





# University of Houston Commencement

Fall 2019

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# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## Message from the President

December 2019

Dear University of Houston Graduates:

Congratulations! Without a doubt, this will be the most memorable day of your college career. Today you will be awarded a degree that represents the Tier One education you have received, a degree that will increase in value as the University of Houston continues on its upward journey to even greater levels of recognition and prestige

across the nation and the world.

Many factors contributed to your success and brought you to this ceremony. A significant part, of course, was the support you enjoyed from your parents, families and friends, and the encouragement you received from your UH faculty, advisors and staff.

But in the end, it was your personal commitment, drive and resolve that helped you cross the finish line. I know these same attributes will serve you very well as you make your mark in the world. When you leave here today, you will no longer be students, but proud and confident UH alumni, ready and able not just to compete, but to be leaders in your chosen careers.

Your University has transformed you into the best prepared, best educated and best equipped individuals of your generation. In turn, you have also helped change your alma mater. The University of Houston is now a richer “powerhouse” institution thanks in great part 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*

Renu Khator  
*President*

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## University of Houston System

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*College of Medicine*

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*Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Nursing*  
*College of Nursing*

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

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

Michael D. Twa  
*Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Optometry*  
*College of Optometry*

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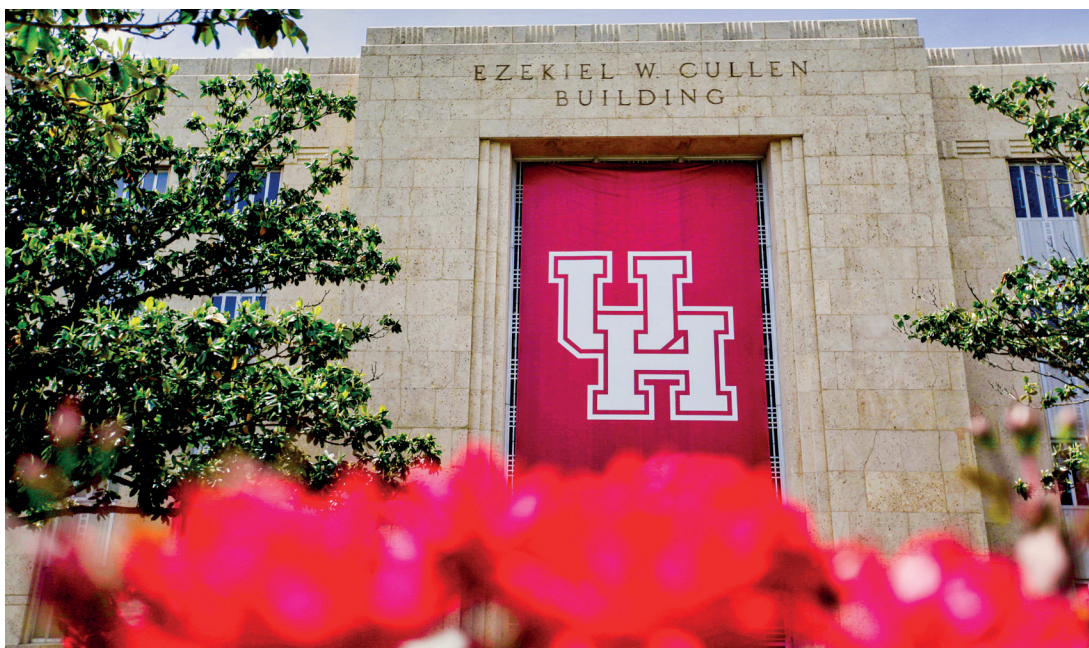
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## University of Houston History

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



## Commencement Traditions

Academic costumes of today have a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townspeople wore long flowing robes and gowns. The materials and colors were governed by royal decree. Gradually, distinctive gowns were developed for the various professions, trades and guilds. Scholars wore robes and hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, skullcaps were worn on the head, and the hoods became a cape that could be pulled over the head during unpleasant weather.

As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adapted by their faculties for bachelor's (apprentices of the arts), master's (teachers) and doctoral (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies). When caps and hats came into fashion in the 15th century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back.

The academic hat was first worn as a symbol of the master's degree and existed in various forms. The mortarboard style comes to us from Oxford University. When academic costumes came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe, they still are; however, in our country, usage has been standardized by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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

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

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

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

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### 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

### 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 University Mace, which is carried in academic processions, is a staff symbolizing the University’s authority and unity. The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14<sup>th</sup> 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*



## President's Medallion

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### MR. BRUCE D. BROUSSARD

MR. BRUCE D. BROUSSARD is President and Chief Executive Officer of Humana, Inc., a post he has held since 2011. Humana, with upwards of 13 million customers, is one of the nation's largest health insurance companies, and has its headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky.

Humana, Inc. and Mr. Broussard have been ardent supporters of the University of Houston's initiative to establish a College of Medicine. In 2018, Humana, Inc. made a \$15 million gift to the new College – the largest gift to the College to date – to establish the Humana Integrated Health System Sciences Institute.

The Humana Institute will bring together the resources of the UH colleges of Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work and Optometry with the new College of Medicine, helping to prepare students to learn in an integrated care model. The gift will help defray the College's start-up and operational costs, as well as fund endowed chairs for each of the five health colleges.

Through this long-term partnership, Humana, Inc. will have the opportunity to place employees as adjunct professors, influence health care curricula and establish clinic labs at UH, as well as partner on research, publications, internships and other experience-based learning programs. The College of Medicine's main goal is to prepare students to be primary care physicians in underserved rural and urban areas of Texas.

Mr. Broussard received his Master of Business Administration degree from the C.T. Bauer College of Business in 1989.

Mr. Broussard is passionate and avid about healthcare and his health. He bikes, runs and sails and also enjoys time with his family – his wife, Janine, and their children, Clay and Carly.

For his passion for the University of Houston's growth and his commitment to health care, President Renu Khator proudly awards the 2019 President's Medallion to Mr. Bruce D. Broussard.

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## President's Medallion

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### MS. LILLIE T. ROBERTSON

Ms. LILLIE T. ROBERTSON is one of the University of Houston's most loyal, devoted and generous patrons. A granddaughter of Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen – they were the first major benefactors of the University of Houston and are considered UH's "founding family" – she has continued their legacy of philanthropy and service.

Her influences at the University of Houston range from the performing and visual arts to Cougar athletics, and from creative writing and women's studies to The Honors College's annual Great Conversation event. She is a member of the UH Board of Visitors, where she serves on its Public Art and Third Ward Schools task forces.

Ms. Robertson was among a group of donors who conceived of, and raised funds for, the creation of Wilhelmina's Grove, the centerpiece of the UH Arts Quadrangle.

It is named after her mother, Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Smith, who, at the time of her passing in 2009, was the last surviving daughter of Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen.

She is also credited with reviving one of UH's longest and most cherished traditions, the Cullen Rifles, established in 1948. In 2013, she spearheaded the efforts to bring back this drill team to its former nationally recognized status.

Ms. Robertson attended the former UH College of Arts and Sciences, and in 2012, the UH Alumni Association honored her with its Chair's Award.

Outside of the University, Ms. Robertson is committed to helping Houston excel as one of the nation's premier cities for literary achievement, and serves on the board of The Julia Ideson Library Preservation Partners.

For her passion and love for the University of Houston and its students, President Renu Khator proudly awards the 2019 President's Medallion to Ms. Lillie T. Robertson.

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### 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.

Undergraduate students 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

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## THE HONORS COLLEGE

### Message from the Dean

Dear Honors College Graduates and Friends,

As we celebrate the class of 2019, we look back on four years of significant growth in the size, scope, and standing of the Honors College. At the same time, through the University's "Here, We Go" campaign, which raised over \$1 billion, we have been able to elevate the profile of the University in the Houston community and beyond.

As we look to the future of the Honors College and the over 2,500 students we serve, we know that dedicated faculty are key to our continued success. In 2017 we established the Bee and Kee Wong Engagement Awards for faculty whose work with students includes learning beyond the classroom. In 2018 we awarded five Lerner Faculty Fellowships and eleven Lerner Family Lecture Awards to recognize excellence in teaching and academic leadership. The University's campaign will continue with "Beyond the Billion" through August 2020, and during this time we will strive to establish endowments to recruit and retain outstanding faculty talent and ensure the continued vitality of our academic and co-curricular programs.

Over the next year we hope to propose a new minor in Data Science & Society, building on the success of Data Analytics in Student Hands and the Honors in Community Health program. This minor would create opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience in a growing field, using data analysis to serve our community and to tackle everyday challenges. We will also seek to expand our learning abroad and learning away programs into a new Global Engagement and Research minor. In the last year, 91 students have received a Lerner Family Scholarship to support a learning away or learning abroad experience. Finally, through a new honors engagement designation, "Co-Curricular Honors," we seek to recognize and increase the number of students taking advantage of all that the Honors College has to offer.

As our newest alumni, your support is vital as we continue to enhance the quality and reputation of our nationally-recognized Honors College. As you go out into the world, whether to begin graduate or professional school or to launch a promising new career, we hope you'll come back from time to time—to The Great Conversation, an alumni tailgate, or the office of your favorite professor. Keep in touch, and keep sharing with us your news and accomplishments.

Go Coogs!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill".

