



University of Houston Spring 2021 Commencement

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UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON



Message from the President

May 12, 2021

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

This is the most memorable day of your college career. Today, your dream of earning a college degree becomes a reality. Congratulations! The degree you are receiving represents the Tier One education you obtained here at UH. Moreover, it represents your hard work and preparation for a rewarding and successful career that will make an impact in the lives of others.

Many factors have helped you reach this apex. The support of your parents, families and friends, and the encouragement of your UH faculty, advisors and staff played a significant part. But what truly made it all possible was your commitment, drive and resolve. Moreover, your endurance during this global pandemic and many obstacles is commendable. Staying the course during these trying times is a testament to your resilience and flexibility. These same attributes will serve you well as you make your mark in the world.

The degree you've earned here carries great value. UH is the home of genius grant winners, a Phi Beta Kappa chapter, nationally top-ranked programs, a NCAA Final Four team, Carnegie-designated Tier One research and so much more. Go forward today as a proud UH graduate. I know in my heart that you are now ready and able not just to compete but to succeed and be leaders in your chosen careers.

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

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 do also for all that 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 will become 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 will be honored to call you our colleagues and peers.

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

University of Houston

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College of Nursing

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Cullen College of Engineering

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Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Optometry
College of Optometry

Kirk Watson
Founding Dean
Hobby School of Public Affairs

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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 250 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 45,000 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>

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

Honorary Degree



MARIA ESTHER ESTRADA CAMPOS

MARIA ESTHER ESTRADA CAMPOS is a consummate educator and community advocate. During her 30-year career with Houston Independent School District, she served as one of its first bilingual teachers, a school counselor and an assistant principal, before becoming a trustee.

Most notably, she was an advocate for students from underserved communities through grassroots civic engagement. In 1993, she became the HISD trustee for District VIII and pushed for expanded teacher training, the understanding of the root cause of school violence and the challenges Latino students face while overcoming language and cultural barriers.

In 2013, she led the fight for a district-wide HISD policy that banned the discrimination of students based on their sexual preference, which earned her the Civil Rights Hero recognition by the Anti-Defamation League. In addition, she's received the Hispanic of the Year award from Houston Fiestas Patrias, the Patriot Award from the American G.I. Forum and an invitation to the White House by the Jimmy Carter administration, among many other honors. Campos served in more than two dozen civic organizations, including Harris County Children's Protective Services Board, Eastend Community Development Board, Hispanic Women in Leadership and as a founding member of the Texas Mexican American Democrats.

As a role model and advocate for higher education, she encouraged students to pursue a degree and to enroll in the University of Houston. Campos was instrumental in getting more UH students to participate in National Hispanic Institute programs.

She graduated from the University of Houston with a bachelor's degree in Spanish and English, and a master's degree in Spanish, in the 1960s. In the late 1970s, her pursuit of a doctorate of education at UH was cut short due to a family tragedy.

The Doctor of Humane Letters degrees, *honoris causa*, given for exemplary service to the University of Houston or society at large, is the highest honor UH can bestow.

Honorary Degree



ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER

ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER are proud supporters of numerous UH programs, most notably, the C.T. Bauer College of Business. The sustained giving of the Gessners began in 1995. Over the years, they have supported or sponsored several initiatives and programs at Bauer College including the Gessner Sales Team Endowment, Gessner Sales Program Scholarships, Gessner Inspiring Excellence Scholarship Endowment and the Program for Excellence in Selling Events and Partners. To date, they have donated approximately \$1.7M to the Bauer Sales Program alone.

Andy and Barbara's recent support of Bauer students affected by the pandemic was instrumental in the continuity of their education. Last summer, due to the pandemic, many students in Bauer's Program for Excellence in Selling (PES) had their corporate internship offers rescinded. The Gessners provided financial support for an innovative program in which PES students who lost corporate internships were hired by the program to develop revenue plans for area non-profits, allowing students experiential learning to not only continue but flourish.

The couple have also contributed to UH's Houston Public Media, UHAA Circle of Excellence, President's Fund for Student Success, Athletics and the College of Nursing.

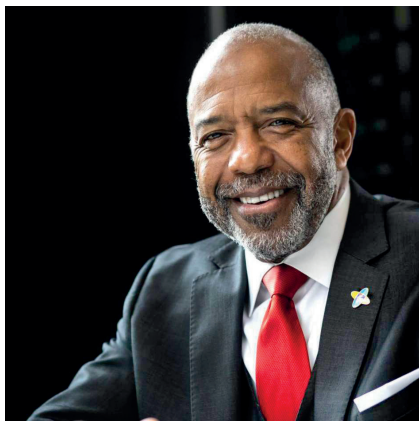
A native Houstonian with a street named after his family, Andy Gessner spent more than 40 years as an employee, co-owner and president of Industrial Air Tools (IAT). During his tenure, he helped create an environment that allowed employees to grow IAT into one of the leading supply businesses in the oil industry. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from UH in 1968.

Barbara Gessner is a graduate of Texas Woman's University. She spent years tutoring adults seeking their GED and volunteering in her daughter's school with the Houston Independent School District's Volunteers in Public Schools program.

Together, they provide scholarships to UH's College of Nursing in honor of their mothers, who were both nurses, reflecting a commitment that remains as extensive as it is personal.

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BERNARD A. HARRIS, JR.

DR. BERNARD A. HARRIS, JR., a distinguished alumnus and the first African American to complete a spacewalk, is a member of the University of Houston Board of Visitors. Dr. Harris is an adviser to UH faculty, staff and students and serves as an inspiration to the next generation of leaders. For more than 25 years, he has dedicated his life to math and science education and creating opportunities for youth in STEM.

A veteran astronaut, Dr. Harris has logged more than 438 hours and traveled over 7.2 million miles in space. While at NASA, he conducted research in musculoskeletal physiology and clinical investigations of space adaptation and developed in-flight medical devices to extend astronaut stays in space.

Dr. Harris currently serves as chief executive officer of the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI). In addition, he is president and founder of the Harris Institute and Foundation, a non-profit serving socially and economically disadvantaged communities in the areas of education, health and wealth. Prior to NMSI, Dr. Harris was CEO and Managing Partner of Vesalius Ventures Inc., a venture capital firm that invests in early- to mid-stage health care technologies and companies.

He is a member of the Board of Directors for U.S. Physical Therapy (Nasdaq: USPH), JSA Health, and Monebo Technologies. Dr. Harris serves on the Board of Trustees for Salient Midstream & MLP Fund and Salient MF Trust, and Barings Fund & Trust. In addition, he is on the Board of the National Academy of Medicine, the Texas Medical Center, HealthConnect, National Math and Science Initiative, and the Harris Institute & Foundation.

A scholar, Dr. Harris earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Houston, a doctorate of medicine from Texas Tech University School of Medicine, a master's of medical science from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and a master's of business administration from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Dr. Harris is the recipient of the University of Houston President's Medallion, the UH Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award and the UH Black Alumni Association Award, including honorary doctorates from Stony Brook University (SUNY), Morehouse School of Medicine, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), Washington & Jefferson College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, University of Hartford and Indiana Institute of Technology, and the 2000 Horatio Alger Award. Dr. Harris has received the NASA Space Flight Medal, NASA Award of Merit, and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians.

He is the author of "Dream Walker: A Journey of Achievement and Inspiration."

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JOHN A. ROGERS

JOHN ROGERS, a prolific researcher and engineer, is the Louis Simpson and Kimberly Querrey Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Biomedical Engineering and Neurological Surgery at Northwestern University. He is one of the only 25 people in history who have been elected to all three national academies of the United States — the National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine.

He is a winner of several prestigious awards that include Guggenheim Fellowship (2021), Nancy DeLoye Fitzroy and Roland V. Fitzroy Medal of the ASME (2020), the Benjamin Franklin Medal from the Franklin Institute (2019), the MRS Medal from the Materials Research Society (2018), the Smithsonian Award for American Ingenuity in the Physical Sciences (2013) and a MacArthur Fellowship from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (2009).

Rogers' research program is a highly creative integration of mechanical engineering and chemical, physical and materials sciences in the service of biotechnology and medical technology. He holds over 80 patents and patent applications. More than 50 are licensed or in active use by large companies and startups that he has co-founded, including Active Impulse Systems, Semprius, MC10, CoolEdge, XCeleprint and Transient Electronics.

His research is consistently covered by major media outlets such as ABC, NBC, CBS, BBC, CNN, New York Times and U.S. News & World Report. His work on stretchable silicon has been displayed at the Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose, California and his electronic eye innovation is a permanent exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, Illinois.

Rogers has had a significant impact on the University of Houston, with more than 160 UH students and faculty having cited and used his research. In 2017, he was a Rockwell Distinguished Lecturer for the University's Department of Mechanical Engineering.

He attended high school in Houston and earned his bachelor's degrees in chemistry and physics from the University of Texas at Austin. Rogers went on to earn his master's degrees in physics and chemistry, and his doctorate in physical chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In addition, he was a Junior Fellow in the Harvard University Society of Fellows.

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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.

Undergraduate students will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last 54 hours completed at the University of Houston.

3.90 TO 4.0 Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)

3.70 TO 3.89 Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)

3.50 TO 3.69 Cum Laude (with Honors)

The roster of graduates and candidates for graduation does not include the names of those students who chose to withhold information under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.

Summa Cum Laude – 4.0 GPA Students – Spring 2021

The following undergraduate students 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.

Arden Alldredge

*Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

Anakaren Almaguer

*Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management
C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Fanny Cao

*Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Safeer Dhuka

*Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Briana Johnson

*Bachelor of Science in Psychology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

Michael Lara

*Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

Barbara Lomeli Ibarra

*Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

Zill Momin

*Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Rizna Noorani

*Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Erin Sappington

*Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Mayoor Shardha

*Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

Edna Vazquez

*Bachelor of Business Administration
in Management Information Systems
C. T. Bauer College of Business*

Cheuk Wu

*Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
C. T. Bauer College of Business*





UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE of ARCHITECTURE and DESIGN

Message from the Dean

Dear Architecture, Industrial Design and Interior Architecture Graduates:

This has been a year like no other in our history, culminating with a graduation like no other. The pandemic that we have been facing has limited even this, the final celebratory event of your academic career. While it is not the celebration that we envisioned, the reason for marking this moment is not diminished. You have made it through one of the most rigorous programs in the country, and you have done it while sharply pivoting to the demands of a wholly virtual realm. That makes your success even that much more extraordinary.

Countless hours you have devoted to research, to writing papers and struggling through the design process, only to get up the next day and do it again. And so, every ending becomes a new beginning. This is the life we have chosen. And isn't it a wonderful life?

You can consider yourselves pioneers. You will be leaving our studios and classrooms and the more recent software packaged environments of Zoom and Teams and Concept Board to embark on your careers. You will be entering a world also forever changed by the pandemic, a world grappling with new economic models and new social, political, and environmental pressures. Your professional contributions will not only have an impact here in the city of Houston but around the world. You are the thinkers, doers and creators of the future. You will be the designers, architects, problem-solvers and inventors of our tomorrow. I am confident that if you will apply the knowledge that you have acquired here, the world will offer you possibilities you have not yet imagined. You will now venture forward on your personal odyssey. Your faculty have worked hard to equip you with the tools to create the promise of the bright career that awaits you. We know you will make us proud.

Congratulations Class of 2021! I look forward to hearing about your odyssey and the many ways you will endeavor to make the world a better place. Please stay in touch. Come back and share your adventures with those about to follow you. We would delight to share in your success.

My very best wishes to you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Belton Oliver'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'P' and 'O'.

Patricia Belton Oliver, FAIA
ACSA Distinguished Professor
Vice-Chancellor, College of Distinguished Professors
Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design

University of Houston

Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design

Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, May 15, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

TDECU Stadium

PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Sarah Marie Neal <i>Master of Music Candidate</i>
WELCOME	Patricia Belton Oliver <i>Dean</i> <i>Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design</i>
	Joseph W. Tedesco <i>Dean</i> <i>Cullen College of Engineering</i>
GREETINGS	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable Alvaro De la Cruz, Jr. <i>Member</i>
HONORS	Paula Myrick Short <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost</i>
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE HONORIS CAUSA	Provost Short
CONFERRAL OF DEGREE HONORIS CAUSA	President Khator
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	Provost Short Dean Oliver Dean Tedesco
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	President Khator
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Tedesco
ALMA MATER	Moores School of Music Concert Chorale
RECESSIONAL	

Fall 2020– Graduates

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Luis Garcia
Jenny Sarabia ⁴

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Stephen Love

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

Ian Atwood ³
Brenda L. Cruz Quintanilla
Gaston Denari ^{2,5}
Almudena Esponda ^{2,6}

Andriana Falafivka ^{1,6}
Juan Francisco Garcia
Rosa Carolina Gomez Sanchez ^{2,5}
Lauren Louise Greene ^{1,4,5,6}
Younggil Ko
Nicholas H. Le
Michael Conner Lindemann
Richard Feng-Yi Liu
Enrique Thomas Lozano ³
Ismael Saul Mejia
Michael Ngo ^{3,6}
Chi-Shen Ni ²
Sharon Susan Philip ²
Cecilia Yaritma Pineda
Robert Kevin Pratt

John Michael T. Raceles
Luis Rangel
Sofia Sayeed ³
Clint Alan Wright ³

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Tristan L. Durham ^{3,5}

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Guadalupe Diaz
Michael Lawrence Dillon ^{3,4}

May 2021– Candidates for graduation

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Madeleine A. Cruz
Raluca Andreea Gherman-Pani
Rafia Imran
Chavonne Jennings
Christopher J. Kirch ^{4,6}
Marielle P. Morgan
Victoria A. Pedraza
Valerie E. Powell
Abraham M. Tanvir ⁶
James Ignacio Torres
Omololu Chimezie Uwadinma

MASTER OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Yichen Liu

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Catherine Lucille Cunningham

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

Sebastian Andrade
Charles Asaud
Edwin Eli Barajas Vigil ⁵
Charlotte Christine Bates ³
Devon M. Bush ³
Karla Francesca Caballero Azabache ³
Cynthia Paola Cruz ^{2,5}
Jonathan Steven De La Rosa
Martin Anthony Delgado
Franco Denari ^{1,5}
Maria Daniela Diaz Martinez
Grace Elizabeth Ehmling ⁵
Lisa Michelle Evans ^{3,5}
Michael John Fajtl ^{1,6}
Ariana A. Flick ^{2,5}
Eugenia Forgang ²
Mariana Galvan ³
Madeleine A. Garcia ³
Melanie Renee Getman-Villareal ³
Michael J. Gonzalez
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Jonathan Daniel Henning ^{2,6}
Jayla S. Huseyn ⁵
Jerry Geo Jacob ^{2,6}
Rukaiya Jamali ^{2,6}
Perla Isabel Jauregui ^{2,4,6}
Patrick Aaron Jones
Ferdous Kabir ²
Jonathan Tyler Land ³
Utopia Yefet Lastrap
Valeria Laverde ³
Kristen Anne Lee ³
Francis Ester Legra ³
Amanda Lopez
Long G. Luu ²
Golnar Makvandi
Natasha Annalee Maloney ²
Victoria N. Martinez
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David George Ndamagi
Stefan Martin Niño ²
Jacob Nizberg ³

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⁶ Tau Sigma Delta National Honor Society

University of Houston

Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design

Commencement Ceremony

Ana Carolina Peralta Lacruz ^{3,5,6}
Andrea Alejandra Perea ³
Antonio Perez
Anh P. Pham
Fernanda Pineda Reyes ^{2,6}
Stefani Ambar Portocarrero Arone ³
Foster A. Prescott
Robert De Andre Pryor
Alefiyah Hussein Raja
Marcela Aidee Ramos
Allison Reyes ³
Iker Rodriguez ^{2,6}
Gabriel Omar Romero
Alexander A. Salinas
Ivan J. Samedi
John E. Sirrieh
Kyle J. Swisher ²
Hillary Mae Cornillez Telegrafo ¹
Brandon James Terry
Sara Anita White ²
Gregorio Sami Zavary

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Kenny Kiet-Trung Nguyen ^{3,4,5}
Katherine H. Polkinghorne ^{1,5,7}
Aduaria Rozjai Scott

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Joshua Tyler Alarcon
Alexa Baeza ^{2,4,5,6}
Anna Bibikova ³
Eric Siu-Ben Cheung
Dong Yeop Chu
Terry T. Chuong
Jesus Garcia
Montserrat Garcia
Usna T. Ghaffar ^{3,5,6}
Niell B. Gorman ²
Diana Hernandez Rodriguez
Mariana Keymolen ^{3,5}
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Anthony S. Lozano
Hebet-Allah A. Nimer ⁵
Roberto Eduardo Orozco Aranda
Aishwarya Sanjay Ravat
Joshua S. Rich
Richard Sun
Liya Sunny Thomas ^{2,5}
Joaquin Emmanuel Tinoco ⁵
Grant C. Williamson

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

Liana Celine Brown ^{3,5}
Andrea Cavazos ^{3,5}
Sharon Chen
Brett Peter Conrad ³
Cashel Rose Monarca
Esmeralda Pineda ³
Kimberly A. Saavedra ^{3,4,5,6}
Kyle Scallan
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UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**
KATHRINE G. McGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Message from the Dean

Dear Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts Graduates,

Congratulations!

