



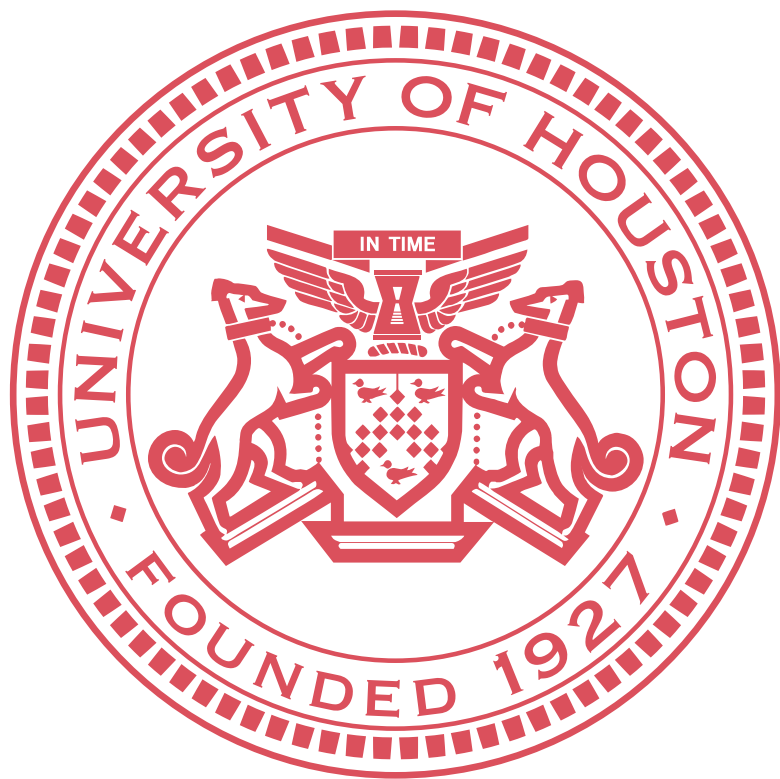
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FALL 2023 COMMENCEMENT

Conrad N. Hilton

College of Global Hospitality Leadership

Friday, December 15, 2023 • Cullen Performance Hall





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Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations on receiving your college degree. Today, your longtime dream becomes a reality, and I join your family and friends in celebrating this milestone with you. I am a big believer in the power of dreams and resiliency. To graduate from college, despite the challenges of the past few years, is a testament to your unwavering commitment and ability to dream big.

Whether you're the first in your family to graduate from college or hail from collegiate scholars, your hard work and determination have brought you to this milestone. You are a generation who faced a global pandemic yet stayed focused on your studies and goals. You excelled against the odds, and this adversity has prepared you to face the professional world with more grit than any generation before. I applaud you for all that you have achieved.

Please take time to thank your professors, advisors, family and friends who supported you on this journey. It takes community to accomplish your goals, and I ask that you stay humble and give back to those in need as you go on to even greater heights.

You have received a Tier One education from the University of Houston. This is the home of industry leaders, nationally top-ranked academic programs, world-renowned faculty, an NCAA Final Four basketball team, cutting-edge research and so much more. I know in my heart that you are now ready to compete and become leaders in your chosen careers. Now, work hard, dream big and shine on.

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

Dear Fall Graduates,

You've traveled a long road to reach this moment, but here you are! Congratulations on earning a degree from the University of Houston.

Whether you're the first in your family to graduate from college or perhaps a second-generation Cougar, today's ceremony marks a significant moment in your lives. It's also special for the University of Houston as your success has been our priority since you first stepped foot on campus.

Now, you embark on new journeys. Some of you may be entering the workforce. Others may be headed to graduate school. No matter your destination, please remember those who helped you get to this point.

Stay in touch with peers, professors and staff members and remind them that their guidance supported your academic journeys. Also, thank your spouses, siblings, parents, grandparents and others in attendance today for their daily inspiration.

Of course, be sure to truly recognize the one person responsible for today's celebration—you! You balanced classes, work, family and other obligations. It wasn't easy, but you did it. Now, you are poised to reap the rewards of a degree from UH.