Bill Monroe

*Dean*

*Nancy O'Connor Abendshein Endowed Professor*

## The Honors College

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

### **University Honors and University Honors with Honors in Major**

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

### **Collegiate Honors and Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major**

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

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

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

### **Honors in Major**

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



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

**University Honors - Summer 2019**

Luca Coletta  
Amrit Kathuria

Isbah Mehar  
Nadine S. Talje

**University Honors - Fall 2019**

Koray Aksel  
Jean Audrey E. Almonte  
Cody Bingham  
Nicholas Edu Capili Dela Cruz  
Katlyn E. Gupton  
Mnai Hanks  
Andrea Herran  
Omar A. Jamal  
Neethu G. Kurian  
Easton Cole Lingo  
Gloria Shieh Liu

Arsalan J. Motiwala  
Michael Anthony Reyes  
Sana Shaikh  
Jason E. Siegel  
Lois A. Suter  
Kevin Tu  
Juan Camilo Uribe  
Daniela Andrea Villafani  
Zhanna Yakymchuk  
Elise Yelton

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

**Honors in Major**

Aaron Walker

**College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**

**University Honors**

Kayla Ausman  
Brian Bakaj  
Zachary Brockway  
Natalie Brown  
Vanessa Cias  
Nour Haikal  
Drew Lawson

Melinda Mayden  
Shelby Moore  
Kimberly Mota  
Rogette Saba  
Sarah Sdringola  
Hannah Tello

**Collegiate Honors**

Ryan Adams  
Luke Dutch  
Lauren Holtzclaw  
Jessica Horgan  
Simrat Kaur

Shawn Le  
Paul Meawad  
April Nguyen  
Brandon Torres  
Alejandra Torres

**Membership in The Honors College**

Dillon Duke

Austin Marin

**Honors in Major**

William Hoffart  
Jordanna Park

Laura Quinton  
Austin Walker

**University of Houston**  
**The Honors College**

Honorees

**College of Education**

**Collegiate Honors**

Bassell Alsad

**Cullen College of Engineering**

**University Honors**

Jaime Badillo Viramontes  
Paige Guidry  
Raphael Hey  
Aman Kaushik  
Vann Keefover

Katherine Krebs  
Emmanuel Nwaobi  
Ronny Riman  
Samuel Wisneski  
Marianna Zanovello

**Collegiate Honors**

Isabella Torres

**Membership in The Honors College**

Joshua Weibling

**College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

**University Honors**

Rajiv Ajodha  
Saanji Desai  
Sarah Fontenot  
Maria Francis  
Vincent Le

Daniela Orozco  
Olivia Russell  
Tanooha Veeramachaneni  
Dinet Yusuf

**Collegiate Honors**

Lesly Davila  
Sarah Meyer  
Celeste Pena

Sheikh Rahim  
Georgia Rodriguez

**Membership in The Honors College**

Kim Le

Arjun Patel

**College of Technology**

**Collegiate Honors**

Alyssa Johnson

**Membership in The Honors College**

Jennifer Schragel



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KATHRINE G. McGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

**Message 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.

Andrew Davis  
*Founding Dean and Professor of Music*  
*Cullen Foundation Endowed Dean's Chair*

**University of Houston**

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

**Commencement Ceremony**

Thursday, December 12, 2019, 10 a.m.

Cullen Performance Hall

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Faculty Banner Bearers Platform Party Dean Andrew Davis
<b>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS</b>	David Bertman <i>Associate Dean for Special Initiatives and Director of Bands</i>
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>WELCOME</b>	Andrew Davis <i>Founding Dean and Professor of Music Cullen Foundation Endowed Dean's Chair</i>
<b>GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS</b>	The Honorable John D. Fields <i>Member</i>
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b>	Dean Davis
<b>PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES</b>	David Politzer <i>Director, School of Art</i>  Fleurette Fernando <i>Director, Master of Arts Program in Arts Leadership</i>  Courtney Crappell <i>Director, Moores School of Music</i>  Rob Shimko <i>Director, School of Theatre &amp; Dance</i>
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean Davis
<b>UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ALMA MATER</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	

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### DOCTORAL DEGREES

#### Moore School of Music

#### DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

Kris Brian Chapman  
Organicism in Nicolas Bacri's Symphony  
No. 6, Op. 60  
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Aaminah Durrani

Leticia dos Santos Lima  
Ritmoplastia by Cacilda Borges Barbosa:  
A Performing Edition  
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Aaminah Durrani

Lee Alan Gregory  
Vocal Acoustics and the messa di voce  
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Barbara Rose Lange

Nina Bledsoe Knight  
Form, Temporality, and Embodied  
Metaphors in Jennifer Higdon's Sonata  
for Viola and Piano (1990): A Narrative  
Analysis  
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Aaminah Durrani

Michael Staub  
Promoting band participation: A case  
study of one high school band director's  
beliefs  
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Julie Derges

Shanshan Wu  
The Dramatic Use of the Flute in Bright  
Sheng's Melodies of a Flute and Flute  
Moon.  
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Aaminah Durrani

### MASTER DEGREES

#### Arts Leadership

#### MASTER OF ARTS

Maria-Elisa N. Heg  
Danielle A. Hodgins  
Lauren Breanne Miller  
Mickailis C. Molina  
Ariela E. Ventura

#### Moore School of Music

#### MASTER OF MUSIC

Eirini Triantafyllia Barouta  
Austin S. Brake  
Vyacheslav Dobrushkin  
Milbert C. Tumaliuan

#### School of Theatre & Dance

#### MASTER OF ARTS

Zahra Irene Airall  
Georgina Christou  
Caraline Cunningham  
Sarah Bethanny Goley  
Haley Breann Green  
Jewell M. Handy  
Louetta Harding-Capots  
Jaime Lea Joyce  
Alexa Hale McLatcher  
Christopher Wayne Reaves  
Andrea Rogers  
Jacqueline C. Rose

### BACHELOR DEGREES

#### School of Art

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

##### Art

Geisa Maria Branas<sup>3</sup>  
Tari Briggs  
Allyzah Allene De Galicia Cabugao<sup>2</sup>  
Victoria E. Castillo<sup>2</sup>  
Morgan Ybarra Easley<sup>3</sup>

Sarah Ann Floyd  
Brandea Gordon  
Frances Lauren Guajardo  
Michelle Christine Gude  
Anthony P. Gutierrez  
Evelyn Helena Guzman Solano  
Samantha Anne Kozlowski

Maddison Kram  
Sahibah Zehra Kugshia  
Shelby Mooneyham  
Nickolas Wendell Peterson  
Connor S. Pitlik

Casey Reeves  
Cassandra Robles  
Selena Elena Salinas<sup>3</sup>  
Olivia Minh Tran  
Trac T. Truong  
Monica Dianne Whitmeyer  
Judy Lorraine Zoy

##### Art History

Maria Fernanda Calero  
Alexander Kelly  
Allison Ann Perlmutter  
Vivian Celeste Pinotti<sup>3</sup>  
Katie N. Santana  
Jackie Tran<sup>3</sup>

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### Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts

Candidates for Graduation

#### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

##### Painting

Wendy Perez  
Anh Kim Pham <sup>1</sup>  
Estefhania Pineda <sup>2</sup>

##### Sculpture

Jessica A. Beyers  
Catherine Ruth Burgess <sup>2</sup>  
Kara Leigh Coonrod <sup>2,4</sup>  
Alexandra Isabel Lechin

##### Moores School of Music

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

##### Music

Madison N. Fore Kimball

#### BACHELOR OF MUSIC

##### Applied Music

Gilberto Hernan Campa, Jr. <sup>2</sup>  
Omar Escobedo  
Francisco Javier Garay  
Christian A. Ibanez <sup>3</sup>  
Shannon E. Murray <sup>2</sup>  
Shannon O'Hara <sup>3</sup>  
Kanyinsola T. Ojo  
Jade Arceo Panares  
Stephen Luke Rougeau  
Gabriel Viernes

##### Music

Priscila Yamilex Garcia <sup>2,4</sup>  
Kirsten Hill <sup>3</sup>  
Christopher J. Kreger  
Bensen Kwan <sup>1,4</sup>  
Janelle Renee Negrete

Victor Jesus Rangel-Camacho  
Aaron D. Walker  
Dylan Dwayne Watson

##### School of Theatre & Dance

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

##### Dance

Sydney A. Reichardt <sup>3</sup>

#### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

##### Dance

Carlos A. Perez <sup>3</sup>  
Elizabeth Ann Woodson <sup>3</sup>

##### Theater

Madison Jean Hottman  
Lisa Yvonne Longoria <sup>3</sup>  
Allison Marie Nauert <sup>2,4</sup>  
Roxanne Gail Sheffield <sup>3</sup>

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# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE of BUSINESS

## Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Welcome to the Bauer Alumni family! You are joining nearly 60,000 Bauer alumni who have achieved the same milestone as you do today. You must be proud of this once-in-a-lifetime accomplishment, and of the personal discipline and commitment you have demonstrated alongside your academic capabilities to be at this point. I personally congratulate you on this momentous achievement. Congratulations!

As you know, the Bauer College is more than just an academic institution: Bauer transforms lives, forges friendships, and fosters student growth, both professionally and personally. As Bauer alumni, I believe you have the skills to go forward with the necessary tools and resources to make a positive change in your community, your city, your state, your country, and even the world.