You are here today because of all you have achieved at the University of Houston. You have worked tirelessly to master your craft, cultivating skills that position you at the forefront of the performing and visual arts. You have collectively spent thousands of hours rehearsing, researching, performing and designing on the University campus and beyond. You have added to our city's rich and vibrant culture through community-centric projects and programs designed to promote Houston's diverse arts community.

Now, as the next generation of creators, performers, artists and collaborators, the world is at your fingertips—just waiting for you to make your mark. My advice to you is to remain curious, investigate your environment and reimagine the possibilities of creative practices in our complex, 21st century world.

As you leave the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts to embark on your career and the next stage of your life, I know your future is bright. I look forward to seeing the impact you will make on our community, our city and our world. Please stay in touch with us! You can contact me at adavis@uh.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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

University of Houston

Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts

Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 14, 2021, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Cullen Performance Hall

PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL	“ <i>Mlada Suite</i> ” by Rimsky-Korsakov
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Sarah Marie Neal <i>Master of Music Candidate</i>
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	David Bertman <i>Associate Dean for Special Initiatives</i> <i>Director of Bands</i>
WELCOME	Andrew Davis <i>Founding Dean and Professor of Music</i> <i>Cullen Foundation Endowed Dean’s Chair</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Dean Davis
RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS	Associate Dean Bertman
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES, 9 A.M.	David Politzer <i>Director, School of Art</i>
	Fleurette Fernando <i>Director, Master of Arts Program in Arts Leadership</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES, 2 P.M.	Courtney Crappell <i>Director, Moores School of Music</i>
	Rob Shimko <i>Director, School of Theatre & Dance</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Dean Davis
CLOSING REMARKS	Associate Dean Bertman
ALMA MATER	Moores School of Music Concert Chorale
RECESSIONAL	“ <i>Aida</i> ” by Verdi

Spring 2021 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Moores School of Music

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

Alejandro Basulto Martinez

The Life and Work of Javier Alvarez
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Howard Pollack

Roberto A. Deguzman

Narrativity in the Brahms Clarinet
Quintet
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Timothy Koozin

Xuefei Liu

The Philosopher and the Pianist behind
Alexander Scriabin's Early Piano Music
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Paul Bertagnolli

Pablo Martinez

Formal Deformations and Harmonic
Transformations in Cesar Franck's
LesDjinns
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. John Snyder

Cristina Elena Mendoza Padilla

Karel Husa's Apotheosis of This Earth
(1970): A Conductor's Guide
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Howard Pollack

Eleanor Margaret Parker

Sociopolitical influences in works for
the saxophone by Shrupe, Hindman,
and Olson.
RESEARCH CO-CHAIRS: Dr. Rob Smith and
Dr. Nancy Murphy

MASTER DEGREES

Arts Leadership

MASTER OF ARTS

Elizabeth Kay Sholar

School of Art

MASTER OF ARTS

Art History

Hector Ramon Garcia
Ana Patricia Girard

Chesli Nicole Lobue

Lindsey Erin Reynolds
Sheri Michelle Allen Schrader
Cammie Jo Tipton-Amini

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Margaret Ann Dewhirst
Marley Elyse Foster
Veronica Gaona
Wanda Pitschel Harding
Jamey Joseph Hart
Kathryn Elizabeth Lanier
Robert Darius Legans-Johnson
Virginia Lind Patterson
Samiria E. Percival
Stephanie Dianne Spurgin
Linda Marie Williams

Moores School of Music

MASTER OF MUSIC

Jose Alberto Aponte Trujillo
Joshua Levi Arnoldy
Rosa Alicia Cole Avendano
Evan Daniel Cooper
Emmanuel Juan Cruz
Christine Cecilia Cummins
Sarah Margaret Dyer
Michelle Therese Girardot
Patty Holley
Ricardo Jimenez Montoya
Jeremy Larson
Sarah Marie Neal
Kristine Michelle Overman
Merit Rogge
James Lee Siarris
George Anthony Solis, Jr.
Joel Trekell
Philip T. Wingfield

School of Theatre and Dance

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Skye Bronfenbrenner

Chandler Grant Chastain
Jordan Elizabeth Crow
Robert Spencer Dooley
John Thomas Gereski
Avery Vonn Kenyatta
Bryan R. Moses
Lauren Senechal

BACHELOR DEGREES

School of Art

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Art

Khalid Ibrahim Al-Alawi ³
DeAundria Nashae Ardoin ²
Monica Patricia Baylon ³
Juan Jesus Bonilla ²
Perata A. Bradley ³
Elijah Philip Caldwell
Osvaldo Carrillo
Kristina Dmytrivna Chubanova ³
Victoria A. Delgado ²
Jessica Do
Richard Joseph Fletcher ³
Briana L. Foreman
Jessica Grace Hardy ¹
Sarahi A. Hernandez-Garza
Parker B. Konchalski ³
Savannah Renee Kornrumph
Rachel Elizabeth Lapierre
Brian S. Lin
Laura Lopez
Michelle Marin ³
Eduardo Alexander Moran
Lucy Thai Hien Nguyen ²
Jailine Dianna Pacheco
Faith Rachael Palmer
Jingxian Qi
Ignacio Eloy Sanchez
Mahboobeh Shahkarami
Daniel Akira Siwak
Jossue Valencia

University of Houston

Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts

Commencement Ceremony

Yunhui Wang³
Corey Elle Webb
Jacqueline Wong
Mengqiao Xiong
Maya Alessandra Zamora
Xingtong Zhao³
Margaret Zudock³

Art History

Kaila Monina Cruz Bagadion²
Madison Marshall
Jaime Obeso
Julia Anne Pittman³
Jaelynn D. Walls²

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

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Jason Oswaldo Funes
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Garrett R. Hogue²
Nguyen Thanh Yen Le²
Stephanie Leal¹
Jilian Pearl McNulty
Hayley A. Nevot³
Samantha Thi Nguyen¹
Tina Rita Raffoul^{1,4}
Karen Victoria Luce Rix¹
Tiffany E. Robles²
Cheney Shelton
Josiah Dodge Williams¹
Priska Mercedes Zegarra³

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Aaron T. Castro
Emily Marie Elkins²

Amy Jo Johnson³
Kenyatta Teaina Johnson
Melissa Medina²
Madison Ashley Myers²
Trisha N. Myers¹
Milla Syren Nygaard³
Anne Barbara Pupo³
Sierra Lew Schrieffer
Bailey Celeste Serrano²
Madelline Vicencio²

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Patrick L. Hubbard²
Savannah C. Knight³
Grace H. Lawson²
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Gabriel Adam Montoya³
Andrea Carina Negrete¹
Robin James North¹
Konrad Hubert Pawlikowski²
Ricardo Sevilla²
Trenton Calvin Teinert²
Reginald Todd Tucker¹
Zitong Zhao

Sculpture

Danielle K. Edmunds
Amanda Marie Garcia³
Nicolas Herrera²
Brittany Michelle Warren²

Moores School of Music

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Music

Richard Dylan Denton
Miriam Ellen Green

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Applied Music

Adrienne Eileen Anaya³

Travis A. Bartholome¹
Adriana Catherine Black²
Adam Q. Boswell³
Jake Alexander Buckner¹
Sara Cox²
David K. Ferguson²
Delainie Opal Xing Hendershot²
Holly D. Knoch²
John Reece Macdonald
Joshua D. Painter¹
Gabriella M. Rodriguez¹
Robert Michael Rosenfeld
Sarah Smythe Sohn³
Julian Matthew Trinidad
Sunny Wimleem Weng
Daniel Thomas Westerfield¹
Taylor R. Wyatt

Music

Jordan Nabil Amara³
Lillian Arnold²
Lucas Martin Boyd²
Nicholas C. Bretzke²
Austin Brown
David E. Bruce
Ko Eun Choi³
Ja'Lon Lavon Douglas³
Laura Kristen Fickel¹
Stephanie Isabel Gabino³
Gerardo Garcia³
Mario Damian Garcia²
Arthur Paul Gilligan¹
Tyler J. Hensley³
Kylee Nichole Hill³
James M. Hogan¹
Kolton S. Krueger³
Elora Christine Lowe³
Madeline P. McCoy¹
Nicole K. Meriano³
Peyton M. Moseley
Melanie Dafne Pando²
Makaela Danielle Pierce
Erin G. Rainer^{1,4}
Joshua Dalina Sarmiento³
Hannah Scott¹

1 Summa Cum Laude - 2 Magna Cum Laude - 3 Cum Laude - 4 Banner Bearer (highest GPA)

Garrett D. Shuping ²
Timothy J. Sinski ³
Chandler James Skinner ^{1,4}
George Allen Swann ³
Ivan E. Velasco
Madeleine Claire Virden ²
Alexei Wade ³
Hannah Weimer ²
Abigail Carson Zuniga ²

School of Theatre and Dance

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Dance

Arcelia N. Jaramillo ³
Kathryn Darlene Jimenez ¹
Daniela Isabel Macias ^{1,4}

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Dance

Delia Benedict ^{1,4}
Ninfa Ruby Leal

Theater

Alexander Gage Baker
Jason H. Barron ²
Brandon Lee Bravo ²
Matthew R. Bridges
Branson Lester Cobb ³
Olivia K. Dean ³
Rebecca L. Dominguez
Zoieanne H. Ellis ¹
Roque R. Gonzalez
Karen P. Greutz ¹
Christopher Alex Hernandez ²

Shelby Camille Kesler ²
Muhammad F. Khaerisman ³
Denise Daniela Marin ¹
Audrey Rose Morabito ¹
Corey James Nance
David Peter Obar ²
Victoria Elizabeth Posa ³
Melissa Ramos ²
Patrina Randolph ²
Daniel A. Regojo
Cortney Madison Rogers ¹
Lexie Taylor Swanson ³
Alyssa A. Weise

1 Summa Cum Laude - 2 Magna Cum Laude - 3 Cum Laude - 4 Banner Bearer (highest GPA)





UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE of BUSINESS

Message from the Dean

Dear Spring 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.

As you know, the Bauer College is more than just an academic institution: Bauer 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

University of Houston

C. T. Bauer College of Business

Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, May 13, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

TDECU Stadium

PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Sarah Marie Neal <i>Master of Music Candidate</i>
CALL TO ORDER	Praveen Kumar <i>Senior Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs</i>
WELCOME	Paul A. Pavlou <i>Dean</i>
GREETINGS	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
PRESENTATION OF DEGREES HONORIS CAUSA	Paula Myrick Short <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES HONORIS CAUSA	President Khator
PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS	Provost Short
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	Senior Associate Dean Kumar
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Provost Short
CONCLUDING REMARKS	Dean Pavlou
ALMA MATER	Moores School of Music Concert Chorale
RECESSIONAL	

Spring 2021 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Mohammad Ghaderi ⁵

Essays in Empirical Asset Pricing and
Macro-Finance

FACULTY ADVISORS: Dr. Kris Jacobs and
Dr. Sang Byung Seo

Maria Rui Yi Ng ⁵

FOMO and the Consumer: Two
Essays Examining an Antecedent and a
Consequence of Fear of Missing Out

FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Betsy Gelb

EXECUTIVE MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jason Edward Berrio ^{5, 6}

Kathleen Marie Berryman ⁵

Jenna Delaney ⁵

Matthew James Englert ⁵

Brandon Keith Fore ⁵

Luis Hernandez ⁵

Syeda Maryam Rizvi

Andrew Taylor ⁵

Todd James Taylor

Lucas James Toutloff ⁵

Victor R. Vela ⁵

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Reyna Gabriela Anzora

Jonah Ross Bergstein

Raquel Bermeo

Thai Pham Cao ⁵

Toan Q. Cao ⁵

Atreyi Chatterjee ⁵

Francisco Javier Cuevas

Connor Davies ⁵

Audrey Deleon

Julie Dubuisson ⁵

Amany Elraheb ⁵

Margarita Perez Frinsco ⁵

Jennifer Galeano

Mark B. Gerges

Cierra Harris

Justin Turner Harris

Austen Alexander Holley ⁵

Payam Honarpisheh

Zille Huma Humayun ⁵

Afrida Binte Jalil ⁵

Zachary Jannasch ⁵

Azaan Ashia Kayzer ⁵

Bram Kohlhausen

Rahul Kumar ⁵

Daniel Youngjoon Lee

Xiaoxu Samuel Li ⁵

Lydia C. Liou ⁵

Marine Taiba Françoise M. Bengue

Sarah Elizabeth Marin

Kelli Marie McBee ⁵

Christiano Soccol Molossi ⁵

Shahin A. Momin

Anees Noor

Charles Jeffrey Norton ⁵

Christine Ogechukwu Ofiwe

Vaibhave B. Patel ⁵

De'Andre Prescott

Gregory Rehm ⁵

Sarah J. Rokhsaz ⁵

David R. Rumford ⁵

Ramy Moaness Saleh

Edward Schultz

Jonathan Clifford Severance

Cassidy Staggers ⁵

Natchaya Suaysompol

Aamir Syed

Julie Marie Tate

Natasha Trilli ⁵

Jordan Wagstaff

Kimberly Nicole Weiderhold ^{5, 6}

Ashley Renee Werner ⁵

Wesley W. Winn

Joshua Michael Zatopek

Randy Zhou

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

Zachary Robert Adams

Saida Adaya ⁵

Hannah M. Ajrami ⁵

Amanda Lucia Alvarado ⁵

Brenda Alvarez Camarena ⁵

Danish Syed Arshad

Zakaria Ateyeva

Linsey Adelaida Ayala

Ashlyn Brisbay

Giovanna Maria Cascia ⁵

Jose Cazares

Chien-Hui Chen

Yi Chen ⁵

Mervin S. Cherian ⁵

Kramer H. Cheung ⁵

Gloria Chow ⁵

Sophia Christine Crow ⁵

Liwei Deng ⁵

Jordan Alexis Diemer

Maritza Mariela Flores ⁵

Nicole Sheldon Foreman ⁵

Christina Gooch ⁵

Dalton R. Grubbs

Briana Nicole Harris ⁵

Deja Alexis Henderson ⁵

Colton Hendricks ⁵

Lada Heng ⁵

Quynh Ho ⁵

Emily Huang ⁵

Andrew S. Jaimes ⁵

Kiana Benisha Jenkins ⁵

Obumneke Judith Jiwuaku ⁵

Hyunsun Kang ⁵

Katherine Karakulko ⁵

Anastasiya A. Kurlyand ⁵

Vivian Hoai Le ⁵

Jada Lewis ⁵

Hector Mauricio Lopez ⁵

Jiaying Luo ⁵

Berenice Macias Ruiz

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Hoorain Momin ⁵
Nyla K. Momin ⁵
Zach Moreno ⁵
Emily Barbara Anne Myers
Alexander K. Nguyen ⁵
Christine Nguyen ^{5, 6}
Nicolas Noguera Duque ⁵
Amreen Ali Noorani ⁵
Zhaniya Nurseit ⁵
Christine Joseph Perez Onia
Tao Oulman ⁵
Inaara Shamsuddin Panjwani ⁵
YoungSam Park ⁵
Anthony Viet Pham ⁵
Hoang Quynh Huong Pham
Edward Phan ⁵
Michael Anthony Randall ⁵
Maldini Chi Sakah ⁵
Luis Fernando Salazar ⁵
Stephen Andres Sandoval ⁵
Sloane Amanda Scharnold
Hans-Jacob Rudolf Schenkel
Ajay Shah
Shanzeh Shah ⁵
Sara Sharma ⁵
Preetkanwar Singh
Anna Patricia Soto
John Kevin Tan
Vicky Huiyu Tang ⁵
Dazmine Marie Thomas
Melissa Ann Trowbridge
Tanha Uddin ⁵
Konstantinos Vogiatzis ⁵
Tanner A. Wachel ⁵
David. A. Waters
Logan J. Welsch ⁵
Xingxing Xie
Elise Yelton ⁵
Hongfeng Zhu ⁵
Wenye Zou ⁵

