in The Honors College with Honors in Major

Students who affiliate with the Honors College during their undergraduate years and complete fewer than 21 hours of honors courses. If students also complete a senior honors thesis and fulfill the requirements of their major with distinction, they graduate with Membership in The Honors College with Honors in Major.

Honors in Major

Students who complete a senior honors thesis but are not members of the Honors College.

University Honors with Honors in Major

Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) and complete a Senior Honors Thesis graduate with University Honors with Honors in Major, the highest distinction that an undergraduate can earn at the University of Houston. The thesis title follows each graduate's name.

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Stephanie Cornejo

Architecture

Eco-Tourism: Redesigning Cancun's Hospitality Industry

Thesis ADVISOR: Donna Kacmar

KATHRINE G. McGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Sage Mitchell

THEATRE

"Everything Rises": Creative Playwriting and Queer Theatre History

Thesis **ADVISOR**: Elizabeth Coen

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Ramya Valipe

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS
From Passive Consumption to
Aiding and Abetting Terrorism:
An Examination of AI-driven
Recommendation Algorithms in
Relation to the Intent-Consequence
Goal

Thesis ADVISOR: Michelle Belco

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Thomas Hannan

Mechanical Engineering
Monitoring Lithium-ion Battery

State of Charge State of Health via Piezoceramic-Induced Low Frequency Stress Waves

Thesis ADVISOR: Gangbing Song

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Skyler B. Houser-Feinstein

PSYCHOLOGY

Psilocybin for Mild Blast-Induced Traumatic Brain Injury in US Service Members

Thesis ADVISOR: J. Leigh Leasure

Kiran Khan

POLITICAL SCIENCE/COMPUTER SCIENCE The Growing Acceptance of Trumpism within the Republican

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Brandon Rottinghaus

Tuven Le

POLITICAL SCIENCE/

World Cultures & Literature

Kawaii as Politics

Thesis ADVISOR: Sarasij Majumder

Jenny Truong

English Ptolomea

Thesis ADVISOR: Martha Serpas

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Kiran Khan

COMPUTER SCIENCE/POLITICAL SCIENCE The Growing Acceptance of Trumpism within the Republican Party

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Brandon Rottinghaus

Danny Le

Honors Biomedical Sciences Magnesium on the Structural Behavior of the α L-I Domain Thesis **ADVISOR**: Mehmet Sen

Yugbhai Patel

PHYSICS

Prospects for Gluon Imaging at the EIC Using ePIC

Thesis ADVISOR: Rene Bellwied

Dimanthi Perera

HONORS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
Simulating Mitotic Exit: Training the
Minimal Chromatin Model on Human
Mitotic Chromosomes

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Greg Morrison Elaine Vo

BIOLOGY

The Role of Inflammation in the Pathogenesis of Meibomian Gland Dysfunction

Thesis **ADVISOR**:
Vivien Coulson-Thomas

The Honors College

Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

Students who complete a Senior Honors Thesis and fulfill the requirements for the honors program in the college of their major with distinction, including 21 hours of honors courses, or by completing an Honors College minor graduate with Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major. The thesis title follows each graduate's name.

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Tisha Haukongo
BIOTECHNOLOGY
Synthetic Microbiomes for Plant
Stress Tolerance
Thesis ADVISOR: Abdul Latif Khan

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Kalena Holeman

ENGLISH

Reading the Descent Otherwise: Notes Toward a Black Feminist Analysis of Dante and the Journey in Twentieth-Century Literature of the Black

Thesis **ADVISOR**: Haylee Harrell

Nicholas Stees

POLITICAL SCIENCE/PHILOSOPHY
The Philosophy of Pain and the
Framework of Communicative Justice
Thesis ADVISOR: Tamler Sommers

Membership in the Honors College with Honors in Major

GERALD D. HINES
COLLEGE OF
ARCHITECTURE
AND DESIGN

Diego Contraras Rios Architecture Missing Middle(s)

Thesis ADVISOR: Shawn M. Lutz

Honors in Major

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Angela Altamirano Sanchez Architecture

Nature's Forgotten Blueprint: Reclaiming Gaia's Natural Resources; earth

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Rafael Beneytez-Durán

Ileana Carbajal

Enhancing Human Brain Health Through Design

Thesis **ADVISOR:** José Roldán Caballero

Kai Wen Chua

X-Minute City: Infrastructure Citizenship Through Public Transportation

Thesis ADVISOR: Susan Rogers

Lene Fourie

Interior Architecture

UBUNTU - "I am because we are"

