





# University of Houston Commencement

Spring 2018

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# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## Letter from the President

May 2018

Dear University of Houston Graduates:

Congratulations on this, the most memorable day of your college career! The degree you are about to receive represents the world-class, tier-one education you received here at the University of Houston. It is a degree that will continue to increase in value as the University achieves even greater national and international recognition

Many factors contributed to your success. The support of your parents, families and friends, and the encouragement of your faculty, advisors and staff played a significant part. But what made it all possible was the personal commitment, drive and resolve that helped you cross the finish line. I have no doubt these same attributes will serve you well as you make your mark in the world.

Leave today as proud UH graduates, confident you are the best prepared, best educated and best equipped individuals of your generation. I know in my heart that you are now ready and able not just to compete, but to succeed and be leaders in your chosen careers.

Your alma mater is a richer institution thanks to the example you have set for the next generation of students.

With my best wishes for a bright and rewarding future, Go Coogs!

Renu Khator  
*President, University of Houston*

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Anthony P. Ambler  
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*Cullen Foundation Endowed Dean's Chair*  
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*C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Dennis Reynolds  
*Barron Hilton Chair*  
*Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management*

Earl L. Smith III  
*Greeman-Petty Professor in Vision Development*  
*College of Optometry*

Stephen J. Spann, Founding Dean  
*College of Medicine*

Kathryn Tart, Founding Dean  
*College of Nursing*

Joseph W. Tedesco  
*Elizabeth D. Rockwell Endowed Dean's Chair*  
*Cullen College of Engineering*

Antonio D. Tillis  
*M. D. Anderson Professor in Hispanic Studies*  
*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

Dan E. Wells  
*Distinguished Professor of Science*  
*College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

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## University of Houston History

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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 15 academic colleges and the multidisciplinary Honor's College that teach a wide array of subjects – from math, arts and engineering to law, pharmacy and business. What started as a campus with a single building has grown into a world-class university offering more than 250 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 44,000 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 recently raised the benchmark of academic achievement. Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society, awarded UH the approval to shelter a chapter in 2015. This designation welcomed UH to an elite group of the nation's most esteemed colleges and universities.



## Commencement Traditions

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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 doctors (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

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel: Violet</i>
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Violet</i> <i>Tassel: Black</i>

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel: Brown</i>
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood (Art): White</i> <i>Hood (Music): Pink</i> <i>Hood (Theatre): Brown</i> <i>Tassel: Black</i>
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Pink</i> <i>Tassel: Red</i>

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel: Dark Blue</i>
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Drab</i> <i>Tassel: Black</i>
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Dark Blue</i> <i>Tassel: Red</i>

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel: Light Blue</i>
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Light Blue</i> <i>Tassel: Black</i>
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood (Ed.D.): Light Blue</i> <i>Hood (Ph.D.): Dark Blue</i> <i>Tassel: Red</i>

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel: Orange</i>
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Orange</i> <i>Tassel: Black</i>
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Dark Blue</i> <i>Tassel: Red</i>

### CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel: Navy</i>
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Navy, Red and White</i> <i>Tassel: Black</i>

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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*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Citron*  
                                  *Tassel: Black*

**Doctoral Degree**      *Hood: Dark Blue*  
                                  *Tassel: Red*

## COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Golden Yellow*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Golden Yellow*  
                                  *Tassel: Black*

**Doctoral Degree**      *Hood: Dark Blue*  
                                  *Tassel: Red*

## COLLEGE OF NURSING

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Apricot*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Apricot*  
                                  *Tassel: Black*

**Doctoral**                 *Hood: Royal Blue*

## 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*

## COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

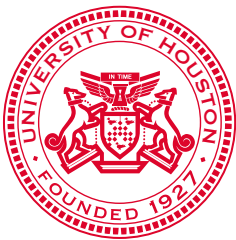
**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Maroon*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Maroon*  
                                  *Tassel: Black*

## Ceremonial Symbols

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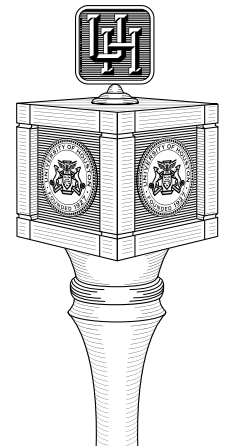
### THE SEAL



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 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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## President's Medallion

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### HARRIS COUNTY

#### "Hurricane Harvey Heroes"

Harris County truly exemplifies what it means to be Texan. It is big, covering 1,778 square miles; it is popular, nearly 4.6 million residents call it home; and it is Texas Tough.

Hurricane Harvey did its best in 2017 to wash away the homes, infrastructure and numerous industries located in the County. At one point, nearly every one of its streams, bayous and channels was at or above its bank. All told, Harris County averaged 40 inches of rainfall from Harvey, equivalent to 1.2 trillion gallons of water.

Being such a sprawling community, it took a legion of dedicated employees to successfully tackle what became one of the nation's most devastating weather events. Their preparations began days in advance of the storm and continued around the clock, seven days a week, even after the rain left and the skies cleared.

Those in the Emergency Management Center, such as County Judge Ed Emmitt, first responders and shelter coordinators may have been most visible in the 24-hour news coverage. However, behind the scenes public works and infrastructure employees, health services, office teams, and were essential to the County's survival. Even while facing the challenge of keeping their own homes and families safe, they lent their strength and skills to ensuring the safety, wellbeing and recovery of their community.

Because of the many champions who defended their community during this catastrophic disaster, Hurricane Harvey failed to break Harris County's indomitable spirit, proving once again Harris County is Texas Tough. With gratitude for their outstanding service, it is the honor of University of Houston President Renu Khator to present to Harris County's "Hurricane Harvey Heroes" the 2018 President's Medallion.

## President's Medallion

### CITY OF HOUSTON

#### “Hurricane Harvey Heroes”

Known for its “can-do” attitude, Houston is the largest city in Texas and the fourth-largest in the United States. At 655 square miles, Houston is large enough to contain six of the nation’s larger cities.

In 2017, employees of the City of Houston responded to a devastating weather event that put the citizens, businesses and infrastructure of Houston in jeopardy. Hurricane Harvey brought to Houston a year’s-worth of rain in less than a week, causing approximately \$125 billion in damage, ranking it as the second-most costly hurricane to hit the U.S. mainland since 1900.

During the storm, and over the days, weeks and months that followed in Harvey’s wake, thousands of City of Houston workers from across all departments and divisions participated in rescue and recovery efforts. At the peak of the storm, more than 8,500 calls to 911 were answered in one day.

Houston team members cleared enough debris that it could fill 622 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Employees coordinated volunteers, sheltered families, provided health services, established partnerships with aid organizations and maintained the comprehensive services that keep a city the size of Houston operational.

The world watched as these employees demonstrated outstanding fortitude, valor and, most important, compassion while helping neighbors and strangers in need. Even while facing the challenge of keeping their own homes and families safe, they lent their strength and skills to ensuring the safety, wellbeing and recovery of their community.

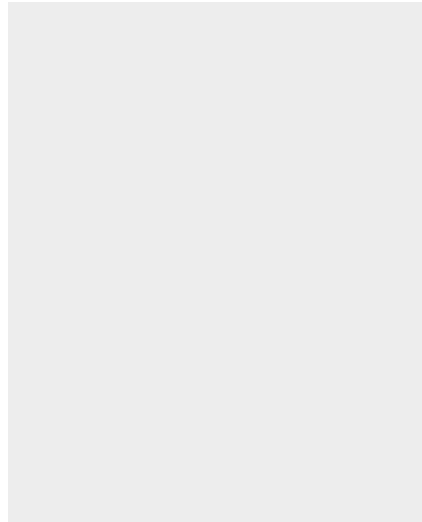
As one, City of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and thousands of Houston employees rose to the challenge of representing the strength and resiliency that define this great city. With gratitude for their outstanding service, it is the honor of University of Houston President Renu Khator to present to the City of Houston’s “Hurricane Harvey Heroes” the 2018 President’s Medallion.

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**Honorary Degree**

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**ROBERT STEPHEN STAGNER**

Mr. Stephen Stagner is a respected leader in the Houston business community who has devoted his time, energy and resources to the University of Houston and its students, and to many causes in the community.

As Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Mattress Firm, Mr. Stagner oversees an organization that operates approximately 2,500 company and franchise stores across the United States. This is a noteworthy accomplishment for the man who began with one store in 1996 and quickly grew it to become the largest franchisee in the Mattress Firm network, prior to his joining the corporate office in 2005.

Students in the C.T. Bauer College of Business benefit from Mr. Stagner’s mentorship as well as his service on the Bauer College Board. As a result of his exceptionally generous personal gift, the Stephen Stagner Sales Excellence Institute at the C.T. Bauer College of Business was established in 2016.

While the University of Houston is not his alma mater, Mr. Stagner is a Cougar by choice. He believes in the value of an education earned at the University and reflects this belief by actively recruiting UH students every year, more so than from any other university.

In addition to his support of the University, he contributes to the Houston community, serving on the Advisory Board for the Translational Genomics Research Institute and as President of the Mattress Firm Foundation. Recently the company launched Mattress Firm Foster Kids, a company-wide philanthropic initiative aimed at making a positive impact on the lives of thousands of foster children in need.

Mr. Stephen Stagner graduated from Steven F. Austin University with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and Marketing and is a proud father of two.

For his philanthropy, community service, and his support of the C.T. Bauer College of Business, the University of Houston is proud to present the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, to Mr. Stephen Stagner.

## Academic Honors

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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.

### ~~PRE-FALL 2010 CATALOG~~

~~Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under any catalogue prior to Fall 2010 will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last 66 hours completed at the University of Houston:~~

**NO LONGER  
NEEDED?**

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~~3.75 TO 4.0~~ Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)

~~3.25 TO 3.49~~ Cum Laude (with Honors)

### FALL 2010 CATALOG TO PRESENT

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under, and since, the Fall 2010 catalog will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve 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)

The roster of graduates and candidates for graduation does not include the names of those students who chose to withhold information under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.







# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE of ARCHITECTURE and DESIGN

## Letter from the Dean

Dear Architecture, Industrial Design and Interior Architecture Graduates,

I talked with many of you this spring as you were anticipating the end of your career here at the college. Sleep loomed large on the horizon! Getting a job held some urgency. There was excitement and some sadness, a sense that this part of your journey was over and an acknowledgement that a new leg of your journey was about to begin.

You have made it through one of the most rigorous programs in the country. You have spent countless hours researching, rendering, building models, writing papers and struggling through the design process, only to get up the next day and do it again. Every project presents us with new and different challenges. And so, every ending is a new beginning. This is the life we have chosen. And, isn't it a wonderful life?

When you leave our studios and classrooms and embark on your professional careers, your contributions will not only have an impact here in the city of Houston but around the world. You are the thinkers, doers and creators of the future. You will be the designers, architects, problem-solvers and inventors of our tomorrow. I am confident that if you apply the knowledge that you have acquired here, the world will offer you possibilities you have not yet imagined.

As you move across the stage to accept your diploma, you will be taking the first steps in your personal odyssey. We have worked hard to equip you with the tools to create the promise of the fulfilling career that awaits you. We know you will make us proud.

Congratulations Class of 2018! I look forward to hearing about the many ways you will impact our future. Please stay in touch. Come back and share your adventures with those about to follow you. We would delight to share in your successes.

My very best wishes to you all,

Patricia Belton Oliver, FAIA

**University of Houston**

**Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design**

**Commencement Ceremony**

Friday, May 11, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

College of Architecture Building

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Shafik Rifaat <i>Professor and Grand Marshal</i>
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</b>	Patricia Belton Oliver, FAIA <i>Dean</i>
<b>RECOGNITION OF TOP GRADUATES</b>	Dean Oliver
<b>ALUMNI ADDRESS</b>	Sarah Killingsworth <i>President, Architecture Alumni Association</i>
<b>OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD</b>	Dean Oliver
<b>STUDENT ADDRESSES</b>	Maria Camila Castro  Anmol Kollegal
<b>DESIGN AWARDS</b>	Dr. EunSook Kwon <i>Director, Industrial Design Program</i>  William Truitt <i>Co-Director, Honors Thesis Programs</i> <i>Coordinator, Professional Studios</i>  Gail Borden, FAIA <i>Director, Graduate Studies</i>
<b>STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS</b>	Trang A. Phan <i>Assistant Dean</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE CANDIDATES</b>	Gail Borden, FAIA <i>Director, Graduate Studies</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES</b>	Lannis E. Kirkland <i>Associate Dean</i>
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean Oliver
<b>EXHIBITS</b>	9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

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### MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Dina Abdullah  
April Tuesdie Alonso  
Homa Naz Ansari  
Abhilasha Bisht  
Kennita Bryant  
Garrett Callen  
Sergio Capetillo  
Brooks Caton  
Maria Cohn  
Mariela Lissette Flores  
Kristin Michelle Gabriel  
Anmol Kollegal <sup>4</sup>  
Davilla Priscila Lima Barreto  
Vasconcelos  
Alicia Lopez  
Tatiana Luzardo  
Jennifer Paige Minor  
Andrew J. E. Rowell  
Ghazal Salimian Rizi  
Martha Salinas  
Zachary Sargeant  
Nicholas Seckfort  
Pooja Shetty  
Blanca Soto  
Astrid Amrisadian Sukur  
Tina Marie Wesley

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

Tarika Sajnani

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

DreVan Anderson-Kaapa  
Amy Conley  
Oda Kristine Joessing Vollan

### BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

Abran Arvizu  
Allen Brannon  
Raymond Burciaga II  
Polli Bush <sup>3</sup>  
Maria Camila Castro <sup>2,4</sup>  
Michael J. Chang  
Lucas Christensen  
Gabriela Espinosa  
Peter Foniciello  
Christian Garcia  
Eduardo Garcia  
Trevor Goodspeed  
Edward Hidrogo  
Saraa Hussein  
Angelica Lastra  
Stephanie Lau  
Jose Lopez  
Ethan Michael  
Genesis Morales  
Matthew Nguyen  
Enes Okic  
Anthony C. Olalde  
Stephanie Oropeza  
Kendrick Perkins  
Cristobal Piñon  
Victor Hugo Romo  
Dante Sandoval  
Mustafa Abbas Tayyeb  
Jonathan Torres  
Catalina Valencia  
Princess Villalta <sup>3</sup>  
Austine Yu <sup>3</sup>

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Ely Ann Treviño Moreno

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Brittany Bailey  
Jared Belz  
Emily Breese  
Royden Buckfield  
Marcos Alexander Cantu  
Lukundo Changwe  
Nathan Clark  
Joshua Contreras  
Alexia Coronel  
Mary Crabtree  
Pita Diaz  
Adam Gilleland <sup>3</sup>  
Paola Gonzalez  
Benjamin Hickman  
Jessica Juarez  
Ricardo Juarez Cesar  
Talha Cihad Kabasakal  
Katie Koffeman  
Francisco Lopez  
Garrett Luck  
Grace Lynch  
Amando Moreno  
Kimberly Neely  
Nicholas Orchard  
Thomas Payne  
Vivian Truc Pham  
Jonathan Seto  
Ashlie Walker Cairnes <sup>3,4</sup>  
Adam Wiggins

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

Liliana Carreno  
Joanna Crabtree  
Han Dang <sup>2,4</sup>  
Stacy Hernandez  
Karina Natalie Ramos  
Sarah Sanchez

1 Summa Cum Laude - 2 Magna Cum Laude - 3 Cum Laude - 4 Top-Ranked Graduating Student

**Fall 2017**

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**MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE**

Susan Butuk  
Stephen Dahmann  
Mahsa Dehghani  
Purva Jain  
Chandler Johnson  
Anousheh Kehar  
Tuan Duy Mai  
Shaheen Shamsuddin Maredia  
Jimmy Enilson Martinez  
Timothy Massa  
Alireza Memarian  
Amelia Pappas  
Kayli Yentzen

**MASTER OF ARTS  
IN ARCHITECTURE**

Valeria Salvaggio

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN ARCHITECTURE**

Tran Hoang Thuy Le

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN**

Ashley Lincoln <sup>4</sup>

**BACHELOR OF  
ARCHITECTURE**

Farah Aboudaoud  
Afreen Ali  
Aziz Alshayeb  
Alex Bishop <sup>3</sup>  
Keifer Chase  
Tung Dinh  
Doumit Doumit  
Mathew Martin Duran  
Joey-Minh Khong  
Dongwook Kim  
Paul Lagrange  
Jeffrey Allen MacGeorge  
Lee Mai  
Francis Bernard Ramirez  
Jorge Rebellon Blandini III  
Kelvin Rodriguez <sup>3</sup>  
Whitney Thomas  
Edgar Vega  
Ashley Shujing Wang  
Michael Zepeda <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Summa Cum Laude - <sup>2</sup> Magna Cum Laude - <sup>3</sup> Cum Laude - <sup>4</sup> Top-Ranked Graduating Student

**Scholarships for 2017–2018**

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**CRSS/FARFEL SCHOLARSHIP**

Parimala Venkatesh

**DAVID D. RED SCHOLARSHIP**

Kristi Bartlett

**DETERING SCHOLARSHIP**

Anmol Kollegal

**GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

Kristi Bartlett

**HERMAN SCHOLARSHIP**

Claudia Morles  
Daniela Olivera-Gomez

**HINES SCHOLARSHIP**

Jose Molina  
Alicia Price  
Claude Reyes  
Ghazal Salimian Rizi

**INDUSTRIAL DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP**

Talha Kabasakal

**MARY LE JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP**

Camilo Reinales

**MN DAVIDSON SCHOLARSHIP**

John Taylor

**POWERS BROWN SCHOLARSHIP**

Claudia Morles

**RAY OKUMURA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Austine Yu

**SHARON SANDERS HOOVER MEMORIAL  
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

Han Dang

**STUDIOMET SCHOLARSHIP**

Rosa Sanchez

**SUNDIN SCHOLARSHIP**

Stephan Gomez

**TEXAS ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Michael Maraldo, Sr. Southwest Terrazzo Association  
Scholarship  
Catalina Valencia

Wichita Falls Chapter AIA Scholarship  
Trevor O'Quinn

AIA Southwest Texas Douglas E. Steinman, Jr., FAIA  
Scholarship  
Austine Yu





UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**  
KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts Graduates,

Congratulations!