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Melany Liset Jimenez Lopez ⁵
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Milan Mahesh Patel
Arjun Sareen
Sahitya Shashi Theertha ^{5, 6}
Yanhua Zhu ⁵

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

Brandon Loren Erdman
Omotola T. Fakunle
Sang Min Lee ⁵
Noe L. Rodriguez, III
Carter Joseph Schmid
Gideon Y. Tegene
Zachary Aaron Wright ⁵

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Diem Khanh Phuong Bunting ⁶

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Matthew Cole
Blake Miles Contreras ⁵
Gabriela Perez-Hunt ^{5, 6}
Matthew Silvas ⁵
Deionnte Taylor ⁵

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Akinola Akinlawon ⁵
Franklin Junay Lemus ⁵
Stacey Terrell Hood ^{5, 6}
Hoang Viet To ⁵

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MARKETING

Melissa Reinalda Careaga Quesada ⁵
Lucia E. Cerritos ⁵
Bugsy Chiu ^{5, 6}
Frank Fernandez
Valery Garza ⁵
Yang Hu ⁵
Halli Iman Jolly
Christina Foster Land ⁵
Yaneska Daniela Mejia
Omolola Oloko
Nicholas J. Ortiz
Christopher Allen Penson
Nicolas Reyes ⁵
Russell Lionel Ross ⁵
Ashley Smith ⁵
Srisanvitha Sridhar ⁵
Micah Stalarow
Jackie Todd
Ashlyn Weiner ⁵
Jayne Zhi Qi Yeo ⁵

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Ife Oyinmesidor Bob-Nabena
Burcu Duman
Anyi Lisseth Guevara Meneses ⁵
Shabnum Khan ^{5, 6}
Cameron Donald Kubacki
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Lauryn Manning
Thomas Vellapally
Irina Zabolotnaya ⁵
Weijie Zhu ⁵

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Isiaka Adetona Abejide
Samuel T. Abraham ¹

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Sobia Ali ²
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Ari Almassi
Edras Daniel Alvarado ¹
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Rosa M. Atkinson ²
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Munir M. Badarpura ²
Jeremy N. Baiden
Bethanie Anne Baker ³
John Ball
Victoria Belen Baltazar
Kate Lynn Banwell ²
Pierre-Paul Robert Baradat-Liro
Sintia Paloa Barragan
Joshua Ramon Barreda
David Barreiro ³
Diana Barron Reyes
Afrah Bashir ³
Anusha F. Basra ¹
Lelise Hiko Bato
Abyalew Bayu
Kenneth F. Beasley
Lauren Taylor Bell ²
Thomas A. Bello
Vanessa Bello
Abla Belmejdoub
Faviola Belmontes
Rivan John Bennevendo
Samantha Gabrielle Berberian
Benjamin Bernhard Berendson Canant ³
Akrem S. Berhanu ²
Issam Bernawi
Viraj S. Bhakta ³
Saurav Bhandari ¹
Nusret N. Bhatti ²
Erfan Afaz Bhuiyan ²
Jaeidul Karim Bhuiyan ²
Eric Bitar ³
Xavier Blanco
Thomas Andrew Bland ³
Anastasiya Bokhonko ³
Bailey Christine Borne
Trent Alexander Boyance
Jayson Alan Bradley ²
Eric Braswell, Jr.
Anthony Edward Brookbank
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Zionah Ajah Browne ²

David Buenrostro, Jr.
Casey Buffington
Brian Bui ²
Hai Dang Bui ²
James P. Bui ¹
Sophia Bui ³
Thien-Thomas T. Bui ³
Shazdeh Bukhari ²
Jamie N. Bull ²
Alexandra Burgos
Makayla R. Byrne-Beard
Michael Anthony Caballero ³
Henry Junior Calle ²
Nancy Calles
Jorge A. Campos-Cuevas
Jason Giovanni Canales ²
Roy Cantu, Jr.
Fanny Cao ¹
Julian Cao
Oanh Thi Hoang Cao ²
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Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on this milestone in your academic journey! On behalf of the faculty and staff in the College of Education, we applaud your dedication to dreaming big, working hard and earning your degree. We are proud of your success and hope you reflect fondly on the knowledge you've gained and the memories you've made. Welcome to the Forever Coog family!

As a member of the Class of 2021, you hold a special place in history. You have persisted through an incredibly challenging time amid the COVID-19 pandemic and have stayed the course to meet your goal. From First Lecture in the fall through Commencement today, you have demonstrated remarkable resilience.

Now, you are ready to take the next step on your professional path. Walk with confidence, but don't be afraid to ask for help. Embrace empathy, empower others and never stop learning. I hope you will continue to fulfill the College's mission to end inequities in education and health.

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

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

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

I invite you to keep connected at uh.edu/education. Go Coogs!

Onward,

Bob

Robert H. McPherson, Ph.D.

Dean

Elizabeth D. Rockwell Endowed Dean's Chair

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College of Education

Commencement Ceremony

Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 10 a.m.

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PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Sarah Marie Neal <i>Master of Music Candidate</i>
CALL TO ORDER	Robert McPherson <i>Dean and Professor</i> <i>Elizabeth D. Rockwell Endowed Dean's Chair</i>
WELCOME	Dean McPherson
RECOGNITION OF PLATFORM PARTY AND BOARD OF REGENTS	Dean McPherson
GREETINGS	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable Alvaro De la Cruz, Jr. <i>Member</i>
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE HONORIS CAUSA	Dean McPherson
CONFERRAL OF DEGREE HONORIS CAUSA	President Khator
RECOGNITION OF ROTC STUDENTS, ACADEMIC HONORS AND OTHER AWARDS	Dean McPherson
PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES	Dean McPherson
DOCTORAL, MASTER'S AND BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES	Dean McPherson
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	President Khator
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean McPherson
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Spring 2021 – Graduates

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction

Jimmesia L. Bolden

The Influence of Culturally Inclusive Literature on the Academic Progression of Black Adolescent Boys

ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Deidre L. Brooks

Early Childhood Teachers' Perspectives on the Integration of Technology within Their Classrooms

ADVISOR: Dr. Margaret Hale

Morgan Davies

Successful Systems: Evaluating Educational Systems for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Population

ADVISOR: Dr. Robert Hausmann

Sanaa A. Hamdan

Secondary Teachers' Perceptions of Learning Management Systems and the Quality of Available Tools and Support

ADVISOR: Dr. Jennifer Chauvot

Khairunisa Moosa Hashmani

Active Learning Principals Can Impact Student Engagement in Dental Hygiene Institutions

ADVISOR: Dr. Robert Hausmann

Rita J. McClelland

Web-Based Reading and Writing Remediation Tools: A Case Study of Students' Perceived Learning and Satisfaction

ADVISOR: Dr. Sara McNeil

Kristine F. McCluskey

A Mixed-Method Cultural Assessment: High Reliability Characteristics in United States Pathology Residency and Pathologists' Assistant Programs

ADVISOR: Dr. Robert Hausmann

Susan Ann McCoy

Relationships between the Length of the Course (Term), Collaboration, Social Presence, and Satisfaction among Rn-Bsn Students in a Cohort-Based Online Environment

ADVISOR: Dr. Robert Hausmann

Iqbal Ratnani

Tension between Evidence-Based Medicine and Precision Medicine: A Barrier in Learning

ADVISOR: Dr. Sara McNeil

Saira Siddiqui

A Qualitative Study of Muslim Mothers' Perceptions and Motivations to Homeschool

ADVISOR: Dr. Cameron White

Adrienne Linette Smith

Teacher Perceptions of Benefits, Values, Expectancies, and Costs for Implementation of District Technology Initiatives

ADVISOR: Dr. Mimi Lee

Mark Allan Spilman

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

ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Crislyn K. Stokes-McDaniel

Individual and Organizational Factors Affecting Job Satisfaction and Turnover Intention Among Nursing Facility Administrators

ADVISOR: Dr. Robert Hausmann

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Mental Illness and Neurological Disorders in Long Term Care: Certified Nursing Assistant Perception of Initial Training Program

ADVISOR: Dr. Robert Hausmann

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Sarah Elizabeth Brown

Employee Engagement and Predictors of Potential Teacher Turnover

ADVISOR: Dr. Virginia Snodgrass Rangel

Troy Collavo

The Impact of Task-Free Brain Breaks in the Middle School Setting as Perceived by Teachers

ADVISOR: Dr. Duncan Klusmann

Adela Flores

The Efficacy of Response to Intervention When Working with English Learners in Grades 3 - 5 in Closing the Achievement Gaps in Reading

ADVISOR: Dr. Kristi L. Santi

Mark Gregory Paul Fritzenschaft

Estimating the Impact of Professional Development on Novice Alternatively-Certified Teachers

ADVISOR: Dr. Virginia Snodgrass Rangel

Rebecca Lisa Hernandez

The Effectiveness of Bilingual and English as a Second Language Programs

ADVISOR: Dr. Kristi L. Santi

Aysha Khemakhem

Towards Culturally Competent Educational Leaders: An Examination of the Development of Educational Leaders' Cultural Intelligence in Educational Leadership Preparation Programs

ADVISOR: Dr. Virginia Snodgrass Rangel

Jose Enrique Lopez

Learning Experiences of Newcomer Latino Secondary English Learners

ADVISOR: Dr. Ruth López

Andrew Malcolm Maddocks

Recapture and the Performing Arts: Investigating the Relationship between the Texas Educational Finance System and the Opportunity Gap in Performing Arts Programs in Public School Districts

ADVISOR: Dr. Virginia Snodgrass Rangel

Matthew E. Mahony

Through the Looking Glass: Public Perceptions of Suburban Public Schools

ADVISOR: Dr. April Peters-Hawkins

Monica Lynn Curry Martens

Persistence to STEM Degree: How Does an Analysis of Self-Motivation and Study Behaviors of Freshmen Provide Insight into Past and Future Strategies to Retain Students?

ADVISOR: Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

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Michael Angelo Ortiz

The Effect of Political Affiliation and Political Ideology Match/Mismatch Between High School Teachers and Students on Student Academic Outcomes

ADVISOR: Dr. Virginia Snodgrass Rangel

Brianna Nychole Robinson

Examining the Ability of Novice Teachers to Support the Needs of Students with Disabilities, Based on the Principals Survey for Novice Teachers

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Khayla Deann Sewell

An Examination of Classroom Management and Beginning Teacher Retention

ADVISOR: Dr. Detra Johnson

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Encouraging Underrepresented Minority Student Participation in the STEM Pipeline Through Authentic STEM Learning Experiences

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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The Effect of Choice on Student Reading Motivation

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Yunes Golabbakhsh

Effect of Environmental Events on Environmental Concern and Responsibility among Pre-Service Teachers through an Inquiry Approach

ADVISOR: Dr. John Ramsey

Rosa Nam

Understanding Teacher Diverse Literature Use and Beliefs

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Stephanie A. Phipps

Surviving COVID-19: A Qualitative Study of Child Care Providers' Experiences with the Pandemic and the Policies Intended to Save the Child Care Industry

ADVISOR: Dr. Nicole Andrews

Priscilla Rivas

Using Project-Based Learning and Technology to Promote Collaboration and Problem-Solving Skills in Elementary Aged Students: A Case Study of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Graders in an After-School Program

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Cognitive, Psychological and Ecological Components of Reading Comprehension in Chinese Elementary School Children Learning English as a Second Language

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Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

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Examining Challenges to Syrian Refugee Education in Jordan

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A Three Essay Case Study of a Correctional Education Partnership Between a Community College and Local Sheriff's Department

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Psychological, Health and Learning Sciences

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Determinants of Treatment Decision Making in African American Women Diagnosed with Triple Negative Breast Cancer

ADVISOR: Dr. Ezemenari Obasi

Rebecca Ann George

Gritty Measures for Gritty Times: Evaluation of the Grit Scale

ADVISOR: Dr. Weihua Fan

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction

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Message from the Dean

Dear Engineering Graduates,

By nature of you being here today, you are among the best, brightest and hardest working engineers the world has to offer.

You have made it through one of the most rigorous engineering programs in the country. During your time as an engineering student, you have collectively spent thousands of hours researching, volunteering and interning in the city of Houston, adding to the strength and vibrancy of our community. When you leave our labs and classrooms to embark on your careers, your professional contributions will have a resounding impact here, in the city of Houston and around the world.

You are the thinkers, doers and creators of our modern world. You will be the designers, builders, problem solvers and inventors of our tomorrow. Although you represent a wide variety of backgrounds and disciplines, as you walk across the stage to accept your diploma, you all have one thing in common: you are world-class engineers.

From here, the world is at your fingertips. Work hard, give back and trust in the knowledge you have acquired during your time as a student at the UH Cullen College of Engineering. Everything else will fall into place.

Congratulations, Cougar engineers! I look forward to seeing the impact your bright careers will have on our future and our world. Please stay in touch and fill me in on all of your successes: dean@egr.uh.edu.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Tedesco
Dean and Professor
Elizabeth D. Rockwell Endowed Dean's Chair

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Mirror Neurons are Modulated by
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Organic Bioelectronics and Bioactuators

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Investigating the influence of maternal
nicotine and alcohol co-exposure in
genetic profiles of dopamine neurons in
newborns.

ADVISOR: Dr. Metin Akay and
Dr. Yasemin Akay

Yaxi Li

MeCP2 Transgenic Mouse as A New
Disease Model for Neuropsychiatric
Lupus

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Laser Optoacoustic Imaging System for
Molecular and Functional Research in
Small Animal Models

ADVISOR: Dr. Alexander Oraevsky and
Dr. Kirill Larin

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

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Dos Santos Vieira

Rehabilitation and Strengthening of
Reinforced Concrete Columns with Iron-
Based Shape Memory Alloys

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Amir Asghar Moshiri Mojarad Roudsari

Molecular Scale Engineering of
Cementitious Matrices with High
Thermal Resistance.