This graduation ceremony 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 celebrating this significant accomplishment.

On behalf of the Bauer faculty and staff, we look forward to learning about all your future successes.

Best wishes, and once again congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul A. Pavlou". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Paul A. Pavlou  
*Dean*  
*Cullen Distinguished Chair*

**University of Houston**

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

**Commencement Ceremony**

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Fertitta Center

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Commencement Associate Marshalls College Banner Bearer Doctoral Degree Candidates Master’s Degree Candidates Bachelor’s Degree Candidates Platform Party
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Leiser Silva, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean, Graduate and Professional Programs</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF COLORS</b>	UH ROTC
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS</b>	Paul A. Pavlou, Ph.D. <i>Dean</i>
<b>GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS</b>	The Honorable Jack B. Moore <i>Member</i>
<b>GREETINGS</b>	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
<b>INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT’S MEDALLION HONOREE</b>	Dean Pavlou
<b>PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT’S MEDALLION</b>	President Khator
<b>PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS</b>	Richard Scamell, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean, Student Affairs</i>
<b>COMMENCEMENT GUEST SPEAKER</b>	Mohammed Ali Dhanani <i>Director of Dhanani Group Inc. and President/CEO of HAZA Group</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Associate Dean Silva
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	President Khator
<b>CONCLUDING REMARKS</b>	Dean Pavlou
<b>UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ALMA MATER</b>	Moores 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.*





### **MOHAMMED ALI DHANANI**

#### **Director of Dhanani Group Inc. and President/CEO of HAZA Group**

MOHAMMED ALI DHANANI, Director of Dhanani Group Inc. and President/CEO of HAZA Group has used his education, expertise and knowledge of multiple industries to reach the pinnacle of the business community. He embarked on his mission to make a mark in the business community when he received his BBA from Bauer College of

Business at the University of Houston.

After graduating, he devoted his time to help expand the family business of oil & gas distribution and real estate. With his ability to identify and capitalize on market opportunities, the family business flourished and became a behemoth, growing into one of the largest oil & gas distribution networks for Shell and Exxon. Ali utilized his passion for innovation and entrepreneurship to boldly shape the future of the food and beverage industry by beginning HAZA Foods – Wendy’s Franchise & HAZA Bell – Taco Bell Franchise.

Currently HAZA Group manages over 275+ Wendy’s and Taco Bell restaurants in eight different markets. Along with restaurants, Ali is an active partner in a real estate development company consisting of over 400 properties. He is also a trustee of Wendy’s Advertising Program Board which manages the advertising fund for all United States Wendy’s restaurants.

Ali Dhanani is not only a successful businessman but also an exceptional family man. He has been married to Habiba Dhanani for 27 years and is a devoted father to three beautiful children – Zainab, Adil and Ammar. He is an active philanthropist and is passionate about making a positive impact on the lives of others. He is on the Board of UNICEF, Developments in Literacy US, and also an active member of Operation Smile, Know Autism and Interfaith Ministries of Houston.

## Fall 2019

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### **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Naseem Ahmed Khan <sup>5</sup>  
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Bishmaraj Arulrajah <sup>5</sup>  
Shohrat Balgulyyev <sup>5</sup>  
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Brett Cathcart <sup>5</sup>  
Milagros Chavez Valdivia <sup>5</sup>  
Chen Chen <sup>5</sup>  
Kanimozhi Chinnapayah <sup>5</sup>  
Marcus Amado Clifford <sup>5</sup>  
Ryan Conlon  
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Artak Ettehad <sup>5</sup>  
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Hannah Elaine Woody <sup>5</sup>  
Julia C. Wyrem <sup>5</sup>  
Sue Jin Yi <sup>5</sup>  
Thomas Charles Zay <sup>5</sup>

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Mustafa Ahsan  
Abeer Mahmoud Alshaibani  
Kathleen Alexandra Armitage  
Pablo Arocha <sup>5</sup>  
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Cody R. Brock  
Kaygan Tissue Bunnell  
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Anthony LaMarr Chinyere  
Christopher Eunsuk Choi  
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Giang Huong Dang <sup>5</sup>  
Nouman Ahmad Dar  
My Yen Chi Doan  
Victoria M. Falgout <sup>5</sup>  
Nikkita Gamez <sup>5</sup>  
Fernando Gomez  
Belinda Gutierrez Hernandez  
Tu Anh Hoang  
Jessica Lee Johnson <sup>5</sup>  
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Maurissa Jones  
Vicky Desiree Juarez <sup>5</sup>  
Minhua Kuang <sup>5</sup>  
Xiuying Li <sup>5</sup>  
Chenmin Li <sup>5</sup>  
Vincent Li  
Ashley Michelle Lindemann <sup>5</sup>

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Minyan Mandy Luo <sup>5</sup>  
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Jemmy Monjaraz Alvarez  
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Xiaoxu Ding Ren  
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Yun Wu <sup>5</sup>  
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IN GLOBAL ENERGY  
MANAGEMENT**

Shiqi Cui  
Joseph D. Meyer  
Michelle Chinekwu Nnadi

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN MANAGEMENT  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

Razi Abbas Akhter<sup>5</sup>  
Shangrong Lyu<sup>5</sup>

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IN MARKETING**

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Melody Lynn Bailiff  
Kelly Louise Bisset  
Laura Jane Cowling<sup>5</sup>  
Rachel Louise Henson<sup>5</sup>  
James L. Hood  
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Khang Thien Nguyen<sup>5</sup>  
Michael P. Pyndus<sup>5</sup>  
Allison R. Schlosser<sup>5</sup>  
Dan Phuoc Tu<sup>5</sup>  
Donte L. Washington

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN SUPPLY CHAIN  
MANAGEMENT**

Katherine Duque<sup>5</sup>  
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Hiba Ahmed  
Abudula Aifeina  
Falak Akhter  
Ali Akkad-Salam  
Koray Aksel<sup>2</sup>  
Rafael A. Alagic<sup>3</sup>  
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Jessica Alcalá<sup>2</sup>  
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Xiomara Alzate  
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Ahmed Noman Ansari<sup>3</sup>  
Gisselle O. Argueta<sup>3</sup>  
Nasim Arian  
Rija Arif  
Zackary D. Arnold<sup>3</sup>  
Victoria E. Avila  
Arige Nazih Awaineh  
Bryan Steven Ayala  
Ebunoluwa Ayannusi<sup>3</sup>  
Noble Kuriakose Babu  
Aayush Bajracharya  
Andrea I. Barrientos<sup>3</sup>  
Mujtaba Basheer  
David N. Bateman  
Charles R. Beaven<sup>3</sup>  
Christopher Alexander Benitez  
Blake Alton Bess<sup>3</sup>  
Meagan Monical Betts  
Victoria Beutel