You are here today because of all you have achieved at the University of Houston. You have worked tirelessly to master your craft, cultivating skills that position you at the forefront of the performing and visual arts. You have collectively spent thousands of hours rehearsing, researching, performing and designing on the University campus and beyond. You have added to our city's rich and vibrant culture through community-centric projects and programs designed to promote Houston's diverse arts community.

Now, as the next generation of creators, performers, artists and collaborators, the world is at your fingertips—just waiting for you to make your mark. My advice to you is to remain curious, investigate your environment and reimagine the possibilities of creative practices in our complex, 21st century world.

As you leave the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts to embark on your career and the next stage of your life, I know your future is bright. I look forward to seeing the impact you will make on our community, our city and our world. Please stay in touch with us! You can contact me at [adavis@uh.edu](mailto:adavis@uh.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "D".

Andrew Davis  
*Dean*

**University of Houston**

**Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts**

Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 11, 2018, 2 p.m.

Cullen Performance Hall

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Faculty Banner Bearers Platform Party Dean Andrew Davis
<b>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS</b>	David Bertman <i>Associate Dean</i>
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>WELCOME</b>	Andrew Davis <i>Dean and Professor of Music Cullen Foundation Endowed Chair</i>
<b>GREETINGS</b>	Regent Neelesh Mutlaya
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b>	John Abodeely <i>Chief Executive Officer, Houston Arts Alliance</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES</b>	Beckham Dossett <i>Director, School of Art</i>  Fleurette Fernando <i>Director, Master of Arts Program in Arts Leadership</i>  Courtney Crappell <i>Director (Interim), Moore School of Music</i>  Rob Shimko <i>Director, School of Theatre and Dance</i>
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean Davis
<b>ALMA MATER</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	

Event music provided by  
Moore School of Music Brass Quintet.



## Spring 2018

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### DOCTORAL DEGREES

#### Moores School of Music

#### DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

Jeffrey Cooper

The Seven Planets in Bach,  
Buxtehude, and a Dresden Ballet  
Research Chair: Dr. Matthew Dirst

Kiana Day

Beginning Music Teachers'  
Perspectives on Teaching Music  
in Urban School Settings  
Research Chair: Dr. Julie D. Kastner

Alaina Diehl

Flute Performance Practice in  
the Tragedies en Musique of  
Jean-Philippe Rameau  
Research Chair: Dr. Matthew Dirst

Michael Ging

Orchestrations and Transformations:  
Works for Organ and Orchestra with  
Solo Versions by Guilman and Widor  
Research Chair: Dr. Matthew Dirst

Gracie Ibemere

Interactions between Text and  
Music in Three Pieces by Jon Deak,  
Frank Proto, and Tom Johnson  
Research Chair: Dr. Barbara Rose Lange

Elizabeth Borik Vickers

"Queen of the Boys": Hedli Anderson  
and the British Cabaret  
Research Chair: Dr. Howard Pollack

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

#### Moores School of Music

#### CERTIFICATE IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Phuong Son Bao Nguyen

Hasmik Vardanyan

Wei Wang

Bing Wei

Ju Yong You

### MASTER DEGREES

#### Arts Leadership

#### MASTER OF ARTS

Rebecca R. Ayres

Brittney Flowers

Lauren A. Hainley

Tyler K. Reichert

Kristen Leigh Turner

Julia C. Wallace

Ileana V. Yordan-Cuevas

#### School of Art

#### MASTER OF ARTS

Katherine Morris Boeckman

Christopher Kilgore

Jessica T. McCaslin

Maria L. Minjares

Katherine A. Stephens

#### MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Charis Renee Ammon

Heather Bisesti

Scott Dulaney

Isaac Santiago Farley

Hang Gao

Jesus Alberto Gonzalez

Jordan McGroary

Hibah Hassan Osman

Jonathan Robert Read

Donald Paul Villemez

#### Moores School of Music

#### MASTER OF MUSIC

Robert J. Coe

Eric Andrew Heumann

Emer Ivar Cordoba Cuevas

Juan Fernando Perez Oso

Ricardo Valle

Rhea M. Bumpass

Hongnan Liu

Yukino Miyake

Sheryl Lynn Coaliron

Robert Allen Nickerson

Claire Marie Niederberger

Laurel A. Roseborrough

Michael Anthony Woodard

Caroline Krause

Christian L. McGee

Mary Katherine Schober

Katherine Rose DeYoung

Amanda Rose Levy

Ivan A. Ley

Bernardo Medeiros

Flora J. Wall

Crystal L. White

Dalton Craig Woody

Stephen Ash

Tomer Eres

Andrew Michael Gilstrap

Christina Scanlan

Maria Annette Smith

Emily P. Walton

John Andrew Salvesen

**Do you have the  
updated list in your  
system (saving me  
alphabetising by  
hand!!!)? Thx!**

## University of Houston

### Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts

#### Candidates for Graduation

#### School of Theatre and Dance

##### MASTER OF ARTS

Elizabeth Ann Keel

##### MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Alan Brincks  
Addison William Debter  
Yao Dogbe  
Madison Victoria Hart  
Joshua Glenn Jacobs  
Abraham Anene Ntonya  
Andrew Paul Tung  
Lauren Mae Ufkes  
Thaddeus Walker  
Sophia M. Watt

##### BACHELOR DEGREES

#### School of Art

##### BACHELOR OF ARTS

###### Art

Kentisha Renee Aidi  
Isaiah Althouse<sup>1</sup>  
Francis Gabriel Baltazar  
Charrell Leigh Bradshaw  
Katherine Cao<sup>2</sup>  
Alexandra Andrea Clark  
Briana L. Davis<sup>2</sup>  
Amanda S. Douangmala  
Aliza N. Farooq  
Karem D. Garcia  
Kassandra Yazmin Guillen<sup>2</sup>  
Ramon Hernandez  
Kelsey Elizabeth Johnson<sup>3</sup>  
Uriel Landeros  
Ashlyn N. Lee  
Yu-Tin Liu  
Nina Emilia Lopez-Arauz  
Juliana Lotero<sup>3</sup>  
Lauren A. Loveless  
Mollie Elizabeth Macdonald  
Marian Sofia Magdaniel Salas<sup>3</sup>

Jennifer Medrano  
Leasaundra A. Murray  
Kristina Owen  
Connie Phongsouthy  
Lizbeth Victoria Ramagnoli  
Thomas K. Roark  
April N. Rosse  
Alexandra Marie Sambrano  
Susana Y. Sarabia  
Hiyabu M. Semere  
Maddison Rowan Sigler<sup>2</sup>  
Anna Marie Smith<sup>3</sup>  
Brittany A. Smith  
Julie Elizabeth Spitz  
Tiffani E. Thomason  
Emery Alexander Tran

###### Art History

Samantha Kay Myers<sup>2</sup>  
Victoria A. Nerey  
Bryan Pisani<sup>2</sup>  
Chase Preston  
Gabriela N. Rose<sup>3</sup>  
Michele J. Simcox  
Sandra Roeder Tello<sup>2</sup>

##### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

###### Graphic Design

Julio Cesar Aguirre<sup>3</sup>  
Alwyn Stephanie Brownnewell<sup>1</sup>  
Bruce Yin Chao<sup>2</sup>  
Sharon Sze-Yan Chu  
Lucia E. Delgado<sup>1</sup>  
Camille Espinas<sup>3</sup>  
Miguel Guerrero<sup>2</sup>  
Valentina Gutierrez<sup>3</sup>  
Linh Thiet Hoang<sup>1</sup>  
Jonathan Inthavong  
Kevin Gregory Marroquin  
Erick Ponce Mata  
Camila A. Ruiz  
Jerry Salgado  
Isaac P. Sanchez  
Isabella M. Serimontrikul<sup>3</sup>  
Alexander Michael Thrift<sup>3</sup>

Vianey Nabid Torres  
Nhu Quynh Tran<sup>2</sup>  
Erick Velazquez<sup>3</sup>  
Jessica Fay-Helene Vittoria

###### Painting

Derrick Dywayne Abner  
Robyn Ann Franklin<sup>1</sup>  
Jacob Garcia<sup>2</sup>  
Donovan Alejandro Johnson  
Brittani X. Kelley  
Ana Fernanda Martinez  
Claudia Mu  
Erik Willard Olson<sup>2</sup>  
Abdiel J Perez<sup>2</sup>  
Sydney Tyler Scott<sup>3</sup>  
Jenni Settle

###### Photography/Digital Media

Natalia Barrientos-Romero<sup>2</sup>  
Wesley C. Burns  
Kristen Elizabeth Noel Coleman<sup>2</sup>  
Colby Christian Deal  
Matthew Joseph Flora  
Gabriel A. Guerrero<sup>2</sup>  
Aisha Shakil Lakhani  
Daniel Christopher Nolan<sup>2</sup>  
Dawn C. Ohmer<sup>1</sup>  
Arelly M. Pena<sup>1</sup>  
Irene Antoniadiiane Reece

###### Sculpture

Tobe Alexine Nelson  
Jacob L. Villalobos<sup>2</sup>

#### Moore School of Music

##### BACHELOR OF ARTS

###### Music

Heather M. Allen  
Jessica Danielle Bailey<sup>3</sup>  
Darrel James Materum  
Abel Rocha

<sup>1</sup> Summa Cum Laude - <sup>2</sup> Magna Cum Laude - <sup>3</sup> Cum Laude - <sup>4</sup> Banner Bearer (highest GPA)

## **BACHELOR OF MUSIC**

### **Applied Music**

Samantha Rose Arizpe  
Rebecca Jiun Ying Chua<sup>3</sup>  
Cecilia Duarte  
Nicholas Paul Engle<sup>1</sup>  
Nicholas Scott Evans  
Tyler Hardee  
Raven R. Hood  
Robert William Levinger<sup>1</sup>Lewis H.  
Mcadow  
Krista R. Pape<sup>3</sup>  
Dominique Reilly<sup>3</sup>  
Dmytro Savitski<sup>3</sup>  
Anna Kathleen Waldron<sup>2</sup>  
Andrea Walker<sup>2</sup>  
Xiyao Wang

### **Music**

Nicolas Alejandro Camacho<sup>3</sup>  
Carlos Emanuel Cruz<sup>2</sup>  
Gumaro Gomez  
Ethan M. Gula  
Timothy S. Hanley<sup>1</sup>  
Kara Jessica Hernandez<sup>3</sup>  
Leonardo Ismael Hernandez Silva<sup>3</sup>  
Ireland A. Hirschman<sup>1</sup>  
Fabian Ibarra<sup>2</sup>

Caleb M. Knight<sup>2</sup>  
Anastasia N. Kovar<sup>2</sup>  
Zachary Louis Luftop<sup>2</sup>  
Irena Vassileva Mitova  
Matthew A. Mondragon<sup>3</sup>  
Hope Kathleen Myers  
Raymond J. Nesser<sup>3</sup>  
Angela R. Palma<sup>1</sup>  
Michael Phillips  
Ryan Carter Rambusch<sup>3</sup>  
Christopher Rivera  
Rene Rafael Rodriguez  
Ryan Christopher Rogers<sup>1</sup>  
Madeline J. Styskal<sup>2</sup>  
Christopher Adrian Valero  
Salvador Velazco  
Laura Vu<sup>2</sup>  
Katherine M. Willer<sup>2</sup>  
Tannon Jakeb Woodson<sup>2</sup>  
Jessica Wu<sup>2</sup>

## **School of Theatre and Dance**

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

#### **Dance**

Lindsey Ann Davis<sup>2</sup>  
Christine Marie Gouldin  
Julia Rubio<sup>3</sup>  
Anissa Suzette Trevino

### **BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS**

#### **Theater**

Deion Joel Adkins  
Troy Michael Beckman  
Madeline Marlene Calais<sup>1</sup>  
Aerron Colleen Ellisor<sup>3</sup>  
Benjamin T. Gallegos  
Justin Michael Gibbons  
Zachary Drew Givens<sup>3</sup>  
Chandler Nicole Harvey  
Bonnie K. Langthorn<sup>2</sup>  
Casey Erin Magin<sup>3</sup>  
Jacob M. Mangum<sup>2</sup>  
Elizabeth Nguyen<sup>3</sup>  
Jason Quach<sup>2</sup>  
Santiago James Sepeda  
Krystal M. Uchem  
Allison Nicole Viera

1 Summa Cum Laude - 2 Magna Cum Laude - 3 Cum Laude - 4 Banner Bearer (highest GPA)





# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE of BUSINESS

## Letter from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Today, you join the ranks of nearly 60,000 alumni of the C. T. Bauer College of Business. As you celebrate your graduation, know that your degree has great value.

In fulfilling the requirements of your program, you have demonstrated not only your academic capability, but also the personal discipline and commitment necessary to complete such an educational endeavor. I personally congratulate you on this achievement.

Bauer College is more than a degree-granting institution. Yes, to begin with, it is a college of business. On a bigger dimension, I firmly believe this is a place where we change lives and make a difference.

We do this by helping you learn, gain confidence, develop support networks, and create opportunities for yourself and for others—yes, for you and for others around you. I am very blessed to have the opportunity see you learn, grow, succeed and help others grow in the process. This is why Bauer College is described as a place “Where Awesome Happens” – you make it so. Seeing this happen firsthand is the best part of my job.

This convocation marks the beginning of a lifelong relationship with the Bauer College of Business. The Bauer faculty and staff are proud to join your family and friends in honoring your accomplishment.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Bauer College, please accept our best wishes for your future success.

Sincerely and with warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Latha Ramchand".

Latha Ramchand  
*Dean and Professor, Finance*  
*C. T. Bauer College of Business*

**University of Houston**  
**C. T. Bauer College of Business**

Commencement Ceremony  
Thursday, May 10, 2018, 6 p.m.  
NRG Stadium

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Commencement Marshalls College Banner Bearer Doctoral Degree Candidates Master’s Degree Candidates Bachelor’s Degree Candidates Platform Party
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Thomas George, Ph.D. <i>Senior Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF COLORS</b>	UH Army/Air Force ROTC
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS</b>	Latha Ramchand <i>Dean of the C. T. Bauer College of Business</i>
<b>GREETINGS FROM THE UHS BOARD OF REGENTS</b>	
<b>GREETINGS FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION</b>	Michael Pede <i>Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS</b>	Richard Scamell, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean, Student Affairs</i>
<b>CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE</b>	Paula Myrick Short <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost</i>
<b>COMMENCEMENT GUEST SPEAKER</b>	Mr. Rahul Mehta <i>Philanthropist and Entrepreneur</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Thomas George, Ph.D. <i>Senior Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs</i>
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	Dean Ramchand
<b>CONCLUDING REMARKS</b>	Thomas George, Ph.D. <i>Senior Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs</i>
<b>UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ALMA MATER</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	

The audience may remain seated during the Processional and Recessional. Family may take photographs and videos from their seats.



**Commencement Speaker**

**MR. RAHUL MEHTA**

Mr. Mehta created the foundation in 1998 with the objective of empowering people through philanthropic activities focused on education, children, and healthcare. The foundation funded the creation of the School of Biosciences at the Indian Institute of Technology in Chennai, India and an engineering research center at the University of Houston. In addition, it provides educational loans to students, medical research and child welfare projects in multiple countries.

Prior to focusing on philanthropy, Rahul was involved in high technology. Previously he started four software companies which were later acquired by Computer Associates, HP, Symantec, and Brocade. Mehta has led the successful creation of several companies in multiple technology areas by recognizing and addressing market needs very early in their lifecycle.

Mehta, is active or served on the board of DePelchin Children's Center, Ronald McDonald House, Bo's Place, Krist Samaritan center and the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas.