ADVISOR: Dr. Konrad J. Krakowiak

Raj Gopal Nannapaneni

Computational Modeling of Wave
Propagation in Heterogeneous
Microstructures Using Discrete and
Continuum Frameworks

ADVISORS: Dr. Konrad J. Krakowiak and
Kalyana Babu Nakshatrala

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Mugdha Ambast

Experimental and Modeling Studies of
Passive NOx Adsorbers

ADVISOR: Dr. Michael P. Harold

Priyanka Arora

Diagnostic Studies of Silicon and
Silicon Dioxide Etching in Fluorine
and Chlorine-Containing Inductively
Coupled Plasmas

ADVISOR: Dr. Vincent M. Donnelly

Rajshree Chakrabarti

Deciphering the Molecular Mechanisms
of Organic Crystallization

ADVISOR: Dr. Peter G. Vekilov

Linfeng Du

The Role of Vacuum Ultraviolet Light
in the In-plasma Photo-assisted Etching
of Si

ADVISOR: Dr. Vincent M. Donnelly and
Dr. Demetre J. Economou

Wenchuan Ma

Deciphering the Molecular Interactions
between Antimalarials and Hematin
Crystal Surface

ADVISOR: Dr. Peter Vekilov and
Dr. Jeffrey Rimer

Ryan Sawadichai

Nanopantography with Reusable
Membrane-Based Electrostatic Lens
Arrays

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Effect of H² plasma conditioning on
anodized Al chamber wall and quartz
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Development of Lithography and
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High Density Thin Film Electrodes on
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MRI Safety Assessment of Implantable
Medical Devices using Neural Networks

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FPGA-based Additive Manufacturing
Defects Detection and Optimization of
Smart Connected Devices

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A Longitudinal Brain-Machine Interface
Training Paradigm with a Lower-Limb
Exoskeleton & its Induced Cortical
Changes

ADVISOR: Dr. Jose L. Contreras-Vidal

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Fault-Tolerant Isolated Power Converters
with High Power Density and In-Situ
Health Prediction for Offshore MVDC
Distribution

ADVISOR: Dr. Harish Krishnamoorthy

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Active Learning Methods for
Computational Delineation and Cellular
Profiling of Cortical Layers in Rat
Whole Brain Sections using Multiplex
Immunofluorescent Imaging and
Classification of Histopathological
Images using Convolutional Neural
Networks

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Radiator Modeling and Design for MRI
Safety Assessment

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Novel Methods of RF-induced Heating Assessment and Heating Reduction Techniques for Active Implantable Medical Devices in MRI

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Internet of Underwater Things: Enabling Technologies of Underwater Communications and Hybrid Networking

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Multi-Phase DC Power Supply Topologies with Fast Response for Telecom and Data Center Applications

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Location and Data Privacy Preservation in Intelligent Systems

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Surface and Molecular Level Characterization of Nanomaterials for Water Treatment and Drug Delivery

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Stability of Lead-Containing Precipitates: Implications for Lead Transport in Pipes and Soils

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Properties of Electrochemically Synthesized Monolayer and Multilayer Thin Films

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High-Temperature Friction and Wear of Polyphenylene Sulfide (PPS) and its Composites

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A Self-Wrapping and Flexible Extra-Neural Cuff Electrode, made by Using Shape-Shifting Polymers, for Recording and Stimulating Peripheral Nerves

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Materials and Manufacture of Soft Electronics for Bio-inspired Devices and Bio-interfaces

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An Optimization Framework for Power Generation Planning Addressing the Critical Issues in Renewable Energy

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Automated Model-Based Optimization Design of Subsea Field Layout under Production and Flow Assurance Constraints

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Hypersaline Flowback Water: What It Tells Us About Shale Gas Reservoir Properties

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Investigating effect of injection on yield surface, stress path coefficients and associated hysteresis in unconsolidated sands

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Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Today marks a major milestone in your lives—the day you officially transition from students to alumni. You have accomplished so much in your time at the Conrad N. Hilton College, and now you will build upon those experiences as you launch your careers. Moreover, you deserve special recognition for your resiliency during this very difficult time that included the global pandemic, an economic downturn, and issues related to social injustice.

Several factors have contributed to your success at the University of Houston: the support of your families and friends, encouragement from faculty and staff, and—most importantly—your own determination to learn, grow, and accomplish your goals.

You are now part of a global network of close to 9,000 Hilton College graduates, and the friendships you made as students will serve as the foundation for great professional relationships in the coming years. Wherever your journey takes you, I encourage you to stay connected to your College. And always remember that your graduation is particularly momentous—2021 is the year we celebrate our 52nd year as a top hospitality program!

The Class of 2021 is among the best the College has ever produced, and I know you will continue to serve as outstanding ambassadors for our program in all of your professional endeavors. On behalf of the entire Hilton College family, I offer my sincere congratulations to all of you.

Best wishes ... and Go Coogs!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Reynolds". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Dennis Reynolds
Dean
Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair

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NATIONAL ANTHEM	Sarah Marie Neal <i>Master of Music Candidate</i>
CALL TO ORDER	Driss Benhaddou <i>Professor, College of Technology</i> <i>Honorary Grand Marshal</i>
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Dulce Maria Lucero
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Claudia Sifuentes
Natalie Deneen Sims ²
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Kevin Andre Tucker
Phuc Hoai Vo ²
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UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**
LAW CENTER

Message from the Dean

May 16, 2021

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! You have worked hard and now you are ready to put the power of your legal education to work in courtrooms and boardrooms, government service and public agencies. You have the opportunity to take the knowledge and skills you learned at the University of Houston Law Center and uphold the highest standards of the legal profession by seeking justice for all, including those with limited access to the courthouse.

With your J.D., you also join the ranks of thousands of alumni practicing here in Houston and around the globe. Our alumni network is here to serve you; they will be your biggest supporters and mentors. As graduates, you have access to our free Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses. Please visit our CLE webpage for more information at law.uh.edu/cle/.

As you begin your professional career, I encourage you to stay in touch with the Law Center. You can access our alumni page at law.uh.edu/alumni. We want to send you our alumni magazine and Law Center updates, such as my Dean's Notes, and information on alumni events. Thus, we need to stay current with your email and mailing address. You may send this information and any updates directly to lawalum@central.uh.edu. I hope you will get involved with the UH Law Alumni Association, which is a large and very active community that will enrich your professional and personal lives. The Association also will benefit from your participation.

On behalf of the entire Law Center community, best wishes for a successful career. I am honored that you are now part of our vast alumni network. I look forward to greeting you at alumni functions. Please feel free to call on me if I may ever be of assistance.

Warmest regards,

Leonard M. Baynes
Dean and Professor of Law

University of Houston

UH Law Center

Commencement Ceremony

Sunday, May 16, 2021, 10 a.m.

TDECU Stadium

PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL	Moore School of Music
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Sarah Marie Neal <i>Master of Music Candidate</i>
WELCOME	Leonard M. Baynes <i>Dean</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable Alvaro De la Cruz, Jr. <i>Member</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Dean Baynes
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Baynes
RECESSIONAL	Happy by Pharrell Williams



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December 2020 – Graduates

DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE

Mark Aufmuth
Bradley T. Barrett ³
Anthony Brister
Haley Crain Carter
Beaux Allen Cochran
Hope Bailey Daus
Heather Elaine Davis ³
James D. Dorough-Lewis
Thomas M. Dougherty
David Reynaldo Ebro
Noah Feldman ²
Bethany L. Howell
Khyra N. Kolidakis
Sirous Mahdavi Kotenai
Ton La, Jr.
Phuong Cac Julie Le
Andrew M. Long
Sarah Kristian Lonvick ³

Isabell Martinez
Christopher Cody Thomas Miller
Chance Lynn Moser
Mirtala Garza Oliveros
Matthew Reed
Spencer Ryerson ³
Austen Coby Smith
Anna Gale Steele
Ashton Anderson Thrasher
Aniekeme Sunday Udoetok
Patrick Ryan Wall
Ricardo Jerome Wilson

MASTER OF LAWS

Faisal Abdullah Zahir Al Rashdi
Amarachi Chinoye Amadi
Anthony Brister
Janet Raya Campos
Ying Chen
Heather Elaine Davis

Carlos Dominguez Gonzalez
James D. Dorough-Lewis
Thomas M. Dougherty
Catalina Flores Del Valle
Erika Flynn-Davis
Siobhan Galbraith
Jaime Uvalle Gutierrez
Bethany L. Howell
Autumn Mae Humphreys
Kennedy Dewayne Jones
Muhammed Karatoprak
Phuong Cac Julie Le
David Leinig Meiler
Scheila Macedo de Lara Araujo
Alina Manolache
Mahdi Nazari
Rebekah D. Reed ¹
Victor Hernando Segura
Ka Shun Tung
Aniekeme S. Udoetok
Olinda M. Woodruff

Spring 2021– Candidates for graduation

DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE

Pierre Aana
Lakshmi Achari
Cynthia Mercedes Albarran
Natasha Alexander ³
John T. Appel
Rachel Leah Arco
Mitchell J. Armstrong
Alyssa Rae Arnold ³
Richard Alexander Barclay
Brooke Linnette Bentley
Jonathan William Bever
Kade McClain Beyer
Alexandra C. Bismuth
Amanda Nicole Blons
Adam Christopher Bourns

Jahnathan LaRoi Davidson Braquet
Bailey Alexandra Bridges ³
Emma Rose Brockway
Charles Daniel Brooks
Spencer DeBruin Brown
Natasha Helene Cabucio
Taylor Leigh Calfee ²
Thomas K. Caraher ³
Samantha Casas
Ryan Taylor Chastain ³
Stuart Cobb ²
Delenn Caya Cooper
Sylvia K. Craven
Courtney Elizabeth Crews
Courtney Margaret Crosby
Robert Cunningham ¹
Brooke Ireland Curry ²
Wangmu Danzeng

Janhavi Das ²
Thomas Rapier Dawson
Simone Michelle De Lacey
Jose R. De Leon
Aditi Deal ³
Drew G. DiZinno
Siana Nicole Dodds
Christopher James Duncan ²
Daniel Ferris
Caitlyn Grey Fiebrich ³
Eric Michael Fierce
Clayton Fitzgerald
Connor P. Flanagan
Brennan Kacie Flannery ³
Grady James Fleming
Barbara Estephani Flores
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Megan Lee Grace
Victoria Kay Grefer
Jesse Guadiana
Stefan Guerrero
Nicholas Guillory
Quentin Hale
Theodore H. Hale
Emily N. Hall
Samantha Sue Halliburton
Christopher R. Hammond
Elizabeth Sherril Hardage
Sophia Sepulveda Harms²
Emily Rose Haywood
Justin Kyle Hicks³
Michael Duncan Holmes
Adam Alexander Honeycutt
Seyed Ali Hosseini Gohar
Brian John Hostutler
Mu Wei Hsu
Thomas M. Hudson²
Maria Nora Ibrahim
Matthew Ezra James Jackson
Fariha Jawed³
Sean Ming Jensen
Rebecca Lynne Jordan³
Alanna Marie Justman
Joann Karam
Priyanka Tirandaz Kasnavia
Kimberlyn Michelle Kasperitis
Michelle Annalise Katz²
Harneet Kaur³
Jesse R. Keleman
Kelsey. Kim
So Young Kim
Samuel David. Kinne
Dominic Christopher Kisielewski
Chelsea Coe Klumpp²
Maroun Pierre Koutani
Mark Jemison Kritzer
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Jadelyn Lopez
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Reagan Michelle Lutter¹
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Jessie Ruth Manzewitsch²
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Reilly Thomas McAfee
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Maria Marcelina Medellin
Erika Lynn McDonald³
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Preston M. Meyers
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Francisco Rene Montalvo
Angela M. Morales
Morgan Brooke Morrow
Ryan Andrew Mulvihill
Julia Ngo
Richard Dinh Nguyen
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Lucas David Novick³
Theresa Akosua Nuamah
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Brian Kyle Pounds
Allison D. Pratt
Xinmei Qu
Michael Vincent Rakauskas
Jimmy Angel Ramirez
Madison Shay Richburg
Cacique Jayuya Rich-Martinez
Jaclyn Elani Riff
Christine Angeline Rios
Janie Rios
Clarissa Andrea Rivera
Maryse Elina Rodriguez
Julie Rogers

Ricky Rojas
Benjamin Romberg
Robert Jordan Root
Eric Ruiz
Caroline O'Connor Sage
Johann Zebastian Salazar
Mario Sanchez, Jr.
Haley Nicole Sandoval²
Samuel Miles Schauer
Patrick DeWayne Sears, Jr.
Joshua Selvidge
Michael Christopher Shultz
Lauryn Bailey Singhoff
Nickoloz Snovely
Marcos R. Sonthay
Kaysha Spoon
Hannah Rochelle Strawser
Christine Marie Sulkis
Hannah Elizabeth Taylor
Morgan Alexandra Thomas
Jessica Totten¹
Huong Michelle Trang
Jenelle Marie Tubergen²
Austin Lee Turman³
Derek N. Ude
Ghazal Ullah
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Deryck Van Alstyne²
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Tetyana Jabber

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Kyle P. O'Farrell

Jordyn Deay Rystrom Emmert
Maria Saavedra
Tara Renee Scardino
Geisa Schrader
Kaysha Spoon
Daniel Lee Stone
Royline Williams-Fontenelle

August 2021 – Candidates for graduation

**DOCTOR OF
JURISPRUDENCE**

Eli Andrews Janik





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Message from the Interim Dean

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2021!

All of you resilient, hardworking graduates are receiving your diplomas today after navigating what might be the most unusual path to graduation ever experienced. When you began your journeys at the University of Houston, no one could have predicted all of the challenges that would arise. Many of you first joined us in the Fall 2017 semester, when Hurricane Harvey flooded the entire city. Social unrest shook our nation in the summer of 2020, as conversations and demonstrations about racial injustice and abuse occurred on a global scale. The recent winter storm and failure of the energy grid cast us into darkness and frigid cold for nearly a week. The ongoing global pandemic fundamentally altered our approaches to teaching, learning and communication, in some ways, perhaps forever.

But you succeeded anyway. You maintained focus and set priorities. You responded and adapted, and responded and adapted again and again. You engaged new and exciting ideas and methods, and you developed new and unique solutions. The challenges and changes did not compromise your commitment to complete your degree requirements. You did not waver when faced with difficulty, and your spirit remained intact throughout. These traits indicate the strength of your character and your will. I know that your education and experiences at the University of Houston will serve you well throughout the rest of your intellectual, professional and personal lives. You can, and will, change the world.

Now that you have achieved what you have been working on for so long, please take some time for celebration with your family, friends and everyone who supported you along the way. Your dedication and perseverance have paid off – It was worth it! Graduation is a time for looking forward with optimism: Anything is possible. The fact that we are gathering today for an in-person commencement ceremony is a sign that we will return to – and improve upon – the communities that have allowed us to stay Houston Strong, CLASS Strong and Coog Strong. As members of the newest graduating class, you will have the privilege of shaping that brighter future.

Congratulations, and Go Coogs!

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel P. O'Connor
Interim Dean

University of Houston
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

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Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
TDECU Stadium

PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Sarah Marie Neal <i>Master of Music Candidate</i>
RECOGNITION OF PLATFORM PARTY	Todd Romero <i>Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs</i>
GREETINGS	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Daniel P. O'Connor <i>Interim Dean</i>
RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS	Associate Dean Romero
PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES	Susan Scarrow <i>Associate Dean of Graduate Studies</i>
PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Scarrow
PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Romero
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	President Khator
CONCLUDING REMARKS	Dean O'Connor
ALMA MATER	Moores School of Music Concert Chorale
RECESSIONAL	

Spring and Summer 2021 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Department of Economics

Eris Azizaj

Essays on the FinTech Lending Market
ADVISOR: Bent E. Sorensen, Ph.D.

Xavier Martin Bautista

Essays on Consumption
ADVISORS: Bent Sorensen, Ph.D. and German Cubas, Ph.D.

Boblawende Jean Kabore

The Effects of Women's Employment on Intimate Partner Violence in West Africa
ADVISOR: Willa H. Friedman, Ph.D.

Kriti Khanna

Credit Contract Enforcement and Income Disparities across Indian States
ADVISOR: Kei-Mu Yi, Ph.D.

William C. Labadie

Essays on Unanticipated Responses to Education Policy
ADVISOR: Vikram Maheshri, Ph.D.

Reza Parsi

A Time Series Analysis of Crude Oil Supply, Demand, and Price with Non-Gaussian Approach
ADVISOR: Kei-Mu Yi, Ph.D.

Priyam Verma

Optimal Infrastructure after Trade Reform in India
ADVISOR: Kei-Mu Yi, Ph.D.