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Jasmine A. Black<sup>3</sup>  
Jonathan T. Blair<sup>2</sup>  
Andrew M. Blanchard<sup>3</sup>  
Melissa Blanco<sup>2</sup>  
Zulema Raquel Bonilla<sup>2</sup>  
Austin L. Brandon  
Alexander Clayton Breaux  
Auston G. Bridges  
David Tyler Bridgewater  
Ashlyn Brisbay  
Allan Enmanuel Brizuela<sup>3</sup>  
Jakob Kirk Broaddus  
Dylan Guy Bryant  
Mason Buck<sup>3</sup>  
Larielle Lashae Buckner  
Brandon Bui<sup>2</sup>  
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Ann Marie Callegari  
Isaac Camacho  
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Veronica M. Cantu  
Kristine Cao<sup>3</sup>  
Juan M. Cardenas  
Robert Han Carder<sup>2</sup>  
Sandra Carreon Gonzalez  
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Karla Castaneda  
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Edgar Centeno Portilla  
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Steve Brian Corona	Andrew Lee Ellis	Vanessa Gonzalez
Sharon Correa	Alexander Eng	Esther Ingrid Granados <sup>2</sup>
Belen Angela Cosme	Brandon Loren Erdman <sup>2</sup>	Zachary Duane Grooms
Andrew George Crichton	Erin Victoria Gonzalez Erica	Dalton R. Grubbs <sup>3</sup>
Cassandra A. Cruz	Anum Essani <sup>3</sup>	Scott Douglas Gubbs <sup>2</sup>
Ciro Alexis Cuellar <sup>2</sup>	Roberto C. Euceda	Daniel Guevara <sup>1</sup>
Christopher Ryan Currie	Austin M. Falcon	Alice Donatella Guinova <sup>2</sup>
Kaitlyn E. Dahlstrom <sup>1</sup>	Rafa Farihah <sup>2</sup>	Katlyn E. Gup-ton
Loc Tran Tuan Dang <sup>2</sup>	Alexis Christina Fauntleroy	Luis Gurrola
Thanh Truc Dang	Chris David Felcman	Daniela Gutierrez Graterol
Andressa C. Dasilva	Javier Ferreyra	Mnai Hanks <sup>2</sup>
Nima Davari	Veronica Alejandra Figueroa Corpeno	Stacy Haro
Deione Dawson	George Finney III	Samuel Josiah Harper <sup>2</sup>
Mireya Lynette De La Garza	Alexander Nicholas Fleming	Matthew D. Hart
Mason T. Degan	Angel Flores <sup>3</sup>	Liliya Hauk
Kyra Del Olmo	Joana Flores	Robert Allen Haworth <sup>3</sup>
Nicholas Edu Capili Dela Cruz <sup>2</sup>	Julian N. Flores	Kaylen M. Hayes <sup>2</sup>
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Rajee Raju Dhamani	Reagan Louise Fredrickson	Zachary Henderson
Aquib N. Dholasania <sup>2</sup>	Ariana Nicole Freire	Lada Heng
Sidy Mamby Diallo <sup>3</sup>	Sindy Yakelin Fuentes	William Herdoiza
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Tom Dinh <sup>2</sup>	Alton C. Gamble	Luisa C. Herrera
Anh Ngoc Quynh Do	Bryan T. Garcia	Hung Nguyen Ho
Ha Do <sup>3</sup>	Consuelo Rubi Garcia <sup>2</sup>	Thao Ho <sup>1</sup>
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Angelica Dominguez	Ricardo Garcia	Bao Hoang <sup>2</sup>
Mitchell J. Dougharty	Nancy Joselyn Rosales Garcia	Calvin Phu Hoang-Le <sup>1</sup>
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Ruman S. Duka	Armando Garza	Wendy Ly Holman
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Thomas A. Duplantis	Ivania Garzona	Ingrid Khalina Houlberg <sup>3</sup>
Miguel Angel Duran <sup>2</sup>	Ruth Gebremariam	Bonnie Hoyt <sup>1</sup>
Chukwuka N. Duru	John Pierre Georges	Lauren Taylor Hubbard
Anna Victoria Dwornik	Alina Camille Gersib <sup>1</sup>	Kayla N. Hudson
Hunter K. Edwards <sup>1</sup>	Fatma Ghayour	Yesenia J. Huerta
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Sara Hwang	An Mai Bao Le <sup>3</sup>	Erika Marin
Paul Ingram	Elizabeth Thanh Le	Frank Marinero
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Nabeel Jiwani	Ziying Liang	Elizabeth Amara Medina
James Johnson	Carlos Liberato	Syed Baqir Mehdi <sup>2</sup>
Mason Tate Johnson <sup>3</sup>	Erick Israel Lima	Sean M. Mehrabadi
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Orin O. Johnson	Easton Cole Lingo <sup>3</sup>	Daniella Maria Mejia
Isaiah Q. Jones	Adrian Derek Lish <sup>3</sup>	London O. Mengel
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Kevork Kasparian	Hector Mauricio Lopez <sup>1</sup>	Melissa Alejandra Mireles
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Faith Destiny Kelly	Maritza Lopez <sup>2</sup>	Anam A. Mohammad
Kendall Nicole Kennedy	Robert Lopez <sup>3</sup>	Asma Mohammad <sup>3</sup>
Abdul Wasif Khan	Jose Angel Lozano	Hasanain M. Mohammed
Akrama R. Khan <sup>2</sup>	Man Lu <sup>2</sup>	Ali Momin
Saira Ali Khan <sup>3</sup>	Kylie Ka Yan Lui	Alishah K. Momin
Simrin Khan	Nhan Thi Thanh Luu <sup>2</sup>	Alishan Iqbal Momin
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Irene Saka Kirana <sup>3</sup>	Aaron J. Maier	Zain Nasrudin Momin <sup>3</sup>
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Neethu G. Kurian <sup>1</sup>	Riley Marlin Mankin	Eric Amado Moreno
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Gerardo Javier Murillo  
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Yamna Naeem <sup>1</sup>  
Justice I. Ndimele  
Andy Nguyen  
Aria Tram Nguyen  
Brianna L. Nguyen  
Dat Thanh Nguyen  
Dung Viet Nguyen  
Duyen Viet Ky Nguyen  
Dylan L. Nguyen <sup>2</sup>  
Kathy Nguyen <sup>3</sup>  
Linh B. Nguyen  
Linh Nguyen <sup>3</sup>  
Linh Thi Khanh Nguyen  
Ly Thanh Nguyen <sup>2</sup>  
Nam Lehoai Nguyen  
Nini T. Nguyen <sup>1,4</sup>  
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Richard T. Nguyen <sup>3</sup>  
Richard Nguyen  
Terry Tuan Nguyen <sup>2</sup>  
Thu Thien Kim Nguyen <sup>2</sup>  
Tiffany T. Nguyen  
Tony Q. Nguyen  
Tram Tran Hue Nguyen  
Trieu Buu Van Nguyen <sup>2</sup>  
Vu Nguyen <sup>1</sup>  
Vy Nguyen  
Naveed Nikooei  
Kyle A. Novak  
Chidinma Angelique Nwakanobi  
Oliver A. Olivares Gallegos  
David Michael Orr  
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Humberto Ortiz Pompa  
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Two Essays on Consumers' Point-of-Purchase Decision Making  
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Yuqiao Cheng <sup>5</sup>

Linking Operations Characteristics to Operations Strategy in Hospital Acquisitions  
**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Dr. David Peng

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Formal Mentoring Advantage for Leadership Development and Thoughts of Quitting: Mediating Roles of Leadership Self-Efficacy and Protégé's Network  
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When Brands Tease their Rivals on Twitter; Consequences for Consumer Engagement  
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CEO Extraversion and Management Earnings Forecasts  
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Marina Yordanova Ruseva

Managerial Incentives and Corporate Tax Behavior: The Role of Firm Tax Attributes  
**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Dr. Janet Meade

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Impacts of Social Corporate Responsibility on New Product Development  
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Interface of Sales Force with Marketing and Digital  
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The "Unofficial" Names: Brand Nicknames, Their Influences on Consumer- Brand Relationships and Their Social Consequences in the Digital World  
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### Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on this milestone in your educational career! On behalf of the faculty and staff at the College of Education, we applaud your dedication to dreaming big, working hard and attaining your degree. We are proud of your academic success and hope you reflect fondly on the knowledge and skills you attained and the memories you made.

From attending First Lecture in the fall to crossing the stage at Commencement today, your journey continues. Walk with confidence. Empower others. Ask for help when needed. And never stop learning.

I look forward to seeing your impact in the community, through teaching, leadership, health promotion, counseling, research and more. I'm confident you will transform lives in Houston —and beyond.

The Coog network is strong, and you join more than 35,000 alumni from the College of Education. As a fellow alumnus, I encourage you to stay involved. There are multiple ways to give back, including supporting scholarships to help future students succeed. Many of you are the first in your families to graduate from college, and I know you will inspire the next generation.

Thank you for choosing the College of Education. You are the pride.

I invite you to keep connected at [uh.edu/education](http://uh.edu/education). Go, Coogs!

*Bob*

Robert H. McPherson, Ph.D.

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*Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair*

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**Commencement Ceremony**

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 6 p.m.  
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<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Honorary Grand Marshal and Associate Marshals College Banner Bearers Assistant Marshals Faculty Candidates for Graduation Platform Party
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS</b>	UH ROTC
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<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY</b>	Consuelo Arbona, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean of Graduate Studies</i>
<b>COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER</b>	Isai Ramirez-Sanchez <i>Student Rights Advocate and Academic Advisor at University of Houston-Clear Lake</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Teresa Edgar, Ed.D. <i>Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies</i>
<b>DOCTORAL CANDIDATES</b>	Robert McPherson, Ph.D. <i>Dean and Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair</i>
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### **ISAI RAMIREZ-SANCHEZ**

ISAI RAMIREZ-SANCHEZ, a native of Greenville, Texas, earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration in marketing from Texas State University. He discovered his passion for working with underrepresented and underserved college students while pursuing his undergraduate degree and decided to continue his work at the University of Houston, where he will earn a Master's of Education in higher education administration.

Ramirez-Sanchez served as the graduate assistant for UH's Center for Diversity and Inclusion from 2016 through 2018, leading workshops, coordinating events and advising the center's Ambassador program and the Achievement Initiative for Minority Males. His research interests include LGBTQIA+ students, first-generation college students, DACA and undocumented students, minority male students and first-year college students.

He currently works as an academic advisor at the University of Houston-Clear Lake for freshmen and sophomore students. He hopes to continue to provide support for college students and to create an equitable and just environment in higher education.

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### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

#### Curriculum and Instruction

Andrea Barela

This Little Light of Mine: How Agency and Praxis Can Cultivate Student Empowerment

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Cameron White

Jasmine Lo'Real Boney-Henderson

Reducing the Health Disparity of Diabetes Across the African-American Population: A Result of Increased Education in Self-Management of the Disease

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sara McNeil

Ashley Anne Canchari

Lasting Longer than the 5-Year Average: A Look at Teacher Retention Rates within a Title I School

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Cameron White

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The Perceptions of Three School Psychologists Regarding Multicultural Competence

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Jeffrey Charles Gricar

Faculty Job Satisfaction at an Urban Health Science Community College

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robert Hausmann

Amber Gunner

What are Pre-K Teachers' Perceptions about Profession Development in Science Content and Pedagogy?