## Spring 2018

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

David Buchuk <sup>5</sup>

Essays in Dynamic Corporate Finance  
FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Praveen Kumar

Hyunkwon Cho

How Do Firms Change Investments Based  
on MD&A Disclosures of Peer Firms?  
FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Volkan Muslu

Vanessa Durner

Can Threats and Fear Foster  
Security? Cognitive and Emotive  
Forces of Fear Appeals on  
Information Security Behavior  
FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Randolph Cooper

Sangwon Lee <sup>5</sup>

Essays on Mergers & Acquisitions  
and Corporate Investment  
FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Vijay Yerramilli

Onyinye Nwafor <sup>5</sup>

Essays on Care Coordination  
in Healthcare Systems: An  
organizational Perspective  
FACULTY ADVISORS: Dr. Norman  
Johnson, Dr. Powell Robinson

Richard Skinner <sup>5</sup>

The proactive technology  
project recovery function: A  
methodological analysis  
FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Wynne Chin

Buvaneshwaran Venugopal <sup>5</sup>

Essays on Angel Investors  
and Early-stage Startups  
FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Vijay Yerramilli

Lin Wang <sup>5</sup>

Non-Earnings Conference Calls: Content,  
Determinants, and Consequences  
FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Volkan Muslu

### EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Marcelo Amorim Bastos <sup>5</sup>

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Russell O. Carter

Christopher Stephen Crosson <sup>5</sup>

Daniel Ejionye <sup>5</sup>  
Steven Patrick Garcia  
Ankush Goregaonkar  
Jesse Wayne Gremminger <sup>5</sup>

David Sean Ireland

Samuel B. Kelner <sup>5</sup>

Ryan Linde <sup>5</sup>

Juan Carlos Lopez-Criollo <sup>5</sup>

Marcos Martinez <sup>5</sup>

Nicholas Adam Nitschmann <sup>5</sup>

Samuel Frederick Nixon <sup>5</sup>

Chike Emmanuel Okoye <sup>5</sup>

Shelley E. Radabaugh

Demetria Robinson

Diego Fernando Rodriguez <sup>5</sup>

Luisa F. Rolon <sup>5</sup>

Chris Carol Ronnander <sup>5</sup>

Timothy J. Schultz <sup>5</sup>

Daniel Vigo <sup>5</sup>

Jesus A. Villanueva <sup>5</sup>

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Cody E. Adamek

Josephine Addai

Babajide Adeniyi Adejuyigbe <sup>5</sup>

Maria Veronica Andrade <sup>5</sup>

Meredith Ann Andrews <sup>5</sup>

Karthik Arunachalam <sup>5</sup>

Fadi Brian Badaoui

Ryan K. Bell

Dean Bendele <sup>5</sup>

Steven Bills <sup>5</sup>

Assel Bizhanova <sup>5</sup>

Brian C. Boeckman

Michael Jose Boza <sup>5</sup>

Maureen Teresa Carlson <sup>5</sup>

Jack Robert Chaluh

Ravi Shankar Chandrasekar

Gao Chen

Bertha Andreina Ciliberto Gomez <sup>5</sup>

Emily Clark

Evan William Clayson <sup>5</sup>

Daniel James Clenzi <sup>5</sup>

Harrison Clinch

Chad Cox

Gary Lee Dennis <sup>5</sup>

Daniel T. Dicarolo <sup>5</sup>

Matthew Giles Duggan <sup>5</sup>

Michael P. Endsley <sup>5</sup>

Chijioko Anthony Enih

Alejandro Esquino Gomez

Samad Reza Fassihi <sup>5</sup>

Benjamin Feinsilver <sup>5</sup>

Saskya Gagneux <sup>5</sup>

Lorena Daniela Galindez Benaim

Robert Steven Galvez <sup>5</sup>

Christen George-McFerrin

Kimberly Joanne Gillespie

Vanessa D. Glass <sup>5</sup>

Eric Ardel Grant

James Greene <sup>5</sup>

Kyle Guillory

Megan Hageney

Madiha Hanif

Victoria Hanrahan

Dorothy Malaika Hastings-James

Sarah Catherine Hatley

Brian Lee Hill <sup>5</sup>

Christopher Lee Holly

Heechang Hwang

Adithy Iyengar

Robert Jesse Johnson

Portia Simone Keyes <sup>5</sup>

Zeyd Abrar Khan <sup>5</sup>

Matthew B. Kilbride <sup>5</sup>

Hee Young Kim <sup>5</sup>

Yanxin Li <sup>5</sup>

Gelila A. Lulseged

Edgar Isaac Medina <sup>5</sup>

Ana Karen Moreno

Shannon H. Mulcahey <sup>5</sup>

Anh Vu Minh Nguyen

<sup>1</sup> Summa Cum Laude - <sup>2</sup> Magna Cum Laude - <sup>3</sup> Cum Laude - <sup>4</sup> College Banner Bearer (highest GPA) - <sup>5</sup> Dean's Award



Yen Hai Nguyen <sup>5</sup>  
Godswill C. Nwankwo  
Kaley E. Obrien <sup>5</sup>  
Adedamola Ogunleye  
Julia S. Oppenheimer  
Jeffrey Gordon Pena <sup>5</sup>  
Nathan W. Piercy <sup>5</sup>  
Kevin Reuter <sup>5</sup>  
Mike John Roche <sup>5</sup>  
Anthony Michael Romanoski <sup>5</sup>  
Andrew Ryan <sup>5</sup>  
Ashley Samiez <sup>5</sup>  
Benjamin Samuel <sup>5</sup>  
Andrew Ja-Rzey Sheu  
Scott Shill  
Nitesh Kumar Shrivastava <sup>5</sup>  
Saad Siddiqui  
Malcolm B. Smith <sup>5</sup>  
Maria I. Soto  
Robert Michael Strickland-Pelley  
Lakshmi Devi Subramaniam <sup>5</sup>  
Brooke Tedella Thomas <sup>5</sup>  
Annie Tu  
Jacob Curtis Tueffert <sup>5</sup>  
Mfon Francis Usoro  
Justin K. Varghese <sup>5</sup>  
Evan C. Wagner <sup>5</sup>  
Steven William Watson <sup>5</sup>  
Remington Rochelle Wiley <sup>5</sup>  
Brittani A. Williams  
Aaron W. Yates  
Zeinab Zamani <sup>5</sup>

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

Michael Peter Andrada  
Batbayar Baatarkhuu <sup>5</sup>  
Sarah Elizabeth Backer <sup>5</sup>  
Michael James Ballone <sup>5</sup>  
Sakinah Omotola Bello <sup>5</sup>  
Rajni Bhavsar <sup>5</sup>  
Uyen Phan Thuc Bui  
George Matthew Chambers <sup>5</sup>  
Xiaolin Chen

Antonia Crupa <sup>5</sup>  
Ling Hui Dai  
Tuat Dang  
Nguyen Thanh Thuan Dang <sup>5</sup>  
Hannah Collette Dauzat  
Kylie M. Dawson  
Niti Desai <sup>5</sup>  
Trang Vu Viet Dinh <sup>5</sup>  
Hieu Dac Do <sup>5</sup>  
Arlene Christina Dorransoro  
Melodie J. Dum <sup>5</sup>  
Duy Thanh Duong <sup>5</sup>  
Nicole Elizabeth Erickson <sup>5</sup>  
Janice Feng <sup>5</sup>  
John Paul Fessler  
Casey Lynn Flores <sup>5</sup>  
Marquelle Marie Foss <sup>5</sup>  
Kimberly H. Fuss <sup>5</sup>  
Merziya Gaffar  
Marcos Ezequiel Galvan <sup>5</sup>  
Lara Anne Gardner  
Christopher Aber Gervasio  
Karina Giron  
Alexander L. Hamm  
Jarvis Sterling Harvey  
Autumn Sunshine Hayes  
Daniel Lee Hebert  
Jennifer Hernandez  
Lauren Nicole Hruzek <sup>5</sup>  
Sierra Dawn Johnson  
Ronak Yogesh Karsan  
Suzannah Kirton <sup>5</sup>  
Jay-Conor Kruczkowski  
Kateryna Kruk <sup>5</sup>  
Jibin Thomas Kuzhippil  
Sangpyeong Lee <sup>5</sup>  
Angel Liang  
Jia Lin <sup>5</sup>  
Bifang Lin <sup>5</sup>  
Dan Liu <sup>5</sup>  
Siyao Liu <sup>5</sup>  
Dima Omar Mahmoud  
Karen G. Martinez Salinas <sup>5</sup>  
Matthew Mathisen  
Luis Medina

Alyssa Marie Michlin  
Lindsey Chedabrione Moore  
Jing Mu <sup>5</sup>  
Cesar Andre Muniz  
Sokneth Nao  
Tracy Doan Trang Nguyen <sup>5</sup>  
Thu Anh Nguyen <sup>5</sup>  
Phuong Xuan Uyen Nguyen <sup>5</sup>  
Trang Ngoc Thuy Nguyen <sup>5</sup>  
Stacey Nguyen <sup>5</sup>  
Cynthia Nguyen <sup>5</sup>  
Natalie N. Nguyen <sup>5</sup>  
Christina Nguyen <sup>5</sup>  
Shanza Asvara Rehman  
Ruth Nohemy Reyes  
Yecenia Caroline Reyes  
Daniel Alexander Rivera  
Jennifer Lauren Rohan <sup>5</sup>  
Ian Andrew Shol <sup>5</sup>  
Haley Nicole Silverberg  
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Understanding the Faculty  
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An Examination of the Segregated  
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Sensemaking as a Framework for  
Understanding How Secondary  
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Leaders Adjudicate Discipline Referrals  
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A Quantitative Analysis of Neuro-  
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A Look at Possible Academic and  
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Principal Reports of Novice  
Elementary Teacher Capacity to  
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The Occupational Stress of Mental  
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Correctional and Non-Correctional  
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Empowering Student-Driven Resistance:  
Using Student-Directed Learning to  
Create Self-Advocacy in the Classroom

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Improving the Reading Comprehension  
Skills of Secondary Readers: Explicit  
Instruction in Comprehension  
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Black Men in Medicine Matter: An  
Empirical Study on Factors Influencing  
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Confronting Challenges and Engaging  
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Issues in Pre-Service Generalists'  
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Becoming Educational Researchers:  
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The Understanding of the Nature of  
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An Exploratory Analysis of  
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Disparities in Psychology: An  
Analysis of Demographics by Race  
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Perceived Developmental Delays  
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Parent and Teacher Perceptions of  
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Mental Health Help-Seeking Attitudes  
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Dimensionality of Bilingual  
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An Attachment Theory Perspective  
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**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Engineering Graduates,

By nature of you being here today, you are among the best, brightest and hardest working engineers the world has to offer.

You have made it through one of the most rigorous engineering programs in the country. During your time as an engineering student, you have collectively spent thousands of hours researching, volunteering and interning in the city of Houston, adding to the strength and vibrancy of our community. When you leave our labs and classrooms to embark on your careers, your professional contributions will have a resounding impact here, in the city of Houston, and around the world.

You are the thinkers, doers and creators of our modern world. You will be the designers, builders, problem-solvers and inventors of our tomorrow. Although you represent a wide variety of backgrounds and disciplines, as you walk across the stage to accept your diploma, you all have one thing in common: you are world-class engineers.

From here, the world is at your fingertips. Work hard, give back and trust in the knowledge you have acquired during your time as a student at the UH Cullen College of Engineering. Everything else will fall into place.

Congratulations, Cougar engineers! I look forward to seeing the impact your bright careers will have on our future and our world. Please stay in touch and fill me in on all of your successes: [dean@egr.uh.edu](mailto:dean@egr.uh.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Tedesco". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joseph W. Tedesco  
*Elizabeth D. Rockwell Dean and Professor*

**University of Houston**  
**Cullen College of Engineering**

**Commencement Ceremony**  
Friday, May 11, 2018, 2 p.m.  
NRG Arena

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Grand Marshal Chad Wilson <i>Instructional Associate Professor</i>
	Grand Marshal Leonard Trombetta <i>Associate Professor</i>
	Faculty
	Banner Bearer
	Platform Party
	Dean Joseph Tedesco
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS</b>	UH ROTC
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Julia Stinson
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS</b>	Joseph W. Tedesco <i>Elizabeth D. Rockwell Dean and Professor</i>
<b>CONVOCATION ADDRESS</b>	Heidi Alderman <i>BASF Executive and Distinguished Chemical Engineer</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF BEST DISSERTATION AWARDS</b>	Suresh Khator <i>Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Computing Facilities</i>
<b>OUTSTANDING SENIORS</b>	Frank Claydon <i>Director of the Division of Undergraduate Programs and Student Success</i>
<b>THE HONORS COLLEGE HONORS</b>	Frank Claydon
<b>PRESENTATION AND HOODING OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES</b>	Mike Lejeune <i>Presenter</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CANDIDATES</b>	Mike Lejeune <i>Presenter</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES</b>	Mike Lejeune <i>Presenter</i>
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean Tedesco
<b>ALMA MATER</b>	Julia Stinson
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	

Event music provided by the Moores School of Music.



**Commencement Speaker**

**HEIDI ALDERMAN**

**Senior Vice President Intermediates North America**

An executive with 30+ years of experience in the chemical industry, Ms. Alderman joined BASF in February 2003 as a Business Director, Functional Polymers, where she was accountable for the Dispersions and Paper Chemicals business in Charlotte, NC.

In January 2008 Heidi became BASF's Senior Vice President of Procurement in North America and then in March 2011 became Senior Vice President of BASF's NA Petrochemicals business, based in Houston.

In August 2016 Ms. Alderman was named Senior Vice President of BASF's NA Intermediates business, based in Florham Park, NJ.

A graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, with a Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, Ms. Alderman began her career in 1981 as a process engineer at Rohm and Haas in Philadelphia, PA and held various positions of increasing responsibility in their emulsion polymer business.

During her tenure at Rohm and Haas, she earned a Master's of Science degree in Chemical engineering from Drexel University and soon thereafter completed the Wharton Management Program at the Wharton School of Business. In 1995, she joined Air Products and Chemicals in Allentown, PA as a Global Purchasing Manager and also held a position as Business Manager, Architectural Coatings.

Ms. Alderman is the nationwide Chair of the National Association of Manufacturer's Step Ahead program, past Chair of the University of Houston's Engineering Leadership Board, and member of the national Women Corporate Director's organization.

She is married and resides in the Houston area.

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Spring 2018

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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN BIOMEDICAL  
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Martin Antensteiner

Fabrication and Characterization  
of Conducting Polymer  
Micro and Nanostructures for  
Bioelectronics Applications

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Mohammad Reza Abidian

Renee Frances Keller

Perinatal Nicotine Exposure Alters Gene  
Regulatory Networks in Dopaminergic  
Neurons in the Ventral Tegmental Area

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Metin Akay

Manmohan Singh

Assessing Tissue Biomechanical  
Properties with Noncontact Dynamic  
Optical Coherence Elastography

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kirill V. Larin

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN CHEMICAL  
ENGINEERING**

Yuan Yun Lin

Nonlinear Transport Properties  
in Tight Formation

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Michael T. Myers

Dan Luo

Nanofluid of Graphene-based  
Amphiphilic Janus Nanosheets  
for Oil Recovery

**ADVISORS:** Dr. Richard C. Willson and  
Dr. Zhifeng Ren

Ryan Poling-Skutvik

Transport of Nanoparticles Through  
Complex Polymeric Fluids

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jacinta C. Conrad and  
Dr. Ramanan Krishnamoorti

Mohammad Sadegh Safari

Polymorphism of protein condensates

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Peter G. Vekilov and  
Dr. Jacinta C. Conrad

Allen Wei Lun Ting

Fast Cycling NOx Storage and Reduction  
on Lean NOx Trap Catalytic Reactor

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Michael P. Harold and  
Dr. Vemuri Balakotaiah

Phuc Vinh Truong

Structure-Property-Processing Relations  
in Ionic Block Copolymer Membranes

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Gila E. Stein

Zhiqing Wang

Design and Application of  
Regulatory-protein-based Biosensors

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Patrick C. Cirino

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**

Fong Shu Jao

Development of Finite Analytic  
Algorithms for Solute transport  
Modeling and Non-Negative Solution of  
Advection-Diffusion-Reaction Equations

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Keh-Han Wang

Prakash Poudel

Flexural Behavior of CFRP-  
Pretensioned Girders and  
Development of Design Guidelines

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Abdeldjelil Belarbi  
and Dr. Bora Gencturk

Fangfang Sheng

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**ADVISOR:** xxxxxx

Hamidreza Tahsiri

Evaluation of Prestress Losses,  
Transfer Length and Harping  
Characteristics of CFRP Tendons

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Abdeldjelil Belarbi

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN ELECTRICAL  
ENGINEERING**

Audrey Looi Cheong

Methods for Analysis of 3D Surface  
Images of the Female Torso

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Fatima Merchant

Sai Mounika Errapotu

Secure Computing with Privacy  
Preservation for Cyber-Physical Systems

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Miao Pan and Dr. Zhu Han

Genevieve Johnson

Effects of Grouping and Integration in  
the Perception of Invisible Features

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Bhavin Sheth

Uday Kiran Karlapudi

High Range Portable Bioimpedance  
Spectrometer with Four Electrode  
Analog Front End for Characterization  
of Mitochondria Bioenergetics

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Wanda Zagozdzon Wosik  
and Dr. Jinghong Chen

Venkateswaran Lakshminarayanan

Multi-Agent System Based Energy  
Management Controller for Microgrids

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kaushik Rajashekara

Keith C. Lancaster

Asymmetry Measures for  
Automated Melanoma Detection  
in Dermoscopic Images

**ADVISOR:** Dr. George Zouridakis

Lianyang Li

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Assessment  
Based on EEG and MEG Analysis

**ADVISOR:** Dr. George Zouridakis

Jingshen Liu

A Transmission Line Model for Active  
Implantable Medical Devices under MRI

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Ji Chen

Yu Lung Sung

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**ADVISOR:** xxxxxx

Tamanna Afrin Tisa

Development of Multielectrode Neural  
Probe on Optical Fiber Substrate  
for Brain-Machine Interfaces

**ADVISOR:** Dr. John C. Wolfe

Dongjun Wu

Electrochemical Thin Film Growth  
Assisted by UPD Monolayers

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Stanko Brankovic

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Chong Dai

Heterogeneous Nucleation, Growth, and Recrystallization of Nanoparticles under Environmentally Relevant Conditions

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Yandi Hu

Jingjing Fan

Sensing Technology and Nanotechnology on Different Environment Scenarios

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Debora Rodrigues

Amin Kiaghadi

Longitudinal Characterization and Modeling of Hydrodynamics and Water Quality Post Hurricanes and Severe Storms

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Hanadi Rifai

Emily N. Sappington

The Viability of Reusing Oilfield Produced Water for Agriculture

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Hanadi Rifai

Rose Sobel

Modeling the Dynamics of Hypoxia and its Interaction with Optically Active Water Quality Constituents Using Remote Sensing and Regression Analysis

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Hanadi Rifai

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

Saeedeh Abbasi

An Optimization Framework for Resilience-based Power Grid Restoration

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Gino Lim

Aida Khayatian

Integrated Microgrid Expansion Planning and Policy Making under Uncertainty in Power Electricity Market

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Gino Lim

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MATERIALS ENGINEERING

Md Kamrul Alam

Understanding Graphene Induced Large Shift of Surface Plasmon Resonance on Gold Films - The Challenge of Microscopic Modeling for Macroscopic Observation

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jiming Bao

Zeinab F. Alameh

Multifunctional Soft Materials

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Pradeep Sharma

Hui ZhenMah

Bottlebrush Polymers: Pathway to Engineering Surfaces and Interfaces

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Gila E. Stein

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Rational Design of Trimetallic Electrocatalyst for Electrochemical Overall Water Splitting

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jiming Bao

Andrew L. Robertson

The Relationship between Microstructure and Fracture Behavior of Thermal Spray Coatings

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Ken White

Shivkant Dasrath Singh

Tuning Thermal and Thermoelectric Transport in Polycrystalline Films

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Anastassios Mavrokefalos

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Nazanin Farokh Nia

Tuning the Limits of Heat Transfer by Micro/Nano Structures

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Hadi Ghasemi

Oussama Hattab

Observer Based Parameter Estimation for Linear Uncertain Discrete-Time Systems

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Matthew Franchek

Jun Mao

Defect Engineering in Thermoelectric Materials

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Zhifeng Ren

Bahar Moradi Ghadi

Flexible and Stretchable Lithium Ion Batteries Using Fabric-Based Electrodes and Solid Polymer Electrolyte

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Haleh Ardebili

Mehdi Torbati

Mechanics of the Nuclear Envelope

**ADVISORS:** Dr. Pradeep Sharma and Dr. Ashutosh Agrawal

Chenyu Wang

Advanced Structural Health Monitoring for Connections with PZT Transducers and Image Processing Technique

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Gangbing Song

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

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Zhihe Zhao <sup>1</sup>

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Trang Thuy Vo  
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**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Graduates,

Today marks a major milestone in your lives—the day you officially transition from students to alumni. You’ve accomplished so much in your time at the Conrad N. Hilton College, and now you’ll build upon those experiences as you launch your careers.