Thesis **ADVISOR**:

Marta Rodriguez Fernandez

Brandon Garcia

ARCHITECTUR

Suburban Renaissance: Reimagining the American Dream Through Play Thesis ADVISOR: Jason Logan

Litzy Garcia

ARCHITECTURE

Adaptable Architecture: The Fourth

Space

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Rafael Beneytez-Durán

Jeffery Moisant

Echoes of Industry

Thesis **ADVISOR**: Daniel Jacobs

Cyrus Sadegi

Architecture

Submerged: Ft. Project Nemo/

Narrative-Based Design

Thesis ADVISOR: Dietmar Froehlich

Ian Simon

Architecturi

Beyond Fear: Architectural Solutions

for Nuclear Infrastructure

Thesis ADVISOR: José Roldán

Caballero

Jamison Wicks

Architecture

Hubs of Growth

Thesis ADVISOR: Donna Kacmar

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Ngoc Khoa Nguyen

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

Evaluating the Effect of Weight Loss on Releasing Chronic Rhinosinusitis Symptoms in Obese Population Using

Machine Learning
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Ying Lin

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Rawan Aljaouni

PSYCHOLOGY

Measuring Compassion Within University of Houston College of Medicine Students

Thesis ADVISOR: Bradley Smith

Ke'La Barnes

PSYCHOLOGY

When Dominance Drives: Exploring Moderators of Intimate Partner Sexual Coercion

Thesis ADVISOR: Julia Babcock

Lindsay Bevers

PSYCHOLOGY

The Association Between Anxiety Sensitivity and Eating Expectancies in Hispanic Emerging Adult College Students

Thesis ADVISOR: Michael Zvolensky

Victoria Blake

English

Fairy Folklore and Classical Mythology in Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream Thesis ADVISOR: Ann Christensen

Alissa Boxleitner

English

"You Can't See Her, But You Can": Myriam Gaube, the Institutional Rape Narrative, and the Politics of Survivorship

Thesis ADVISOR: Haylee Harrell

Anisah Khan

English

The Great Indian Divide of 1947: Told by Two Generations

Thesis ADVISOR: Auritro Majumder

Lucas Leger

English

The Monstrous Other: The Convergence of Queer Culture and the Horror Genre

Thesis ADVISOR: Paul Guajardo

Douglass Pipkin

PSYCHOLOGY

The Role of Shame and Guilt in Negative Outcomes of Alcohol Use Thesis ADVISOR: Clayton Neighbors

Manvi Singh

PSYCHOLOGY

Immigrant Discrimination in Hiring Based on Country of Origin Thesis ADVISOR: Isaac Sabat

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Jacob Leipold

Biology

Structural Impact of the N-Terminal Flanking Peptide on VWF A1 Domain Thesis ADVISOR: Mehmet Sen

Teymour Meguid

BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES
The Conservation of Rho
Transcription Termination
Thesis ADVISOR: William Widger

Iason Ruszkowski

PHYSICS/POLITICAL SCIENCE
Stimulated Brillouin Scattering by
Satellite Transmission

Thesis ADVISOR: Edgar Bering

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Aly Mohammad Noorani

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Valeria Bautista Applied Music

Alaina Janae Harmon

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Waleed Abushaaban Finance/ Entrepreneurship

Viviana Amaya Finance

Sundas Araim Supply Chain Management

Allyn Barragan Finance/Accounting

Zahra K. Bhattacharya Finance / Computer Science

David Buenaventura Finance/Entrepreneurship

Erin Callahan Supply Chain Management

Carolina Camacho Supply Chain Management

Marie Collazo
Management

Samantha Covarrubias
MARKETING

Chelsea Crow Accounting

Yash Dhanji

FINANCE/SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Camden Elliott

Stephanie Farrell

Layla Faysal Marketing

Christian Frank Management

Kay Grein Entrepreneurship

Arnav Ashish Gupta Finance

Simone Heck

FINANCE/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Honors College

Sally Huang Accounting

Rawand Hwayyiz Supply Chain Management

Rohit John Finance

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Ismahane Khalfaoui Management

Caitlyn King Accounting

Chelsea Kohler

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Maurice May Finance/Marketing