Although you are leaving this wonderful campus, you will remain a member of our University family. You now carry the proud tradition of past UH graduates and will represent our institution in your professional endeavors. Be proud of your time here, and let others know that you are now and forever a Cougar.

Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diane Z. Chase', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Diane Z. Chase

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Houston

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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 14 academic colleges, one school, and the multidisciplinary Honors College that teach a wide array of subjects – from math, arts and engineering to law, pharmacy and business. What started as a campus with a single building has grown into a world-class university, offering more than 270 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 46,000 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 GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

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

TILMAN J. FERTITTA FAMILY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Doctor of Medicine Degree
Hood: Kelly Green
Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor's Degree *Tassel: Golden Yellow*

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

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Dark Blue*
Tassel: Red

ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER 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

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS – INTEGRATED STUDIES

Bachelor's Degree *Tassel: White*

Ceremonial Symbols



THE SEAL

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



UNIVERSITY MACE

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

THE ALMA MATER

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

Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942

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Academic Honors

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

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

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

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

Summa Cum Laude – 4.0 GPA Graduates

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

FALL 2023

Anahy Baca
Bachelor of Science in Retailing and Consumer Science
CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Kayla Huhn
Bachelor of Arts in English
Bachelor of Arts in Spanish
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Malak Khalil
Bachelor of Science in Political Science
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Emily Nguyen
Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance
C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

My Tran
Bachelor of Business Administration
in Management Information Systems
C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Trinity Tran
Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



President's Medallion

THE HONORABLE SYLVESTER TURNER

Mayor of the City of Houston

SYLVESTER TURNER is the 62nd mayor of Houston, a position he has held since 2016. Born and raised as one of nine children in the Acres Homes community of northwest Houston, Turner was a natural-born leader. During high school, he was president of Student Council, a member of the science, chess and Mu Alpha Theta clubs, and class valedictorian. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Houston in 1977 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1980.

Since taking office, Turner has passed seven balanced budgets, led the city's remarkable rebound from Hurricane Harvey, championed historic pension reform, created the Hire Houston Youth program and launched Houston's first Climate Action Plan – a comprehensive strategy for Houston to lead the global energy transition. One of Turner's signature priorities is Complete Communities – an initiative to revitalize and improve Houston's most underserved neighborhoods. In complement of the initiative, in 2018 he announced a \$30 million joint agreement with Harris County to transform seven streets around UH and Texas Southern University.

Before becoming mayor, Turner served for 27 years in the Texas House as the representative for District 139. During his tenure, he served on the House Appropriations Committee, Legislative Budget Board, as Speaker Pro Tem and on several budget conference committees.

Turner has received numerous honors including the Ohtli Award, the Mexican government's highest honor; Rice Kinder Institute's Stephen L. Klineberg Award; the United States Conference of Mayors Local Arts Leadership Award; and the President Bush Medal for Empowerment of People with Disabilities, among others.

He's been a proud and vocal supporter of UH, recognizing its symbiotic relationship with the city. For his unwavering dedication and service, Turner has been awarded UH's Distinguished Alumni Award, the Elected Public Official of the Year award and its Pioneer of Public Service Award. The Sylvester Turner Academic Distinction Scholarship and the Sylvester Turner Scholarship Endowment Fund within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences were established in his honor.

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





Conrad N. Hilton College of
Global Hospitality Leadership
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership, I offer congratulations to all the 2023 graduates present today. 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:

the support of your families and friends; encouragement from faculty and staff; and—of greatest importance—your own determination to learn, grow, and accomplish your goals.

You are now part of a global network of close to 10,000 Hilton College graduates, and the friendships you 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.

The Class of 2023 is among the best the College has ever produced, and I know you will continue to serve as outstanding ambassadors for our program in your professional endeavors. You also got to experience what no other class has witnessed—the renovation to our Hilton Hotel along with the construction of a new tower, the formation of our new Cougar Grounds, and the creation of our Eric’s Club Center for Student Success, which combines our suite of student services. These are indeed exciting times.

