





University of Houston
C. T. Bauer College of Business

Commencement Ceremony
Friday, December 17, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
Fertitta Center

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Message from the President

December 17, 2021

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations! The moment you've long dreamed of today becomes a reality. Today, you become a college graduate. The long hours, late nights and countless sacrifices have all been worth it. Your hard work has prepared you for a rewarding and successful career.

You are a class of graduates that didn't allow a global pandemic to stop you from achieving your goals. Staying the course during these trying times is a testament to your resilience and tenacity. I have no doubt these same attributes will serve you well as you make your mark in the world. You leave here today educated, equipped and prepared to succeed.

The support of your parents, families and friends, and the encouragement of your UH faculty, advisers and staff have also played a significant part in your success. Remember to thank them for their contribution.

You've received a first-class education here at UH. This is the home of "genius grant" winners, nationally top-ranked academic programs, world-renowned faculty, an NCAA Final Four basketball team, Carnegie-designated Tier One research and so much more. Now, go forward as proud graduates and take the world by storm. I know in my heart that you are now ready and able to be the leaders that our society needs. You are the future we have been waiting for.

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

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renu Khator". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Renu Khator
President



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Message from the Provost

Congratulations, Cougars!

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

Your family, friends, mentors and peers have supported you and helped you to arrive at this great time in your life. So, I thank them, as I am sure you also do, for all they have contributed.

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

Whether you are receiving your bachelor's, master's, professional or doctoral degree, you have achieved a major milestone in your life. We are proud of you, and we are proud you are now Tier One University of Houston alumni.

On behalf of all the University faculty and college deans, I congratulate you on your achievements. You are our best and brightest, and we are honored to have been a part of your lives.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Myrick Short". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paula Myrick Short
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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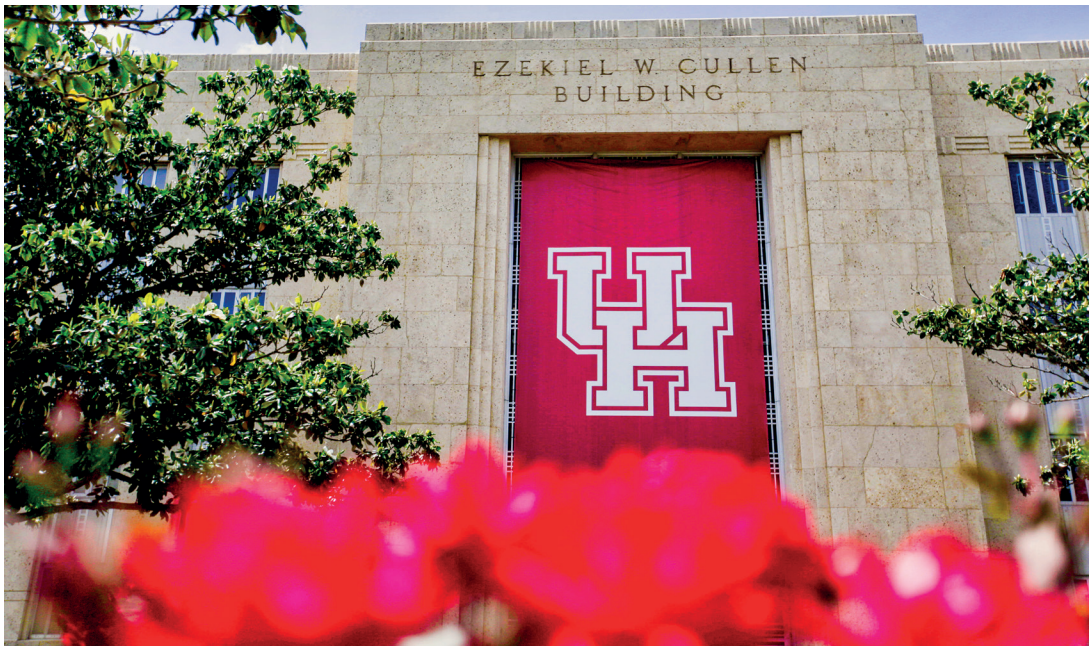
Michael Twa
Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Optometry
COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

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Distinguished Professor of Science
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

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University of Houston History



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

The University includes 15 academic colleges, one school and the multidisciplinary Honors College that teach a wide array of subjects – from math, arts and engineering to law, pharmacy and business. What started as a campus with a single building has grown into a world-class university, offering more than 270 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 47,000 students annually.