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Agha Mirza Finance

Yareli Morales Sosa Accounting

Jonathan Nguyen
Accounting/Finance

Ryan Nguyen
Management Information Systems

Zayd Noormohamed Management

Uma Patel Finance/Political Science

Mariana Pirovolou

Phoenix Pittman
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Matthew Portner Accounting

Zahra Rizvi Finance/Marketing

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Enoabasi Mbaba Health/Psychology

Sundos F. Nofal Health

Maleni K. Ramesh

Yun-Yi Wang Health/Management Information Systems

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Lauren Elise Dipaola Biomedical Engineering

Abigail E. Dobney
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CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

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Abdallah Ghoneim
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Sneha Gudala Chemical Engineering

Hasan Akram Habazi Mechanical Engineering

Mark Hanna Chemical Engineering

Edison Thieu Huynh CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

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Arun Elias John
Electrical Engineering

Jeryl A. Joseph Mechanical Engineering

Gavin Michael Joyce
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Saira Z. Khan Chemical Engineering

David Leon Mechanical Engineering

Pichpiseth Long
CIVIL ENGINEERING

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Carolina Macias
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Gursharn Mann
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Karina Montero
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Stephanie Negrete
Mechanical Engineering

Ashley Nguyen
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Dat Minh Nguyen
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Maxim Novak
Mechanical Engineering Technology

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Charles Alexander Ortiz Mechanical Engineering

Shantanu Kiran Patole Mechanical Engineering

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Swetha Saravanan
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Nathan Varghese CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

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Ryan Banda Anthropology

Alexis Boehmer Psychology

Pranav Bommekal Psychology

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Savannah Colquitt

Jessica Dixon Liberal Studies

Athina Economon Economics

Samma Elhammady Psychology

Clarke Mason Stokes Foster
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Jasmine Garcia
Psychology/Computer Science

Danielle Gomez Liberal Studies

Kay Grein
CHINESE STUDIES/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Alveena Imran Psychology

Baycha Emine Isik
Psychology/Mathematics

Simranjot Kaur Psychology/Biology

Makenna Celeste Kennedy Рѕусногосу

Rabeeya Khan Psychology Rex Walker Kidd Sociology

Antonio Deshea Kirts
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Karla Landa Psychology

Larissa Liu Kinesiology – Exercise Science

Soledad Lopez Anthropology

Ashley Maldonado Kinesiology – Exercise Science

Riya Mann Human Nutrition and Foods

Yuleth Martinez Spanish

Enoabasi Mbaba Psychology/Health

Camille McFarland

Mihael Mendo Psychology

Isha Merchant
Communications – Strategic
Communication

Paola Navarro Psychology

Kelly Nguyen Psychology

Uma Patel
Political Science/Finance

Chelsey Nhung Phan PSYCHOLOGY

Rebecca Potts
Communications – Communication Studies

Emily A. Powell Economics

Cindy Giselle Rivas Alfaro Communications – Journalism

Adriele Rivera
Kinesiology – Exercise Science

Fatima Rivera Chavez

Drusila Saucedo Political Science

Bismah Shaikh Psychology

Amna Siddiqui English

The Honors College

Caasi Sleeman Psychology

Samantha Torres-Lozano
Communications – Communication Studies

Kelly Trinh

Human Nutrition and Foods

Nmesomachukwu Ukachi-Nwata

Rose Isabelle Villanueva Psychology

Patrick Garrison Vogel English

Andrew James Wach
Communications - Communication Studies

Eshal Warsi Political Science

Matthew Wilson History

Charis J. Wu HISTORY/SOCIOLOGY

Mielad Ziaee Psychology

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Salma Shaaban Mahran Abbady Computer Science

Aly Alrabaa Biology

Fatmi Assi Biology

Dalia G. Awad Biology

Salam Azim Biology Usman Azim

BIOLOGY

Zahra K. Bhattacharya Computer Science/Finance

Natasha Biswas Biology

Lucy Blood Honors Biomedical Sciences

Lily Bonzon
BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES

Dennis Chan
Computer Science

Taylor Cornett
Mathematical Biology

Dulce Garcia Biology

Jasmine Garcia

COMPUTER SCIENCE/PSYCHOLOGY

Benjamin Guzman Computer Science

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BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES

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Alan Johnson
Computer Science

Neha Joshi Computer Science

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Benjamin Key Computer Science/Mathematics