On behalf of the entire Hilton College family, I offer my sincere congratulations to all of you. Best wishes—and *Go Coogs!*

Dennis Reynolds
Dean
Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair

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PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music College Banner Bearer Graduation Candidates Platform Party Faculty
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moores School of Music
WELCOME AND OPENING ADDRESS	Mary Dawson <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i> <i>Eric Hilton Distinguished Chair, Professor</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable Jack Moore <i>Member</i>
GREETINGS	Diane Z. Chase <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost</i>
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER	Patrick Henry <i>Chairman/CEO, Patrick Henry Creative Promotions Inc.</i>
PRESENTATION OF MASTERS DEGREE CANDIDATES	Yoon Koh <i>Associate Professor</i>
PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES	Sujata Sirsat <i>Associate Professor</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Provost Chase
PRESENTATION OF SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS	Associate Dean Dawson
PRESENTATION OF GLOBAL MASTERS AWARDS	Catherine Cheung <i>Associate Dean</i> <i>Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i> Nicole Hinrichs <i>Associate Dean Degree Programs/</i> <i>Associate Professor of Strategy & Entrepreneurship</i> <i>Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne</i>
PRESENTATION OF DEAN'S AWARDS AND CLOSING REMARKS	Associate Dean Dawson
RECESSIONAL	Moores School of Music



Commencement Speaker

PATRICK HENRY

Chairman/CEO, Patrick Henry Creative Promotions Inc.

PATRICK HENRY founded Patrick Henry Creative Promotions in 1987 as a beverage promotions and marketing company. Patrick started his agency as a one-person operation out of his house with only two clients. The business quickly grew being named one of Houston's Fast Track 100 Companies by the Houston Business Journal. It has been named the #1 Best Company to Work for in Texas, by Texas Monthly Magazine and Patrick received the Enterprise Champion Award as one of Houston's top small business leaders. He was named an "Everyday Hero" by the Houston chapter of the Red Cross for his community involvement. Houston Mayor, Bill White, presented Patrick with the Houston Public Service Award for his service to end domestic violence.

The company's list of clients includes top hospitality chains in America - Darden Restaurants, Outback Steakhouse, Carrabba's, Landry's Inc., The Cheesecake Factory, Red Lobster, Buffalo Wild Wings, Hooters, BJ's, Applebee's, Cracker Barrel, Fogo de Chao, P.F. Chang's, Delaware North and The Melting Pot.

Patrick has consulted for Walt Disney World, Coors Brewing Company, Molson Brewery of Canada, the U.S. Navy, Amtrak, and Absolut.

Today Patrick is Chairman/CEO of Patrick Henry Creative Promotions Inc. (PHCP) and travels over 100,000 miles a year.

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Fall 2023 – Candidates for Graduation

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN HOSPITALITY
MANAGEMENT**

Ehsan Ahmadi
Zachary Andrzejewski
Dianne Alexa Ang
Jasmine A. Fraire
Annette Wei Ann Goh
Shiv Mukesh Govan
Isaiah Edgar King
Kimberly Ting Shen
Hao Vinh Truong
Na Wei

**EXECUTIVE MASTER
OF HOSPITALITY
MANAGEMENT**

Zainab Bangura
Richard R. Bundick
Mackenzie Taylor Dollard
Brianna M. Edwards
Devin W. Elizondo
Carlos Fayad Licona
Kyle Andrew Gartman
Alexandria Brianna Hollowell
Kayla Hope McFall
Adam Justin Points
Haley Ventura

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY
BUSINESS**

Neil Peter Nandwani

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY
BUSINESS**

Pierre-Louis Daniel Bartoli
Vlad-Iosif Benga
Silvia Bernardi

Carlos Ignacio Bertomeu Ferrer
Maud Marguerite Jeanine Bizot
Anna Calvino
Satori Whittaker Chang
Egor Cherenkov
Ioannis Denaxas
Elizaveta Filippova
Axelle Forgeur-Paquet
Xuanyi Guo
Masaki Kasai
Nooa Yuki Santeri Kilupy
Chuang Liu
Yiping Mao
Juan Jose Mendieta Gallego
Paul Alain Jean Morgon
Hugo Moureau
Boonyanuch Niyompornkul
Khoi Yan Phon
Hui Qi
Kenan Erwan Jacques Raguin
Yue Shang
Zhu Shen
Marie Clémentine Céline Philip Sueur
Guohao Sun
Siqi Tang
Benjamin Theilacker
Marios Tofinis
Brandon Li Xian Vun
Shenhao Wei
Chang Xu
Wendi Yao
Mengxinyu Zhang

