



# University of Houston Spring 2022 Commencement

**Conrad N. Hilton College of  
Global Hospitality Leadership**

Friday, May 13, 2022 • Cullen Performance Hall





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# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON



## Message from the President

May 12, 2022

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

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

Over your college journey, you've grown in knowledge and skill, character and stature. Reaching this cherished milestone is a testament to your resilience and tenacity. Having done so in a pandemic shows your strength and resolve. I have no doubt these same attributes will serve you well as you make your mark in the world. You leave here today educated, equipped and prepared to succeed.

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

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

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

Warmest regards,

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

Renu Khator  
*President*



# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON



## Message from the Provost

Congratulations, Cougars!

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

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

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

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

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

Warm regards,

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

Paula Myrick Short  
*Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*



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*Distinguished Professor of Science*  
*COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS*

## University of Houston

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## University of Houston History

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

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

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

In keeping with the University's commitment to excellence, UH raised the benchmark of academic achievement when Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society, awarded UH the approval to start a chapter in 2015. This designation welcomed UH to an elite group of the nation's most esteemed colleges and universities.

## Commencement Traditions

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

As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adapted by their faculties for bachelor's (apprentices of the arts), master's (teachers) and doctoral (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies). When caps and hats came into fashion in the 15th century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back.

The academic hat was first worn as a symbol of the master's degree and existed in various forms. The mortarboard style comes to us from Oxford University. When academic costumes came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe, they still are; however, in our country, usage has been standardized by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.

### GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

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

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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

### CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

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

# University of Houston

## Commencement Ceremony

### 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

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### THE SEAL

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



### UNIVERSITY MACE

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

### THE ALMA MATER

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

*Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942*

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## Academic Honors

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

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

**3.90 TO 4.0** Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)

**3.70 TO 3.89** Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)

**3.50 TO 3.69** Cum Laude (with Honors)

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

## Summa Cum Laude – 4.0 GPA Graduates

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

### FALL 2021

Ryan Chang  
*Bachelor of Science in Biology*  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Rabia Gadrab  
*Bachelor of Business Administration  
in Supply Chain Management*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Julia Nguyen  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain  
Management*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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

Kimberly Nguyen  
*Bachelor of Business Administration  
in Supply Chain Management*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Jacob Olsen  
*Bachelor of Business Administration  
in Supply Chain Management*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Precious Amber Vargas  
*Bachelor of Business Administration  
in Supply Chain Management*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Istvan Wang  
*Bachelor of Science in Computer Science*  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Shehzad Yousaf  
*Bachelor of Science in Computer Science*  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

SPRING 2022

Hanan AbdelGilil  
*Bachelor of Science in Biology*  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Polina Maksimovna Bandrovskaya  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Alex R. Botelho  
*Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning*  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Alexander Xavier Eddings  
*Bachelor of Business Administration  
in Supply Chain Management*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Zoe Elliot Hearnberger  
*Bachelor of Business Administration  
in Supply Chain Management*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Roger M. Hoang  
*Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management*  
CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF  
GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Tammy Thanhtam Lam  
*Bachelor of Science in Mathematics*  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS  
*Bachelor of Science in Computer Science*  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Ana Crystelle Angela Manda  
*Bachelor of Business Administration  
in Management Information Systems*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Alexandria D. Martinez  
*Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management*  
CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF  
GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Rachel Thao-Mi Pham  
*Bachelor of Business Administration  
in Management Information Systems*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Sebastian Poggi  
*Bachelor of Arts in Psychology*  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Kristen N. Rollins  
*Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders*  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Giovani Solis  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

David Andrei Tatchin  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Morgan E. Thomas  
*Bachelor of Arts in History*  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Alina Mai Thao To  
*Bachelor of Science in Biochemical and Biophysical Sciences*  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Jorge L. Vaca  
*Bachelor of Science in Economics*  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



## Honorary Degree

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### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN

A lover of arts and the humanities, Kathrine G. McGovern is an exemplar of a life well-lived in service to others. The John P. McGovern Foundation, which she and her late husband Dr. John P. McGovern established, is a legendary philanthropic institution in Houston. Through its magnanimous support, the foundation has transformed the city's arts, health care, park and higher education systems for the benefit of all Houstonians.

From 1957 to 1961, McGovern studied art and design at the University of Houston under noted professor and Texas artist Don Snell. Although she made the difficult decision to leave the University to marry Dr. McGovern before completing her degree, her passion for the arts never ceased. In the

1960s, she continued her studies at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston under renowned Texas painter Dorothy Hood and became an accomplished painter in her own right.