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Cameron White

Jason Edward Hamilton

The Changing Face of Education Perspectives on Demographic Change and Student Achievement in Texas Public Schools

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Cameron White

LaShawn Nashville Hodge

Principals' Perceptions of Literacy Development: The Influence of Instructional Leadership in an Urban School

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Laveria Hutchison

David Kohne

University Website Accessibility Consistency

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Krystle Martina Matthews

Perceived Challenges of PK-5 Black Teachers

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Cameron White

Johnny T. Morse

Perceptions of Technology Integration

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Cameron White

Lonzetta Newman

A Comparative Analysis of Base Salaries of Faculty at a Comprehensive Cancer Center to Evaluate Inequities in Medical Academia

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sara McNeil

Michael J. Pelton

Teachers' Perception on the Impact of Social and Emotional Support on Academic Performance

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Cameron White

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Peer Tutoring Newcomer English Learners in the Mathematics Classroom

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Mark Allan Spilman

An Instrumental Case Study: Examining the Impact of Coaching on Building Middle School Teacher Agency

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Gerardina M. Torres

Guided Reading for Improved Reading Achievement

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Willette Francine Trotty-Aubrey

Perspectives of Educators on Implementing Instructional Coaching in an Urban Secondary Science Department: A District Study

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Cameron White

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Using Culturally Relevant Pedagogy to Influence Literacy Achievement for Middle School Black Male Students

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#### Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Danny Weldon Bonner, Jr.

Examining the Effectiveness of Financial Literacy Education in Texas Public Schools: A Case Study of Three High School Graduates

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Keith Butcher

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The Effect of Speech Entrainment on Pronunciation in English Language Learners Enrolled in Accent Modification

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

Tammy S. Edwards

The Phenomenon of "Fit" in School Superintendent Selection: A Case Series Study

**ADVISOR:** Dr. April Peters-Hawkins

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Collaboration Efforts of General Education and Special Education Teachers in an Inclusion Setting

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Curriculum Alignment for Bilingual Students with Autism and Teacher's Perceptions about Professional Development to Support Inclusion

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kristi Santi

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The Impact of a Capacity Building Opportunity for Parents of Children with Disabilities on Their Self-Reported Knowledge and Skill Levels to Support Their Children to Generalize Behaviors?

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Shawn Kent

Deborah Carol Harris

Ten African American Women's Advancement in Public Education: Houston Phenomenological Study

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Bradley Davis

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An Examination of the Texas Tech University Center for Adolescent Resiliency: United Future Leaders Program

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A Comparative Analysis Of Mathematics  
And Science Achievement In An All -Girls  
School

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Examining One Principal's Actions. Their  
Impact on a School's Culture and Out of  
School Suspension

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Advanced Placement Participation among  
Latino Students

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An Examination of Instructional  
Coaching and Teacher Retention: A Case  
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Job Satisfaction Among School Based  
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## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Koryn Dillard

Safe in My Skin, Safe Where I Am:  
A Mixed Methods Analysis of Black,  
Latino/a, and White students', and  
Institutional Agents' Perceptions of  
Campus Safety at HBCUs and HSIs

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Do They See Us? A Mixed Methods Case  
Study of a College Completion Initiative

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### Psychological, Health and Learning Sciences

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Decision Making and Emotional State in  
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The Effect of Identity Formation on  
Student Engagement in Engineering  
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#### Curriculum and Instruction

Deborah L. McCrae  
Examining the Educational Pathways and other Antecedents of Nurse Practitioners who Work in the Emergency Care Setting as Predictors of Future Perceptions of Competence and Capability  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robert Hausmann

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### Curriculum and Instruction

George Z. Zhao  
Using a Gamified Point-Based Grading System in Technology Courses for Pre-Service Teachers  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sara McNeil

#### Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Dina Al Ghazzawi  
Re-Conceptualizing Student Engagement: Investigating the Validity of CCSSE Benchmarks as Predictors of Academic Achievement and Sense of Belonging Among International Students  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Lyle McKinney

Darrell Lee Hooker  
Exploring the Relationship between Texas Public High School Accountability Ratings and Post Secondary Matriculation Rates  
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#### Psychological, Health and Learning Sciences

Jacqueline Rae Anderson  
The Effects of a School-based Mentoring Program on Adolescent's Well-being: A Dual-Factor Model Perspective of Mental Health  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jorge Gonzalez

Amanda M. Long  
#NoFilter: Examining the Relationship among Online Photo Manipulation and Mental Health Variables of African American Women  
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**Message 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,

Joseph W. Tedesco  
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### D. WAYNE KLOTZ

D. WAYNE KLOTZ, P.E., D.WRE, BCEE, ENV SP is currently President of Klotz Strategies and was President of Klotz Associates, Inc., a full-service civil engineering firm based in Houston, Texas for 32 years. His 45-year career began with a BSCE from Texas A&M University in 1974 and an MSCE from the University of Houston in 1976. He is a licensed professional engineer in Texas.

In 2011, Wayne was appointed by the mayor of Houston to the Coastal Water Authority Board of Directors and currently serves as Board President. He spent 12 years on the Board of Harris Galveston Subsidence District as a County Judge appointee. He has served on the Community Resilience Task Force for the Department of Homeland Security.

He served as National President of ASCE in 2008 - 2009. Wayne is a founder and Past Chair of the Board of Directors for the national Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure and is an Envision Sustainability Professional. Mr. Klotz is a founder of Transportation Advocacy Group – Houston Region (TAG) and served on the board for 5 years. He has served as Officer for ASCE, HCEC, ACEC-TX, Harris County Flood Control Task Force, the C Club, and the University of Houston and Texas A&M Civil Engineering Advisory Boards. He started the Klotz Associates Endowed Scholarship in Civil Engineering at both universities. Mr. Klotz serves as PAC Treasurer for Moving to the Future PAC, an organization supporting transit in the Houston area.

Wayne became a fellow for the Environmental & Water Resources Institute (EWRI) in 2014. Among his awards are the 2012 Houston Engineering Alumni Association Distinguished Engineering Alumnus Award from the University of Houston, the UH Academy of Distinguished Civil & Environmental Engineers, The Bridgebuilder Society of UH, and 2004 Texas A&M Distinguished Graduate of the Department of Civil Engineering. Other awards include the 2011 Texas Engineer of the Year Award, 2011 Houston Engineer of the Year Award, ASCE National 2005 Edmund Friedman Professional Recognition Award, and 2018 Texas ASCE Lifetime Service Award. He has also been awarded the Texas Section and Houston Branch ASCE Awards of Honor. Wayne is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers (AAWRE) and received their 2018 Outstanding Practitioner in Water Resources Engineering Award. He is also a Board-Certified Environmental Engineer from AAEEs. In 2008, he was named Honorary Professor by Ricardo Palma University in Lima, Peru.

He married Karen Wilson in July of 1974, and they have four children and seven grandchildren. They are active in ministries at Tallowood Baptist Church. Wayne has served on the board of the West Houston Assistance Ministries from 2017 to the present.

## Fall 2019

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Lesion Clarification with a Visual-Search Model Observer

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Viral Nanoparticles as Lateral Flow Assay Reporters: Analysis of Capture Kinetics, Stabilization, and Detection In Blood

ADVISOR: Dr. Richard Willson

Thao Lan Nguyen

3D Splenoid Cultures for The Expansion of Activated Pro-inflammatory Double-Negative T cells - Epigallocatechin-3-Gallate Suppresses Neutrophil Migration and Inflammation in A Transgenic Zebrafish Model

ADVISOR: Dr. Chandra Mohan

Thomas Potter

The Investigation of Cognition and Cortical Dynamics Through Unimodal and Advanced Multimodal Neuroimaging

ADVISOR: Dr. Yingchun Zhang

Tirthankar Sinha

Riboflavin and the Riboflavin Binding Protein, Retbindin, are Essential for the Metabolic Homeostasis of the Retina

ADVISOR: Dr. Muna I. Naash

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Tyler Cooksey

Effect of Encapsulated Species on Block Copolymer Micelle Self-Assembly

ADVISOR: Dr. Megan L. Robertson

Pritpal Singh Dhillon

Reaction and Transport Coupling in Multi-functional Catalysts for Selective Oxidation of Ammonia to Nitrogen

ADVISOR: Dr. Michael P. Harold

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The Catalytic Dehydrogenation of Conventional Chemicals using Unconventional Methods

ADVISOR: Dr. Lars C. Grabow

Sravan Kumar Kanchari Bavajigari

Using Water and Gold Catalysts to Generate Novel Solutions for Current Energy Challenges: Purification of Hydrogen and Selective Oxidation of Methane

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Sotirios Malamis

Characterization and Optimization of Multi-functional Automotive Catalysts

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Engineering fate and function of human cells by expression of heterologous proteins

ADVISOR: Dr. Navin Varadarajan

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Integrated Theoretical and Transient Kinetic Investigation of Catalytic Materials for the Selective Synthesis of Hydrogen and Aromatic Hydrocarbons

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Ben Wang

Corrosion Behavior of Corrosion-Resistant Steel Reinforcements in High and Ultra-High Performance Concrete in Chloride Attack Environment

ADVISOR: Dr. Abdeldjelil "DJ" Belarbi

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Model-Based Simulation of Steel Plate Concrete Membrane Structures

ADVISOR: Dr. Y.L. Mo

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

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A Noninvasive Neural Interface for Control of a Powered Lower Limb Prosthesis

ADVISOR: Dr. Jose L. Contreras-Vidal

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Understanding Neural Dynamics in the Human Creative Process

ADVISOR: Dr. Jose L. Contreras-Vidal

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Fluorescence Signal Correction and Deep Cell Population Profiling Algorithms for Analyzing Multiplex Images of Whole Rat Brain Slices

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Genevieve Johnson

Feature Integration in the Design of Human-Computer Interface Displays

ADVISOR: Dr. Badri Roysam

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Deep Learning and Phase Retrieval for Chemical Holographic Imaging: Fast Sample Reconstruction and Property Prediction.