Several factors have contributed to your success at the University of Houston: the support of your families and friends; encouragement from faculty and staff; and—most importantly—your own determination to learn, grow and accomplish your goals.

You’re now part of a global network of close to 8,200 Hilton College graduates, and the friendships you’ve made as students will serve as the foundation for great professional relationships in the coming years. Wherever your journey takes you, I encourage you to stay connected to your College. This is one of the finest hospitality programs in the world, but we need your support to continue to build upon that legacy.

The Spring Class of 2018 is among the best the College has ever produced and I know you’ll continue to serve as outstanding ambassadors for our program in all of your professional endeavors. On behalf of the entire Hilton College family, I offer my sincere congratulations to all of you.

Best wishes ... and Go Coogs!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Reynolds". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Dennis Reynolds  
*Dean of the College and  
Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair*

## University of Houston

### Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management

#### Commencement

Friday, May 11, 2018, 10 a.m.

Cullen Performance Hall

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	College Banner Bearer Candidates for Graduation Faculty Platform Party
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>WELCOME AND OPENING ADDRESS</b>	Dennis Reynolds, Ph.D. <i>Dean, Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair</i>
<b>MESSAGE FROM THE REGENT</b>	Doug Brooks ('75) <i>Regent, University of Houston Board of Regents</i>
<b>STUDENT SPEAKER ADDRESS AND INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER</b>	Emily Copland ('18)
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b>	Rolando B. Pablos ('96) <i>Texas Secretary of State</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF MASTERS AND PH.D. DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Ki-Joon Back, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies Eric Hilton Distinguished Chair</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Mary Dawson, Ed.D. <i>Associate Dean For Academic Affairs Donald H. Hubbs Professorship</i>
<b>ALUMNI ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI AWARD FOR SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE</b>	Kaitlyn Venable-Valdez ('12) <i>Board President Conrad N. Hilton College Alumni Association</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF DEAN'S AWARDS AND CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dr. Dennis Reynolds
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	





**Commencement Speaker**

**ROLANDO B. PABLOS**

Rolando B. Pablos

In January 2017, Governor Greg Abbott appointed Rolando Pablos as the 111th Texas Secretary of State. Secretary Pablos is one of six state officials named by the Texas Constitution to form the Executive Department of the State. In addition to serving as Chief Election Officer for Texas, Secretary Pablos is also senior advisor and liaison to the Governor for Border and Mexican Affairs, and is the state's Chief International Protocol Officer.

A former utility regulator, Secretary Pablos is an economic development expert who understands the importance of leveraging strategic community capacity building for purposes of attracting investment to Texas. As a state official, and in his private practice, he has played critical roles in the advancement of direct investment, international relations and trade with Texas' partners across the globe. Secretary Pablos is a strong advocate for North American manufacturing integration and cross-border collaboration among the U.S., Canada and Mexico. He has also served as Honorary Consul to Spain, where he worked to ensure the formation and development of business and diplomatic relationships between Texas and Spain.

Throughout his career, Secretary Pablos has been heavily involved with efforts designed to help bring prosperity to his community. His passion for public service and education has led him to serve on countless nonprofit and governmental boards and commissions. Secretary Pablos has been instrumental in the success of many community development projects designed to improve quality of life, deliver educational opportunities and help bring prosperity to the people of Texas.

After obtaining a B.A. from St. Mary's University, Secretary Pablos earned an M.B.A. from the University of Texas at San Antonio College of Business, and an M.H.M. from the University of Houston's Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management. He subsequently earned a J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law and has been a member of the State Bar of Texas since 2000.

Mr. Pablos and his wife, Dr. Laura San Martin, live in Austin with their four children: Cristina, David, Mia and Andrea.

## Spring 2018

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Austin Reed Glaw  
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Shengwen Guo  
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Tyler James Henderson  
Adrian Hernandez<sup>1</sup>  
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Steven Adrian Vanegas  
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LAW CENTER

**Letter from the Dean**

May 11, 2018

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on being awarded your degree from the University of Houston Law Center. The Law Center degree exemplifies the power of legal education. Through your legal education, you learned to think like a lawyer. You learned to write precisely, analyze rigorously, advocate persuasively, and uphold the highest standards of the legal profession. Joining the ranks of our alumni, you will also experience the power of the alumni network. Our alumni are located all across the country and have succeeded as litigators, corporate lawyers, public interest lawyers, and government attorneys, and indeed in any endeavor that they pursued. Our dedicated alumni networks are here to serve you; they will be your biggest supporters and mentors.

In addition to connecting you with our alumni networks, we offer our graduates free Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses. Please make sure that you check our CLE webpage for more information. See <http://www.law.uh.edu/cle/>.

As you begin your professional career, I encourage you to stay in touch with the Law Center. You can access our alumni page at [www.law.uh.edu/alumni](http://www.law.uh.edu/alumni). We want to send you our alumni magazine and Law Center updates, such as my Dean's Notes, and information on alumni events. Thus, we need to stay current with your email and mailing address. You may send this information and any updates directly to [briefcase@uh.edu](mailto:briefcase@uh.edu). I hope you will get involved with the UH Law Alumni Association, which is a large and very active community that will enrich your professional and personal lives. The Association will also benefit from your participation.

On behalf of the entire Law Center community, best wishes for a successful career. I am honored that you are now part of our vast alumni network. I look forward to greeting you at alumni functions. Please feel free to call on me if I may ever be of assistance.

Warmest regards,

Leonard M. Baynes  
*Dean and Professor of Law*

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**Commencement**

Friday, May 11, 2018, 6 p.m.

NRG Arena

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Selection performed by Texas Brass Ensemble
<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Triumphal March <i>from Aida (Verdi)</i>
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Sung by Kate Gigliotti
<b>WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS</b>	Dean Leonard M. Baynes
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b>	Star Jones ('86) <i>Attorney, Author, and Advocate President, Professional Diversity Network, Inc.</i>
<b>HOODING</b>	D. Theodore Rave <i>Assistant Professor of Law</i>  Ronald Turner <i>A.A. White Professor of Law</i>
<b>CLASS SPEAKER</b>	Lucianna de-Regini-Teixeira Bartley <i>Class of 2018</i>  Christina Marie Beeler <i>Class of 2018</i>
<b>WELCOME FROM ALUMNI</b>	Cynthia Mabry ('10) <i>President, UH Law Alumni Association</i>
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean Leonard M. Baynes
<b>FACULTY RECESSIONAL</b>	Rondeau by Mouret
<b>STUDENT RECESSIONAL</b>	Happy by Pharrell

A reception in honor of the graduates will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel immediately following the commencement ceremony. All graduates, guests and faculty are cordially invited to attend.

## Spring 2018

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Marim G. Abdelmalak	Austin Crabtree <sup>3</sup>	Christina Jackson
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Rick Blaylock	Melanie Fridgant	Tiffany J. Li
Kasey Lauren Brock	Jorge Garay	Barbara Light
Lauren Michelle Bullard	Robert K. Garcia	Isaac C. Liou
Braden Christopher Burgess	Richard Everett Gardner	Jane Liu
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	Tyler Konrad Hubert	Diana Melendez
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**Candidates for Graduation**

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Peter S. Newman  
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Khuong Nguyen  
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Kade Rhodes  
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## December 2017 Graduates

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Jacob Ray Spears  
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**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Members of the “CLASS” of 2018:

Let me be among the first to congratulate you on such a monumental achievement at this juncture in your lives . . . !Felicidades! I, too, share the pride and excitement of your parents, close and distant family members, and communities that will celebrate you and your achievement. I hope that your experiences as a major in CLASS were filled with memories of sharing with professors and fellow students.

As Dean, I am interested in knowing about your lives after CLASS and UH; so, do keep in touch as you leave campus in order to take your place in the world as informed critical and analytical thinkers, ready for the challenges of our ever-changing world. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonio D. Tillis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "T".

Antonio D. Tillis  
Dean

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Thursday, May 10, 2018, 9 a.m.

NRG Stadium

<b>PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS</b>	University of Houston Air Force ROTC
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>WELCOME ADDRESS</b>	Antonio D. Tillis <i>M. D. Anderson Professor of Hispanic Studies, Dean of the College</i>
<b>INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY</b>	Dean Tillis
<b>HONORS COLLEGE CANDIDATES RECOGNITION</b>	Lawrence Curry <i>Professor Emeritus</i>
<b>RECOGNITION OF HONORS</b>	Lawrence Curry <i>Professor Emeritus</i>
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<b>JACK J. VALENTI SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION</b>	Temple Northup
<b>DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS</b>	Lynn Maher
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<i>DEPARTMENT OF HISPANIC STUDIES</i>	Liz Goodin-Mayeda
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<i>DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY</i>	Jack Fletcher
<i>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY</i>	Amanda Baumle
<i>WOMEN'S, GENDER @ SEXUALITY STUDIES</i>	Elizabeth Gregory
Concluding Remarks	Dean Tillis
Alma Mater	Moore School of Music
Recessional	Moore School of Music

## Spring 2018

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### Economics

Arpita Chakravorty

Essays on Elderly Decision Making  
**ADVISOR:** Elaine Liu, Ph.D.

Sakshi Jain

Own and Spillover Effects of a Conditional  
Cash Transfer Program Targeting  
Young Girls: Evidence from India  
**ADVISOR:** Aimee Chin, Ph.D.

Sergiy Kasyanenko

Estimating the Natural Rate of  
Interest in Real-Time  
**ADVISOR:** David Papell, Ph.D.

Tung Thanh Nguyen

Essays on the Effects of Education  
Policy and Tax Policy on Labor  
Market and Other Outcomes  
**ADVISOR:** Aimee Chin, Ph.D.

Vinh Thanh Pham

Essays on Industrial Organization  
**ADVISOR:** Andrea Szabo, Ph.D.

Lalita Thienprasiddhi

Exchange Rate Predictability:  
The Case of Thai Baht  
**ADVISOR:** David Papell, Ph.D.

Gautham Benegal Udupa

Multinational Firms, Trade, and the  
Trade-Comovement Puzzle  
**ADVISOR:** Kei-Mu Yi, Ph.D.

Thuy Ngoc Vu

Essays on Social Policy and  
Preferences for Redistribution  
**ADVISOR:** Aimee Chin, Ph.D.

Xuejing Zuo

Essays on Gender Inequality in China  
**ADVISOR:** Elaine Liu, Ph.D.

#### English

Christian Adam Bancroft

Now Sing: Reflections on Modernism  
and Queering Translation  
**ADVISOR:** Roberto Tejada, Ph.D.

Prity Bhalla

In Search of the Mother in Jane Eyre  
by Charlotte Brontë, Their Eyes Were  
Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston,  
and Sula by Toni Morrison  
**ADVISOR:** W. Lawrence Hogue, Ph.D.

Meera Jagannathan

Poetics of Dislocation: Comparative  
Cosmopolitanism in Charlotte Brontë,  
Flora Tristan, and Toru Dutt  
**ADVISOR:** Lois Parkinson Zamora, Ph.D.

Bruce J. Martin

Borderlands, Translingualism, and Latinx  
Students in a Monolingual Community College  
**ADVISOR:** Paul Butler, Ph.D.

Jeffrey Villines

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**ADVISOR:** yyyy

#### Creative Writing

Jennifer S. Lowe

Revenge Tragedy  
**ADVISOR:** Roberto Tejada, Ph.D.

Rhianna Brandt

Bottle, Beloved, and Book  
**ADVISOR:**

John P. Gritton

Long Tree  
**ADVISOR:** Chitra Divakaruni, Ph.D.

Christopher B. Murray

Black Observatory  
**ADVISOR:** Professor Kevin Prufer

Adrienne Perry

See Through Girls, A Novel  
**ADVISOR:** Mat Johnson

Martin Erik Rock

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Michael Murl Webster

**ADVISOR:**

#### Health and Human Performance – Kinesiology

Sajeevika Saumali Daundasekara

Daundasekara Mudiyansele  
Effects of Immigration Status and Maternal  
Health Behaviors on Gestational Weight  
Gain and Adherence to Institute of Medicine  
Gestational Weight Gain Recommendations  
**ADVISOR:** Tracey Ledoux, Ph.D.

Stephanie L. Silveira

Well on Wheels: A Holistic Wellness  
Intervention for Individuals with  
Spinal Cord Injuries: Risk Profile,  
Longitudinal Outcomes, and Success  
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#### Hispanic Studies – Spanish

Lilia Cristina Campos Gonzalez

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Maria M. Chavez

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**ADVISOR:** yyyyyy

Laura Gasca Jimenez

The Translation Experience  
of Spanish Heritage Language  
Learners: An Empirical Study  
**ADVISOR:** Marta Fairclough, Ph.D.

Francisco Javier Merchán

La voz temida y el logos silenciado en España:  
La trilogía histórica de Benjamín Prado  
**ADVISOR:** Maria Soliño, Ph.D.

Allison Nicole Yakel

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#### History

Deanne Morgan Ashton

The Price of a Pint: An Environmental  
History of English Brewing During  
the Long Nineteenth Century  
**ADVISOR:** Karl Ittmann, Ph.D.

Rikki R. Bettinger

Imperial Counterparts: North Atlantic  
Women's Travels in the Caribbean  
and Mexico, 1800-1860  
**ADVISOR:** Susan Kellogg, Ph.D.

Ty Welborn

Lone Star Crusader: Antonio Maceo Smith  
and the Texas Civil Rights Movement  
**ADVISOR:** Eric Walther, Ph.D.

#### Political Science

Marcia N. Beyer

Campaign Rhetoric and the Gender  
Gap in American Elections  
**ADVISOR:** Jennifer Clark, Ph.D.

Cong Huang Debunking

The Myths of Political Responses  
to Income Inequality  
**ADVISOR:** James Granato, Ph.D.

Danie M. Mascarenhas  
The Theory and Practice of Punishment:  
A Theoretical Consideration of  
American Private Punishment  
**ADVISOR:** Jeffery Church, Ph.D.

Jonathan Achee Solis  
Media Systems and Political Institutions  
**ADVISOR:** Ryan Kennedy Ph.D.

Matthew Michael Ward  
Authoritarianism, Threat, and  
Declining Tolerance and Support  
for Democracy: Evidence from the  
Post-Arab Spring Middle East  
**ADVISOR:** Ryan Kennedy, Ph.D.

Kenicia Wright  
The Ties That Do Not Bind: Social  
Capital, Female Representation, and  
Social Inequality in the US.  
**ADVISOR:** Ling Zhu, Ph.D.

## Psychology

### Clinical Psychology

Josilyn C. Banks  
The Effects of Ethnicity on the Cross-cultural  
Reliability of the Specific Affect Coding System  
**ADVISOR:** Julia Babcock, Ph.D.

Michelle Clementi  
Efficacy of an Integrated Sleep and Anxiety  
Intervention for Anxious Children: A  
Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial  
**ADVISOR:** Candice Alfano, Ph.D.

Claire E. Hatkevich  
Perceived Burdensomeness, Attitudinal  
Familism and Suicidal Ideation in  
Hispanic Adolescent Inpatients  
**ADVISOR:** Carla Sharp, Ph.D.

David C. Talavera  
Stress and Health Among Racial/Ethnic  
Minorities: The Role of Cultural Mismatch  
**ADVISOR:** Rheeda Walker, Ph.D.

Ashley L. Ware  
High-Definition Fiber Tracking Study  
of the Executive Control Network  
in Blast-Related Brain Injury  
**ADVISOR:** Jack Fletcher, Ph.D.

### Developmental, Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience Psychology

Jessica I. Wooden  
The Role of Pre-synaptic Munc 13-1 in  
Voluntary Ethanol Consumption and Tolerance  
**ADVISOR:** J. Leigh Leasure Ph.D.

### I/O Psychology

William Daniel Presson  
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**ADVISOR:** yyyyyy

Allison M. Tringale  
Good People: How Coworker Competence  
and Support Influence Engagement  
and Contextual Performance  
**ADVISOR:** Alan Witt, Ph.D.

### Social Psychology

Angie S. LeRoy  
The Role of Attachment and Naturally  
Occurring Variation in the OPRM1  
Gene in Differential Grief Responses  
During Spousal Bereavement  
**ADVISOR:** C. Raymond Knee, Ph.D.

Reese Yuwen Tou  
Implicit Theories of Relationships  
as Moderators of the Association  
between Interpersonal Chemistry  
and Relationship Functioning  
**ADVISOR:** C. Raymond Knee, Ph.D.

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- The degree that will appear on your transcript is an indelible testimony to your hard work and mastery of challenging mathematical and scientific subject matter.
- Your degree is the foundation upon which you will build as you continue to learn throughout your lifetime.
- Most importantly, the degree you have earned represents great potential for secure employment, a better quality of life, and the achievement of your goals.