Ranya Khalifa Biology

Aila Khan Biology

Rosemarie Faustina Le Honors Biomedical Sciences

Eric Lee

Ehson Maleki

BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES

Jesus Mendoza Biology

Kylan Naidoo Biology

Kevin Nguyen Biology

Minh Khue Nguyen

BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES

Natalie Nguyen

BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES

Ngoc-Trang Adrienne Nguyen

BIOLOGY

Islamiyah Odunaiya

BIOLOGY

Kimeera Paladugu

BIOLOGY

Arun Parameswaran
Honors Biomedical Sciences

Nia Pereda Biology

Auxil Perez Biology

Vi Pham

HONORS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Vishnu Raghavan

DIOLOGI

Laila Rahman
Honors Biomedical Sciences

Joseph Reisdorf Computer Science

Anand Santosh Sabnis Computer Science

Vipun Sharma Biology

Zainab Tafish

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Phuong Tran

Biology

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Astrid Alessandra Gallareta

Kevin Jack Liu Architecture

Harry Leslie Parlette

Lauren Kathleen Smith Architecture

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Hebah Amjad
Management Information
Systems/Marketing

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Humaira Khan

Jocelyne Ma Health

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Mohamed Wael Abuzaid Computer Engineering

Nayera Osman Ahmed Chemical Engineering

Jing Tao Lim Chemical Engineering

Lesley Lopez Industrial Engineering

Jonathan Nguyen
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Mohammed Rayed Sheikh Computer Information Systems

Anish Sohail Siddiqui
Computer Engineering and Analytics

Muskaan Trivedi Computer Engineering

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Tya Chakaroun

Jacorian Clayton
Communications – Media Production

Charlotte Durham

Michael Frausto
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Maria J. Gabarron Political Science

Jasmine Gozalo Psychology

Victoria Rose Groody ECONOMICS

Aidan Hegner

Kinesiology – Sports Administration

Xin Qi Huang

Noah Leflore LIBERAL STUDIES

Mike Minh Ly History/Sociology

Myra Mohiuddin Liberal Studies

Hiswat Mustapha Psychology

Ngwanma Nwafor Human Nutrition and Foods

Zohaib Sidi

POLITICAL SCIENCE/BIOLOGY

Eleanor Anne Standige

Sandra Taboada-Palau Communications – Journalism

Kaitlin Tilotta

Rachel Zdansky

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Natalie Renee Allen

Hamza Awan Biology

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Shinelle Rose Barretto
Computer Science

Sydney Bennett

Karina Borja Biology

Venus Ferguson Computer Science

Cydney Haynes

Sydney Anne Lozado Mathematics

Lady Helaine Maberit

Valerio Martinez Computer Science

Kevin Moises Mejia Bonilla Computer Science

Alessandro J. Montenegro Computer Science

Ayomide David Odejimi Computer Science

Ryan Pereira Biology

Nguyen Quynh
BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES

Brandon Schuette
Computer Science

Shimonee Shah Biology

Zohaib Sidi Biology/Political Science

Trung Tran Biology

Maria Varghese Computer Science

The Honors College

Lydia Varughese Biology

Nader Yusuf BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES

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Anna Helena Faith Dela Cruz Eligio Nursing

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Saron Abebe Regassa Public Policy

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Andrea Moscoso Garces
Architecture

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Daphne Canales

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Srivarshan Arasu Biomedical Engineering

Han N. Duong
Computer Engineering

Samuel Vanegas Mechanical Engineering

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Kaitlin Barajas Anthropology

Cameron Davis
PSYCHOLOGY

Jonathan Escobedo Psychology

Madison Hayes
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Sunny Hua

Communications – Journalism Alishba Javed

Psychology

Laura Pham History

Sydney Reinhart Kinesiology – Exercise Science

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Dyma Hikmat MATHEMATICS

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Marshall Morgan Computer Science

Ayush Patel
Computer Science

Cameron Ptak

Alfredo Ruiz Computer Science







Message from the UH Alumni Foundation Board President

Let me be the first to welcome you to the UH Alumni Association. You are joining a global network of over 305,000 Cougars. With your participation, we can only grow stronger. As you embark on this next chapter, know that your Alumni Association is here to help you stay connected with your beloved alma mater. From volunteering at an event, joining an Association or Network, signing on to UH Link, to becoming a

Life Member, the opportunities to engage are endless.

Please scan the QR code below to enjoy all the activities that soon await you. In the meantime, savor this moment and continue to soar.

True we'll ever be and Go Coogs!

Shazia Khan

Shazia Khan ('84)

UH Alumni Association Foundation Board President

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