Department of English

Creative Writing and Literature

Barbara Drumheller

From Her Axle Torn: A Novel
ADVISOR: Antonya Nelson, MFA

Joshua S. Gottlieb-Miller

Dybbuk Americana
ADVISOR: Kevin Prufer, MFA

Niki Herd

The Stuff of Hollywood
ADVISOR: Kevin Prufer, MFA

Onyinye Ihezukwu

Afterlives of Spirituality in Smoke
ADVISOR: Chitra Divakaruni, Ph.D.

Matthew J. Krajniak

Everything and Nothing
ADVISOR: Peter Turchi, Ph.D.

Carolann V. Madden

The Folklorist and the Poet: Explorations in Expressive Culture
ADVISOR: Roberto J. Tejada, Ph.D.

Stalina Villarreal

Watcha
ADVISOR: Roberto J. Tejada, Ph.D.

Cait Ginn Weiss

Extended Cut
ADVISOR: Roberto J. Tejada, Ph.D.

English

Gerald Barr

Anticolonial Literature of India's Independence Movement
ADVISOR: Sebastain Lecourt, Ph.D.

Matthew James Bizzell

Scripted by War: Contemporary American War Writing as Trauma Texts
ADVISOR: W. Lawrence Hogue, Ph.D.

Maurine Ogonnaya Ogbaa

From Peripheral Metropolis to Inverted Eden: Development, Gender, and Subjectivity in Contemporary, Female-Author, West African Bildungsroman
ADVISOR: Hosam Aboul-Ela, Ph.D.

Aisha Sadiq

African American Feminism in Environmental Humanities
ADVISOR: W. Lawrence Hogue, Ph.D.

Department of Health and Human Performance

Aquasia Audre Shaw

2020 Vision: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis of the Lived Experiences of Black Female Athletes
ADVISOR: Billy Hawkins, Ph.D.

Department of Hispanic Studies

Isis Renee Campos

Memory, The American Dream, Community, and Beyond: Central American Women's Representation and Writing in the United States
ADVISORS: Gabriela Baeza Ventura, Ph.D. and Nicolás Kanellos, Ph.D.

Maria Margarita Chávez

Maestras en las líneas de fuego. Representación de la maestra rural en la literatura mexicana y española posterior a movimientos de violencia nacional.
ADVISOR: Maria Elena Solino, Ph.D.

Ana Emilia Felker Centeno

Santuarios. Ensayo narrativo sobre los comunes de la violencia racista hacia la población latinx
ADVISOR: Anadeli Bencomo, Ph.D.

Blanca Esther Gomez

El discurso periodístico de opinión de estudiantes mexicanoamericanos y mexicanos
ADVISOR: Manuel Gutierrez, Ph.D.

Yordanis Morales Utria

Ficción Especulativa en Narradores Cubanos de la Generación Cero
ADVISOR: Mabel Cuesta, Ph.D.

Department of History

Quentin Adams

Laudianism in the North: The Impact of Laudianism in the Archdeaconry of Nottingham
ADVISOR: Catherine F. Patterson, Ph.D.

Francesca Guerri

The Friendship Network of Matilda of Tuscany Reconstructing Matilda's Motivation and Ideology Through the Lens of Her Individual Relationships
ADVISOR: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D.

Matthew Thomas Finnie

The Dry Bones Speak: Hero Cult and the Staging of Heroes in Ancient Athens
ADVISOR: Frank Holt, Ph.D.

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Alberto Wilson III

Pan American Cities: Binational Metropolitan Development in El Paso and Ciudad Juárez, 1945-1994

ADVISOR: Monica Perales, Ph.D.

Department of Political Science

Kasia Hinkson

Identity Isn't Only Skin Deep: Examining the Potential Legitimacy and Consequences of Identity-based Politics in the American Context

ADVISOR: Jeronimo Cortina, Ph.D.

Ulkar Imamverdiyeva

Female Leaders and Foreign Policy

ADVISOR: Patrick Shea, Ph.D.

Haimo Li

The Burkean theme in the late Jefferson's political writings (1809-1826)

ADVISOR: Jeremy D. Bailey, Ph.D.

Anna Marisa Schoen

Beyond the Nation-State Order: Recovering Pre-Modern Conceptions of Nationhood

ADVISOR: Alin Fumurescu, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology

Clinical Psychology

Brooke A. Bartlett

An Examination of the Interpersonal-Psychological Theory of Suicide among Urban Firefighters: Associations with Posttraumatic Stress and Distress Tolerance

ADVISOR: Anka Vujanovic, Ph.D.

Abigail E. Candelari

Single-Session Intervention for Parental Accommodation and Overcontrolling Behaviors: A Pilot Study

ADVISOR: Andres G. Viana, Ph.D., ABPP

Soumia Cheref

Suicide Cognitions Among Arab American Emerging Adults: Risk and Protective Factors

ADVISOR: Rheeda Walker, Ph.D.

Katherine Alvord Fox

Defining the Construct of Malingered PTSD in Civil Litigation: A Confirmatory Factor Analysis

ADVISOR: John P. Vincent, Ph.D.

Brooke Yvonne Kauffman

Computer-Delivered Intervention for Individuals with Obesity and Elevated Anxiety Sensitivity

ADVISOR: Michael J. Zvolensky, Ph.D.

Jessica Michelle Meers

Interaction of Sleep and Emotion Across the Menstrual Cycle

ADVISOR: Candice Alfano, Ph.D.

Francesca Penner

Caregiver Mentalizing Operationalized as Mediational Learning among Caregivers of Orphans and Vulnerable Children in South Africa

ADVISOR: Carla Sharp, Ph.D.

Alexandra Snead

Risk Factors Associated with Alcohol Use and Intimate Partner Violence

ADVISOR: Julia C. Babcock, Ph.D.

Kelli Lynn Sullivan

Future and Past Autobiographical Memory in HIV Disease

ADVISOR: Steven Paul Woods, Psy.D.

Christina Thomas

Imaging Genetics Study of Specific Reading Disability: The Role of Semaphorin 6d

ADVISOR: Elena Grigorenko, Ph.D.

Emma Woodward

Parental Socialization of Emotion and Anxiety Among Latinx Youth: The Role of Emotion Dysregulation and Familismo

ADVISOR: Andres G. Viana, Ph.D.

Industrial Organizational Psychology

Nikola Fedorowicz

Hostile Work Climate and Counterproductive Work Behaviors: The Role of Situational Awareness Self-Efficacy and Personality

ADVISOR: Lawrence Alan Witt, Ph.D.

Mike Olson

Effects of Contextual Signals on Presenteeism and Exhaustion

ADVISOR: Lawrence Alan Witt, Ph.D.

Xueqi Wen

"Benefits Of Upward Perceived Support: The Roles of Gratitude, Indebtedness, and Workgroup Identification"

ADVISOR: Robert Eisenberger, Ph.D.

Social Psychology

Megan K. Britton

The Impact of Microaggressions on Alcohol Consumption and Alcohol-Related Problems among Latinx Community Members and College Students

ADVISOR: Jaye L. Derrick, Ph.D.

Sana Haddad

The Indirect Effect of Traumatic Stress on Individual and Relational Outcomes Through Couple Interactions

ADVISOR: Jaye Derrick, Ph.D.

Carol Wang

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

ADVISORS: Dr. Qian Lu (Chair) and Dr. Clayton Neighbors (Co-Chair)

MASTER OF ARTS

Department of Comparative and Cultural Studies

Master of Arts in Anthropology

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Kaira R. Mercer-Jones

Manuel De Jesus Rodriguez

Jack J. Valenti School of Communication

Health Communication

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Daidre Perkins

Mass Communication

Paloma Alatorre

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Kellin Patricia Puello Ochoa

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Skyeler Nicole Aguado
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Kimberly Martinez
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Applied Economics

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Department of English

**MASTER OF FINE ARTS
IN CREATIVE WRITING**

Despina Boutris
James H. Gilson
Sonia A. Hamer
Cameron Lehman
Sarah E. Robinson
Grace F.M. Wagner-ODaniel

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN ENGLISH**

Evan L. Horne
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**Department of Health
and Human Performance**

**MASTER OF ATHLETIC
TRAINING**

Nolan Bond
Casey Caridad
Cathryn Renee Carranza
Rachael Dickey
Cashe Ervine
Lindsey Ann Fitz
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Chassidy L. Robinson
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE
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**MASTER OF ARTS
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Your last year at UH has been during one of the most unusual and trying times in recent history. But you adjusted to a new normal with online courses, social distancing, and changes to how you worked with others to get projects done. Most of all, you persevered. It wasn't always easy, but you succeeded!

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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.

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Thuy Nhi S. Pham
Thy Mai Pham
Eric Quach
Juan Javier Ramirez, Jr. ²
Masen Alexandria Reid
Alan Richards
Oscar Rivera
Ivan A. Rodriguez ³
Andy Salinas ¹
Kali Simpson ^{1,4}
Joel A. Stambaugh ³
Sofia Alessandra Sutterby
Ray Abraham Thomas

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Ryan K. Tran
David R. Vasquez
Andrew James Wagner
Paul Aaron Womack
Jeremy Beau York
Milton Josue Zavala

Physics
Robin Emmanuel Acac
William Bittner ²
Cory Hunter Gray ³
Larry Guan ¹
Kyle Joseph Lare

Nicolas Pineda ²
Adrian Rangel Soto ^{1,4}
Samara Sharpe ³
Isaiah Silva ³
Tejpal Singh ²
Nicholas R. Summerfield ¹

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UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

COLLEGE of NURSING

Message from the Dean

Dear Nursing Graduates,

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

Your education at the College of Nursing has equipped you to embark upon your career as a nurse leader and nurse clinician. During your time at the University of Houston as a nursing student, you have collectively spent thousands of hours in clinical, classroom, simulation labs and volunteering, thus adding to the strength and vibrancy of our community and our profession. I am especially proud of each of you for persevering through the most incredible year of any of us have ever known. We have walked with you through COVID-19, social, political and racial unrest. Yet, you are graduating on-time and are now more ready than any of our graduates to work in an environment where nurses are incredibly needed, trusted and respected.

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

As lifelong learners, I invite you to stay connected with your College of Nursing. We welcome and invite you to become “life members” of the UH Nursing Alumni Association. You will always have a special honor of being a UH Nurse. You will be reminded of this distinct honor each time you wear your nursing pin, engage with the College of Nursing or the University of Houston.

Congratulations Cougar Nurses!

Sincerely,

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

University of Houston
College of Nursing

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University of Houston at Sugar Land

PROCESSIONAL	<i>“Four Seasons”</i> by Vivaldi
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Kathryn M. Tart, EdD ('99), MSN, RN <i>Founding Dean and Professor</i> <i>Humana Endowed Dean’s Chair in Nursing</i>
SPEAKER	Judge KP George <i>Fort Bend County Judge</i>
DESCRIPTION OF PIN	Dean Tart
PINNING AND HOODING OF GRADUATE CANDIDATES	Kathleen Reeve, DrPH, ANP-BC, FNP-C <i>Associate Dean/MSN Director/Clinical Professor</i>
PINNING OF BACHELOR CANDIDATES	Patricia Schrader, PhD, MSN, RN, CMSRN <i>Clinical Assistant Professor/BSN Director</i>
PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR AND MASTER CANDIDATES	Dr. Reeve
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Dean Tart
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE AND LIGHTING CEREMONY	Shermel Edwards-Maddox, MSN, RN, CNE, RN-BC <i>Professor of Practice</i>
FAREWELL FROM THE FACULTY	Andrea Brooks, PhD, RN, PPCNP-BC <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i> <i>Traditional BSN Track Manager</i>
RECESSIONAL	<i>“Radetzky Waltz”</i> by Strauss

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Commencement Speaker

JUDGE KP GEORGE
Fort Bend County Judge

JUDGE KP GEORGE grew up in a small village in the southern Indian state of Kerala. He immigrated to the United States in 1993 and has called Fort Bend County home for more than twenty years. In 2014, Judge George was elected to the Fort Bend ISD School Board, where he served two terms before becoming County Judge. Judge KP George assumed the office of Fort Bend County Judge on January 1, 2019. The County Judge is the executive of Fort Bend County's governing body and presides over Commissioners Court, which oversees the County's more than 3,000 employees and its nearly \$400 million dollar budget.

The County Judge is also the Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. This office is responsible for preparing and protecting residents from disasters.

Fort Bend County is the tenth largest county in Texas and one of the fastest-growing counties in the United States. The Kinder Institute for Urban Research, a Rice University institution, has also crowned Fort Bend County the most diverse county in America.

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Spring 2021 – MSN Graduates

Karlie Renee Brouillard ⁴
Aida Michelle Francis
Cara Beth Geoca ⁴
Lakita F. Hopkins

Kathryn Elizabeth Allen Lagus
Blessy Beltran Maris
Rebecca Anne Martisek
Rosa Maria Melendez

Michaelina Marie Philpott
Tracy Leigh Quosig
Michaela Elaine Ramirez

Spring 2021 – Traditional BSN Graduates

Geneva F. Davis
Peter Yee Chen Duong ^{3,4}
Brittany Ijeoma Echeta
Yazmin Ahtziri Gonzalez Alanis

Timothy L. Hickman
Lauren Heejung Lim
Anton N. Mercado
Esther Tang Nguyen ^{1,4}

Riley C. Williams ⁴
Albany Gabriela Zamora Ortiz

Spring 2021 – RN to BSN Spring Graduates

Nancy Omolafe Enaboifo ⁴
Aimee Ranae Gaytan

Megan Kearney Hitch
Juanita Rochan Ward

Summer 2021 – RN to BSN Graduate

Grace Mary Thomas

1 Summa Cum Laude Honors - 2 Magna Cum Laude Honors - 3 Cum Laude Honors - 4 Sigma Theta Tau International Member

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MSN Clinical and Practicum Affiliations

Access Health Clinic
Access Health
Aspire Health Care
Bear Creek Pediatric Clinic
Behavioral Hospital of Bellaire
Bliss Women's Wellness and Birth Center
Brazosport Women's Health
Campbell Medical Clinic
Carolina Forest Urgent Care
CHI St. Luke's Sugar Land Hospital
Children's Center of Victoria
Christ Clinic
Citizens Medical Center
Columbus Medical Clinic
Cypress OB/GYN
Doctors Clinic Houston
Express Family Clinic
Fairfield OB/GYN
Faith Family Health
First Response Family Clinic
Fort Bend Health and Human Services
Garden Villa Nursing and Rehab
Holiday's Family Medical Clinic

Houston Family Physicians
Houston Methodist West Hospital
Just 4 Kids Pediatrics
Lora Torres, MD
MD Anderson Cancer Center
Melody Moody, MD
Memorial Hermann Medical Group
Memorial Medical Clinic
Mohammad A. Haque, MD
Neaville Internal Medicine
New Beginnings Women's Health Care
OB/GYN E.J. Jones, MD
Parkside Family Clinic
Platinum Geriatrics
Salim Gopalani, MD
Sanitas Medical Center of Texas PA
Sirte Med Primary Care Clinic
Skip Baker, MD
St. Michael's Elite Hospital
Texana Center
The Park at Sugar Creek Medical Center
White River Health System

RN to BSN Clinical Affiliation

Humana at Home

Traditional BSN Clinical Affiliations

Houston Methodist West Hospital
Houston Methodist Continuing Care Hospital
Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital

Memorial Hermann Childrens Hospital
HCPC-Harris County Psychiatric Center
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Texas

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Evidence-Based Practice Capstone Paper

Blessy Maris, MSN, RN
Therapeutic Yoga to Improve Cancer Related Fatigue in Patients with Breast Cancer

Rebecca Martisek, MSN, RN
Improving Management of Type 2 Diabetes in Adults: An Evidence Based Approach ²

Aida Michelle Francis, MSN, RN
Deprescribing Protocol for Fall Reduction in Elderly

Cara Geoca, MSN, RN
Prevention of Cesarean Delivery Surgical Site Infections: The State of the Science of Dressings ¹

Karlie Brouillard, MSN, RN
The Peanut Ball to Reduce Cesarean Section Rates in Laboring Women

Lakita Hopkins, MSN, RN
Carbetocin in the 3rd Stage of Labor to Decrease Postpartum Hemorrhage

Michaela Ramirez, MSN, RN
Post Discharge Phone Calls to Reduce Readmission of Patients with Heart Failure

Michaelina Philpott, MSN, RN
Utilization of Behavioral Health Teams in the Emergency Department

Kathryn Lagus, MSN, RN
Combination Therapy to Treat ADHD in School Age Children

Tracy Quosig, MSN, RN
Drug Monitoring Program to Improve Narcotics' Prescription Practices

Rosa Melendez, MSN, RN
Prevention of Orthopedic Surgical Site Infection: An Evidence Based Approach

¹ Evidence-Based Project Award – ² People's Choice Award

Florence Nightingale Pledge

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

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

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

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

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

— *Author Unknown*





UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**
COLLEGE of OPTOMETRY

Message from the Dean

Dear Graduate,

First and foremost, congratulations to each of you on this momentous occasion! This is the defining moment of your transition from student to practitioner, and we celebrate your achievement. I hope that you take time to reflect on your journey and to honor the many individuals who guided and supported you in your achievement.