As you leave this campus, you will carry with you the knowledge your professors shared with you, the wisdom you gained as you matured, and the personal experiences, professional connections, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

My best wishes for much success and happiness.

Sincerely,

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## COLLEGE of NURSING

### Letter from the Dean

Dear Nursing Graduates,

You are exemplary nursing graduates from the University of Houston! You have earned the BSN or MSN degree and you are now UH Nurses ready to be pinned with UH Nursing pin. Thank you for being a student at the University of Houston and thank you for choosing to be a nurse!

Your education at the College of Nursing has equipped you to embark upon your career as a nurse leader and nurse clinician. During your time at the University of Houston as a nursing student, you have collectively spent thousands of hours in clinical, classroom, simulation labs, and volunteering, thus adding to the strength and vibrancy of our community and our profession. I am especially proud of those who volunteered during and after the hurricane. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing the impact your careers and professional contributions will have on the future of healthcare 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 College of Nursing. We welcome and invite you to become “life members” of the UH alumni association. You will always have a special honor by being a UH Nurse. You will be reminded of this distinct honor each time you wear your nursing pin, engage with the College of Nursing or the University of Houston.

Congratulations Nursing Cougars!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Tart".

Kathryn M. Tart, EdD, MSN, RN  
*Founding Dean and Professor*

**University of Houston**  
**College of Nursing**

**Commencement and Pinning Ceremony**

Friday, May 11, 2018, 3 p.m.

UH Sugar Land Susan Ryon Davis

Multipurpose Room

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	"Four Seasons" by Vivaldi	
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Kathryn M. Tart, EdD, MSN, RN <i>Founding Dean and Professor</i>	
<b>SPEAKER</b>	Joe Zimmerman	
<b>DESCRIPTION OF PIN</b>	Dean Tart	
<b>PINNING OF BACHELOR CANDIDATES</b>	Sandra Lee, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE <i>Assistant Clinical Professor/RN to BSN Manager</i>	
<b>HOODING AND PINNING OF MASTER CANDIDATE</b>	Kathleen Reeve, DrPH, ANP-BC, FNP-C <i>Associate Dean and Clinical Professor and College of Nursing Faculty</i>	
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<b>PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR AND MASTER CANDIDATES</b>	Dr. Kathleen Reeve	
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	Dean Tart	
<b>FAREWELL FROM THE FACULTY</b>	Dr. Kathleen Reeve	
<b>ALMA MATER</b>	Kirstie McCallum <i>Moore School of Music</i>	<- keep name or not?
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	"Radetzky Waltz" by Strauss	



**Commencement Speaker**

**JOE R. ZIMMERMAN**

**Mayor of Sugar Land**

Mr. Zimmerman is a Senior Consultant for Halff Associates, Inc., a Texas-based civil engineering consulting firm founded in 1950. He has extensive business experience, having served in senior management positions in a number of different industries. He is active in his community and has been involved in the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, Literacy Council of Fort Bend and Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority.

Councilman Zimmerman was elected the 10th Mayor of Sugar Land on June 11, 2016 after serving four years as the At-Large, Position 2, City Councilman. He currently serves on the Economic Development Committee, Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Land-Use Task Force, Sugar Land Development Corporation Board and as the COSL representative on the HGAC Board and Transportation Policy Council. Prior to being elected to City Council, he was a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for eight years, serving six years as Chairman. He is a 2015 graduate of the Sugar Land Regional Airport Academy.

Mr. Zimmerman earned his BSCE from UH and MBA from Houston Baptist University. He and his wife of almost 42 years, Nancy, have lived in Sugar Land since 1990 and are active members of Second Baptist Church Woodway. Their daughter, Allison, her husband Chris Wallace, granddaughter Emmy and grandson Campbell live in Houston.

## Spring 2018

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## Summer 2018

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## UH Nursing Pin Design Committee

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The pin was created by the Pinning Committee in 2015. The pin was designed with thought, precision, and unity. The goals of the design were to represent the school, profession, and contribution to society. The interlocking UH in the center of the circle represents the student's journey and partnership with the University of Houston and relationships formed along the way. The color red represents passion, advocacy, love, caring, and leadership which are values of UH nursing. The placement of the BSN or MSN on the banner represents the nursing profession and the culmination of the nursing student's focus. The pin is a symbol of the student's ultimate goal of earning their nursing degree.







UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**  
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**Letter from the Dean**

Dear UHCO Graduate,

First and foremost, congratulations to each of you on this momentous occasion! This is the defining moment in transitioning from your academic career to your professional career, and we celebrate your achievement. I hope that you take time to reflect on your journey and to honor the many individuals whose care and support helped you along the way.

For those of you receiving a Master of Science in Physiological Optics degree, the need for new knowledge in the vision sciences is significant. We look to you to become thought leaders among your peers as well as for new knowledge that will advance visual health.

For those of you receiving a Doctor of Optometry degree, as a second-year student you recited the optometric oath and received your white coat – a significant milestone in your optometric education. With your first patient came great responsibility of upholding the patient-doctor relationship and of providing the highest quality patient care. Going forward, we ask that you remember this commitment, as it will serve you well.

As the next generation of optometrists, researchers, and vision scientists, we look forward to your continued accomplishments as you go out into the world and give back of your time and talents while building on the foundation of those who came before you and paved the way. You will play a crucial and ever-expanding role in the healthcare field.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration, we wish you the best in your new endeavors. Remember you always have a home at UHCO, and we will always welcome you back with open arms. You will forever be a part of this family. Again, congratulations on your academic success and on joining the ranks of the entire optometric profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl L. Smith III".

Earl L. Smith III, O.D., '72, Ph.D., '78

*Dean*

*Greeman-Petty Professor*

**University of Houston**  
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**Commencement**

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 2 p.m.  
Cullen Performance Hall

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Classical Arrangement
<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	“Pomp and Circumstance” <i>by Sir Edward Elgar</i>
<b>MACE BEARER</b>	Han Cheng, Ph.D., O.D. <i>Clinical Professor</i>
<b>BANNER BEARER</b>	Lloyd Pate, O.D. <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i>
<b>INVOCATION</b>	Lyle Tate, M.S. <i>Program Manager for the Office of Optometry Relations</i>
<b>WELCOME</b>	Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Dean and Greeman-Petty Professor</i>
<b>RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES</b>	
<b>SUMMA CUM LAUDE AND MAGNA CUM LAUDE</b>	Kimberly Lambreghts, R.N., O.D. <i>Associate Dean for Professional Studies and Clinical Professor</i>
<b>GOLD KEY INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS</b>	Ralph Herring, O.D., M.H.A. <i>Assistant Dean for Professional Studies and Clinical Associate Professor</i>
<b>BETA SIGMA KAPPA BSK SILVER MEDAL AWARD</b>	Assistant Dean Herring
<b>CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS</b>	Nick Holdeman, O.D., M.D. <i>Associate Dean for Clinical Education and Professor of Optometry</i>
<b>OUTSTANDING GRAND ROUNDS PRESENTATION AWARD</b>	Associate Dean Holdeman
<b>REMARKS</b>	Jimmy Wadley, O.D. <i>President, Foundation for Education and Research in Vision</i>

<b>SPECIAL RECOGNITION</b>	Cora and J. Davis Armistead Faculty Teaching Award <i>revealed by Dean Smith</i>
<b>STUDENT ADDRESS</b>	Michelle Schwartzenburg Mitchell
<b>DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD</b>	Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2018 <i>presented to Roger Boltz, O.D., '72, Ph.D., '78</i> <i>Dean Smith</i>
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b>	Roger Boltz, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean for Finance and Administration</i> <i>Distinguished Alumnus for 2018</i>
<b>PRESENTATION AND HOODING OF THE CANDIDATES</b>	Dean Smith
<b>PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS DEGREE</b>	Laura Frishman, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research</i> <i>and John and Rebecca Moores Professor</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF OPTOMETRY RESIDENTS</b>	Karen Fern, O.D. <i>Director, Residency Programs and Associate Professor</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE</b>	Amber Gaume Giannoni, O.D. <i>Chair of the Faculty and Clinical Professor</i>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE</b>	Associate Dean Lambregts
<b>HOODING OF CANDIDATES</b>	Dr. Gaume Giannoni  Jennifer Tasca, O.D. <i>Clinical Professor</i>
<b>FACULTY ASSISTING IN HOODING</b>	Anita Ticak, O.D., M.S. <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i>  Michelle Cunningham, O.D. <i>Adjunct Faculty</i>

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**GUESTS ASSISTING IN HOODING**

The College has a long-standing tradition whereby parents, siblings, spouses, grandparents, uncles and aunts who are graduates from the University of Houston College of Optometry, or graduates from a peer optometry institution, are invited to participate in the ceremony by serving as an honorary hooder. Candidates are given the opportunity to designate a hooder provided the individual meets the criteria as listed above and is approved by College Administration in advance of the ceremony.

**GUEST HOODERS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018**

Jalvan Bank, O.D.  
Glenn Ellisor, O.D., '84  
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Vivian Hoang, O.D., '00  
Dana Howard, O.D., '00  
Mindy Huynh, O.D., '94  
Ambreen Ismail, O.D., '17  
Andrea Kells, O.D., '16  
Steve Kurtin, O.D., '85  
Don Mizelle, O.D., '82  
Brian Shandley, O.D., '94  
Sam Shandley, O.D., '65  
Cindy Tu, O.D., '99  
Charles W. Tyhurst, O.D.  
Veronica Wong, O.D.  
Jeffrey B. Wood, O.D., '81  
Simon Yeung, O.D., '81

**PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS**

Dean Smith

Associate Dean Boltz

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**

Dean Smith

**ADMINISTRATION OF  
THE OPTOMETRIC OATH**

Associate Dean Holdeman

**THE OPTOMETRIC OATH**

With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

- I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously and to the fullest scope of my competence.
- I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.
- I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion, and with due regard for their human rights and, dignity.
- I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.
- I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.
- I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain, or enhance their vision and general health.
- I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.
- I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.
- I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country, and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.
- I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this, my solemn oath and obligation.

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Dean Smith

**BENEDICTION**

*Associate Professor*

James Walters, Ph.D., O.D.

**RECESSIONAL**

*by Felix Mendelssohn*

“War March of the Priests”

## Spring 2018

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**THESIS:** Influence of Light Exposure on the Melanopsin Driven Pupil Response

Mylan T. Nguyen  
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B.S., University of Texas - Austin

M.S.P.H., University of Texas  
School of Public Health

**THESIS:** Validation of the Discovery System and Identification of Retinal Image Quality Metrics Predictive of Visual Performance in Subjects Fitted with Soft Multifocal Contact Lenses

Auzita Sajjadi  
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**THESIS:** Objective Measurement of Light Exposure and Refractive Error in Children

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Texas Children's Hospital  
Clinic, Houston, Texas

Jenny Tan  
Houston, TX  
B.S., Baylor University  
Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas  
Advanced Eye Care, Canyon, Texas

Bailey Terhune  
Perryton, TX  
B.S., Abilene Christian University  
NSU College of Optometry,  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma  
Community Eye Clinic, Fort Worth, Texas

Tracy Thu Tam Thai  
Houston, TX  
B.S., University of Houston  
Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas  
Vision Source Mission  
Bend, Houston, Texas

Jessica Alyse Tibbs  
Carthage, TX  
B.A., Stephen F. Austin State University  
HOPE Eye Clinic, Houston, Texas  
Golden Eye Clinic, Center, Texas

Kelsey Kriske Tillotson  
Round Rock, TX  
B.S., University of Houston  
Vision Source Mission  
Bend, Houston, Texas  
Lakeline Vision Source, Austin, Texas

Danny D. Tran  
Port Arthur, TX  
B.S., University of Texas at Austin  
Community Eye Clinic, Fort Worth, Texas  
UHCO Eye Center in the  
Heights, Houston, Texas

Huy Huu Tran  
Arlington, TX  
B.S., University of Texas at Arlington  
Plaza Vision Center, Dallas, Texas  
Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas

Ashley Lorraine Traylor  
St. Simons Island, GA  
B.S., University of Georgia  
George E. Wahlen VA Medical Center,  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Plaza Vision Center, Dallas, Texas

Jared Charles Tyhurst  
Abingdon, VA  
B.S., Brigham Young University  
UHCO Eye Center in the  
Heights, Houston, Texas  
Vision Source Willowbrook,  
Houston, Texas

Natalie Vu  
Houston, TX  
B.S., University of Houston  
Diagnostic Eye Center, Houston, Texas  
Vision Source Mission  
Bend, Houston, Texas

Xinnan Shannon Wang  
Rockville, MD  
B.S., Washington and Lee University  
Katy VA Outpatient Clinic, Katy, Texas  
Eye Care Associates of  
Humble, Humble, Texas

Jenna Lynn Wayne  
Bethlehem, PA  
B.S., Boston University  
Vision Source Willowbrook,  
Houston, Texas  
Katy VA Outpatient Clinic, Katy, Texas

Cassandra Ruth Weinberg  
Plano, TX  
B.S., University of Texas at Austin  
Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas  
Acadian Vision Associates,  
Lafayette, Louisiana

Nathan J. West  
Austin, TX  
B.A., University of Texas at Austin  
Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas  
Community Eye Clinic, Fort Worth, Texas

Cody Harris Whiddon  
Beckville, TX  
B.S., Baylor University  
Dr. Dwayne Yeager, West  
Monroe, Louisiana  
Bellaire Family Eye Care, Bellaire, Texas

Ryan Nicholas Whinery  
Lowellville, OH  
B.A., Youngstown State University  
Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical  
Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Oak Hill Eye Care, Austin, Texas

Jennifer Marie Wiernas  
Arlington, TX  
B.S., University of Texas at Austin  
Eye Doctor's Office & Eye  
Gallery, Dallas, Texas  
Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas

Bryan Patrick Williams  
Carrollton, TX  
B.S., Texas Tech University  
NSU College of Optometry,  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma  
Community Eye Clinic, Fort Worth, Texas

Aaron Gee Wong  
Kingwood, TX  
B.S., University of Texas at Austin  
Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas  
Lakeline Vision Source, Austin, Texas

Jeffery Brooks Wood, Jr.  
Allen, TX  
B.S., Oklahoma Baptist University  
La Nueva Casa de Amigos,  
Houston, Texas  
UHCO Eye Center in the  
Heights, Houston, Texas

Jeffrey Xue  
Coppell, TX  
B.A., University of Texas at Austin  
Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas  
Eye Doctor's Office & Eye  
Gallery, Dallas, Texas

Ryan Joshua Yeung  
Houston, TX  
B.A., Texas A&M University  
Sharp Eye Consultants,  
San Antonio, Texas  
NSU College of Optometry,  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Esther Sheau Harn Yew  
Victoria, TX  
B.S., University of Texas at Austin  
Diagnostic Eye Center, Houston, Texas  
HOPE Eye Clinic, Houston, Texas

Jimmy Yuan  
Houston, TX  
B.S., University of Houston  
Community Eye Clinic, Fort Worth, Texas  
NSU College of Optometry,  
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Farheen Zaheer  
Houston, TX  
B.S., University of Houston  
HOPE Eye Clinic, Houston, Texas  
UHCO Eye Center in the  
Heights, Houston, Texas

**HONORS**

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

**SUMMA CUM LAUDE – 3.75 TO 4.0**

Gillian Christyn Bentley  
Jonathan Chen  
Melanie Anne Deitch  
Shannon Deitch  
Yasmin Aly El-Hag  
Julie Christine Kells  
Christopher Lopez  
Zahraa Majeed  
Christopher Mathews

Michelle Schwartzburg Mitchell  
Sima Taj Mozdbar  
Kellen Ruth Riccobono  
Huy Huu Tran  
Ashley Lorraine Traylor  
Jennifer Marie Wiernas  
Aaron Gee Wong  
Jeffrey Xue

**MAGNA CUM LAUDE – 3.50 TO 3.74**

Kaleb Sulak Abbott  
Mehwish M. Ali  
Unnati Chotai  
Brian Christopher Hart  
Jolynn T. Hoang  
Heather Swearngen Ihlo  
Jennifer Soo Kim  
Nina Lei Li  
Jayson Marcusen  
Angeline Tu Thu Nguyen

Teresa C. Pham  
Iqra Quddus  
John Raji  
Felicia Dea Satrio  
Peyton Simpson  
Kayla Dominguez Stokes  
Jared Charles Tyhurst  
Xinnan Shannon Wang  
Ryan Nicholas Whinery

## 2018 GOLD KEY INTERNATIONAL OPTOMETRIC HONOR SOCIETY

*Gold Key International Optometric Honor Society recognizes graduating students who demonstrate outstanding professional and ethical attitudes through leadership and service to their class, college, and profession. Membership is limited to no more than 10 percent of the graduating class. The University of Houston College of Optometry chapter of Gold Key was created in 1974.*

Leigh Elizabeth Alexander  
Diana Cristina Catuneanu  
Jonathan Chen

Kimberly Ida Kurtin  
Auzita Sajjadi  
Nathan J. West

Bryan Patrick Williams  
Aaron Gee Wong

## BETA SIGMA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL OPTOMETRIC HONOR SOCIETY GRADUATES

*Beta Sigma Kappa recognizes students who stimulate scientific attainment, academic excellence, and the ethical practice of optometry. Membership is awarded based on scholastic excellence and is calculated per semester.*

Kaleb Sulak Abbott\*  
Ailia Ahmed  
Mehwish M. Ali  
Gillian Christyn Bentley\*  
Seth Bronstein  
Diana Cristina Catuneanu  
Jonathan Chen\*  
Unnati Chotai\*  
Kami Hoi-Yee Choy  
Melanie Anne Deitch\*  
Shannon Deitch\*  
Ashton Lacie Ehlers  
Yasmin Aly El-Hag\*  
Erin Claire Ellisor  
Zinnia Farooq  
Brian Christopher Hart\*  
Jolynn T. Hoang  
Heather Swearengen Ihlo  
Julie Christine Kells\*

Jennifer Soo Kim\*  
Tyler Klein  
Kelsey Kriske-Tillotson  
Nina Lei Li\*  
Christopher Lopez\*  
Zahraa Majeed\*  
Jayson Marcusen\*  
Christopher Mathews\*  
Michelle Schwartzenburg Mitchell\*  
Sima Taj Mozdbar\*  
Joseph Nayfach-Battilana  
Michael Johnathan Nelson  
Angeline Tu Thu Nguyen\*  
Mylan T. Nguyen  
Samantha Nguyen  
Marcus Richard Noyes  
Teresa C. Pham\*  
Rashi Prakash  
Iqra Quddus

John Raji\*  
Kellen Ruth Riccobono\*  
Felicia Dea Satrio\*  
Peyton Simpson  
Kayla Dominguez Stokes  
Jenny Tan  
Tracy Thu Tam Thai  
Huy Huu Tran\*  
Ashley Lorraine Traylor\*  
Jared Charles Tyhurst\*  
Natalie Vu  
Xinnan Shannon Wang\*  
Jenna Lynn Wayne  
Cassandra Ruth Weinberg  
Ryan Nicholas Whinery\*  
Jennifer Marie Wiernas\*  
Aaron Gee Wong\*  
Jeffrey Xue\*  
Esther Sheau Harn Yew

\* membership since Fall 2015



## 2018 Distinguished Alumnus

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Roger Boltz, O.D., Ph.D., F.A.A.O.