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Game Theoretic and Machine Learning Techniques for Efficient Resource Allocation in Next Generation Wireless Networks

ADVISOR: Dr. Zhu Han

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Statistical Bayesian Inversion of Directional EM Logging Data

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Analog-to-Digital Data Converters in Bulk CMOS for Harsh Radiation and High Temperature Environment Applications

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A powered Exoskeleton's Effect on Post-stroke Lower-limb Muscle Coordination  
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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN GEOSENSING SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AND SCIENCES

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Ensemble Learning Regression for Estimating River Discharge Using Remotely Sensed Data and Hydrological Model  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Hyongki Lee

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

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Linear Energy Transfer (LET)-Guided Optimization Incorporating Biological Effectiveness for Intensity-Modulated Proton Therapy  
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Optimizing Resilience of Cyber-Physical Systems under Budgetary Constraint  
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Multi-dimensional Lévy Processes and Lévy Copulas For Dependent Degradation Processes in Reliability Analysis  
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Optimal Scheduling Models and Algorithms of Integrated Microgrids  
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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MATERIALS ENGINEERING

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High-Temperature Friction and Wear of Polyphenylene Sulfide (PPS) and its Composites  
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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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Nonlinear Mechanics of Deformable Soft Electret Materials and the Emergent Phenomena of Pyroelectricity, Electrocaloric Effect and the Kerr Effect  
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Intelligent Multi-Axis Control for Automatic Drilling System  
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Modeling, Simulation and Optimization of Electromagnetic Systems  
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Strain Effect in III-nitride Thin Film Based High Electron Mobility Transistors  
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Thermodynamics of Boron Arsenide Crystal Growth and Characterizations  
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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PETROLEUM ENGINEERING

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Predicting Static Data Using Dynamic Data and Quantitative Sample Characterization  
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Failure Mechanisms in Thick-Walled Cylinder Tests: Numerical and Laboratory Analyses on the Role of Plasticity and Borehole Size on Near Cavity Deformations  
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Single Well Completion and Management Strategies for Enhanced Recovery of Tight Oil Using Miscible Gas Injection  
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**MASTER OF ELECTRICAL  
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Eric Ingram  
Francis Ishioye  
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Yufei Lu  
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Ashirvad Pandey  
Thuan Pham  
Joy Rebello  
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Aaron Wong  
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
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Akshay Nemaji Dhoble  
Rahul Dwivedi  
Raja Anirudh Garapati  
Manvendra Singh Gehlot  
Vinay Anil Gidvir  
Nikhil Havlimane  
Khizer Javaid  
Chunhui Ji  
Raj Champak Kachhatiya  
Badrinath Kaluvakunta  
Sachin Kathiriya  
Muhammad Zarak Khan  
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Sagar Manghani  
Jinit Hiren Patel  
Priyankara Madusanka  
Palihawadana Arachchige  
Neelanjan Paliwal  
Aakash Panchal  
Deep Patel  
Anishkumar Patel  
Manan Jayesh Pathak  
Abhishek Patidar  
Tejal Ramdas Patil  
Aaditya Phad  
Dan Qiao  
Gowtham Ramaswamy  
Sarah Roy  
Emmanuel Sabu  
Vishal Sachdeva  
Harsh Shah  
Noopur Shah  
Abhishek Shelke  
Saambhavi Sivakumar  
Ramkumar Sivaraman  
Aishwary Soni  
Maitrik Soni  
Sunil Kumar Suppala  
Rajkumar Ashokbhai Tibadia  
Indrajeet Singh Mansingh Tomar  
Sai Phani Srikanth Valluru  
Aditya Atul Verma  
Pengcheng Wang

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
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AND ENGINEERING**

Christopher Bigelow  
Georgio Chrisopoulos  
Jiao-Wei Wang

**MASTER OF MECHANICAL  
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George Emiko  
Divya Prasaath Sankar Selvaraj



**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN MECHANICAL  
ENGINEERING**

Swasthik Bangera  
Daniel Brooker  
Dhritiman Dutta  
Long Han  
Luke Haskins  
Fabliha Islam  
Shweta Karnik  
Saket Kavishwar  
Runjia Li  
Georgiy Andreevich Makedonov  
Ranine Nasreddine  
Javier Perez  
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Taha Shafquat  
Loren Sladek  
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Mingfeng Bian  
Destin Mervely Bimokono  
Christopher Grider  
Alec Gutierrez  
Zhaoran Liu  
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Abhishek Raj  
Yang Sun  
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Schuyler Gaidosik  
Sagar Gaur  
Daniel Irby  
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Mansi Porwal

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Niloufer Sultan <sup>3</sup>  
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Joel Raju Thomas  
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Benjamin Kenneth Glasgow  
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Samantha Ann Havens  
Daniel Weston Howard  
Matthew Warren Hunter  
Israel Palisoc Ilagan  
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Emilio R. Braganza  
Gabriel Bribiesca Rodriguez<sup>1</sup>  
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Toni Bustamante  
Vaclav Cafourek III  
Alberto Cardenas  
Uma A. Carstens  
David Emanuel Cervantes  
Diego Correa  
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Saba Iqbal  
Antonio Izaguirre  
Michael Jackson  
Twinkle Joseph  
Aman Kaushik  
David Kazemwami  
Katherine Elizabeth Krebs  
Carlos Eugenio Lara Peralta  
Julie Vy Le  
Edric John Reyes Legita  
Claudia Patricia Linares  
Jesus Victorino Lopez  
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Brandon Jay Borrromeo Santos  
Sed Mavid Sen  
Milad Esmaeili Shahroodi  
Francisco Javier Socorro  
Hussain Ali Syed  
Sharlyn Tijerina  
Adriana Tran  
Leo Tuan Tran  
Joe Michael Vargas  
Isaiah L. Villaloboz  
Joshua Matthewlouis Walden  
Zachery Taylor Walker  
Sidney Hudgens Watts  
Sean Hikaru Winata  
Samuel Leonard Wisneski  
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Rodrigo Carrizales  
Madampe Hewage Minuri  
Hasangi De Silva<sup>3</sup>  
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Uwem John Ekott  
Ivan J. Fuentes  
Jesus Alberto Guzman  
Humberto Christian Hernandez<sup>2</sup>  
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Richard Kenneth Jacques  
Vann Maclean Keefover<sup>2</sup>  
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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Danielle Stolley  
The Spatiotemporal Dynamics of  
Mycobacterial Infection  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Elebeoba May

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Jay R. Adolacion  
Quantifying the Kinetics of Immune  
Responses to Cancer: Applications in  
Serum Profiling and Single-Cell Biology  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Navin Varadarajan

Xingyue An  
Single-cell Functional Profiling of  
Lymphocytes for Cancer Immunotherapy  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Navin Varadarajan

Madhuresh Kumar Choudhary  
In Situ Methods to Characterize Zeolite  
Growth by Nonclassical Pathway  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jeffrey D. Rimer

Robert Clark  
Controlling Crystal Morphology and  
Polymorph Selection Using Molecular  
Additives  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jeremy C. Palmer

Wenyue Ding  
Structure-Property Relationships in  
Sustainable Thermoplastic Elastomers  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Megan Robertson

Zhe Sun  
Modeling and Bifurcation Analysis of  
Oxidative Coupling of Methane  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Vemuri Balakotaiah

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Satya Sapath Roy  
Structural Performance of Skew  
Reinforcing in Inverted-T Bridge Caps  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Y. L. Mo

Mohammad Sarraf Joshaghani  
Multi-scale and Interface Mechanics for  
Porous Media: Mathematical Models and  
Computational Frameworks  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kalyana B. Nakshatrala

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Fangzhou Chen  
2.5D Finite Difference Forward Modeling  
for Well Logging Application  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Ji Chen

Fang Hao  
Materials and Interfacial Engineering  
for High-performance All-solid-state  
Batteries  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Yan Yao

Li Huang  
Towards Microrobot Swarm Path  
Planning  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Aaron Becker

Souvick Mukherjee  
Semi-Supervised Machine Learning of  
Remotely Sensed Images via Feature  
Reduction and Deep Neural Networks  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Saurabh Prasad

Laila Saadatifard  
Large-Scale Segmentation of DNA-  
Labeled Brain Microstructures Using  
Deep Semantic Preprocessing  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. David Mayerich

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Jie Chen  
Flexible Piezoelectric Generators and  
Pulse Sensors Using Single-Crystalline  
III-N Thin Films  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jae-Hyun Ryou

Hui Dong  
High Energy and High Power  
Magnesium Batteries  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Yan Yao

Devendra Khatiwada  
Fabrication and Optimization of Single-  
Junction GaAs Thin Film Solar Cells on  
Epi-ready Flexible Metal Tapes for Low-  
cost Photovoltaics  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Venkat Selvamanickam

Vasish Narayan Mohan  
Inline Monitoring and Process Control  
of REBCO Tape Production  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Venkat Selvamanickam