For those of you receiving a Master of Science or Doctor of Philosophy degree, the need for truth, knowledge, and integrity in biomedical research has never been greater. We look to you as future leaders in discovery who will advance knowledge and improve health and vision care.

For those of you receiving a Doctor of Optometry degree, you have made a lifelong commitment as healthcare professionals. You have recited the optometric oath and have donned the white coat. These symbolic commitments affirm your acceptance of great responsibility for the health and welfare of your patients. Going forward, remember this commitment and your dedication to the college's core values – reason, wisdom, integrity, growth and humanity.

The graduating class of 2021 has endured the aftermath of flooding from Hurricane Harvey, the wettest September day on record from Tropical Storm Imelda, a massive 96-inch water main failure with flooding in February 2020, a main power transformer failure in August 2020, the COVID-19 global pandemic, a simultaneous dual hurricane threat, the deep-freeze power failure of 2021, and flooding that destroyed the Ambulatory Surgical Center. You have learned the meaning of persistence and hope.

As the next generation of graduates from the University of Houston College of Optometry, we look forward to your continued accomplishments. As you go out into the world, be grateful, give generously, and strive to make a positive difference in the many lives you will touch with your talents. When you can, build on the foundation of those who came before you, and be mindful of your obligation to those who will follow. You will play a crucial role in building the future of our healthcare system, and your engagement has never been more important.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration, we wish you the best in your endeavors. Remember you always have a home at the University of Houston College of Optometry, and we will always welcome you back with open arms. You will forever be a part of this community. Again, congratulations on your academic success and welcome to the optometric profession.

Sincerely,

Michael Twa, O.D., Ph.D., F.A.A.O.
Professor and Dean

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Cullen Performance Hall

PRELUDE	Classical Arrangement
PROCESSIONAL	“Pomp and Circumstance” <i>By Sir Edward Elgar</i>
HONORARY MACE BEARER	Han Cheng, Ph.D., O.D. <i>Clinical Professor</i>
HONORARY BANNER BEARER	Marcus G. Piccolo, O.D. <i>Associate Dean for Professional Advancement</i> <i>Associate Dean for Clinical Education</i> <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>Executive Director, Surgical Services</i>
INVOCATION	Jason Marsack, Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor</i>
WELCOME AND COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Michael D. Twa, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Dean and Humana Endowed Dean’s Chair in Optometry</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable Alvaro De la Cruz, Jr. <i>Member</i>
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES	
SUMMA CUM LAUDE AND MAGNA CUM LAUDE	Kimberly Lambrechts, R.N., O.D. <i>Associate Dean for Professional Studies and Clinical Professor</i>
GOLD KEY INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	Ralph Herring, O.D., M.H.A. <i>Assistant Dean for Professional Studies and Clinical Professor</i>
BETA SIGMA KAPPA BSK SILVER MEDAL AWARD	Kassaundra Johnston, O.D. <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>
CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS	Assistant Dean Herring

STUDENT ADDRESS	Kelsey Rene Trast
PRESENTATION AND HOODING OF THE CANDIDATES	Dean Twa
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS DEGREE	Laura Frishman, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research John and Rebecca Moores Professor</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS DEGREE	Associate Dean Laura Frishman
PRESENTATION OF OPTOMETRY RESIDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS	Beth Harper, O.D. <i>Director, Residency Programs and Clinical Associate Professor</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE	Jason Porter, Ph.D. <i>Vice Chair of the Faculty and Associate Professor</i>
ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE	Associate Dean Lambreghts
HOODING OF CANDIDATES	Anita Ticak, O.D., M.S. <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i> Jennifer Tasca, O.D. <i>Adjunct Faculty</i>
FACULTY ASSISTING IN HOODING	Julianne Knowles, O.D. <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i> Wendy Harrison, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor</i>
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS	Dean Twa Danica Marrelli, O.D. <i>Assistant Dean for Clinical Education</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Dean Twa

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ADMINISTRATION OF THE OPTOMETRIC OATH

Assistant Dean Marrelli

THE OPTOMETRIC OATH

With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

- I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously and to the fullest scope of my competence.
- I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.
- I will provide professional care for those who seek my services with concern, with compassion, and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.
- I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.
- I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.
- I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain, or enhance their vision and general health.
- I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.
- I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.
- I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country, and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.
- I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this, my solemn oath and obligation.

CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Twa

BENEDICTION

Lucy Kehinde, O.D., Ph.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor

RECESSIONAL

“War March of the Priests”
By Felix Mendelssohn

Spring 2021 – Candidates for Graduation

Candidates' names are followed by their hometowns; undergraduate institutions; and, if applicable, graduate institutions.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS

Ashley Lynnette Bascom
Wilton, CT

B.S., Baylor University

THESIS: Characterization of Vitamin D Levels in Ocular Surface Tissues and their Association with Dry Eye Disease

Hannah Renea Gregory

Cypress, TX

B.S., Texas A&M University

THESIS: Visual Performance of Center-Distance Multifocal Contact Lenses Fit Using a Myopia Control Paradigm

Nicole Alexandra Karson

Riverton, WV

B.S., West Virginia University

THESIS: Functional Retinal Outcomes and Association with Health Metrics in Patients with Prediabetes and Type 2 Diabetes

Andrews Nartey

Accra, Ghana

O.D., Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

THESIS: Phenotypic and Phagocytic Characterization of Segmental Human Trabecular Meshwork Cells

Raphaella Tran

Chicago, IL

B.S., University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana

THESIS: Effects of Choroidal Defocus on Adults and Children

Sarah McKenzie Wilting

Amarillo, TX

B.S., Southwestern University

THESIS: Quantifying the Optical, Physical, and Predicted Visual Consequences of Daily Cleaning on Conventional and Wavefront-Guided Scleral Lenses

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS

Khob Bhandari

Pokhara, Nepal

B.Optom., Tribhuvan University, Institute of Medicine

Dissertation: Environmental and Behavioral Factors in Childhood Myopia

Justin A. Courson

Houston, TX

B.A., English, University of California, Santa Barbara

B.A., Psychology, University of California, Santa Barbara

Dissertation: Impact of Aging and Diet on Mouse Corneal Innervation at the Epithelial-stromal Interface

Eugene Appenteng Osae

Akim Oda, Ghana

O.D., Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

Dissertation: Effects of Dyslipidemia in Diet-induced Obesity and Aging on the Meibomian Gland and Ocular Surface

Zhihui She

Guangzhou, China

Bachelor of Medicine, Zhongshan School of Medicine, Sun Yat-Sen University

Dissertation: Effects of Dim Ambient Lighting on Refractive Development in Rhesus Monkeys (Macacca Mulatta)

Maria Walker

Ellington, CT

B.S., in Biology, Suffolk University

O.D., in Optometry, New England College of Optometry

M.S., in Vision Science, New England College of Optometry

Dissertation: Scleral Lens Effects on the Eye

RESIDENTS

Candidates' names are followed by their graduate institutions and University of Houston College of Optometry residency information.

Sanam Farooqi, O.D.

O.D., Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences School of Optometry

RESIDENCY: Ocular Disease at the Cedar Springs Eye Clinic

Miriam Almanza, O.D.

O.D., University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry

RESIDENCY: Low Vision Rehabilitation at the University Eye Institute

Ann Sung, O.D.

O.D., University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

RESIDENCY: Family Practice at the University Eye Institute

Amber Dawson, O.D.

O.D., Kentucky College of Optometry

RESIDENCY: Pediatrics at the University Eye Institute

Faustina Martinez, O.D.

O.D., University of Houston College of Optometry

RESIDENCY: Ocular Disease at the University Eye Institute

Sallekh Shakya, O.D.

O.D., Nova Southeastern University

RESIDENCY: Brain Injury Vision Rehabilitation at the University Eye Institute

Connie Chen, O.D.

O.D., University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

RESIDENCY: Cornea and Contact Lens at the University Eye Institute

Mary Kate Walters, O.D.

O.D., Southern College of Optometry

RESIDENCY: Ocular Disease at the Community Eye Clinic

Justina Raouf Assaad, O.D.

O.D., University of Houston College of Optometry

RESIDENCY: Family Practice at the UH Eye Center in the Heights

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POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Candidates' names are followed by their graduate institution and fellowship information.

Christina Kinate, O.D.

O.D., University of Houston College of Optometry

FELLOWSHIP: Cornea and Contact Lens at the Texas Eye Research and Technology Center

Lucero Peñaloza Arteaga, O.D.

O.D., University of Houston College of Optometry

FELLOWSHIP: Clinical Teaching at the UH Eye Center in the Heights

DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY

Candidates' names are followed by their hometowns; undergraduate institutions and, if applicable, graduate institutions; and fourth-year clinical externship locations.

Leena Ajjour

Houston, TX

B.S., University of Houston

Eyes & Optics of Pearland, Pearland, Texas

Enclave Vision Associates, Houston, Texas

Selena Mari Aloisio

Katy, TX

B.S.A, University of Texas at Austin

Lakeline Vision Source, Austin, Texas

Naval Medical Center San Diego, San Diego, California

Amanda Lea Andrade

Houston, TX

B.S.A, University of Texas at Austin

Mann Eye Institute Deerbrook, Humble, Texas

Kingwood Family Vision Center, Kingwood, Texas

Sabari Arcot

Houston, TX

B.S., Houston Baptist University

Alamo Eye Care, San Antonio, Texas

Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas

Lily A Arendt

Green Bay, WI

B.S., DePaul University

Community Eye Clinic, Fort Worth, Texas

Plaza Vision Center, Dallas, Texas

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B.S., University of Texas at Austin

Oak Hill Eye Care, Austin, Texas

Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas

Valerie Baca

Conroe, TX

B.S., Texas A&M University

Spring Klein Vision Center, Spring, Texas

Community Eye Clinic, Fort Worth, Texas

Ashley Lynnette Bascom

Wilton, CT

B.S., Baylor University

NSU College of Optometry, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas

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Salt Lake City, UT

B.S., Brigham Young University

Hellerstein and Brenner Vision Center

PC, Denver, Colorado

20/20 Institute, Greenwood Village, Colorado

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Premier Vision, Amarillo, Texas

Amarillo VAMC, Amarillo, Texas

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Sharp Eye Consultants, San Antonio, Texas

Alma Optics, Alma, Michigan

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Bellaire Family Eye Care, Bellaire, Texas

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Honors

Doctoral students who complete their degree requirements will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the corresponding grade point averages earned in the doctor of optometry program at the University of Houston.

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AWARD**

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PATIENT CARE**

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DEVELOPMENT EXCELLENCE
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Primary health care professionals who diagnose and treat eye health and vision problems.

OPTOMETRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON:

The four-year Post-Baccalaureate Professional Program includes:

- 3,216 hours of lectures and laboratories in optics, advanced human physiology, gross human and ocular anatomy, neuroanatomy, systemic and ocular pathology, general and ocular pharmacology, and vision and clinical sciences.
- 500 eye health and vision care experiences in the University Eye Institute's family practice, cornea and contact lens, pediatric, low vision, and medical services.
- 1,200 eye health and vision care experiences during two externships (32 weeks) at vision and health care centers. These centers include private practices, military hospitals, Indian Health hospitals, community health centers, surgical centers, Veterans Administration hospitals, and multidisciplinary vision care centers and institutes.

LICENSING AND CREDENTIALING INCLUDE:

National Board Examinations

Applied Basic Science
Patient Assessment and Management
Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease
Clinical Skills Examination

State Licensure Examination

Optometric Jurisprudence Examination

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Academic Heraldry

The academic costume in America consists of three components: a cap, gown, and hood. The cap is the beret or mortarboard type with a tassel color (black or gold) which represents the graduate level of education - the professional doctorate.

The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume marked with velvet panels down the front and around the neck as well as three bars on the bell-shaped sleeves. The hood design is unique to the profession of optometry. The velvet trim of the hood is seafoam green, the color which represents the academic discipline of optometry. The length of the hood depicts the doctoral level of education, while the field of the hood is specific for the University of Houston - red with a reverse white chevron.

The hooding ceremony and the formal conferring of the degrees by the Dean or the President represent the final acts of academic endorsement by the faculty of the College and the University.







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COLLEGE of PHARMACY

Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the University of Houston College of Pharmacy family, I extend a sincere congratulations and best of luck to the College's Class of 2021. You have been exceptional representatives of the College and University. I have no doubt that you will continue to serve as worthy ambassadors for the college by building upon our reputation for excellence.

I believe that graduates of the College of Pharmacy are unique in that, regardless of your chosen area of practice, all of you have the opportunity to enrich the lives of those around you. As you embark upon and progress through your careers, I urge you to always remember why you chose your respective field and the sacrifices that you endured in order to make it happen: to serve our communities and improve the quality of life and health of its members with compassion, honesty and integrity.

I would also like to give special thanks to the parents, spouses, children and friends of our graduates for their patience, understanding, sacrifices and support – both moral and financial - during these challenging, but rewarding, years at the college. Although your guidance, comfort and encouragement certainly will continue to be sought and appreciated in the years to come, you can rejoice in the gradual return to “normalcy” with no more long nights of studying, get-togethers unattended and trips untaken. Yet, even more so, you can relish the shared feeling of pride in what your graduate has accomplished and the abundant opportunities ahead.

In the coming years, I would ask that you not forget your College, former professors, and fellow and future Cougars. I encourage you to not only give back to the College by supporting College activities, programs and scholarships, but also by keeping us updated on the many achievements you will experience in your careers and personal lives. We will always take great pride in your achievements.

