



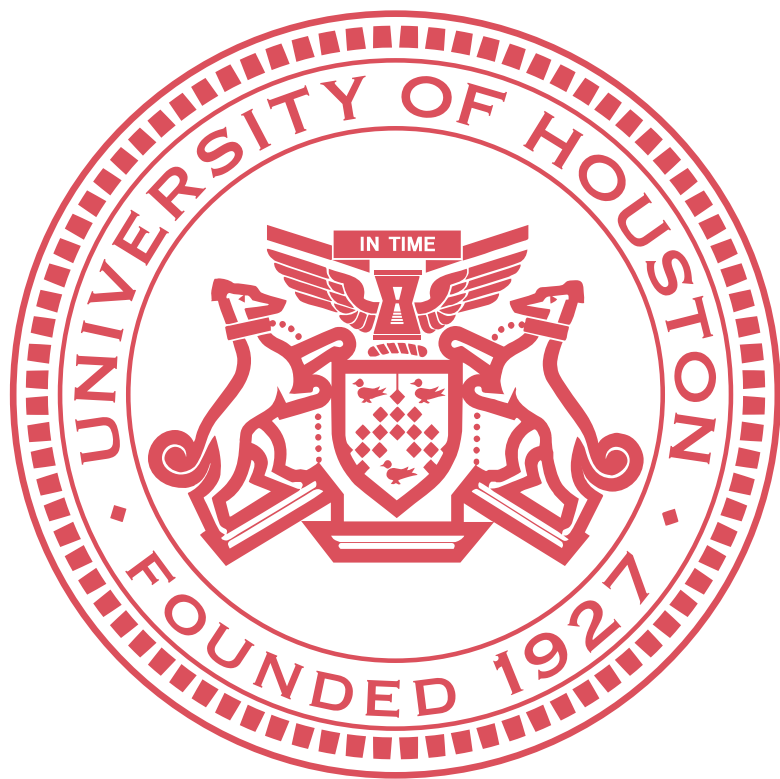
# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

## FALL 2023 COMMENCEMENT

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Saturday, December 16, 2023 • Fertitta Center







**University of Houston**  
**College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

Commencement Ceremony  
Saturday, December 16, 2023, 9:00 a.m.  
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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, lowercase 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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Commencement Ceremony

## University of Houston System

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Renu Khator

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*Interim Dean*  
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*GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP*

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*Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Nursing*  
*ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER COLLEGE OF NURSING*

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

Dan E. Wells  
*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 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

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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 GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

<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>

**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*

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INTEGRATED STUDIES**

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: White*

## 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*

## University of Houston

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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.

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.

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

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### THE HONORABLE SYLVESTER TURNER

#### Mayor of the City of Houston

SYLVESTER TURNER is the 62<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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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.





College of Natural Sciences  
and Mathematics

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

### Message from the Dean

Dear College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Graduates,

Congratulations! Today, we celebrate a significant milestone in your educational career.

A few years ago, you came to the University of Houston with a personal goal. Now, you have attained it. Your degree is more than a testament to your hard work; it is the foundation upon which you will build as you continue to learn throughout your lifetime.

As graduates of NSM, you have proven that you are driven by inquiry, exploration, and innovation. You will be the force behind discoveries that will revolutionize our lives and impact our state, nation, and the entire world.

As you leave UH and NSM, you hold the knowledge your professors shared with you, the wisdom you gained as you matured, and the benefit of personal experiences, professional connections, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

The faculty and staff of NSM are proud of your achievements. You have my best wishes for much success and happiness. Go Coogs!

Sincerely,

Dan E. Wells, Ph.D.

*Dean and Distinguished Professor of Science*

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<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>PRESENTATION OF COLORS</b>	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS</b>	Dan E. Wells <i>Dean</i> <i>Distinguished Professor of Science</i>
<b>GREETINGS FROM THE NSM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION</b>	David Ibarra, '10 <i>Secretary, NSMAA</i>
<b>STUDENT ADDRESS</b>	Fatima Mirza
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE DAN E. WELLS OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD</b>	Jeremy May <i>Associate Dean, Graduate Affairs</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS</b>	Donna Stokes <i>Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs and Student Success</i>
<b>RECOGNITION OF 4.0 STUDENTS</b>	Associate Dean Stokes
<b>PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Dean Wells  Associate Dean May  Associate Dean Stokes
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	Dean Wells
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean Wells
<b>ALMA MATER</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	Moore School of Music

## Summer 2023 – Graduates

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### Atmospheric Sciences

Ronald J. Albright  
ADVISOR: Xun Jiang, Ph.D.

Claudia Marie Bernier  
ADVISOR: Yuxuan Wang, Ph.D.

Madeline Dolores Statkewicz  
ADVISOR: Bernhard Rappenglueck, Ph.D.

#### Biology

Siddarth Venkata Arza  
ADVISOR: Sanghyuk Chung, Ph.D.

Danial Asgari  
ADVISOR: Richard Meisel, Ph.D.

Ritu Bohat  
ADVISOR: Weiyi Peng, Ph.D.

Rachel K. Staples  
ADVISOR: Ricardo Azevedo, Ph.D.

#### Chemistry

Huanhuan Chen  
ADVISOR: Tai-Yen Chen, Ph.D.

Zipeng Gu  
ADVISOR: Robert Comito, Ph.D.

Mengnan Hu  
ADVISOR: Robert Comito, Ph.D.

Mina Omidian  
ADVISOR: T. Randall Lee, Ph.D.

Pooria Tajalli  
ADVISOR: T. Randall Lee, Ph.D.