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY
LEADERSHIP**

Abigail K. Alvear²
Rodrigo Angel Martinez
Monica Angelina²
Caren Elizabeth Armondo³
John R. Batiste
Jose D. Bazan

Bryce E. Bolado
Daphne Breaux
Miguel Angel Camarillo
Carolina Campuzano
Jennifer Cao
Ashlee Frances Chagoya
Vishal J. Chandrabose²
Kimberly Dalila Colin³
Carlos David Davila
Summer Davis
Richard E. Dean
Lilyan Annaliese Foulois
Alex Richard Gerepka
Katherine Alexa Giron¹
Theodore Goldner
Alejandro Gomez
Angelica Renee Gonzales
Caylee Analise Gonzalez
Madeline W. Goodman²
De'juan J. Green
Hannah K. Griffin
Naomi Lexxus Guzman
Lantz Chan Han
Bianca Michelle Heitz²
Flor Hernandez
Kevin Yesid Hernandez
Justin Reid Hill³
Kayla M. Himburg²
Rayce Donovan Humphries
Kerry C. Johnson
Sophia G. Kim²
Callan McKenzie Koonce
Azad Nooruddin Lalani
Vy Ha Lam²
Ariane E. Lau²
Thi Tuyet Lan Le²
Tho Thi Hoang Le²
Caijing Lin¹
Zixin Lin³
Madeline Nicole Mattocks
Zachary McConnell
Anh Minh Nguyen²

¹ Summa Cum Laude - ² Magna Cum Laude - ³ Cum Laude

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Danny Nguyen
Hien Thai Nguyen
Taylor T. Nguyen
Thao-Nhi Nguyen
Vy Khanh Nguyen ¹
Nooraan N. Niazi ²
Alex D. Nica ²
Nicole Renee Northey
Delvin Ogando

Ryan Patrick Oreilley
Sojeong Park ²
Thu Ngoc Anh Phan ²
Cherish Aryanna Piper
Noel Romero Chavez ²
Sam Desabille Salazar ¹
Ariana Silva ¹
Natalia Soriano ³
Andrea M. Tijerina

Adrian Tran ¹
Annie Ngoc Tran
Madison E. Wagner ¹
Ivy Keshell Webb
Ryan Xia
Rozlynn Terese Zamora
Sara Katelyn Zollo

¹ Summa Cum Laude - ² Magna Cum Laude - ³ Cum Laude





Message from the Dean

Dear Fall 2023 Graduates,

I am thrilled to congratulate the first class of fall graduates during my tenure as the Dean of the Honors College. You are a group of highly motivated and talented individuals, and we celebrate your tremendous accomplishments.

We know, as you do, that teamwork and collaboration make your impressive achievements possible. I hope that you view the faculty, staff and fellow students of the Honors College as members of your team — cheering you on as you begin your careers or continue your studies in graduate or professional programs. We know that you are well prepared to lead in your chosen field and will continue to contribute solutions to the grand challenges that we face.

During your time with us, the Honors College has challenged you to ask big questions in the Human Situation and in your upper division courses. You've been guided to go beyond the classroom and take part in the many offerings in research or service learning. You have been encouraged to find your place in this community and be bold in action to make UH, the Honors College and Houston a better place. You are not in the same place you were when you began this journey. I urge to you to take stock of how far you've come since your first Human Situation lecture. Keep exploring and engaging with big ideas in your next chapter, whatever that may be.

Although you're graduating, the Honors College will always be a part of you. I encourage you to keep in touch and share your personal and professional experiences with us. We take pride in your achievements. I also hope that you will give back to support future Honors College scholars. Continued support from alumni and friends is essential to the success and growth of the Honors College and the generations of students that will come behind you.

Go Coogs!

Heidi Appel
Dean



The Honors College Honors

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

University Honors and University Honors with Honors in Major

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

Collegiate Honors and Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

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

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

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

Honors in Major

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

University Honors with Honors in Major

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