Dr. Roger Boltz arrived at the University of Houston in 1966 and entered the Doctor of Optometry program in 1968, completing his O.D. degree in 1972. Following two years of active duty as an optometrist in the U.S. Army, Dr. Boltz entered the graduate program at the University of Houston College of Optometry, graduating with a Ph.D. in Vision Science in 1978. He then joined the faculty as an assistant professor.

During his time as a graduate student and as a faculty member, Dr. Boltz has taught a number of diverse subjects including: neuroanatomy, ocular anatomy, geometric optics, monocular sensory perception, binocular vision, and anterior segment pathology. His main focus however has been in the area of contact lenses, teaching in the classroom, laboratory, and clinic. Although he gave up lecture and laboratory teaching to pursue administrative assignments, he has maintained a clinical presence in the Cornea and Contact Lens area.

As a faculty member, Dr. Boltz held a number of committee and administrative positions. In 1991, he became Associate Dean for Professional Studies. Since then, he has held a number of administrative positions including Chief Financial Officer, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean for Finance and Administration.

Outside the College, Dr. Boltz has held a number of committee appointments. He was elected as Chair of the Graduate and Professional Studies Council four times. He served on the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education for nine years, becoming Chair in 2009.

## Golden Reunion Class of 1968

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The University of Houston College of Optometry's faculty, staff, and students salute the Class of 1968 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of their Commencement.

Stephen Warren Abbott, O.D.\*

Frederick Lee Adkins, O.D.\*

Gary L. Ahlman, O.D.

Thomas H. Ayres, O.D.

Ronald Lee Bateman, O.D.

Jeffrey Lynn Burcham, O.D.\*

Tom Louis Chandler, O.D.

Carl Wayne Childress, O.D.

Richard McKay Conklin, O.D.

Glenn Michael Coullard, O.D.

Randall B. Cox, O.D.

Richard Donald Ebling, O.D.

Preston Donald Ellender, O.D.\*

Milton Fader, O.D.

George E. Foster, O.D.

Phillip Ray Fruge, O.D. \*

Michael J. Fulton, O.D.

Bruce J. Gaddie, O.D.

Herman Winston Kinney, O.D.

Russell H. Lavery, O.D.

John Becnel Leo, O.D.\*

William Ken McCarty, O.D.

Truman McGee, O.D.

Stanley Norman Myers, O.D.\*

Larry Jerome Pirmantgen, O.D.

Ralph H. Schneider, O.D.

Daniel Albert Shea, O.D.

Larry Carl Smith, O.D.

Allen I. Sobel, O.D.

Dean J. Tajima, O.D.\*

Jack U. Thompson, O.D.\*

William Thomas Thornsberry, O.D. \*

James Leigh Thurber, O.D.\*

Robert E. Turner, O.D.\*

Craig C. Wallace, O.D.

Paul Lynn William, O.D.\*

*\*Deceased*

## **Clinical Excellence Specialty Awards**

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### **CORNEA AND CONTACT LENS**

Christopher Lopez

### **DRY EYE CENTER**

Felicia Dea Satrio

### **GOOD-LITE PEDIATRIC OPTOMETRY**

Christopher Lopez

### **LOW VISION**

Daniel Bryce McIntosh

### **MEDICAL EYE SERVICE**

Nina Lei Li

### **PRIMARY CARE**

Bryan Patrick Williams

### **ZELDA SCHIFFMAN NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY**

Daniel Bryce McIntosh  
Darrin C. Shandley

## **Fourth Year Professional Awards**

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### **ALCON LABORATORIES EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Shannon Deitch

### **COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS IN VISION DEVELOPMENT EXCELLENCE IN VISION THERAPY AWARD**

Unnati Chotai

### **THE EBLING AWARD IN MEDICAL CONTACT LENS PATIENT CARE**

Christopher Lopez

### **ESCHENBACH LOW VISION AWARD**

Jennifer Marie Wiernas



**ESSILOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Diana Cristina Catuneanu

**EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Ashton Lacie Ehlers

**EXCELLENCE IN OPTICS AWARD**

Aaron Gee Wong

**WILLIAM FEINBLOOM LOW VISION AWARD**

Cassandra Ruth Weinberg

**GP LENS INSTITUTE CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Shannon Deitch

**JOHNSON & JOHNSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONTACT LENS PATIENT CARE**

Jonathan Chen

**MARCHON EYEWEAR PRACTICE MANAGEMENT AWARD**

Brian Christopher Hart

**METRO OPTICS EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Melanie Anne Deitch

**OCULAR INSTRUMENTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

Sima Taj Mozdbar

**OCUSOFT INC. SCHOLARSHIP**

Auzita Sujjadi

**OFFICE OF OPTOMETRY RELATIONS IMAGE AWARD**

Sandra Rajan

**OPTELEC LOW VISION AWARD**

Katalina Galvan

**OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD**

Michelle Schwartzenburg Mitchell





UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**  
COLLEGE of PHARMACY

**Letter from the Dean**

May 10, 2017

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the University of Houston College of Pharmacy family, I extend a sincere congratulations and best of luck to the college's Class of 2018. You have been exceptional representatives of the College and University. I have no doubt that you will continue to serve as worthy ambassadors for the college by building upon our reputation for excellence.

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

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

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

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

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Lamar Pritchard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

F. Lamar Pritchard, Ph.D.

*Dean, University of Houston College of Pharmacy*

**University of Houston**  
**College of Pharmacy**

**Commencement**

Thursday, May 10, 2018, 9 a.m.

Cullen Performance Hall

<b>CONVOCATION MARSHALS</b>	Elizabeth Coyle <i>Assistant Dean for Assessment</i>
	Louis Williams <i>Associate Professor</i>
<b>GOLDEN COUGARS CLASS OF 1968</b>	xxxxxxxxxxxx
<b>BANNER BEARER</b>	Julie Ference
<b>CANDIDATES</b>	
<b>PLATFORM PARTY</b>	
<b>WELCOME</b>	F. Lamar Pritchard <i>Dean</i>
	Jack Moore <i>Regent, University of Houston Board of Regents</i>
<b>STUDENT RESPONSE</b>	Stephanie Ho
<b>PRESENTATION &amp; HOODING OF PH.D. CANDIDATES</b>	Dean Pritchard
<b>PRESENTATION &amp; HOODING OF M.S. CANDIDATES</b>	Dean Pritchard
<b>RECOGNITION OF HONORS</b>	Andrea J. Smesny <i>Executive Associate Dean</i>
<b>PRESENTATION &amp; HOODING OF PHARM.D. CANDIDATES</b>	Dean Pritchard
<b>RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN COUGAR CLASS OF 1967</b>	Dean Pritchard
<b>OATH OF A PHARMACIST</b>	Andrea J. Smesny <i>Executive Associate Dean</i>
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	

## Oath of a Pharmacist

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

In fulfilling this vow:

*I will* consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

*I will* apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

*I will* respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

*I will* accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

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

*I will* embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

*I will* utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

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

## Spring and Summer 2018

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### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACY LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

Cindy Adibe

Impact of a Pharmacy-led Medication  
History Program in the Emergency  
Center of a Large, Academic Hospital  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kimberly Birtcher

Sunny Bhakta

Evaluating the Impact of a Systematic  
Approach to Optimizing Medication  
Alerts in a Large Health-System  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kevin Garey

Pei Jen Lin

Effect of Best Practice Alerts on Nurses'  
Intention to Perform Medication  
Education: An Application of the  
Theory of Planned Behavior  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Divya Varkey

Marcy L Pilate

Implementation of Outpatient  
Antimicrobial Stewardship Initiatives in a  
Veterans Affairs Academic Medical Center  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kevin Garey

Thomas Cachero Roduta

Impact of Real-Time Prescription Benefit  
Information at Point of Discharge on  
a Provider-Sponsored Health Plan  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. David Wallace

Devlin Victoria Smith

Impact of a Preceptor Bootcamp on  
Confidence and Effectiveness  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Divya Varkey

Andrea Arriaga White

Leveraging Health System Pharmacy  
Operations and Drug Cost Savings  
to Sustain a Remote Clinic  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Julianna Fernandez

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY

Ruta Vijay Sawant

Preventive Behaviors for Cognitive Health  
Maintenance: Understanding the Role  
of Message Framing and Involvement  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sujit Sansgiry

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS

Yu He

Development of Combination Therapies  
of Pazopanib through a PK/PD Approach  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Ming Hu

### DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Nancy Abraham

Shawn Ahmad

Richard Ajumobi

Matt Edrick C. Bactad

Maru Belay Belete

Mayuri Ishvar Bhakta

Asha D. Bhatt

Nhat Amy Bui

Gloria T. Chao

Alyssa Marie A. Chionglo

Lin Yang Chu

Evan Cleaver

Megan Hardwick Cooper

Stephanie J. Dantimo

Taylor Y. Daughtry

Rodrigo Miguel DeLaTorre

Alexis L. DeWalt

Dozie Dike

Devon D. El-Dana

Danielle El-Hallal

Manal Mousa El-Khalil

Julie Renee Ference

Coby Wynns Finger

Casey Nicole Franklin

Noel-Alan Castillo Galang

Sonny Sushil Gandhi

William Giang

Bryan M. Githumbi

Gifty Gyebi

Austin J. Hinkel

Stephanie Tram Ho

Thao Ha Hoang

Dylan Cain Huff

John Tyler Hughes

Uyen Huynh

Grace Seonhae Hwang

Jeffrey Garces Ibarguen

Yae Im

Shifatul Islam

Micheal Ghassan Janho

Diana John

Chelsea Lynn Jose

Adrianna Elizabeth Jurado

Joel David Kanter

Rebecca Pratt Kessinger

Sepideh Khaef

Amy Marie Kiley

Chi Yen Kish

Natalie A. Kobersi

Min Jin Koh

Thushara Thomas Korattyil

Binh Le

Clover Thao Le

Thanh Phuong M. Le

Jaekyu Lee

Jake Ming Li

Ashley M. Long

April De Lu

Shawna M. Lucht

Megha Makanji

Salima Mawji

Felicia Rena Merchant

Anthony J. Mondragon

Margeaux Gabrielle Montana

Salima Mansur Nathoo

Edwin Ng

Victor Jaquez Ngo

Yen Phuong Hoang Ngo

Anh Nguyen

**Candidates for Graduation**

Christy Hong-Anh Thuy Nguyen  
Jenny Camvan Nguyen  
Jim D. Nguyen  
Nathan Thang Nguyen  
Nicole Nguyen  
Teri Que Tran Nguyen  
Tien Nguyen  
Tien Thi Thuy Nguyen  
Brian Ikechukwu Nwokorie  
Ifeoma Okonkwo  
Joseph Domondon Ortiz-Luis  
Daeun Park  
Jongho Park  
Reena J. Patel  
Leila Petok  
Michelle M. Pham  
Stephanie Minna Pham  
Lauren M. Puckett  
Lena Motaz Rakouki

Dora Delia Rodriguez  
Ismael Rodriguez, Jr.  
Bincy Mary Sabu  
David E. Salinas  
Carolyn Mary Cornelia Schardt  
Cody Snyder  
Bolanle Soyombo  
Laura F. Stimpson  
Rob Suddhi  
Allison R. Swick  
Hiresh H. Tailor  
Steven Tang  
Natasha A. Thaliachery  
Lauren Tolat  
Thao T. Tran  
Thomas Tran  
Amanda K. Trieu  
Luna Truong  
Casey Vauters

Rana Vazirnezami  
Julie Vu  
Elise Marie Waldron-Young  
George Nian Kae Wang  
Katrina Marie Watson  
Na Youn Won  
Jennifer Tseng Yarbrough  
Bajes Murshed Zayed  
Andrei Zidaru

**PHARMACY CERTIFICATE  
IN HISPANIC HEALTHCARE**

Shawn Ahmad  
Grace Hwang  
Jeffrey Ibarguen  
Jaekyu Lee  
Megha Makanji  
Dora Roderiguz

## Fall 2017

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY

Anthony Colavecchia

Effectiveness and Safety of Four-Factor  
Prothrombin Complex and Fresh  
Frozen Plasma in Cardiac Surgery

ADVISOR: Dr. Rajender R. Aparasu

Manvi Sharma

The Concomitant Use of Tyrosine  
Kinase Inhibitors and Proton Pump  
Inhibitors: Prevalence, Predictors and  
Impact on Survival and Discontinuation  
of Therapy in Older Adults with Cancer.

ADVISOR: Michael Johnson

Sneha Sura

Optimizing Antipsychotic  
Use across Nursing Homes:  
Implications for Dementia Care

ADVISOR: Dr. Rajender R. Aparasu

Xin Wang

Medication Adherence to  
Antihypertensive Combination Therapy

ADVISOR: Dr. Hua Chen

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACOLOGY

Radhika Joshi

Determining the Effects and Signaling  
Properties of  $\beta$ -Blockers in House Dust  
Mite-Driven Murine Models of Asthma

ADVISOR: Dr. Richard Bond

Hesong Liu

Behavioral, Cognitive, and Biochemical  
Consequences of Early Life Stress in Later  
Life: Insights from an Animal Model

ADVISOR: Dr. Samina Salim

Santosh Suryavanshi

Mechanistic Role of Human  
mAKAP Polymorphisms in  
Cardiovascular Diseases

ADVISOR: Dr. Bradley McConnell

Ankita Salvi

Behavioral and Biochemical  
Consequences of Simulated Vehicle  
Exhaust Exposure in Rats

ADVISOR: Dr. Samina Salim

### DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

James Aniebiet

## Summer 2017

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY

Pratik Rane

Safety Effects of Proton Pump Inhibitors  
among community dwelling adults with  
Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease

ADVISOR: Dr. Rajender Aparasu

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS

Pankajini Mallick

Molecular Mechanisms of Irinotecan  
hepatotoxicity and drug-drug interaction

ADVISOR: Dr. Romi Ghose

Hironari Akasaka

Molecular and Cellular  
Mechanisms of Inflammatory  
Prostaglandin E2 Biosynthesis

ADVISOR: Dr. Ke-He Ruan

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACOLOGY

Luis Alberto Martinez

Effects of Regulating Hyperactive Rac1 in  
a Mouse Model of Fragile X Syndrome

ADVISOR: Dr. Maria V. Tejada-Simon

Naimesh Natawarlal Solanki

Role of oxidative stress in behavioral,  
cognitive and biochemical impairment  
in a rat model of social stress

ADVISOR: Dr. Samina Salim

## Spring 2017

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS

Gadgil Sanjay Prajakta

Lazaroid Formulations for Brain Delivery:  
Development of Nanostructured  
Lipid Carriers, Optimization, and  
Pharmacokinetic Evaluation

ADVISOR: Dr. Diana Shu-Lian Chow

Daping Zhang

Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics  
of Mycophenolic Acid in Pediatric  
and Adult Hematopoietic Stem  
Cell Transplantation Patients

ADVISOR: Dr. Diana Shu-Lian Chow



Pharmacy Honor and Leadership Societies

## Rho Chi



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

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

### Rho Chi Graduating Members

Megan Cooper  
Rodrigo DeLaTorre  
Julie Ference  
Austin Hinkel  
Uyen Huynh  
Yae Jin Im  
Micheal Janho  
Chelsea Jose  
Rebecca Kessinger

Amy Kiley  
Ashley Long  
Tien Nguyen  
Teri Nguyen  
Jongho Park  
Leila Petok  
Lauren Puckett  
Anum Shaikh  
Rob Suddhi

Ruta Sawant  
Lauren Tolat  
Thao Tran  
Casey Vauters  
Rana Vazirnezami  
George Wang  
Jennifer Yarbrough  
Andrei Zidaru

## Phi Lambda Sigma



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

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

### Phi Lambda Sigma Graduating Members

Shawn Ahmad  
Rodrigo De La Torre  
Alexis DeWalt  
Dozie Dike  
Manal El-Khalil  
Gifty Gyebi

Stephanie Ho  
Grace Hwang  
Jeffrey Ibarguen  
Shutian Kathy Ju  
Jaekyu Lee  
Edwin Ng

Lauren Puckett  
Lena Rakouki  
Bolanle Soyombo  
Katrina Watson

## 2018 Awards

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### DEANS AWARDS

#### Dean Joseph P. Buckley Pharmacy Leadership

Rodrigo DeLaTorre  
Rebecca Kessinger  
Thao Tran

#### Royal Society of Chemistry Certificate of Excellence

Elise Waldron  
Lilly Achievement  
Julie Ference

### PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY AWARDS

#### Graduate Student Excellence

Recipient to be announced

### PHARMACY PRACTICE AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH AWARDS

#### Health Systems Pharmacy of the Year

Methodist Charlton

#### Hospital Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year

Lori Krustchinsky, Pharm.D.