Mengfan Wang  
ADVISOR: Chengzhi Cai, Ph.D.

Yuteng Zhang  
ADVISOR: Tai-Yen Chen, Ph.D.

#### Computer Science

Soodeh Atefi  
ADVISOR: Amin Alipour, Ph.D.

Brian Michael Holtkamp  
ADVISOR: Jaspal Subhlok, Ph.D.

Rishabh Sharma  
ADVISOR: Nikolaos Tsekos, Ph.D.

#### Geology

Xiang Ling  
ADVISOR: Qi Fu, Ph.D.

Claire A. Ong  
ADVISOR: Qi Fu, Ph.D.

#### Geophysics

Yuesu Jin  
ADVISOR: Yingcai Zheng, Ph.D.

Zhehao Li  
ADVISOR: Hua-wei Zhou, Ph.D.

#### Mathematics

Jasmine Bhullar  
ADVISOR: Vaughn Climenhaga, Ph.D.

Nickolas Fularczyk  
ADVISOR: Demetrio Labate, Ph.D.

Gregory Hemenway  
ADVISOR: Vaughn Climenhaga, Ph.D.

Yewen Huang  
ADVISOR: Demetrio Labate, Ph.D.

Jae Youn Kim  
ADVISOR: Andreas Mang, Ph.D.

Jennifer J. May  
ADVISOR: Bernhard Bodmann, Ph.D.

Chunmei Sun  
ADVISOR: Robert Azencott, Ph.D.

Stephen Phillip Thacker  
ADVISOR: Emanuel Papadakis, Ph.D.

#### Physics

Jonathan Gonzalo Ball Cap  
ADVISOR: Rene Bellwied, Ph.D.

Connor Cheek  
ADVISOR: Gemunu Gunaratne, Ph.D.

Zhenyu Dai  
ADVISOR: Ricardo Vilalta, Ph.D.

Carlos Andres Sjogreen Blanco  
ADVISOR: Lawrence Pinsky, Ph.D.

### MASTER OF ARTS

#### Mathematics

Melissa B. Johnson

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### Applied Mathematics

Alina Rajbhandari

#### Biology

Carolynn Nyona Porter  
Andres Navarro Roman  
Sayda X. Soto

#### Computer Science

Mai Trinh

#### Geology

Oriyomi Nsikanabasi Ojelabi

#### Geophysics

Diego Luis Mostaccero Perez

#### Statistics and Data Science

Benjamin Freestone

Ruiqi Jiang

William Clark Mask

Hooi Min Ooi

Mudiaga Ovuede

Anthony Suon

Kristen Michelle Taylor

Robert Diego Trevino

Yuhong Wang

Johnny Luke Warns

Jake Zhu

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**Physics**

Jake A. Manahan

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**Biochemical and  
Biophysical Sciences**

Paulo Gonzales <sup>2</sup>

Michael Hernandez

Emma M. Houn <sup>3</sup>

**Biology**

Sakina B. Abideen

Cade Adelman

Noor Dhamin Najris Al Dhamin

Laeticia Guenoun <sup>1</sup>

Carter Elliott Herweck

Lukas Taylor Isley

Long V. Lam

Fangnuo Liu

Susanna Lopez-Herrera <sup>2</sup>

Shannon Manderscheid

Simin I. Mohammad

Kevin D. Morales <sup>3</sup>

Hyuntak Oh

Claudia Fernanda Padilla

Maximus Ganesh Ramsaroop <sup>2</sup>

Monet Kennedy Swain

**Chemistry**

Peter Dao

**Computer Science**

Dosbol Aliev <sup>3</sup>

Ana C. Arredondo

Andrew Emanuel Carranza

Julianna Margaret Cruz

Tung Son Dinh <sup>3</sup>

Nader Elasmr

Victor M. Rodriguez

Fardad Sadeghi

Eric Robert Schutz

Austin D. Thibodeaux <sup>3</sup>

Charles C. Tran

Davidson Tan Vu

**Geology**

Gerardo Canedo

Jarely Mendez

Edgar Eduardo Moreno, Jr. <sup>2</sup>

Bjorn Trivon Springer <sup>3</sup>

Jack K. Thomson

Faith R. Walton

**Geophysics**

Joseph David McNease <sup>1</sup>

Gemma Rodriguez

**Mathematics**

Sareef Nyaichyai

Juan Ignacio Pantoja

Ilian Vanessa Rodriguez-Perez

Erick Sanchez

**Physics**

Janita Hussain

Minh Ngoc Nguyen

**Fall 2023 – Candidates for Graduation**

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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Atmospheric Sciences**

Ali Mousavinezhad

ADVISOR: Yunsoo Choi, Ph.D.

**Biochemistry**

Micah B. Castillo

ADVISOR: Preethi Gunaratne, Ph.D.

Sumit Gautam

ADVISOR: Brigitte Dauwalder, Ph.D.

Zahra Mazhar

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### 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

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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**

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## University Honors with Honors in Major

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Let me be the first to welcome you to the UH Alumni Association. You are joining a global network of over 305,000 Cougars. With your participation, we can only grow stronger. As you embark on this next chapter, know that your Alumni Association is here to help you stay connected with your beloved alma mater. From volunteering at an event, joining an Association or Network, signing on to UH Link, to becoming a Life Member, the opportunities to engage are endless.

Please click the QR code below to enjoy all the activities that soon await you. In the meantime, savor this moment and continue to soar.

True we'll ever be and Go Coogs!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Sachs'.

Michael Sachs ('97)  
*UH Alumni Association Foundation Board President*

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