UH is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university, and its public service and community activities, such as cultural offerings, clinical services, policy studies and small business initiatives, serve a diverse metropolitan population. Likewise, the resources of the Gulf Coast Region complement and enrich the University's academic programs, providing students with professional expertise, practical experience and career opportunities.

In keeping with the University's commitment to excellence, UH raised the benchmark of academic achievement when Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society, awarded UH the approval to start a chapter 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.

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

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

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

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

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UH LAW CENTER

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

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Purple*
 Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor's Degree *Tassel: Citron*

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

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Dark Blue*
 Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Doctor of Medicine Degree
 Hood: Kelly Green
 Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor's Degree *Tassel: Golden Yellow*

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

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Dark Blue*
 Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Bachelor's Degree *Tassel: Apricot*

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

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

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

Doctor of Philosophy Degree
 Hood: Royal Blue
 Tassel: Red

Doctor of Optometry Degree
 Hood: Seafoam Green
 Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Bachelor's Degree *Tassel: Olive*

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

Doctor of Philosophy Degree
 Hood: Royal Blue
 Tassel: Red

Doctor of Pharmacy Degree
 Hood: Olive
 Tassel: Red

GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

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

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Citron*
 Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor's Degree *Tassel: Maroon*

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

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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

Ceremonial Symbols



THE SEAL

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



UNIVERSITY MACE

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

THE ALMA MATER

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

Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942

Academic Honors

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

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

3.90 TO 4.0 Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)

3.70 TO 3.89 Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)

3.50 TO 3.69 Cum Laude (with Honors)

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

Summa Cum Laude – 4.0 GPA Graduates

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

FALL 2021

Ryan Chang

Bachelor of Science in Biology

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Rabia Gadrab

Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management

C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Julia Nguyen

Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management

C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Kelly Nguyen

Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance

C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Kimberly Nguyen

Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management

C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Jacob Olsen

Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management

C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Precious Amber Vargas

Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management

C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Istvan Wang

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Shehzad Yousaf

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS





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C. T. BAUER COLLEGE of BUSINESS

Message from the Dean

Dear Fall 2021 graduates,

Welcome to the Bauer Alumni family! You are now joining over 60,000 Bauer alumni and over 300,000 UH alumni who have achieved the same milestone as you do today, for almost a century!

You and your family must be extremely 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 prestigious point in your career. I personally commend you on this momentous achievement. Congratulations!!

You are graduating at a time when there is a considerable amount of change happening right now in our world. I know that you are prepared to enter the workforce as a leader who can help to navigate this post-pandemic new normal through collaboration, innovation, and creativity. You have already proven your resilience by overcoming obstacles presented in the last year to get to the finish line.

At the Bauer College, we believe “The Future Is Our Business,” a mandate that we shape the world of business, tomorrow, through leading-edge programs and innovative thinking, today. Bauer College transforms lives, forges lifelong friendships, and fosters student growth, both professionally and personally, throughout your life. As proud Bauer alumni, you have the resources to go forward with the necessary skills and knowledge to make a positive change in your community, your city, your state, your country, and even the world. Just be bold and resourceful!

This graduation ceremony marks the beginning of a lifelong relationship with the Bauer College. The Bauer faculty and staff are proud to join your family and friends in celebrating this major achievement.

On behalf of the Bauer faculty and staff, over 7,000 students and over 60,000 alumni worldwide, we look forward to learning about all your future successes. Make us all proud, and we look forward to hearing your achievements.

Best wishes, and once again, CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Paul A. Pavlou

Dean

Cullen Distinguished Chair

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	PROCESSIONAL	
	CALL TO ORDER	Praveen Kumar <i>Senior Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs</i>
	PRESENTATION OF COLORS	UH Army ROTC Color Guard
	NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moore School of Music
	WELCOME REMARKS	Paul A. Pavlou <i>Dean</i>
	GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
	GREETINGS FROM UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable Jack B. Moore <i>Vice Chairman</i>
	PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS	Roger Barascout <i>Assistant Dean, Strategic Initiatives</i>
	PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES	Senior Associate Dean Kumar
	CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	President Khator
	CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Pavlou
	UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ALMA MATER	Moore School of Music
	RECESSIONAL	

Summer 2021 – Graduates

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Cassandra Collier ⁵
Essays on Nudges in Information Systems
FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Norman Johnson

Ming Ma
Essays in Asset Pricing in Currency
Markets
FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Raul Susmel

Mohsen Pourmasoudi ⁵
Essays on Selling and Sales Incentives
FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Michael Ahearne