Rudra Pratap  
Growth and Optimization of High-  
performance Thick RebcO Films for  
Application Over a Wide Range of  
Temperature (77 - 4.2) K and Magnetic  
Fields (0 - 15) T.  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Venkat Selvamanickam

Shuren Qu  
Tribology of PTFE/PEEK Composite at  
Elevated Temperature  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Su Su Wang

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Varun Umesh Kashyap  
Functional Materials For Solar Thermal  
Energy Harvesting  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Hadi Ghasemi

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN PETROLEUM  
ENGINEERING**

Ebru Unal

Development of a New Diagnostic Tool  
by Wavelet Transform & Applications  
to Stimulation and Waterflooding  
Operations

ADVISOR: Dr. Mohamed Y. Soliman

**MASTER OF CHEMICAL  
ENGINEERING**

Dewaki Chamupathi

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**

Abdullah Alamri

Chris Mary Paulnath Rajanayagam

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

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**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
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ENGINEERING**

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ENGINEERING AND  
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Rebecca Brown

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ENGINEERING**

Danielle Dewitt

Fariha Rashid

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
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Jonathan Onyeweli Ufeli

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
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Ali Nabaa

Anita Panda

Antonis Tatsis

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**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN  
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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
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Rhema Olufolake Ike<sup>3</sup>

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Juan Pablo Magana

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Hector Mario Mendoza

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## **Best Ph.D. Dissertation Award**

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### **Summer 2019 and Fall 2019 Graduates**

This semester, we have one first place winner of the outstanding dissertation award and two second place winners.

A plaque and a check for \$1,000 will be given to the following individual:

Jie Chen

*Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering*

**DISSERTATION TITLE:** Flexible Piezoelectric Generators and Pulse Sensors  
Using Single-Crystalline III-N Thin Films

**DISSERTATION ADVISOR:** Dr. Jae-Hyun Ryou

A plaque and a check for \$500 will be given to the following two individuals:

Fang Hao

*Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering*

**DISSERTATION TITLE:** Materials and Interfacial Engineering for  
High-Performance All Solid-State Batteries

**DISSERTATION ADVISOR:** Dr. Yan Yao

Donghwan Kim

*Ph.D. in Geosensing Systems Engineering*

**DISSERTATION TITLE:** Ensemble Learning Regression for Estimating River Discharge  
Using Remotely Sensed Data and Hydrological Model

**DISSERTATION ADVISOR:** Dr. Hyongki Lee

# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE



### Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Today marks a major milestone in your lives—the day you officially transition from students to alumni. You have accomplished so much in your time at the Conrad N. Hilton College, and now you will 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 are now part of a global network of close to 9,000 Hilton College graduates, and the friendships you have 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. And always remember that your graduation is particularly momentous—2019 is the year we celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a top hospitality program!

The Fall Class of 2019 is among the best the College has ever produced, and I know you will 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".

Dr. Dennis Reynolds  
*Dean*  
*Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair*

## University of Houston

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

#### Commencement Ceremony

Friday, December 13, 2019, 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>GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS</b>	The Honorable Doug H. Brooks ('75) <i>Member</i>
<b>GREETINGS FROM UH ADMINISTRATION</b>	Paula Myrick Short <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost</i>
<b>ALUMNI ADDRESS</b>	Michael Pede ('89) <i>Associate Vice President, Alumni Relations</i>
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b>	Christopher Nassetta <i>President and CEO, Hilton</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF MASTERS DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Ki-Joon Back, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies Eric Hilton Distinguished Chair</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF GLOBAL MASTERS DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Achim Schmitt, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean École Hôtelière de Lausanne</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC HONORS AND BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Mary Dawson, Ed.D. <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Donald H. Hubbs Professorship</i>
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	Provost Short
<b>PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI AWARD FOR SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE</b>	Associate Vice President Pede
<b>PRESENTATION OF GLOBAL MASTERS AWARDS</b>	Catherine Cheung, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF DEAN'S AWARDS AND CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean Reynolds
<b>UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ALMA MATER RECESSIONAL</b>	Moores School of Music





**CHRISTOPHER J. NASSETTA**

**President and CEO, Hilton**

CHRISTOPHER NASSETTA is President and CEO for Hilton. He joined the company in 2007.

Previously, Mr. Nassetta was President and CEO of Host Hotels and Resorts, Inc., a position he held since 2000. He joined Host in 1995 as Executive Vice President and was elected Chief Operating Officer in 1997.

Before joining Host, Mr. Nassetta co-founded Bailey Capital Corporation in 1991, where he was responsible for the operations of the real estate investment and advisory firm. Prior to founding Bailey Capital Corporation, he spent seven years at The Oliver Carr Company, ultimately serving as Chief Development Officer. In this role, he was responsible for all development and related activities for one of the largest commercial real estate companies in the mid-Atlantic region.

Mr. Nassetta graduated from the University of Virginia McIntire School of Commerce with a degree in finance. He currently serves on McIntire's Advisory Board.

## University of Houston

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

#### Candidates for Graduation

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Veronica Cho  
Ruochi Han  
Isaias Aurelio Hazlewood  
Seung Hyun Jun  
Brenton Edward Kauffman  
Krupali Mani Krushiker  
Yi Ling Eileen Lee  
Thi Tu Anh Luu  
Sotoudehalsadat Marashi  
Jessica L. Perales  
Elisabeth Salazar  
Jingjing Song  
Shora S. Um  
Qiaochen Wang

#### EXECUTIVE MASTER OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Justin Ryan Arriazola  
Djibril Djamil Bah-Traore  
Gillian Monique Bautista  
Alicia Lauren Beaver  
Dylan Christopher Dornbusch  
Kellie Ekeland  
Margaret Ann Garza  
Rebecca Erin Haskell  
David Learned  
Robert J. McKinley, Jr.  
Jonathan Reynard Miles  
Andrew Steven Nesburg  
Michael Northey  
Irving Salazar  
Kaila Renee Sawyer  
Larnetta J. Stewart

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY BUSINESS

Dorothea Apreda  
Kanchan Bipin Balani

Etii Bhsin  
Abigail E. Black  
Maria de las Nieves Carbon Orlando  
Heng-Yu Chin  
Luc Espaillard  
Yichun Fan  
Sofia Gallego de Chaves Lozano  
Adam Gasparovic  
Annika Margaret Glennon  
Sonali Sunil Hinduja  
Siran Liao  
Hui Liu  
Tasha Shania Mahdani  
Vignesh Rajasekharan Nair  
Danique Arianne Nijhof  
Chien Yao Pai  
Zhenghan Qiao  
Yilei Sheng  
Hava Adrienne Andree Suchait  
Aalia Udawala  
Yu Wang  
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Apichaya Wongsuwan  
Jiangyang Xu  
Johnson Yan  
Sijia Zhang

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

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Alicia Arzate  
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Stephanie Black  
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Bugsy Chiu <sup>2</sup>  
Christopher Clements <sup>3</sup>  
Brandi Rose Cooper  
Sean Ari O. Deleon  
Allya D. Du  
Regina Benjamin Ebendeng Oyana  
Barbara Renee Garcia  
Alicia S. Garza <sup>1</sup>  
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Dear Graduates:

Congratulations on your graduation from the University of Houston! Earning a college degree represents an important milestone in your life, one that requires dedication, discipline and perseverance. As Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, together with the entire faculty and staff of the College, I applaud your accomplishment. We are so pleased to recognize and honor all of our fall graduates in our College Commencement.

The qualities you demonstrated in completing your degree will serve you well as you enter this new phase of your life. We hope that your education at the University of Houston and in this College formed a solid foundation for your future personal and professional life. We have aimed to challenge your thinking, strengthen your knowledge and deepen your appreciation of the world in all its complexity and diversity. As a new graduate, you now have the opportunity to contribute to society utilizing the knowledge and skills you have acquired here.

The College is delighted to welcome you into the ranks of our alumni. I hope you will keep in touch with your classmates and maintain strong ties with the University of Houston. We truly need the energy and support of all our graduates as the University of Houston joins the ranks of the nation's leading urban universities.

Please accept my best wishes for your continued success. Now, go forth and...Go Coogs!

Sincerely,

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*Dean*  
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Femalities: Materialist Embodiment  
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Multi-Media, Multimodality, and  
Multimedia: A Study of Competing  
Concepts in Composition Textbooks,  
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The Effect of Exercise on Endoplasmic  
Reticulum Stress-Associated Vascular  
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Role of Physical Activity in  
Inflammasome-Mediated Vascular  
Endothelial Dysfunction in Obesity

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Effects of Tendon Vibration, Light  
Touch, and Mechanical Noise on Postural  
Control: Implications for Somatosensory  
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The Politics of Love: Chicanas (Re) Write  
Love and Sexuality in Twentieth Century  
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Creating an Archive: Fronteriza Authors  
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Masculinidades e interseccionalidades  
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interpretaciones literarias de identidades  
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El discurso periodístico en estudiantes  
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Yo, La Nación Y El Lenguaje: Caravana  
Literaria Centroamericana De-Colonial  
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A Prodigious Atlas: The Colonial  
Geographical Imagination and its  
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From Moral to Immoral Treatment:  
The Failure to Fund the Treatment of  
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Inhabiting Para: Afro-Brazilians and  
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"Winning Isn't Everything": The  
Re-Nomination of Losing Candidates

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An Investigation of Relationships  
Between PTSD Symptoms, Blast  
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Behavioral and Epigenetic Consequences  
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Neural Effects of Weekly Binge Alcohol:  
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Pay Me in Equity: Can Equal Opportunity  
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Toward a Proposed Cross-Cultural  
Core Competency Model: Exploring  
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### MASTER OF ARTS

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Anne Marie Davis  
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#### Applied Mathematics

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# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

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## COLLEGE of NURSING

### Message from the Dean

Dear Nursing Graduates,

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

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 through civic engagement opportunities. Thank you.

