





**University of Houston**  
**College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**

**Commencement Ceremony**  
Friday, December 17, 2021, 9 a.m.  
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# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON



## 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*



# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON



## 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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COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

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Distinguished Professor of Science  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

## University of Houston

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## University of Houston History

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

The University includes 15 academic colleges, 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

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

As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adapted by their faculties for bachelor's (apprentices of the arts), master's (teachers) and 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

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

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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

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

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

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### UH LAW CENTER

<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Purple Tassel: Black</i>
<b>Doctoral Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Purple Tassel: Red</i>

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

### COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

<b>Doctor of Medicine Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Kelly Green Tassel: Red</i>
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### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

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

### COLLEGE OF NURSING

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

### COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Gold Tassel: Black</i>
<b>Doctor of Philosophy Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Royal Blue Tassel: Red</i>
<b>Doctor of Optometry Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Seafoam Green Tassel: Red</i>

### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<i>Tassel: Olive</i>
<b>Master's Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Olive Tassel: Black</i>
<b>Doctor of Philosophy Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Royal Blue Tassel: Red</i>
<b>Doctor of Pharmacy Degree</b>	<i>Hood: Olive Tassel: Red</i>

### GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

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

### COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

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

### HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

<b>Master's Degree:</b>	<i>Hood: Peacock Blue Tassel: Peacock Blue</i>
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## 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*

## **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.

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

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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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**Message from the Interim Dean**

**Class of 2021: Congratulations on your graduation from the University of Houston!**

Commencement is a time for reflection, celebration, and looking to the future. During your time as a student at UH, all of you have demonstrated that you are resilient, both individually and as a group. Your determination, along with the support of family, friends, classmates, faculty, and staff, provided you the drive needed to complete your degree.

You have persevered, and you have succeeded. Today we celebrate that success!

I believe that challenges along your path, and there were many challenges these last two years, were opportunities for you to grow, gain wisdom, and learn to adapt. The faculty and staff of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences applaud your accomplishment. We aimed to challenge your thinking, strengthen your knowledge, and deepen your appreciation of the world in all its complexity and diversity.

These experiences will serve you well as you transition to the next phase of your life. Your graduation is the first step, a very large step, on your path to great achievements.

As a new graduate, you have the opportunity to contribute constructively to society, utilizing the knowledge and skills you have acquired here. You have the privilege of shaping a brighter future for all of us. I look forward to the future that you will create.

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 need the energy and support of our alumni as the University of Houston becomes a top 50 public research university, and beyond. I know we can rely on you.

Please accept my best wishes for your continued success. Be well, stay safe and Go Coogs!

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel P. O'Connor  
*Interim Dean*

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<b>PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>PRESENTATION OF COLORS</b>	UH Army ROTC Color Guard
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>RECOGNITION OF PLATFORM PARTY</b>	Todd Romero <i>Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies</i>
<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b>	Daniel P. O'Connor <i>Interim Dean</i>
<b>GREETINGS FROM UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS</b>	The Honorable Durga D. Agrawal <i>Secretary</i>
<b>RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS</b>	Carla Sharp <i>Associate Dean, Faculty and Research</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES</b>	Susan Scarrow <i>Associate Dean, Graduate Studies</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CANDIDATES</b>	Associate Dean Scarrow
<b>PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES</b>	Associate Dean Romero
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	Dean O'Connor
<b>CONCLUDING REMARKS</b>	Dean O'Connor
<b>ALMA MATER</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	Moores School of Music

## Fall 2021 – Candidates for graduation

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### Department of English

Sara Almalik

Mind the Gap: Bridging Wikipedia's "Geographical Gap" for the Global Periphery

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Paul Butler

#### Department of Hispanic Studies

Blanca Esther Gomez

Significados ideacionales e interpersonales en textos periodísticos de estudiantes hispanos de herencia y monolingües

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Manuel Gutiérrez

Alisha D. Loftin

Con mi alma entera: Formality in Love Letters of Mexico, 1865-1949

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Manuel Gutiérrez

#### Department of History

Ramiro Contreras

Mexican Inclusion and Exclusion in Houston, Texas from 1900-1940

**ADVISOR:**

Dr. Guadalupe San Miguel

Gary Girod

The Rise of the Information State: Domestic Surveillance in France and Britain during World War I

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sarah Fishman

Kimberly R. Goodling

Privateering in the American Revolution: Its Effectiveness, Its Annoyance, and the British Assault on Connecticut

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Matthew J. Clavin

Kevin J. Johnson

An Inglorious War: The U.S. Civil War, Guerrilla Fighting and the American Plains Indians

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Raúl A. Ramos

### Department of Political Science

Maria Burns

Human Trafficking in the U.S.: Implementing Federal and State Policy Analysis, Network Analysis, Policy Diffusion, and Multivariate Data Analytics, To Investigate Modern Day Slavery

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jennifer Hayes Clark

### Department of Psychology

#### Developmental, Cognitive, and Behavioral Neuroscience

Hannah Claussenius-Kalman

Neural Mechanisms Underlying Literacy in Bilingual Children with Typical and Atypical Reading Development

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Arturo E. Hernandez

#### Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Evonzia G. Jeff-Eke

A Generations-Focused Examination of Individual Differences and Women in Stem Fields

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Christiane Spitzmueller

Maryam Ahmad Kazmi

Representation Matters: The Trickle-Down Effect of Faculty Diversity on Ph.D. Student Recruitment and Selection

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Christiane Spitzmueller

Allison Blair Martir

Exploring the Relationship Between Gender Discrimination and Career Attitudes in STEM