EXECUTIVE MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Juan Felipe Arce ⁵
Anjali Bhangay ⁵
Michael Eric Boulet ⁵
Irma Gladis Brillantes ⁵
Shaila Lalani ⁵
Bethanie Kathleen Mackintosh ⁵

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Sean Michael Adams ⁵
Nahyan Saud Ahmed ⁵
Khosro Alizadeh ⁵
Reyna Gabriela Anzora
Joey Vincent Cassata ⁵
William Chance Cooke ⁵
Matthew Ryan Donovan ⁵
Boyd Foster ⁵
Scott Edward Funk ⁵
Justyn G. Gaddis ⁵
Lee Mehrkam Hofweber
Tanuj Khanna
Harris Masterson ⁵
Keaton T. Opila ⁵
Yasir Waqas Shaikh ⁵
Azamat Shapakov ⁵
Michael Leon Smith, Jr. ⁵

Vivek Vadali ⁵
Cyril Tchuam Wafo
Edward Anthony Zambuto ⁵
Yihao Zuo ⁵

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

Juanid Anwar
Danish Syed Arshad
Gloria A. Cardenas
Clare Elizabeth Dansby ⁵
Vinicius Ribeiro Ferreira ⁵
Jose Alberto Flores ⁵
Albert James Hernandez ⁵
Trang Thi Hoang ⁵
Kristina Trang Leova ⁵
Rustin Nejad ⁵
Kayden Nguyen ⁵
Anna Palermo ⁵
Linh Hai Phan ⁵
Yash Raghuvansi ⁵
RaShelle Shennay Raynor ⁵
Mahnoor Sohail Razzak ⁵
Cody Alan Sketoe ⁵
Vinh Quang Thieu
Uyen Vu Le Van ⁵
Ashley Vasquez ⁵
Kathryn Vien ⁵
Parker Jay Williams ⁵
Patrick Jimmy Yee ⁵

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

Lindsy V. Clayton ⁵
Brian Michael Cutrell ⁵
Monica Garnica ⁵
Danh Ngoc Thanh Mai ⁵
Cory Ty Merryman
Phap Van Quoc Nguyen ⁵
Eint Hlaing Phoo
Sudeep Ramachandran ⁵
Aneecia Vernessa Tafara

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL ENERGY LEADERSHIP

Karah Elisabeth Brazell ⁵

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Alicia Nicole Green ⁵
Graham Rudyard Jones ⁵
Michelle Taylor Vercher ⁵

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Xiaoshu Di
Nahal Shoukat ⁵

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MARKETING

Ryan Thomas Bui
Rachel Diana Clarke ⁵
Quyen Le Tinh Dang ⁵
Madison Deane
Michael Denison ⁵
Pooja Goswami ⁵
Kainat Iqbal ⁵
Olivia Kadlecek
Emal Khan ⁵
Calen T. Leachman ⁵
Yaneska D. Mejia
Shelby Lynn Self
May Kieu Tran ⁵

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Carla N. Abousaab
Adam H. Abusnineh ¹
Mehreen Saleem Ahmed ¹

¹ Summa Cum Laude - ² Magna Cum Laude - ³ Cum Laude - ⁴ College Banner Bearer (highest GPA) - ⁵ Dean's Award - ⁶ Outstanding Master Graduate

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 Jerry Cai
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 Erika Herrera³
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 Shahbaz S. Khowja
 Tucker James Knode
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 Damilola Samuel Oshungbohun
 Mariah Dominique Pena³
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 Husein Taha Raja²
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 Andres Reyna³
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Tiffany Rose Selph²
Jonathan Cardona Sese³
Simra Shahid²
Moulika Somaroutu
Minseok Song
Emilio Aleko Soto

Destiny Marie Tamez
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Damian Derek Trujillo
Huy Van
Randy Van

Cole H. Van Ness³
Jesse Ward
Brandon G. Wong³
Nicholas Giovanni Wright³
Nicholas D. Xydas¹
Eman Suha Yousuf³
Areeba Asif Zahir
Haotian Zhang³
Jing Zhao

Fall 2021 – Candidates for Graduation

EXECUTIVE MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Syeda Maryam Rizvi
Rhonda Faye Robinson⁵
Lena Saifi⁵