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

As lifelong learners, I invite you to stay connected with your College of Nursing. We welcome and invite you to become “life members” of the UH Nursing Alumni Association. You will always have a special honor of 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 Cougar Nurses!

Sincerely,

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

Kathryn M. Tart, EdD ('99), MSN, RN  
*Founding Dean and Professor*  
*Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Nursing*

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

**Commencement and Pinning Ceremony**

Friday, December 13, 2019, 2 p.m.

Cullen Performance Hall

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	<i>“Four Seasons”</i> by Vivaldi
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Kathryn M. Tart, EdD ('99), MSN, RN <i>Founding Dean and Professor</i> <i>Humana Endowed Dean’s Chair in Nursing</i>
<b>SPEAKER</b>	Charles (Chuck) D. Stokes <i>President &amp; CEO</i> <i>Memorial Hermann Health System</i>
<b>DESCRIPTION OF PIN</b>	Dean Tart
<b>PINNING OF BACHELOR CANDIDATES</b>	Danielle Quintana, MSN, RN, CNOR <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i> <i>Interim Second Degree BSN Track Manager</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR CANDIDATES</b>	Andrea Brooks, PhD, RN, PPCNP-BC <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i> <i>RN to BSN Track Manager</i>
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	Dean Tart
<b>FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE AND LIGHTING CEREMONY</b>	Sonya Wade, DNSc, APRN, FNP-BC, RN
<b>FAREWELL FROM THE FACULTY</b>	Dr. Brooks
<b>UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ALMA MATER</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	<i>“Radetzky Waltz”</i> by Strauss



## **CHARLES (CHUCK) D. STOKES**

### **President & CEO Memorial Hermann Health System**

CHARLES (CHUCK) D. STOKES joined Memorial Hermann Health System in 2008 as Chief Operating Officer (COO). In June 2017, he was named President and CEO of the System.

In his role, Chuck is responsible for leading and overseeing the System's network of 19 hospitals and more than 300 diagnostic and specialty centers, with more than 26,000 employees and 6,000 affiliated physicians in the Greater Houston area.

Chuck has nearly four decades of leadership experience in healthcare, and throughout his accomplished career has achieved success in service line leadership, quality and patient safety improvement, leadership development, employee engagement, and physician collaboration.

During his tenure with Memorial Hermann, Chuck has worked tirelessly to establish a culture of high reliability, innovation, and transformation throughout the organization. Under his visionary leadership Memorial Hermann has attained unprecedented accolades in patient safety, high-quality care, and operational excellence.

Chuck models servant leadership with an emphasis on coaching and team building while using the Malcolm Baldrige criteria as a platform for driving operational excellence. His leadership was most recently instrumental in helping Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital secure the 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award—the nation's highest Presidential honor for performance excellence.

As part of his commitment to developing the next generation of healthcare leaders, Chuck has taught numerous leadership development programs for the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), an organization of more than 48,000 healthcare executives working together to improve care delivery and population health. In 2017, Chuck was named Chairman of the ACHE Board of Governors and currently serves as Immediate Past Chairman.

In addition to his service to ACHE, Chuck is on the Houston Holocaust Museum Advisory Board, the Board of United Way of Houston, Greater Houston Partnership Board of Directors, Texas Hospital Association Board of Trustees, and the American Heart Association Board of Directors. He also serves as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and is the author of numerous articles on leadership development. In 2017, Chuck was named among the Top 25 COO's in medicine by Modern Healthcare.

Prior to his role as COO and President and CEO of Memorial Hermann, Chuck served as President of North Mississippi Medical Center, a 650-bed tertiary hospital and a 2006 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient. He previously served as COO for three other healthcare systems.

Chuck, who is board certified in Healthcare Management as an ACHE fellow, began his career as a critical care nurse and nurse executive before completing his master's degree in Hospital and Healthcare Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Chuck is married to wife, Judy Liswood Stokes. They have three adult sons, Neil and his wife, Sherry, Joshua, and Sidney Joel.

## FALL 2019

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### SECOND DEGREE BSN GRADUATES

Peyton P. Abernathy <sup>4</sup>  
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Rukhsar Ali  
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Karina Aileen Cavanaugh <sup>4</sup>  
Kimberly Cox <sup>3</sup>  
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David Hoang Dang <sup>4</sup>  
Rena Dang  
Ebony Douglas <sup>3,4</sup>  
Emilee Melissa English <sup>3,4</sup>  
Madisen L. Gale <sup>1,4</sup>  
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Mohammad Farhan Ghafoor  
Dante Gill

Rebecca Godbout <sup>3,4</sup>  
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My-Khanh Gabrielle Tran <sup>3,4</sup>  
Alyssa Michelle Twardowski <sup>4</sup>  
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Deion Elise Whitehead  
Rene Misun Williams  
Ashley Lorraine Woodyard  
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Keandre D. Cox  
Matthew Diaz <sup>4</sup>  
Autumn Estes  
Aiyana Elizabeth Hickey

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Bajwa Endowed Nursing Scholarship  
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Fred & Mabel R. Parks Foundation  
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Vivian L. Smith Foundation  
R. Sztajer Holocaust Survivor Scholarship

## Second Degree BSN Clinical Affiliations

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Cypress Independent School District  
Devereaux Texas Treatment Network  
Fort Bend Health and Human Service Department  
Fort Bend Independent School District  
Harris County Psychiatric Center  
Texas Medical Center  
Harris Health System Ben Taub and LBJ Hospitals  
Texas Medical Center  
HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest  
HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress  
HCA Houston Healthcare West  
HCA The Woman's Hospital of Texas  
Houston Independent School District  
Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital  
Houston Methodist Hospital  
Texas Medical Center  
Houston Methodist West Hospital  
Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital

Memorial Hermann  
Greater Heights Hospital  
Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital  
Memorial Hermann  
Memorial City Hospital  
Memorial Hermann PaRC Hospital  
Memorial Hermann  
Sugar Land Hospital  
Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center  
and Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital  
Shriner's for Children Hospital  
Texas Medical Center  
St. Peter's Preschool  
Texana Early Childhood  
Development Center  
Texas Children's Hospital  
Texas Medical Center  
Tomball Independent School District  
Westpark Springs Hospital

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

Clinical Affiliations

**RN to BSN Clinical Affiliations**

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Fort Bend Health and  
Human Service Department  
HCA Houston Healthcare West  
Humana

Memorial Hermann  
Greater Heights Hospital  
The Lighthouse of Houston  
University of Houston  
Charter School

## Florence Nightingale Pledge

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

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

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

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

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

— *Author Unknown*







# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## COLLEGE of TECHNOLOGY

### Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

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, appearing to read 'Anthony P. Ambler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

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

**Commencement Ceremony**

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 2 p.m.  
Fertitta Center

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Honorary Grand Marshal and Associate Marshals College Banner Bearer Assistant Marshals Faculty Candidates for Graduation Platform Party
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS</b>	UH ROTC
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY</b>	Anthony P. Ambler, Ph.D. <i>Dean and Professor</i>
<b>OPENING ADDRESS</b>	Dean Ambler
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b>	Tammi Warfield <i>Customer Success General Manager for North America and Houston Managing Director, Microsoft</i>
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## UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

### **Message from the President, Board of Directors UH Alumni Association Foundation**

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations University of Houston Graduate! Welcome to the University of Houston Alumni Association (UHAA) and we are honored that your hard work, perseverance, and determination has earned your presence into our elite alumni group of almost 300,000 alumni over the last 92 years! You are graduating from a University, with nationally recognized programs and alumni networks across the country and the world that can help you take the next steps in your life and career.

The University of Houston holds a special place in all our hearts. Your next steps in life and as a University of Houston alumni are important in many ways – first, as a graduate with a bright and successful career in front of you, and secondly as a UH alumni who can continue to help the University of Houston grow and prosper in the coming years. I, as a three-time alumna of UH, chose to give back to the University that gave me my great foundation; I hope you continue to do the same. You ask, “What can I do for UH?” I always answer the same way – “Get involved and stay connected with UH!”

I strongly encourage you to find a UHAA constituent group that suits you and your interests. We have nearly 45 UHAA alumni associations waiting for you. If you are not ready to get involved, show that UH spirit – continue to wear Cougar Red on Fridays, put a “University of Houston Alumni” license plate holder or sticker on your car. The ultimate show of UH pride as a graduate is to become a Life Member of your Alumni Association – UHAA Life Membership benefits all, including current students.

Most importantly, congratulations on your graduation from the University of Houston! We are proud of your accomplishments as a student at our beloved, outstanding University. We look forward to continuing your relationship with UH for many years to come as engaged alumni.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurie Rutherford'.

Laurie Rutherford ('86, M.B.A. '91, M.S. '04)  
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