She believes "the arts play a very vital role in our society as artists convey their interpretations of beauty, performance and concept to the viewer, often opening minds to new appreciations of the world around us." Motivated by her lifelong love for the arts and UH, in January 2017, she gave a historic \$20 million gift to create a permanent endowment for the University's newly established College of the Arts. In recognition of the transformational gift, UH renamed the college the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts and McGovern made history by becoming the first alumna and first woman at UH to have a college bear her name. The gift was one of two leading, eight-figure gifts in the \$1.24 billion "Here, We Go" campaign and is one of the three largest gifts to the visual and performing arts in the history of the University.

She has served as president of The John P. McGovern Foundation since her husband's passing in 2007 and is always looking to the future with a focused interest in improving the quality of life throughout Houston. In addition to UH, McGovern has given generous support to The University of Texas Health Science Center; The Houston Zoo; The Ronald McDonald House; the Houston Parks Board; The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; and individuals and families in need throughout the Houston and Galveston region, among others.

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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.







**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. 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 9,300 Hilton College graduates, and the friendships you have made as students will serve as the foundation for great professional relationships in the coming years. Wherever your journey takes you, I encourage you to stay connected to your College.

The Spring Class of 2022 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*



**BRETT PATTERSON**

**President of Outback Steakhouse**

BRETT PATTERSON was named the President of Outback Steakhouse in February 2020. He is responsible for leading the domestic operations and development of more than 700 restaurants nationwide.

Brett has over 30 years of industry experience, including leadership roles at Steak and Ale, Bahama Breeze, and LongHorn Steakhouse. He also served as Senior Vice President of Operations for Olive Garden. Prior to joining Outback in 2017 as Group Vice President, Brett was the brand president of Ruby Tuesday, and early in his career, he was part of the leadership team at Carrabba's Italian Grill.

Since joining Outback, Brett has been instrumental in driving sustainable growth through a consistently excellent guest experience.

Brett holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a focus on Finance from the University of Florida.

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	College Banner Bearer Platform Party Faculty
<b>PRESENTATION OF COLORS</b>	UH Army ROTC
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>WELCOME AND OPENING ADDRESS</b>	Dennis Reynolds <i>Dean, Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair</i>
<b>GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS</b>	The Honorable Doug H. Brooks <i>Member</i>
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b>	Brett Patterson <i>President of Outback Steakhouse</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL AND MASTERS DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Ki-Joon Back <i>Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies Eric Hilton Distinguished Chair</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Mary Dawson <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Donald H. Hubbs Professorship</i>
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	Dean Reynolds
<b>ALUMNI ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI AWARD FOR SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE</b>	Michael Pede <i>Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF GLOBAL MASTERS AWARDS</b>	Associate Dean Back
<b>PRESENTATION OF DEAN'S AWARDS AND CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean Reynolds
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	

**Spring 2022 – Candidates for Graduation**

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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN HOSPITALITY  
ADMINISTRATION**

Cortney Lynne Norris  
Marissa Ritter  
Michelle Ann Russen

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN HOSPITALITY  
MANAGEMENT**

Kira Black  
Amith Cherukuri  
Myung Cho  
Thao Le Minh Diep  
Kathy H. Dinh  
Georgios Emmanuel Frangias  
Yueming Guo  
Po-Yen Huang  
Ramsha Khan  
Minh Le  
Jenny Gao Lee  
Edith Liliana Lopez  
Brenda G. Martinez  
Alice (Phuong) Nguyen  
My Vu Truc Nguyen  
Vivek V. Patel  
Yiyao Ran  
Quincy M. Reynolds  
Catalina Yadira Rivera  
Sara Adriana Salazar  
Uyen T. Vo  
Hao Wu

**EXECUTIVE MASTER  
OF HOSPITALITY  
MANAGEMENT**

Danielle Claire Randazzo  
Kirandeep Wadhwa

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY  
BUSINESS**

Harsh Garg

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE  
IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY  
BUSINESS**

Mingxuan Che  
Yan Deng  
Constantino Diaz  
Dhoma Gurung  
Wen-Jou Huang  
Sheheryar Javaid  
Shubham Khemka  
Florescia Laber  
Victoria Marie Christine Loing  
Ekaterina Meshcheryakova  
Romane Petit  
Shuai Tong  
Zoi Varelidi  
Ruogu Wang  
Yinjie Xu  
Renyan Zhang

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
HOTEL AND RESTAURANT  
MANAGEMENT**

Pedro Abrego<sup>2</sup>  
Alondra N. Aguayo  
Rishika Bhagwan Aidasani<sup>1</sup>  
Anna Grace Alberty  
Christian M. Alexander  
Michael Charles Andrews  
Luis Armando Aurrecochea Muci<sup>3</sup>  
Eliane Sam Baaklini<sup>1</sup>  
Lily Bateman<sup>2</sup>  
Olivia Leigh Betka<sup>3</sup>  
Brody J. Bolado<sup>1</sup>  
Aylin Bravo<sup>2</sup>