Congratulations again to the graduates of our professional and graduate programs. The entire UH College of Pharmacy Family is very proud of you.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Lamar Pritchard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

F. Lamar Pritchard, Ph.D.
Dean

University of Houston
College of Pharmacy

Commencement Ceremony
Thursday, May 13, 2021, 9 a.m.
Cullen Performance Hall

PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL	Moore School of Music
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Sarah Marie Neal <i>Master of Music Candidate</i>
COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS	Elizabeth Coyle <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i>
	Louis Williams <i>Associate Professor</i>
GOLDEN COUGARS CLASS OF 1971	
PLATFORM PARTY	
WELCOME	F. Lamar Pritchard <i>Dean</i>
STUDENT RESPONSE	David Cooper <i>Pharm.D. Candidate</i>
PRESENTATION OF PH.D. CANDIDATES	Dean Pritchard
CONFERRING OF PH.D. DEGREES	Dean Pritchard
PRESENTATION OF M.S. CANDIDATES	Dean Pritchard
CONFERRING OF M.S. DEGREES	Dean Pritchard
RECOGNITION OF HONORS	Paige Pitman <i>Executive Associate Dean</i>
PRESENTATION OF PHARM.D. CANDIDATES	Dean Pritchard
CONFERRING OF PHARM.D. CANDIDATES	Dean Pritchard
RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN COUGARS CLASS OF 1971	Dean Pritchard
OATH OF A PHARMACIST	Executive Associate Dean Pitman
ALMA MATER	Moore School of Music Concert Chorale
RECESSIONAL	

Fall 2020 – Candidates for graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY

Shweta Shashikant Bapat

Predicting Provider Intention to
Prescribe Buprenorphine Using the
Theory of Planned Behavior: A Mixed
Methods Design

ADVISOR: Dr. Douglas Thornton

Soumya Gourang Chikermane

Association Between Metformin Use
And Hormone Receptor-Positive HER2
Negative Breast Cancer

ADVISOR: Dr. Michael Johnson

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS

Lorita I. Agu

Pharmacokinetic/Pharmacodynamic/
Pharmacogenetic Investigation of
Vincristine and its M1 Metabolite in
Kenyan Pediatric Cancer Patients

ADVISOR: Dr. Diana S-L. Chow

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACOLOGY

Camila Yoko Schuenck Kochi

The Effects of Simulated Vehicle Exhaust
Exposure on Behavior and Blood
Pressure in Male and Female Rats

ADVISOR: Dr. Samina Salim

Tasha R. Womack

The Effects of a Natural Anti-
inflammatory Agent on Alzheimer's
Disease Pathologies

ADVISOR: Dr. Jason Eriksen

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACOLOGY, MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY CONCENTRATION

Youngki You

Structural Determinants of the Ligand
Binding Activity of Munc13-1 C1
Domain

ADVISOR: Dr. Joydip Das

Spring 2021 – Candidates for graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY

Tyler J. Varisco ⁴

Disruptions in Pharmacotherapy for
Opioid Use Disorder Associated with
Changes in Pharmacy

ADVISOR: Dr. Douglas Thornton

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS

Victor Ruberio Lincha

Formulation Development,
Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic
Assessments of a Combination Regimen
of Paclitaxel and Calciptriol in a
Kras^{G12D} Model of Pancreatic Ductal
Adenocarcinoma

ADVISOR: Dr. Diana S-L. Chow

Liye Wang

Vitamin D Suppresses Cancer Growth
and Invasion by Targeting Long Non-
Coding RNA CCAT2

ADVISOR: Dr. Bin Guo

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACOLOGY

Razia Sultana Mohammad

Role of Transcription Factor Nrf2 in the
Regulation of Kidney Function During
Aging

ADVISORS: Dr. Mustafa F. Lokhandwala
and Dr. Anees Bandy

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACY LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

Justin Babino

Evaluation of Opioid Prescribing
in Coronary Artery Bypass Patients
Following Opioid Stewardship
Interventions

ADVISOR: Dr. Matthew Wanat

Tatiana Bujnoch

Analyzing Patient Characteristics
Associated with Hepatitis C Follow-up
Care After Implementation of a Pharmacy
Technician-Driven Service

ADVISOR: Dr. Shane Tolleson

Stephanie Mercedes Leos Crowley ⁴

Evaluation of the Impact of Revisiting Just
Culture within a Pharmacy Department
in an Academic Medical Center

ADVISOR: Dr. David Wallace

Rohan Dwivedi ⁴

Development of a Standardized Review
Process for Drug Inventory Optimization

ADVISOR: Dr. Divya Varkey

Anthony Joseph Giazzon ⁴

Assessing the Clinical and Administrative
Ramifications of Pharmacist Driven
AUC/MIC Dosing of Vancomycin in a VA
Inpatient Care Setting

ADVISOR: Dr. Kevin Garey

Lauren Greer Goldberg ⁴

Establishing a Pharmacy Productivity
Model for Investigational Outpatient
Infusions

ADVISOR: Dr. Julianna Fernandez

Sara Mirjamali ⁴

Assessing the Impact of a Bedside and
Home Medication Delivery Pilot Program
on Patient Outcomes and Satisfaction in a
Community Hospital

ADVISOR: Dr. Kevin Garey

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

⁴ Rho Chi Academic Honor Society – ⁵ Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society – ⁶ College Banner Bearer

Commencement Ceremony

Gabrielle Wu ⁴

Cost Effectiveness Analysis of Remdesivir
in COVID-19 Patients at a Large
Academic Medical Center

ADVISOR: Dr. Kevin Garey

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Christina Abraham

Hafeez Ayomide Adewusi

Sakshi Agarwal

Randa Hassan Al Saadi ³

Nancy Iveth Aldape Garcia ^{3,5}

Zaman M. Ali

Tilak N. Amin

Miguel Arias

Annette Augustine ³

Mariellee L. Aurelio

Ahmed A. Banawan ^{1,4}

Merisha A. Biju

Adrian J. Bisnar

Daniel Blasingame

Abbey M. Bonyata ^{1,4}

Brianne Lynn Braaten ²

Vy Thuy Nguyen Bui

Jorge Campuzano ²

Rana Chaaban ^{1,4}

Alyssa Leigh Chaplain ^{1,4}

Tuan Duc Chau

Dustin Cheung

David Seth Cooper ^{1,4}

Emily Simone Cooper ^{2,4,5}

Kenneth Cravatt

Dieu Huy Dao

Jennifer Krystine Dela Pena ⁵

Susan Victoria Dembny ³

Kimberly Pham Do

Thao T. Do ³

Vi Dong ⁵

Lauren Ashley Eichinger ³

Zeina Abed Elissa

Gabriella P. Ertl ³

Thyrza Tanya Cabahug Falcon

Sidney Diane Garrison ^{1,4}

Amanda Taylor Gee ^{2,4,5}

Grant A. Guidry

Farnaz Harraji

Robert Henry ³

Wuenseslao Hernandez ^{2,4}

Christine My-Huyen Ho

Hieu Tuan Hoang

Irene Huang ^{1,4,5}

Don Quang Huynh ⁵

Ho Kil Hwang ³

Kasaandra Nicholle Ibanez ^{1,4}

Taylor Nichole Jaramillo ^{1,4,6}

Shawn J. Joseph

Julina Joseph

James Wesley Juat

Asma M. Kassim ³

Alyza N. King

Priyanka A. Kochuparambil

Courtney Corinne Laird ³

Tien Amy Le

Jason K. Le ⁵

Lucia Lee ³

Jennifer B. Lim

Kelvin Lu ^{3,4,5}

Alan Gia-Thanh Luu ^{2,5}

Andrew Luu

Neethu Mary Mathew ²

Jelice Michelle McBean

Robert McCullough ²

Jacob K. McPherson

Carlton A. Menchaca ^{1,4}

John Ranier R. Miclat

Ali Moballeggh

Kherto Hassan Mohamed ^{2,4}

Nooria Mojahedi

Stephen Francis Neal ^{2,4}

Emily C. Neale

Kimberly Noyelum Nebo ^{2,4,5}

Kellie Ngo

Anh Quynh Nguyen ³

Audrey Nguyen ^{1,4}

Baolong Nguyen

Chau Thi Kim Nguyen

Eileell Alin Nguyen

Hung Duc Nguyen

Jennifer Nguyen ⁵

Kelly Quynh Nguyen

Ngan Thien Nguyen ^{2,4}

Quyen T. Nguyen

Tien Nhu Nguyen

Sobia Noormohammed ³

Andre I. Obimah

Kelvin Dube Obimah

Samson Okechukwu Ogori ^{1,4}

Kathryn Victoria Oliveira ^{1,4,6}

Carine Opsomer ^{1,4}

Jinyoung Park ^{1,4}

Harshil Mahesh Patel

Minali Nileshbhai Patel

Katreen O. Peria

Taylor W. Peveto

Autumn Theresa Prestenback ³

Jenny Ngoc Quach ⁵

Kaycie R. Rathburn

Andrew Nicholas Reamer ²

Clarissa Reyes

Walter Antonio Rivas

Diana Johanna Rodriguez ^{1,4}

Raquel Rodriguez

Collin Michael Ross

John Bernard Samson

Nikoo Sarvghad Moghaddam

Jared C. Sheneman

Harleen Kaur Singh

Hanna Smith ^{2,4}

Scott S. Smith

Rhea Scott Soltau ⁵

Sylvia Stefanos ^{1,4}

Abin V. Thomas

Elizabeth T. Tirawan ³

Lina To ⁵

Anthony Tran ^{3,4}

Katelynn Q. Tran ²

Dan Xuan-Minh Tran

Luan Gia Truong

Wesley Tso

Kristen Nicole Underbrink ^{1,4}

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Evelin Roxana Vaquiz
Ashheley Jacob Viyouth³
Sana F. Vohra³
Ban Linh Vu³
Brandon Charles Whitehead

**PHARMACY CERTIFICATE
IN HISPANIC HEALTHCARE**

Nancy Aldape Garcia
Jorge Campuzano

David Seth Cooper
Wuenseslao Hernandez
Diana Johanna Rodriguez

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UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**
GRADUATE COLLEGE of SOCIAL WORK

Message from the Dean

Dear Social Work Graduates:

Congratulations on your graduation today from the faculty and staff at the Graduate College of Social Work.

This celebration marks the end of your time of hard work and the beginning of a career in one of the most honorable professions in the world. We would be remiss if we failed to acknowledge not only your accomplishments, but also the support of your family, significant others, and classmates who have helped along the way. And of course, I hope the encouragement and counsel of our incredible faculty and staff have also contributed to your success.

Your motivation and perseverance to complete this degree have prepared you to be of service to those who are in need. I hope that you also will use your knowledge and skills to address the social, racial, economic, and political injustices that exist in our society and around the world. Now more than ever, social workers are needed to confront these injustices and to create a society where justice is no longer an aspiration, but a reality.

I, along with the faculty and staff of the Graduate College of Social Work, wish you every success in the coming years and we look forward to your continued involvement with our College and with our Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association. We honor you today on your achievement and hope that your future is enriched through a successful and significant social work career.

Sincerely,

Alan J. Dettlaff, Ph.D., M.S.W.

Dean

Maconda Brown O'Connor Endowed Dean's Chair

University of Houston
Graduate College of Social Work

Commencement Ceremony
Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 10 a.m.
TDECU Stadium

PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL	Moore School of Music
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	Alan Dettlaff <i>Dean</i> <i>Maconda Brown O' Connor Endowed Dean's Chair</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable Alvaro De la Cruz, Jr. <i>Member</i>
PRESENTATION OF PH.D. CANDIDATES	Sarah Narendorf <i>Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development</i>
PRESENTATION OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES	Suzanne Pritzker <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Dean Dettlaff
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Dettlaff
RECESSIONAL	

Fall 2020 – Graduates

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Mary Jaclyn Anna
Alejandra Aviles
Revital Barth
Rebecca H. Chaney

Stephanie A. Coates
Renzy Louis Davis
Sharon Jacob
Emily Moon
Anthony J. Morales

Ashley Nolan
Jessica Prunet-Garland
Precious Lydia Raphael

Spring 2021 – Candidates for graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Flor D. Avellaneda Rodriguez
Migration, Health, and Intimate Partner
Violence in the US and Mexico: A
Binational Study.
Chair: Dr. Luis R. Torres

Gerald E. Eckert
Vulnerabilities by Typology and Housing
Outcome: Assessment of Coordinated
Entry Items Among Young Adults
Experiencing Homelessness in Houston,
Texas
Chair: Dr. Suzanne Pritzker

Sujeeta Elizabeth Menon
The Needs and Experiences of Justice-
Involved Young Women
Chair: Dr. Susan Robbins

Kenya Minott
Developing a Measure of Racial Equity:
The 'Aware Beliefs' Scale for Schools
Chair: Dr. Suzanne Pritzker

Anthony Minter
Intergroup Threat and Minority Student
Suspension Risk: The Relation of School
District Outcomes with Community
Factors
Chair: Dr. Susan Robbins

Richard Wilfried Wagner
Breast Cancer Treatment-Completion:
Can an Integrative Medicine Center Play
a Role?
Chair: Dr. Sarah Narendorf

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Oluwadamilola Abiodun Aderinola
Marina Arnaud Rathjens
Mauria Faye Atzil
Mariam Ba
Hope Watson Baker
Sarah Brown Russ
Shelly Burr
Kayla R. Callahan
Christian A. Capo
Gabriella Chavarria
Jeffrey Douglas Coira
Brandi Rae Coleman
Jasmine Renée Crockett
Joshua Davis
Tayler Duden
Hope Chioma Eneanya
Audrey Erwin
Xenia Melina Estrada
Jamie Fletcher
Lisa Marie Franks
Erin Freeman
Selena Garcia Palacios
Brianna Gigout
Misty Gomez
Logan Green
Chaunteion Hall
Hannah Hall
Terez Rae Hanhan
Clinton Hedges
Yvette Hernandez
Kayla K. Hines
Hannah Holtzman-Unruh
Arianna Hooker

Caroline Horn
Kristin Hsieh
Jocelyne Huitron
Susie Mae Ifah
Courtney Renee James
Jessica Rachel Juengst
Nana O. Kwayie-Kyem
Farouq Rafeeq Lakhani
Lik Jay (Jack) Lam
Lizzy LeClaire
Cecelia Camille LeDoux
Yueh-O Lee
Stephani Leota
Emily Lichtenwalter
Paige Lockhart
Helena Maria Lorenz
Katherine Seinsheimer Lykes
Sara Manning Stuart
Jennifer C. Markey
Nancy Martinez Cuevas
Sydney Cordova May
Khyesha Nakhyra McCall
Katherine Honor McKay
Ebony Simone McKeever
Huda Mitha
Andrew Mefferd
Ramsha R. Momin
Heli J. Nashef
Oluwafeyidara Ebunoluwa Olutimehin
Chelsea Pederson
Reyes Peregrino, Jr.
Daisy Martinez Perez
Liza Michelle Pierce
Ta'Ja Pittman
Kameryn Poullard Sampson

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Katherine E. Powers
Sean Pugh
Presley Michelle Quesada
Nandi A. Randle
Kelley Reece
Dora Reyes
Laricea Shante Watson
Leslie Rodriguez
Jessica Rogers
Jaileen Sanchez Romo
Maria L. Sanchez
Audriana Christine Sarmiento
Jessica J. Saucedo

Chasity Leigh Sellers
Roma Singh
Lauren Ashley Smalley
Andria Soderquist
Kelly Sosa
Alyssa Suarez
Nina Tahija
Areli S. Tamayo
Krystal Tarez
Ember Rain Taylor
Sibylle Thaler
Mic'eal A. Thomas
Debanhi Renae Tijerina

Brooke Tolle
Jennifer Yvonne Torres
Kayler Grace Walker
Jamaya Michelle Lee Walker
Elizabeth Anne Weaver
Sebastian Weaver
Veronica Munoz Weizenecker
Gabriela Westbrook
Lydia Williams
Sharon Wright
Yuqian (Joe) Zhao

Summer 2021 – Candidates for graduation

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Stephanie Nicole Aguilar
Taylor Grace Allen
Taylor Allen
Ana Amare
Tsion Amaré
Danielle Arrington
Anila Ashraf
Allen Astin
Oludara Dikarano Awosika
Ayako Bailey
Joann T. Baly
Norah Basyouni
Dominique Deshawn Beal
Marcus Deon Bell
Amanda Bermudez
Valentina Bibko
Lindsey Bjork
Anthony Brown
Zeanna Buchanan
Nia Buckley
Valerie Annette Butler
Tiffany Milena Canales
Latoi Carr
Noelia Castaneda
Deanna Rae Castillo
Paola Enid Castro Vargas
Katisha Chaney
Dakota Crawford

Brittney R. Crawford
Cassie Dalton Croft
Devan Daniel
Kori Wallace Donlon
Ayanna Yarixa Edwards
Paula Gabriela Enriquez
Onyekachi Obiomachukwu Ezenwa
Marquita Renae Feagin
Amanda Jean Fisher
Christie L. Fleming
Loretta Gabrielle Fleming
Durinda Ford
Thanairy Garcia
Adriana Garcia
Hope Gerdon
Ebony Ginwright-Johnson
Elisabetta Giomo-James
Christina Rene Glenn
Kirby Green
Logan Green
Jamekia Greene
Amy Grinstein
Anai Yolotzin Gutierrez
Leslie Ann Hagemeyer
Javina D. Harris
Stefanie Scott Hayes
Timothy Bernard Haynes, Jr.
Stephanie Michell Helton
Guadalupe Raquel Hernandez
Odalys Del Carmen Herrera