#### Institutional Patient Care Preceptor of the Year

Mai Tran, Pharm.D, BCPS

#### Faculty Preceptor of the Year

Austin De La Cruz

#### Hospital Pharmacy Internship

Lauren Puckett  
Hiresh Tailor  
Andre Zidaru

#### Ambulatory Care Preceptor of the Year

Jodie Gee, PharmD,

#### Community Preceptor

Amer Hakam

#### James McCarty Community Pharmacy Internship

Asha Bhatt  
Leila Petok

Coby Finger

#### Mylan Pharmaceutical Excellence in Pharmacy

Rodrigo DeLaTorre

#### Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition

Joel Kanter

#### Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication Sponsored by Facts & Comparisons® and Lexicomp® brands of Wolters Kluwer Health

Devon El-Dana

#### Special Recognition Award for Excellence in Clinical Skills

Austin Hinkel  
Grace Hwang

#### ASHP Health System Pharmacy

Manal El-Khalil

#### Ambulatory Care

Rebecca Kessinger

#### RX Cougar Leadership

Gifty Gyebi  
Amy Kiley  
Noel Galang

#### PLS Student Leadership Award

Gifty Gyebi

#### PLS Faculty Leadership Award

Divya Varkey, Pharm D.

#### Most Spirited Volunteer and Leadership Award

Richard Ajumobi  
Bajes Zayed  
Dozie Dike

#### Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research Excellence

Stephanie Pham

#### APhA-ASP Service Recognition

Katrina Watson

**Communication and Counseling Award**

Dylan Huff  
Lauren Puckett

**Award of Excellence in Non-Prescription  
Medications and Self Care**

Luna Truong

**Pharmacy Legislative and Policy Award**

Shawn Ahmad

**Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical  
Science Awards**

**Outstanding Academic Achievement  
in P1 Courses**

Recipient to be announced

**Outstanding Academic Achievement  
in P2 Courses**

Recipient to be announced

## College of Pharmacy Coat of Arms

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The College of Pharmacy Coat of Arms was designed by student, Gia Castorina, Class of 2015. It displays the values of professionalism, expertise, and involvement in the pharmacy community. Traditionally, the coat of arms represents the history and values of a school but Gia has incorporated not only the history, but also our future as a leader in pharmacy.



### Symbolism for the Elements Compiling the UHCOP Coat of Arms

**Open book:** Symbolizes manifestation; exemplifies abstract ideas, theories, and scholarship. This pays tribute to the hard work of the student body and their “life-long” learning in the field of pharmacy.

**Mortar and pestle:** A symbol of pharmacy due to historical use in preparing medicines. This signifies our mission statement of exhibiting the ideals of pharmacy professionalism.

**Scales:** Represents justice; a pharmacist seeks justice in the distribution of health resources. The scales also serve as a reminder that as pharmacists we must always show ethical behavior. We must weigh out difficult decisions and make challenging judgement calls.

**Bowl of Hygeia:** Another symbol of pharmacy. In Greek mythology, Hygeia was the daughter and assistant of Aesculapius (sometimes spelled Asklepios), the god of medicine and healing. Hygeia’s classical symbol was a bowl containing a medicinal potion with the serpent of wisdom (or guardianship) partaking it. This is the same serpent of wisdom, which appears on the caduceus, the staff of Aesculapius, which is the symbol of medicine.

**College of Pharmacy Founding:** the year the college was founded “est. 1946” is inscribed in the banner.



UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**  
GRADUATE COLLEGE of SOCIAL WORK

**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Social Work Graduates:

Congratulations on your graduation today from the faculty and staff at the Graduate College of Social Work. This celebration marks the end of at least two years of hard work and the beginning of a career in one of the most honorable professions in the world. We would be remiss if we failed to acknowledge not only your accomplishments, but also the support of your family, significant others, and classmates who have helped along the way. And of course, I hope the encouragement and counsel of our incredible faculty and staff have also contributed to your success.

Your motivation and perseverance to complete this degree have prepared you to be of service to those who are in need. I hope that you also will use your knowledge and skills to address the social, racial, economic, and political injustices that exist in our society and around the world. Now more than ever, social workers are needed to confront these injustices and to create a society where justice is no longer an aspiration, but a reality.

I, along with the faculty and staff of the Graduate College of Social Work, wish you every success in the coming years and we look forward to your continued involvement with our College and with our Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association. We honor you today on your achievement and hope that your future is enriched through a successful and significant social work career.

Sincerely,

Alan J. Dettlaff, Ph.D., MSW  
*Dean and Maconda Brown O'Connor Endowed Dean's Chair*

**University of Houston**  
**Graduate College of Social Work**

**Commencement**

Thursday, May 11, 2017, 2 p.m.  
Cullen Performance Hall

**OPENING PROCESSION**

**WELCOME** Alan Dettlaff, Ph.D.  
*Dean*  
*Maconda Brown O' Connor Endowed Dean's Chair*

**AWARDS** Alesandra Lozano  
*GCSW Student Association Award Presenter*

**SPEAKER** Amanda Edwards  
*Houston City Council Member, At-Large Position 4*

**PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES** Sheara Williams-Jennings, Ph.D.

**HOODING OF PH.D. CANDIDATES** Dissertation Advisors

**PRESENTATION OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES** Dean Dettlaff

**CANDIDATE NAMES READ BY** Robin Gearing, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*

**HOODING OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES** Aabha Brown, LMSW  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*

**CLOSING REMARKS** Dean Dettlaff

**RECESSIONAL**

## Spring 2018

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Rebecca Mauldin

The Dynamics of Social Networks and Health in an Assisted Living Facility

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:**

W. Andrew Achenbaum, Ph.D. and Sarah C. Narendorf, MSW, Ph.D.

Xin Chen

Switching between two languages: Influences on personality adjustment and acculturation among nonnative English speakers from mainland and China

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE Chair:** Monit Cheung, MA, MSW, Ph.D.

Christine R. Bakos-Block

Knowledge of Social Work Roles on Interdisciplinary Primary Care Teams: A Mixed Methods Study

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE Chair:**

Susan Robbins, MSW, Ph.D.

Rhonda G. Patrick

Health, Wellness, and Quality of Life Satisfaction Among Persons Receiving Methadone Medication Assisted Addiction Treatment

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE Chair:**

Susan Robbins, MSW, Ph.D.

Kathleen D. Putnam

Behavioral Health Risk Assessment and Estimation: Validating an Integrated, Multi-Risk Factor approach aided by Technology

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE Chair:**

Patrick Leung, MA, MSW, Ph.D.

Liza Barros Lane

Banking on the American Dream: A quantitative study of determinants of Latino immigrant's bank account ownership

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE Chair:**

Susan Robbins, MSW, Ph.D.

Kit Ying Ma

Reintegration into Civilian Life among Returning Veterans: The Roles of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Stressor Exposure

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE Chair:**

Monit Cheung, MA, MSW, Ph.D.

## Fall 2017

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### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Claudia Aguilar

Robin Aleman

Shajuan Alexander

Tyler Anderson

Chante Bacon

Shanita Barnes

Kathryn Barrackman

Elizabeth Bowen

Jessica Childs

Melissa Cornett

Alicia Dominy

Trang-Thu Duong

Krystle Durrett

Rylan Flugence

Terran Fontenot

Jennifer Gonzalez

Vanessa Garcia

Nancy George

Andrea Gregg

Russell Hernandez

Madelyn Hogue

Katherine Kirages

Jessica Lamb

Angela Mason

Carsen McFarland

Mary Meier

Elsa Mendoza

Terracia Moody

Lok Yi Ngai

Heather Norcross

Jenna Norton

Valeria Olmedo

Ashley Patterson

Erika Peña

Rachel Peterson

Melissa Ramsey

Arlette Rangel

Stephanie Reed-Adams

Monica Rodriguez

Joceline Rodriguez Alfaro

Katie Smiley

Carol Staten

Alexis Tanner

Preethi Thomas

Kaitlyn Thompson

Karlye Tolley

Cynthia Varela

Sheila Wainwright

Kbreaun Watkins

Debrilya Williams

Krishonta Wilson

Jaquelyn Wright

Gregory Yarbrough II

Ashley Young

Candidates for Graduation

**Spring and Summer 2018**

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**MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

Dorothy Achinte  
Serena Ahmed  
Amna Ahmed  
Aloura Alcantar  
Sean Alexander  
Questella Alfred  
Miranda Allen  
Joanna Almanza  
Laura Alvarez  
Justin Anderson  
Giselle Andujar  
Marcy Antiuk  
Joshua Anzaldua  
Abby Archer  
Griselda Barrera  
Keyona Barrett  
LaZena Barrett  
Aisha Bartholomew  
Trevon Bennett  
Carina Bertrand  
Briana Blacknell  
Amy Blount  
Tad Bodeman  
Bria Bonnette  
Chasity Brantley  
Karen Bryant  
Haley Canada  
Justin Cannon  
Leigh Castro  
Cora Christiaans  
Sarah Clark  
Priscilla Coleman  
Jessica Collins  
Heather Comer  
Catherine Comiskey  
Wendy Cooper  
Audera Cox  
Queen Dash  
Faith Davenport  
Melissa Davila  
Cora Davis  
Luis De La Rosa

Nicole Duarte  
Kendra Dzingle  
Shima Eidi  
Andrea Elizondo  
Laura Espinoza  
Lauren Ewing  
Michelle Fernandez  
Juan Flores  
Miguel Flores  
Rachel Frantz  
Matthew Gaines  
Andrea Garza  
Katelyn Gilchrist  
Jodie Gonzales  
Sirea Gordon  
Lorayne Gothard  
Crystal Groenenstein  
Meagan Gross  
Linda Grove  
Samantha Gummelt Ware  
Chenelle Hammonds  
Amber Hans  
Morgan Hawkins  
Lauren Haynes  
Samantha Heinly  
Quinshea Hensley  
Maira Herrera  
Lauren Hickland  
Tessa Holmes  
Kristin Holt  
Veda Houston  
Berenice Huerta  
Daniel Huvad  
Lacy Iakovakis  
Chioma Iheatru  
Erika Infante  
Ka Yan Ip  
Rossana Ishee  
Katelan Janik  
Catherine Jarrel  
Monique Johnson  
Cristen Jones  
LaShauna Jones-Talley  
Gayatri Joshi

Song Kim  
Courtney Kinkaid  
Anne King  
Kaycee Kube  
Kayla Laywell  
Ashley Leathers  
Ana Lehrhaupt  
Joseph Lenhoff  
Margarita Lerma  
Dana Levy  
Hoi Him Lo  
Samantha Lopez  
Bianca Major  
Olivia Marshall  
Katie Martinez  
Katie McCormick  
Kylie McNaught  
Stephanie Miller  
Katherine Miner  
Sandra Mireles  
Anastasia Moen  
Mariah Morgan  
Rubi Morgan  
Brittany Murphy  
Sandra Musielewicz  
Ashley Neubarer  
Metrena Newsome  
Jonathan Nguy  
Michelle Nosrat  
Sarah O'Connell  
Reyna Olivares  
Lindamarie Olson  
Nalyolis Palomo Garcia  
Tiffany Pham  
Jason Polo  
Thalia Puente  
Taylor Rayner Wohrley  
David Reynolds  
Amanda Rhodes  
Aundra(Burks-Rhodes  
Cristian Rideaux  
Briana Riley  
Alyssa Robeson  
Piccola Robinson



**University of Houston**  
**Graduate College of Social Work**

**Candidates for Graduation**

Amanda Rocha  
Roxann Rodriguez  
Richard Roe  
Daisy Ruiz  
Brooklyn Sanders  
Rebecca Scheer  
Jonathan Schubert  
Quantina Scott  
Mary Frances Secret  
Mia Sepulveda  
Erica Sharp  
Suzanna Sheldon

Sarahi Silva  
Caitlin Simpson  
Shawn Slobe  
Alexander Steffler  
Morgan Stokes  
Jessica Suarez  
Megan Taylor  
Christen Thomas  
Layla Torres  
Rebecca Trevino  
Shay Ugoh  
Hilda Veils

Thomas Verm  
Nancy Vincent  
Phong Vo  
Kathleen Wallace  
Simone Warner  
Veronica Welch  
Shanquela Williams  
Alicia Williams  
Mallory Williams  
Steven Wright

**AGENCIES FOR GERONTOLOGY INTERCULTURAL FIELD TRAINING FELLOWSHIP (AGIFT)**

Marcy Antiuk

Melissa Ramsey

**AUSTIN LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

Serena Ahmed

Chenelle Hammonds

Melisa Davila

Kate Kirages

Mimi Duong

Kylie McNaught

Andrea Elizondo

Elsa Mendoza

**BARBARA AND ERNEST HENLEY ENDOWMENT FOR FAMILY HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP**

Juan Flores

Susan Loreda

**C.F. REIBENSTEIN ENDOWMENT FOR SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION**

Katherine Griffin

Monique Johnson

Metrena Newsome

**CHERYL LYNN VETTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Tad Bodeman

**CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION PROJECT STIPEND (CWEP)**

Erika Estey

Staphanie Miller

**DEAN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

Abby Archer

Kylie McNaught

Keyona Barrett

Brittany Murphy

Trevon Bennet

Metrena Newsome

Ivy Dolt

Briana Riley

Shima Esdi

Morgan Stokes

Matthew Gaines

Shay Ugoh

Chenelle Hammonds

Simone Warner

Lauren Hickland

Shanquela Williams

**DR. BARBARA G. (BOBBI) & MR. J. VICTOR (VIC) SAMUELS  
DEAN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

Trevon Bennett

Alyssa Robeson

Kayla Laywell

**DUDDLESTEN SCHOLARSHIP**

Serena Ahmed

**GEORGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Giselle Andujar  
Betsabeth Beyk

Elisa Flynn

**GERSON DAVID GERONTOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Rachel Frantz

**GLOBE YOUTH: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS STIPEND**

Joanna Almanza  
Keyona Barrett  
Aisha Bartholomew  
Trevon Bennett  
Carina Bertrand  
Amy Blount  
Bria Bonnette  
Crystal Catalina  
Queen Dash

Nicole Duarte  
Miguel Flores  
Sirea Gordon  
Katelan Janik  
Reyna Olivares  
Tiffany Pham  
Caitlin Simpson  
Jessica Suarez

**HAMILL FOUNDATION HOUSTON SCHOLARSHIP**

Tyler Anderson  
Serena Ahmed  
Bria Bonnette  
Sarah Clark  
Catherine Comiskey  
Andrea Elizando  
Russell Hernandez  
Lauren Hickland  
Kaycee Kube

Chioma Iheatru  
Hoi Him Lo  
Stephanie miller  
Ashley Neubarer  
Lindamarie Olson  
Tiffany Pham  
Shawn Slobe  
Veronica Welch  
Alicia Williams

**HOGG FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Justin Anderson

**IRA C. COLBY SCHOLARSHIP**

Carsen McFarland

**ISLA CARROLL TURNER FRIENDSHIP TRUST SCHOLARSHIP**

Karen Bryant

**ISLA CARROLL TURNER FRIENDSHIP TRUST SCHOLARSHIP**

Karen Bryant  
Sirea Gordon  
Crystal Groenenstein  
Anastasia Moen

Ashley Neubauer  
Roxann Rodriguez  
Jessica Suarez  
Alicia Williams

**LAM SCHOLARSHIP**

Ka Yan Ip

**LINDA K. MAY SCHOLARSHIP**

Cora Christiaans

**MAGNER SCHOLARSHIP**

Andrea Elizondo

**MARJORIE L. AND ROBERT R. JENKINS SCHOLARSHIP**

Melissa Ramsey

**MEHTA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Catherine Comiskey  
Ka Yan Ip  
Hoi Him Lo  
Stephanie Miller

Lok Yi Anthy Ngai  
Brooklyn Sanders  
Alicia Williams

**PARHAM SCHOLARSHIP**

Cora Davis

**R. J. DEBOTTIS SCHOLARSHIP**

Cora Davis  
Rachel Frantz

Ashley Patterson  
Melissa Ramsey

**RUTHMARY ANDERSON DURHAM GOLDMAN SCHOLARSHIP**

Tyler Anderson

Brett Seamans

**SANDRA A. LOPEZ SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL PRACTICE**

Samantha Lopez

**HINE SCHOLARSHIP**

Aloura Alcantar  
Questella Alfred  
Aisha Bartholomew  
Jessica Collins  
Melissa Cornett  
Audera Cox  
Queen Dash  
Kendra Dzingle  
Michelle Fernandez  
Juan Flores  
Miguel Flores  
Rylan Flugence  
Terran Fontenot

Berenice Huerta  
Rossana Ishee  
Anne King  
Terracia Moody  
Ashley Patterson  
Thalia Puente  
Mary Frances Secrest  
Morgan Taylor  
Preethi Thomas  
Kbreun Watkins  
Shanquela Williams  
Katie Yarbro

**SIMMONS SCHOLARSHIP**

Ana Lehrhaupt  
Sandra Bautista Lopez

Joceline Rodriguez Alfaro

**VETTER SCHOLARSHIP**

Tad Bodeman

**VICKI TIDWELL PALMER FELLOWSHIP**

Naiyolis Palomo Garcia

**WAYNE B. DUDDLESTEN, SR. SCHOLARSHIP**

Constance Dixon  
Piccola Robinson

Cristian Rideaux

## Awards

### **BARBARA JORDAN UNITY AWARD**

This award is in the name of the first black woman elected to the Texas Senate and the first W. S. Representative for Houston's 18th District, known for her tenacity and perseverance. The recipient of this award is a part-time or Advanced Standing student who has demonstrated discipline, determination, and a high standard of excellence.