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Christiane Spitzmuller

#### Social Psychology

Carol Wang

Benefit Finding and Resiliency in the Wake of Hurricane Harvey and Cancer

**COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:** Dr. Qian Lu and Dr. Clayton Neighbors

### MASTER'S DEGREES

#### Department of Comparative and Cultural Studies

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Kaira R. Mercer-Jones

#### Department of Economics

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED ECONOMICS

Shonali Agrawal

Benjamin Lewing

#### Economics

Weonhyeok Chung

Oscar De Jesus Galvez Soriano

Hussain Hadah

Yu-Hsin Hsu

Eva Davinia Loaeza Albino

Sameer Malik

Ryan P. Mcgregor

Mehedi Hasan Oni

Yang Pei

Luis Eduardo Salinas Huerta

Ko Sugiura

Troy E. Thorell

Victor Hugo Zuluaga Gonzalez

#### Department of English

McKenzie Elizabeth Maze

#### Department of Health and Human Performance

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN SPORT AND FITNESS ADMINISTRATION

Carlisa S. May

Giovanni Miguel Pancotti

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Gerardo J. Reyna  
Chandler A. Smith

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN HUMAN NUTRITION**

Nicole Ciuppa  
Morgan Jane Faries  
Abby Giles  
Netro McKay  
Valerie A. Silver

**Department of History**

Walker Shores

**Department of Modern  
and Classical Languages**

Milhko Jose' Bravo

**Department of Psychology**

Jessica G. Hernandez Ortiz  
Xinge Li

**MASTER OF PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION**

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Connor Douglas Mitchell

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

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Jose M. Garcia-Medina  
Andrea Margaret Garza  
Julia Elise Gay <sup>2</sup>  
Keitha Mae Hanks <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Summa Cum Laude – <sup>2</sup> Magna Cum Laude – <sup>3</sup> Cum Laude

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## THE HONORS COLLEGE

### 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  
The Honors College

# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## THE HONORS COLLEGE

### The Honors College Honors

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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.

## University Honors with Honors in Major

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Hannah Aurora Martinez

## University Honors

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Cem Baber  
Josue Isai Cruz-Arriola  
Alexandra Dearborn  
Paisley Fernandez  
Kaleigh Michelle Flynn  
Luis Felipe Galleno  
Amanda Lynn Ganis  
Juan Gabriel Laxa  
Karim Hazem Machkhas  
Shaan Moosa Muhammad  
Bassam Razzaq  
Megan Ann Robinson  
Zoe Rountree  
Rida Jawad Sarwar  
Gabriel Segovia-Plate  
Brooklyn Renee Smith  
David Smith  
Trang Pham Thuy Than  
Thanh Tu Tran  
Kathryn Paige Van Horn

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Hunter Douglas Anderson  
Alexander Kristopher Andrews  
Miles Lockhart Bednorz  
Ruth Ellen Carroll  
Gabrielle Charvat  
Ceyda Iclal Ersoy  
Alma Jakelin Garcia

Daniela Louise Graham  
David Matthew Hartman  
Hannah Rebecca Hassel  
Treana Hebert  
Sean Hu  
Mytrang Huynh  
Brock Liu  
Karim Hazem Machkhas  
Tayma Lynn Machkhas  
Elizabeth Aleksandra Merlinsky  
Penelope Itzae Moreno  
Camille Ngo  
Anh Tu Nguyen  
Sean Gwyneth Perry  
Aleksandar Petrusevski  
Katherine Sophia Solberg  
Lena D. Teckenbrock  
Alondra Anahi Torres  
Ealee Tuan

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Doriane Alfon  
Gabriela Ruth Gonzalez

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Megan Dorothy Cudal Buena  
Tayma Lynn Machkhas  
Kamryn Milan Schafer  
Sara Safwan Syed  
Vivian Nguyen Tran

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Kyle Alfeche Eclarin  
Marissa Garcia  
Sarah Danielle Hannusch  
Sajid Khan  
Oscar Daniel Leon  
Alfonso Merino  
Sai Anuroop Mulukuri  
Derek Nguyen  
Zouheir Daniel Obeid  
Megan Ann Robinson  
Eniola Ruth Sam-Olibale  
John Logan Sammons  
Peter Winski

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Nooha Ali Ahmed  
Alexander Kristopher Andrews  
Travis Joseph Baylor  
Brenna Chan  
Richa Dudhia  
Sydney Elizabeth Nutter  
Elizabeth K. Odonnell  
Alejandra Paiuk  
Emma Schenck  
Bryana Stigers  
Pardis Zohari

## Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

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### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dua Abidi

## Collegiate Honors

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### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Alison Fae Vasterling

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Megan Faye Barineau  
Sean Patrick Dalton  
Sophia Marie Frusco  
Rhonda Hassan  
Krystal Hinojosa  
Ivana Lozano  
Nathalie L. Nava

Ashlee Nixon  
Ejenavi D. Ojigho  
Hannah Elisabeth Price  
Enrique Salinas

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Areeba Ahmed  
Emily Grace O'Neill

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Samantha Marie Bales  
Kelly Graham

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Sofia Marie Sumira Esico  
Avinash Kotecha  
Cindy Mai  
Yaseen A. Syed  
Jan Stephen Magluyan Tamayo  
Pichvyda Tuy

### COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Trevor Cordell Green  
Arshia Komeili

## Membership in The Honors College

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### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Rahaf Omar Aldaim  
Colin Carter  
Cody Dickerson  
Jochen Seeba  
Juan Carlos Uribe

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Daniel John Saber

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

Consuelo Maia Ecevido

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Lucas W. Teague  
Hima Shaji Vadakekara

### COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Burgundy Johnson