Tiffany Lee Hickman
Christina Hidalgo
Maddox Hilgers
Ana Leonor Hopeck
Cathy Horry
Ivory Root
Anthony Bernard Jackson
Abbi Jones
Eboney Jones
Alice Paul King
April Cortez Lefler
Alexandra Lopez
Hania Luna
Josue Issac Luna
Shantel Renee Lundy
David Aaron Martinez
Brandi Mathews
Byroneisha Mathews
Michelle McKeel
Sharon Wootton McNair
Yanira Medrano
Victoria Mendez Turcios
Chezamethyst Obi
Amy Obot
Melissa Oehlke
Marisol Jazmin Orozco
Stefanny Ovalle Diaz
Jordan Maria Pacelli Everett
Chirag Patel
Angelica Peña

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Jessan Perreras
Laurie Pettis
Debbie Pham Huynh
Lakeitha Yvonne Phillips
Keri Powell
Dahlia Reyes
Alyssa Rodriguez
Ruth Roman
Monica Roque
Sabrina Saldivar
Harmeet Kaur Sheemar
Konterria Sibley

Shari Marie Slessinger
Timothy Smith
Carol Ann Smith
Danielle Spangler
Hayden Tailor Spurgeon
Jodi St. John
Trent Alexander Swofford
Sharon Tallent
Devin M. Thibodeaux
Melissa Trejo
Lauren C. Turner
Esmeralda Rubi Vega

Anne Vickers
Keveryn Walker
Bailey Erin Warner
Ebony Angilique Daniels
Eva Wells
Michelle Wezeman
Barry Whetstone
Alexandria Williams-Reich
Jamie Wilson
Judy Young
Jessica Zachary
Laura Zelaya

Scholarships for 2021

**Agency for Gerontology Intercultural
Field Training Fellowship (AGIFT)**

Oluwadamilola Abiodun Aderinola
Hope Watson Baker
Loretta Gabrielle Fleming
Elisabetta Giomo-James

Ann Parham Scholarship
Chaunteion Hall

**Barbara & Ernest Henley Endowment
for Family Health Scholarship**

Cecilia Camille LeDoux

Brenda K. Nesbitt Scholarship

Hope Chioma Eneanya
Abbi Jones

**Dr. Barbara (Bobbi) & Mr. J. Victor Samuels
Dean's Advisory Council Scholarship**

Oludara Dikarano Awosika
Mariam Ba
Jasmine Renee Crockett
Audrey Erwin
Erin Freeman
Hope Gerdon
Presley Guinn
Anthony Bernard Jackson
Yueh O. Lee
Khyesha Nakhyra McCall
Selena Garcia Palacios
Audriana Sarmiento
Jessica Saucedo
Andria Soderquist
Nina Tahija
Krystal Tavarez
Jamaya Michelle Lee Walker
Lydia Williams

C.F. Reibenstein Endowment for Social Work Education

Ayako Bailey
Kori Wallace (Donlon)
Lizzy Leclair
Veronica Munoz Weizenecker

Catherine Tuong So Lam Memorial Scholarship

Lik Jay (Jack) Lam

Child Welfare Education Project Stipend (CWEP)

Tiffany Ferrell
Christie L. Fleming
Ebony Y. Ginwright-Johnson
Jamekia Greene
Leslie Hagemeyer
Ebonee Jones
Shantel Renee Lundy
Brandi La'Joy Mathews
Sharon McNair
Amy Obot
Esmerelda Rubi Vega
Sabrina Saldivar
Lindsey Bjork Simmons
Sharon Tallent
Keverlyn Walker

Dean's Advisory Council Scholarship

Mariam Ba
Ayako Bailey
Nia Buckley
Joshua Davis
Hope Chioma Eneanya
Loretta Gabrielle Fleming
Elisabetta Giomo-James
Chaunteion Hall
Javina D. Harris
Arianna Hooker
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Stephani Leota
Khyesha Nakhyra McCall
Selena Garcia Palacios
Kameryn Poullard Sampson
Lina Quintana
Andria Soderquist
Areli S. Tamayo
Laricea Shante Watson
Veronica Munoz Weizenecker
Yuqian (Joe) Zhao

**Executive & Professional Association
of Houston Scholarship**

Lik Jay (Jack) Lam

George Foundation Scholarship

Paula Gabriela Enriquez
Ramsha R. Momin
Alyssa Marie Rodriguez
Harmeet Kaur Sheemar
Roma Singh
Jennifer Yvonne Torres
Veronica Munoz Weizenecker
Sharon Wright
Laura Zelaya

**GLOBE: Team Training for Behavioral
Health Workforce Stipend**

Marina Arnaud Rathjens
Mariam Ba
Katisha Chaney
Susie May Ifah
Lizzy Leclair
Andrew Mefferd
Debanhi Renae Tijerina
Jamaya Michelle Lee Walker

Gulen Scholarship

Flor D. Avellaneda Rodriguez
Sujeeta Menon

Hamill Foundation Houston Scholarship

Hope Chioma Eneanya
Elizabeth Leclair
Sujeeta Menon
Chirag Patel
Areli S. Tamayo
Gabriela Westbrook
Barry Whetstone
Yuqian (Joe) Zhao

Hogg Foundation Scholarship

Lizzy Leclair
Yuqian (Joe) Zhao

Ira C. Colby Scholarship

Zeanna Buchanan
Lik Jay (Jack) Lam

**Isla Carroll Turner Fellowship in Gerontological Social
Work (In Memory of Bert F. Winston, Jr.) Scholarship**

Sean Pugh

Cullen Fellowship Travel Grant

Sujeeta Menon

Dissertation Accelerator Cullen Scholarship

Sujeeta Menon

Josephine Stewart Scholarship

Kameryn Poullard Sampson

Linda K. May Scholarship

Norah Basyouni

Phi Alpha Scholarship

Christian A. Capo
Loretta Gabrielle Fleming
Ebony Simone McKeever

R.J. Debottis Scholarship

Sydney Cordova May
Timothy Smith, Jr.

Ruthmary Anderson Durham Goldman Scholarship

Norah Basyouni

**Sandra A. Lopez Scholarship For
Excellence In Clinical Practice**

Taylor Duden
Terez Rae Hanhan

Shine HRSA SDS Scholarship

Paola Castro
Gabriella Chavarria
Brandi Rae Coleman
Brianna Gigout
Maria Munoz
Jessan Perreras
Jaileen Sanchez Romo
Audriana Sarmiento

Stella L. Erhardt Scholarship

Javina D. Harris

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UH Alumni Association Scholarship

Marquita Renae Feagin
Stefanie Scott Hayes
Reyes Peregrino, Jr.
Katherine E. Powers
Shari Marie Slessinger

Marquita Renae Feagin

Stefanie Scott Hayes
Reyes Peregrino, Jr.
Katherine E. Powers
Shari Marie Slessinger

Presidential Fellowship

Sujeeta Menon
Flor Avellaneda Rodriguez

Vicki Tidwell Palmer Fellowship

Audrey Erwin
Elisabetta Giomo-James
Hayden Tailor Spurgeon
Jamaya Michelle Lee Walker

Wayne B. Duddleston, Sr. Foundation Scholarship

Nina Tahija

Barbara Winston White Scholarship

Gabriella Chavarria
Brandi Rae Coleman
Chaunteion Hall
Javina D. Harris
Cecelia Camille LeDoux
Selena Garcia Palacios
Sean Pugh







UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

COLLEGE of TECHNOLOGY

Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Many congratulations to you on your graduation from the University of Houston College of Technology. This is an outstanding achievement and one which you, and your families, will be justifiably proud.

But make no mistake, this is just the start of a lifelong process of learning as you continue to develop in your chosen careers – careers which will have a direct impact on the nation’s economy and the standard of living of people worldwide. What we – YOU – will be doing will have an impact that goes beyond those around you ... and it will continue to excite and interest you throughout your career.

The faculty and staff in the College of Technology are proud of who you are and enjoyed the time you spent with us. We hope that you will stay in touch with us personally and also through the Alumni Association—we need your feedback as our alums about new opportunities and how we may better serve you as you advance in your careers.

Above all, we hope that you will look back with pride at your time here in the College of Technology and say “That’s MY College.”

Congratulations – may your achievements in life be many and fulfilling.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anthony P. Ambler'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Anthony P. Ambler, Ph.D.
Dean

University of Houston
College of Technology

Commencement Ceremony
Friday, May 14, 2021, 10 a.m.
TDECU Stadium

PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL	Moore School of Music Honorary Grand Marshal
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Sarah Marie Neal <i>Master of Music Candidate</i>
CALL TO ORDER	Driss Benhaddou <i>Professor, College of Technology</i> <i>Honorary Grand Marshal</i>
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY	Anthony P. Ambler <i>Dean and Professor</i> <i>College of Technology</i>
GREETINGS	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC AND SPECIAL HONORS	Heidar Malki <i>Associate Dean of Academic Affairs</i> <i>College of Technology</i>
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	George Zouridakis <i>Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies</i> <i>College of Technology</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	President Khator
CLOSING REMARKS	Dennis Reynolds <i>Dean, Professor, and Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair</i> <i>Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel</i> <i>and Restaurant Management</i>
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Spring 2021 – Candidates for graduation

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Construction Management Department

Construction Management

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Russell Bailey
Brendan Brew
Keegan Gregory Droxler
Candice Duncan
William Gordon Harris
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Christopher Michael Howard
Harshil Rakeshkumar Joshi
Jerry Keaton Maddox
Antonio Roberto Ruiz
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Oluwatobiloba Samuel Sowunmi
Marshal Tomy
Kalvin Jamal Williams

Supply Chain and Logistics Technology

Christen M. Abington
Leticia De Castro Leandro
Charles Anthony Martin
Piya Xxx
Adrian M. Salazar
Anthony Sao Sem

Technology Project Management

Iretemi Mowaninuola Adelaja
Lakshmi Prasanna Anumolu
Jose Luis Castro
Ibrahima Diakite

Murtaza Shabbir Eski
Stephen Colby Franks
Leroy Nnamdi Godfrey
Faith Ehimare Obanua
Uchenna Arinzechukwu Michael Offor
Hassan Saleh
Nhu Quynh Tran
Gregory Warren Woolman

Engineering Technology Department

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Alessandro De La Garza
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Diana Rodriguez Diaz
Ratnamani Venisetty
Meenakshi Visweswaran

Human Development and Consumer Sciences Department

Foresight

Lillian Elizabeth Baldwin
Keri Christensen
Brent Douglas Hughes
Eric Kingsbury
Deborah Bartlett MacArthur
Miranda Mantey
Thomas Alan Rau
Denise Wilcut Worrell

Global Retailing

Amari C. Cameron

Layne Looney
Hannah Lucia Tello

Human Resource Development

Victoria Jade Defretin
Selma Delic Vejsovic
Maya Hajjar
Ayana Nicole Hall-Johnson
Autumn Frances Kirk
Seemin Maredia
Ruth Ramos

Information and Logistics Technology Department

Cybersecurity

Nour Abdoulaye Diallo
Oluwagbenga Abiodun Abegunde
Sri Harsha Bandaru
Ross R. Burke
Kevin Stephen Flowers
Imran Garrouch
Cory James Haney
Shrividya Ranjani Kaliyur
Narayanaprasad
Elizabeth Ngalula Kasongo
Venkata Hithesh Kodali
Syed Afif Mahmood
Mututwa Mututwa
Austin Norfleet
Hector Rolando Ocampo
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Caleb R. Carrell ³
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Elyon Adrian Chavarria
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Benjamin A. Cortes ³
Paula Claritza Euceda ¹
Luis Fernando Garcia ²
Ixcel Gomez
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Javier Gonzalez
Ethan Mikhail Grace
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Matthew Dean Krekowski
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Jonathan Thomas Carbonaro
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Stephen Matthew Cassman ²
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Jennifer Lisbeth Cruz ²
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Wilmar A. Diaz
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Manuel Hernandez
Prisila Lizbeth Hernandez
Andre'A A'Neicia Hunter
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Sarah G. Darwin ³
Tiffany De Jesus ³
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Jared Bridwell ²
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Ed Hampton Chase
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Mikel Wayan Collins
Amanda K. Cooper ²
Nabil M. Dale
Delfina Denari
Polibio Antonio Dilone
Hung Manh Do ¹
Dan Q. Doan
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Amanda Esther Dunne ²
Damian Falcon
Ayoub A. Fares
Cyrille Chi Fru
Luis Daniel Gonzalez
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Traugott Conrad Sauer ²
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Christopher Anthony Smith
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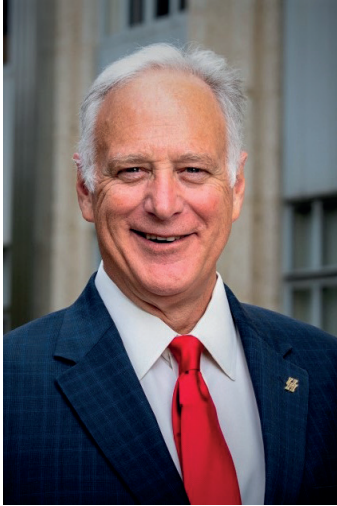
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HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Message from the Founding Dean

You should be proud. We're proud of you and wish you great good luck.

These are weird times. COVID-19 has changed virtually every part of life — and made every part of life virtual.

This is a moment that you've worked, and worked, and worked to get to, and it isn't what you or any of us might have imagined. And that's a shame. But, even in these different times, we are having this ceremony--different than what it would be otherwise--for a reason.

There's a reason for you to put on a cap and gown that you'll probably never wear again.

And why people who love you wanted to travel in or watch this milestone virtually.

It's because this is a big deal — very big. You've achieved something meaningful, and I'm sorry that we don't get to celebrate it by filling up an auditorium with people cheering, blasting an air horn and yelling your name. I'm sad that this marker, this lifetime achievement, has been disrupted and isn't all we want it be.

But don't let it disrupt you. You've revealed perseverance, a sense of caring, and a desire to succeed. You've shown you have purpose.

We need that — and we need you — now more than ever.

So keep it up. Keep going. Be proud of this success, and never stop building on it.

Good luck. Be safe, happy and healthy

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirk P. Watson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kirk P. Watson
Founding Dean

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PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Sarah Marie Neal <i>Master of Music Candidate</i>
CALL TO ORDER OPENING REMARKS	Kirk P. Watson <i>Founding Dean</i>
WELCOME	Dean Watson
AWARD PRESENTATION	Sunny Wong <i>Director of Graduate Studies</i> <i>Garnet Coleman Award for Student Excellence:</i> Matthew Farmer
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	Jim Granato <i>Associate Dean</i>
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Spring 2021 – Graduates

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

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Kelly Waterman

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC POLICY

Megan Husby

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Daniel Chang
Kenneth Jones

Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society Graduates

Pi Alpha Alpha is the global honor society for public affairs and administration. The minimum requirements for graduate students to be inducted are to achieve and maintain a 3.7 or above GPA, and the completion of more than 50% of coursework in a public policy/public administration degree.

Songa Chae
Michael Dies
Matthew Farmer
Santiago Franco

Liza Hurtubise
AmirReza Mehraeen
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Garnet Coleman Award for Student Excellence

The Garnet Coleman Award for Student Excellence has been created in honor of Texas State Representative Garnet Coleman's support for the Hobby School's programs and students. This award is presented to outstanding graduating students in the Master of Public Policy program.

Matthew Farmer





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THE HONORS COLLEGE

Message from the Dean

May 12, 2021

We think of commencement as an end, a finish line, yet the word proclaims that this May 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 this year, 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.

It is safe to say tribulation and perhaps tragedy will be forever embedded in your past. Yet such was the case for those who lived through the Great Depression and World War II, and they are known as the greatest generation of the 20th century. We are confident that what you have been reading, writing, and doing during your undergraduate years, the tonic tasks that you have undertaken, will also 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 another 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

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