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Hussain Nuri Alabdulmuhsin
Siddiq Bacchus⁵
Brandon M. Bhaskar⁵
Christine Elizabeth Bradley⁵
Jon Bridges⁵
Raul Chavez
Taylor Christian Clark⁵
Taylor Congdon⁵
Laura Jo Cook⁵
Corin Blake Derrick
George H. Dodd
Craig Michael Finnigan⁵
Taylor J. Giusti
Keenan Colin Goldis⁵
Bryan Edward Gottfried^{5,6}
Andre Jeroy Hal
Ali Haroon
Justin Turner Harris
Bryan Hill⁵

Matthew Hoffman⁵
Abdu Issa⁵
Joann M. Karam
Sarah Aleysia Kariampally⁵
Glenn Paul Manuel⁵
Elaine N. Messiha⁵
Guy Andrew Napier
Martin Oyih
Ellen Elaine Polak⁵
Rahul P. Rao⁵
Derrick Evan Reiner⁵
Michael Anthony Vincente Reyes⁵
Guillermo J. Romero⁵
Mohammad Sachee⁵
Gursharan Singh
Robert Terhune Sjoberg⁵
Jennifer Alexandria Torres⁵
Atalia D. Valdez
Michaela Ivory Nashae Washington⁵
Charles Graham Williams⁵
Loyd Andrew Wright⁵

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

Suveksha Adhikari⁵
Lorenzo Balderas, Jr.
Austin R. Brooks^{5,6}
Alexia Eleni Caldwell
Emily T. Campbell
Robert Han Carder⁵

Ajay Singh Chaney⁵
Brandon James Crow
Luis E. Delgado Cabrera⁵
Cara Alicia Diaz-Rohrer⁵
Randolph Shadrack Diggs⁵
Van Thi Hong Dinh⁵
Christopher Philip Doan⁵
Rhea Phiroz Engineer⁵
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Message from the Dean

December 17, 2021

We think of commencement as an end, a finish line, yet the word proclaims that this moment is a new beginning, that “today is the first day of the rest of your life” as the old posters and new memes remind us. Our graduation ritual of “walking” has been revived, despite the challenges familiar to us all, thanks to a promise and a commitment from Chancellor Khator. Walking is treasured by students and their families because it conveys in motion, symbol, and

photograph the fact that you are literally taking next steps on a new journey into a new world.

Then-Senator Barack Obama, however, in a definitive speech entitled “A More Perfect Union,” quoted this famous line from a William Faulkner novel: “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.” And a great teacher and scholar, R.J. Kaufmann, had this insight about what we read, say, write, do, and experience: “Nothing is ever lost.” So, to understand a person in midlife, you need to know what they were doing between the ages of 18 and 24 and what was going on in the world during those years. To anticipate the person you will become, you might well reflect on what you have been doing over the last four or five years, inside and outside the classroom, and what has been going on in the world.

We are confident that what you have been reading, writing, and doing during your undergraduate years, the tonic tasks that you have undertaken, will not be lost. Breaking through to that hard-won epiphany in a Human Sit paper; taking your first oral exam and killing it (or vowing to kill it next time!); presenting your poster, virtually or in person, at Undergraduate Research Day; making the transition from mentee in year one to mentor in year three; developing a partnership with a middle school whose students could really use some Honors College tutors; developing cultural competencies and medical skills so you can responsibly serve a refugee community in Jordan; representing UH in a Model Arab League simulation in Washington or Cairo; becoming certified as a Community Health Worker in order to assist Third Ward families; completing a competitive application for a major award, and then interviewing for and perhaps winning a Fulbright, a Goldwater, or a Critical Language Scholarship. Despite the many challenges—or perhaps because of them—your generation has the opportunity to become a great generation, perhaps the greatest generation of the 21st century.

Our hope is that the past four or five years have prepared you for deep satisfactions in your professional lives, and beyond your professional lives. This week you are commencing, you are walking on in your journey. We are proud of you, and we hope that you will not be a stranger to joy or a stranger to us in the years to come.

Be safe and be well,

Bill Monroe
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The Honors College Honors

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

University Honors and University Honors with Honors in Major

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

Collegiate Honors and Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

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

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

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

Honors in Major

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

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Alexandra Dearborn
Paisley Fernandez
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Luis Felipe Galleno
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Juan Gabriel Laxa
Karim Hazem Machkhas
Shaan Moosa Muhammad
Bassam Razzaq
Megan Ann Robinson
Zoe Rountree
Rida Jawad Sarwar
Gabriel Segovia-Plate
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Oscar Daniel Leon
Alfonso Merino
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Derek Nguyen
Zouheir Daniel Obeid
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Dua Abidi

Collegiate Honors

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