### **THE JANE ADDAMS AWARD**

This award is named for one of the Social Work profession's founders and examples of conviction put into practice. This award is given to the student who best demonstrates service to the GCSW, professionalism, scholastic achievement, leadership, and the ability to establish and maintain faculty-student support and rapport.

### **MAHATMA GANDHI PEACE AWARD**

Gandhi provides the inspiration for the GCSW's un-official motto, "We must become the change we want to see," and this award is given to the student who most exemplifies the power of this principle. This student is innovative in leadership style, thought, and character and is known as someone who embodies the change they work to achieve.

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD**

This award is named for one of society's greatest contemporary examples of advocacy, empowerment, and the championing of social justice and is given to the student who embodies these same principles. As a leader, this award recipient has shown the power to cooperatively determine goals and unite others behind their causes.

### **MARY RICHMOND AWARD**

This award is given in honor of one of the Social Work profession's community practice pioneers. The student who receives this award has performed exceptional community service beyond employment or field practicum. Additionally, the recipient of this award represents the epitome of social work values and ethics and supports a traditional casework philosophy.

### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND CHANGE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE FACULTY AWARD**

This faculty has demonstrated dedication to building a movement of vulnerable population by working with the people to effect change. Through education, this faculty has engaged students and inspired commitment and action to attain social justice.

### **OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD**

This award was initiated by the Student Association to honor and recognize a member of the GCSW faculty who demonstrates exceptional class performance, supportive student interaction, professional role modeling, and advocacy on behalf of students. The faculty member chosen for this award will have the honor of placing Master's degree hoods on candidates for graduation at today's ceremony.

### **OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD**

This award is given to honor a staff member who has provided outstanding friendship and support to students throughout the academic year. Although this person may not have instructional interaction with students, he/she is chosen based on their commitment to the GCSW and the promulgation of social work education, values, and ethics.

### **HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

This award is given to an individual from the community that exemplifies social work through their dedication and efforts to promote social justice and equality. This community leader embodies the core components of social work by promoting the well-being of individuals and communities through social change and honors people's right to self-determination.



# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## COLLEGE of TECHNOLOGY

### Letter from the Dean

Dear Graduate:

Many congratulations to you on your graduation from the University of Houston College of Technology. This is an outstanding achievement and one which you, and your families, will be justifiably proud.

But make no mistake, this is just the start of a lifelong process of learning as you continue to develop in your chosen careers – careers which will have a direct impact on the nation’s economy, and the standard of living of people worldwide. What we – YOU – will be doing will have an impact that goes beyond those around you...and it will continue to excite and interest you throughout your career.

The faculty and staff in the College of Technology are proud of who you are, and enjoyed the time you spent with us. We hope that you will stay in touch with us personally, and also through the Alumni Association – we need your feedback as our alums about new opportunities and how we may better serve you as you advance in your careers.

Above all we hope that you will look back with pride at your time here in the College of Technology and say “That’s MY College”.

Congratulations – may your achievements in life be many and fulfilling.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Anthony P. Ambler". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Anthony P. Ambler, Ph.D.  
*Dean*

**University of Houston**  
**College of Technology**

**Commencement Ceremony**

Thursday, May 10, 2018, 2 p.m.

NRG Stadium

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Moore School of Music Brass Quintet Honorary Grand Marshal & Associate Marshals College Banner Bearers Assistant Marshals Faculty Candidates for Graduation Platform Party
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS</b>	Yates High School JROTC Color Guard
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moore School of Music Soloist
<b>WELCOME</b>	Jonathan P. Schwartz, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean of Graduate Studies College of Education</i>
<b>INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY AND OPENING ADDRESS</b>	Anthony P. Ambler, Ph.D. <i>Dean &amp; Professor College of Technology</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Heidar Malki, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean of Academic Affairs College of Technology</i>
<b>DOCTORAL CANDIDATES</b>	Robert McPherson, Ph.D. <i>Dean &amp; Professor Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair College of Education</i>
<b>MASTERS CANDIDATES</b>	Jonathan P. Schwartz, Ph.D.
<b>BACHELORS CANDIDATES</b>	Anthony P. Ambler, Ph.D.
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	Robert McPherson, Ph.D.



## Spring 2018

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### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### Construction Management Department

##### *Construction Management*

Aman Agrawal  
Dwight D. Beadle  
Likhitha Boyina  
Michael Melvin Castillo  
Marcelo Del Rey Stuani  
Surya Anuradha Garimella  
Allie Devlin Jones  
Stanley Patrick McVay  
Isaiah Steven Mora  
Mark Cullom Shepard  
Raymond Vinson Stepp  
Het Uday Tejani

##### *Supply Chain and Logistics Technology*

Abimbola Zainab Babayale  
Elizabeth Andrea Catata Nina  
Sayeem Fidvi  
Sissy Pamela Norman Carcamo de  
Sabillon

##### *Technology Project Management*

Ayomide Adelaja  
Ansupa Dash  
Lee Omar Flores  
Anagha Ashok Jadhav  
Uchenna J. Obianyimu  
Supriya Rohit Shinde

#### Engineering Technology Department

##### *Engineering Technology*

Lotanna Odera Afugbuom  
Bharat Agrawal  
Hector J. Bonilla  
Sahilkumar Chakraborty  
Bradford M. Day  
Annette Christine Frenk Oquendo  
Sudarshan Gururaj

Suraj Yuvraj Jadhav  
Neilda Pearly Catherine Jesudass  
Franklin  
Nima Mirzaeian  
Sukanti Nayak  
Olamide Ayokunmi Oladosu  
Jonathan Walwyn Perry  
Santhanakrishnan Raghunandan  
Mudit Mohan Singh  
Siem Mussie Weldelessie

#### Human Development and Consumer Sciences Department

##### *Foresight*

Kimberly Renee Daniels  
Stephen E. Layman  
Yasamina Pearl McBride  
Timothy Neil Morgan  
Justin Richard Ochs  
Ciara Anne O'Connell  
Daniel Jean Pierre Riveong  
Rachel Ann Young

##### *Global Retailing*

Meghan Jania Allen  
D'Juan Marques Hines  
Whitney Lanette Hopkins  
Celeste Perez  
Veronica Quiroga  
Cierra Sterling  
Kristen Lynn Whitcomb

##### *Human Resource Development*

Shonali Chander  
Fakeha Sajal Khokhar  
Nick L. Lebrun  
Brittany Morgan McClure  
Shironda Lausha White

#### Information and Logistics Technology Department

*Information Systems Security*  
Afnan Abdullah M. Alabdulatif

Narendira Kumar Anaimalai Madhavan  
Arjun Bhardwaj  
Pablo Delgado  
Venu Gopal Gadiparthi  
Utkarsh Jain  
Deepti Mathur  
Pranav Narain  
Omer Ofleh  
Srija Puchala  
FNU Qurat Ul Ann  
Kanagavel Ravindran  
Vikramjeet Singh Sarai  
Shaun Erik Tavitiki  
Boyan Xie  
Barry Hoi-Him Yim

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### Construction Management Department

##### *Construction Management*

Bader Jalal F. Alfalhi  
Alexander W. Amenson  
Wendy Arias <sup>2</sup>  
Brianna L. Armstrong <sup>2</sup>  
Mario E. Arriaga Lopez  
Matussala Tadele Asmelash  
Matthew Ryan Bartel <sup>1</sup>  
Matt Beringer  
Lukas Anthony Bielecki <sup>3</sup>  
Cameron Breland  
Joaquin Fernando Buitrago Romero  
Kyle J. Burke  
Jonathan Alfredo Chavarria  
Daniel Contreras  
Joshua Del Bosque  
Pedro Aaron Diaz  
Lizbeth Elizondo  
Sean Conner Ellison <sup>2</sup>  
Elizabeth Esquivel <sup>3</sup>  
Thomas Andrew Fobair  
David F. Franklin

<sup>1</sup> Summa Cum Laude - <sup>2</sup> Magna Cum Laude - <sup>3</sup> Cum Laude - <sup>4</sup> College Banner Bearer

Candidates for Graduation

Jonathan Michael Fuller <sup>3</sup>  
Alexis Gallardo  
Richard Frank Gannon  
Jose Guadalupe Gonzales <sup>3</sup>  
Laurie Diana Gregory  
Douglas Guevara  
Ryan Patrick Halvorson <sup>1</sup>  
Adrian Hernandez <sup>3</sup>  
Kirby James Holt <sup>2</sup>  
Maria Adriana Jardon  
Jonathan Jimenez <sup>2</sup>  
Donald Warren Johnson <sup>3</sup>  
Jonathon Daniel Karsten  
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# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

THE HONORS COLLEGE

## Letter from the Dean

Salutations and congratulations!

We have reached many milestones on our brief journey together.

Four years ago, just under 300 undergraduates completed their degrees with an Honors designation. Tonight we celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments of nearly 450 graduates, an increase of over 50%.

Your participation in Honors College minors—Leadership Studies, Energy & Sustainability, Medicine & Society, Phronesis, and Creative Work—set new records as well. Last year, nearly 850 students had declared an Honors College minor, an increase of 75% since you arrived on campus. Participation in undergraduate research, already impressive and strong, has grown by nearly 30% since you arrived, and the number of major award finalists and recipients has more than tripled.

In 2016, several of you joined our inaugural Phi Beta Kappa class, and still more were inducted in 2017 and this spring, taking part in a historic milestone at the University of Houston as we welcomed the Mu of Texas Chapter of the oldest and most prestigious honor society in America. And when the Honors College was named one of the top 10 public honors programs in the country, you were there, enhancing the value of your degree as an active participant in your own education. Your pursuit of academic and co-curricular opportunities has been remarkable, significantly changing the profile of the Honors College and the University while transforming yourselves.

While your UH and Honors education has opened the door for you to medical school, law school, graduate school, and internships and employment around the country, its effects will last much longer than the next few years. By serving the Houston community with the Bonner Leaders and UH CARES after Hurricane Harvey, or practicing for a career on the world political stage with a Model G20 simulation in Washington or an international Model Arab League in Cairo, or volunteering at a medical clinic in Honduras, you have been working toward more than a job, more than a degree. You have acquired knowledge that cannot be unlearned and experiences that can never be taken away.

Your education at the University of Houston is timeless, an all-important chapter of an evolving life script that only you can write. The resilience you have shown as an undergraduate, paired with the strategies you have learned over the past four years, have equipped you to handle the challenges that will surely come your way. You have proved yourself ready to follow your best path, and one day soon, to lead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

William Monroe  
*Dean*

**University of Houston**

**The Honors College**

**Commencement**

Friday, May 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

The Houstonian Hotel, Club, & Spa

<b>RECEPTION</b>	Foyer of the Grande Ballroom
<b>WELCOME</b>	William Monroe
<b>GREETINGS</b>	Paula Myrick Short
<b>ARETÉ AWARDS</b>	Brenda Rhoden
<b>STUDENT GOVERNING BOARD AWARDS</b>	Monica Marin
<b>DINNER</b>	The Grande Ballroom
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES</b>	William Monroe Paula Myrick Short Stuart Long Brenda Rhoden Karen Weber
<b>SENIOR HONORS THESIS AWARDS</b>	Stuart Long Karen Weber
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	William Monroe



## University Honors with Honors in Major

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Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (<sup>36</sup> 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.

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Hadiqa A. Memon  
Finance  
The Role of Acceptance when  
Implementing Innovation in Hospitals  
**THESIS DIRECTOR:** Elizabeth  
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### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Serrae Reed  
Mechanical Engineering  
Ohmic Contacts and Schottky  
Barriers for Thin Film Gallium  
Arsenide Photovoltaics  
**THESIS DIRECTOR:** Venkat Selvamanickam

Chandika Silva  
Computer Engineering  
A Study on Obstacle and  
Collision Avoidance Algorithms  
on Mobile Wheeled Robots for  
the NASA Swarmathon  
**THESIS DIRECTOR:** Aaron T. Becker

Chathuri N. Wickramaratne  
Chemical Engineering  
Confocal Laser Fluorescence Microscopy  
to Measure Oil Concentration  
in Treated Produced Water  
**THESIS DIRECTOR:** Hanadi S. Rifai

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Erika Thalia Ascencio  
Psychology  
Age of Second Language Acquisition and  
Gyrification: An Observational Study  
**THESIS DIRECTOR:** Arturo E. Hernandez

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English-Literature  
Tales From the Dark Side: An  
Introduction to FanFiction and a  
Case Study of Tangled Destinies  
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Malik Chambers  
History  
Barber Talk: Narratives from the  
Barbers of Houston's Third Ward  
**THESIS DIRECTOR:** James Conyers

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Philosophy/English - Creative Writing  
Walzer's Nonintervention Principle  
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for More Permissive Criteria  
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English-Creative Writing  
We Shall Fight Dragons Among Blue Hills  
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Psychology  
Sexual Trauma and PTSD  
Symptoms in Psychiatric Inpatients:  
The Role of Mindfulness  
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Liberal Studies  
Two Unsuccessful Plans for  
the Post-Civil War South:  
Reconstruction and Restoration  
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of a Forgotten Genocide  
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Understanding Genetic Information as  
Property: Original Ownership, Transfer,  
and Innovation in the Field of Genetics  
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Geology  
Fault Development in the Madison Valley:  
Implications for Fault System Behavior  
and Passage of the Yellowstone Hotspot  
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The Specificity of Emotion Dysregulation  
in Adolescents with Borderline  
Personality Disorder: Comparison with  
Psychiatric and Healthy Controls  
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Evaluating Cognitive Deficits  
During Motor Tasks in Adults  
with Type II Diabetes  
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Analysis of the Consequences and  
Correlation between Prescription  
Drug Prices and Federal Regulation  
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Catalina Valencia  
Architecture  
Fragments  
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### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Gerald Hallford  
Psychology  
Trait Worry and Problem Drinking  
Among Treatment-Seeking Daily  
Smokers: The Explanatory Role  
of Coping Drinking Motives  
THESIS DIRECTOR: Michael J. Zvolensky

Mindy Vu  
Economics  
Adolescent Drug Experimentation:  
Analyzing Trends and Factors  
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Caracas after Oil  
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opaque and uncontextual nature  
of Guanajuato Puerto Interior  
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Nahuatl Xochimilco Ecosystem: Garden  
of Flowers faces its Global Future  
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Architecture  
Narita: More than NRT  
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Architecture  
Code to Urbanism  
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Music  
Meter, Narrative, and Form in  
the First Movement of Nikolai  
Medtner's Second Piano Concerto  
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Art History  
Mass Reproduction of Poison  
Bottles in the Classic Maya  
THESIS DIRECTOR: Rex A. Koontz

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Micaela Rodriguez  
Human Development  
and Family Studies  
Experiencing Intersectional  
Marginality: A First-Generation  
College Student's Personal Narrative  
THESIS DIRECTOR: Leslie Ann Frankel

## CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Yang Huai

**Mechanical Engineering**  
Optimization of InAlGa<sub>N</sub>/Ga<sub>N</sub> HEMT Device

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Minh Pham

**Mechanical Engineering**  
Development and Application of Spinning Disc Flying Object

**THESIS DIRECTOR:** Ralph W. Metcalfe

Taha Shafquat

**Mechanical Engineering**  
A study of flow around SurfEllent

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Loren Chane Sladek

**Mechanical Engineering**  
Properties of a Discrete Lorenz System

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Hortensia R. Barrios

**English - Linguistics/Spanish**  
Identity, Migration, and Language: Digital Storytelling as Means for Identity Reconstruction.

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**Psychology**  
Antecedents of Supervisor Instigated Workplace Incivility

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**Kinesiology-Exercise Science**  
Existing and Potential Role of Exercise in the Improvement of the Quality of Life of Pediatric Patients with Congenital Heart Defects

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**Psychology**  
Men Have Stress Too: Exploring How African-American Men Cope and the Role of Access to Care

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20th Century Dystopias: Lessons and Significance

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The Bird is a Symbol

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Fashioning Forms: Affordances of Fabric in Walden and The Battle of Algiers

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The Count of Monte Cristo: A Nineteenth Century French Odyssey

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**Psychology**  
Math Disability and Spina Bifida: Externalizing, Adaptive, and Internalizing Behaviors

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**English - Creative Writing**  
How to Become

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**Geology**  
Testing Grain Size Controls on Sediment Provenance Records Using Detrital Zircon Geochronology and Conglomerate Clast Compositions from the Puno Group, Southern Peru

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**Mathematics - Physics**  
Generalized Integral Transforms and Associated Results

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**Physics**  
Properties of Strongly Interacting Matter

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Political Science/Management

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French

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Holden T. Tanner  
English - Literature

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Parisa Abadi  
Mathematical Biology

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Biology

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Honors Biomedical Sciences

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Biology

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Physics

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Biology

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Biology

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Construction Management

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Biotechnology

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Digital Media

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COLLEGE OF THE ARTS**

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Art

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Music

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Theatre

Elizabeth Nguyen  
Theatre

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Music/Applied Music

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Art/History

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

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Human Development  
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Teaching and Learning

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Psychology

Nao Kusuzaki  
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## Letter from the President of the Alumni Association

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Congratulations, Cougars!

I would like to personally congratulate each of you on this momentous achievement. You have worked hard to be here today, and that effort shows.

I would also like to thank your family, friends, mentors, and peers who are here in your support. These individuals with you tonight have shaped who you are today.

I would like to remind each of you to be proud of your time at the University of Houston. You graduate today as future intellectual leaders, researchers, entrepreneurs, healers, and artists. Do not forget that you are bound together by your alma mater, and that bond is a strong one. Many of your predecessors have gone on to achieve great success in their professional lives. I wish the same for you.

Whether you are receiving your Bachelor's, Master's, Professional, or Doctoral degree, you have achieved a major milestone in your life. We are proud of you, and we are proud you will become Tier One University of Houston alumni.

On behalf of all the University faculty and College Deans, I congratulate you on your achievements. You are our best and brightest, and we will be honored to call you our colleagues and peers.

Warm regards,

Paula Myrick Short  
*Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*