Salma Break  
Jonathan D. Burt<sup>2</sup>  
Brittany Diara Byars  
Catherine G. Campbell<sup>1</sup>  
Huu Yen Nhi Cao<sup>1</sup>  
Kelli Marisa Chan<sup>3</sup>  
Yen Ting Chang<sup>2</sup>  
Grace Yeunjung Chong<sup>1</sup>  
Alexis Nicole Clark<sup>1</sup>  
Lukas Condie<sup>3</sup>  
Avery Connor  
William Hussein Cox<sup>3</sup>  
Alejandro Cruz<sup>3</sup>  
Eneida M. Dickerson  
Holden Lee Dickerson  
Nancy Feng Bing Dietrich<sup>1</sup>  
Dimitar Dimitrov<sup>3</sup>  
Viet Le Doan<sup>1</sup>  
Mackenzie Taylor Dollard<sup>3</sup>  
Alexander Dueñas  
Tanner E. Dunk  
Breanna N. Florence  
Avery N. Fontenot<sup>3</sup>  
Joshua A. Friedman  
Alexandra G. Galvez<sup>1</sup>  
Diana Garcia  
Justin A. Garcia<sup>3</sup>  
Nicole Garcia<sup>1</sup>  
Karen Garcia Amber  
Arista Betty Gor  
Oscar F. Gregorio, Jr.<sup>3</sup>  
Jonathan Alfredo Guzman Portillo  
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Aimee Marie Harrity<sup>2</sup>  
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Blessie Maude Keita  
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Meghan Elizabeth Kuhn  
Labria Lanaux  
Melvin Ray Larkins III<sup>3</sup>  
Daniel J. Lee<sup>1</sup>  
Zhi Li  
Qier Lian  
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Kevin Robert Melgar  
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Alejandro Rodriguez  
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Dianisse Michelle Santana  
Rodney Franklin Scarbrough  
Jignil Nimesh Shah<sup>1</sup>  
Rachel Michelle Smith  
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Runke Song<sup>3</sup>

Luis Soria<sup>2</sup>  
Macy L. Strozier<sup>2</sup>  
Rena Sun  
Justin Alan Syzdek  
Michael Joseph Tamez  
Daniel Tellez<sup>2</sup>  
Tara Verna Theodore<sup>2</sup>  
Phu Cong Tran  
Uyen Thuc Tran<sup>3</sup>  
Vu Phuc Quang Tran  
Thanh Thuy Tien Trang<sup>1</sup>  
Linh Do Phuong Trinh<sup>2</sup>  
Hao Vinh Truong<sup>2</sup>  
Quynh Gia Truong<sup>1</sup>  
Efrain Vaquera  
Wenjing Wang<sup>2</sup>  
Kelsey Ann Werner<sup>2</sup>  
William Claude Wheless  
Kristoffer Williams  
Kathleen Yvonne Worsham<sup>3</sup>  
Kunqi Wu<sup>2</sup>  
Michael Tyler Young<sup>2</sup>  
Wentao Zhao  
Chenxi Zhu<sup>3</sup>

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# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

THE HONORS COLLEGE

## Message from the Interim Dean

*Congratulations, Class of 2022!*

Today, we gather to celebrate you and your successful journey through the University of Houston and the Honors College. This is the first time we have held our graduation banquet since 2019, and I am excited to celebrate the graduating class of 2022.

Know that each of you has made history -- by persevering through a world pandemic, never losing sight of the goal! But the pandemic did not deter you despite unprecedented difficulties.

I've been affiliated with the Honors College for more than 45 years of my 48-year career as a faculty member at the University of Houston. My association began before it was even a college as you know it today – it began as the Honors Program in the 1950s. Since those initial beginnings, I have seen unprecedented growth, both in numbers of students and programs, and in overall quality. I believe that the Honors College provides exceptional opportunities to our students and has become increasingly important to the University.

With the guidance of outstanding faculty and staff, you have thrived and grown as you navigated your way through the Honors College's exceptional academic experiences, unparalleled opportunities in research, and real-world service to the community.

Independent of the path you have taken, you are not in the same place you were when you began this journey, and neither is the College. During your time in Honors, you have been a part of its dynamic growth and development with the addition of new minors, a record-breaking number of awardees of scholarships and major awards, and new opportunities for both research and co-curricular engagement.

As you begin your careers or continue your studies through graduate or professional programs, we know that you'll be well prepared to lead in your chosen field and continue contributing solutions to the grand challenges of tomorrow.

Although you're graduating, the Honors College will always be a part of your life. Stay connected with the College as an alum and I hope you will support the College's programs and scholarships for future generations.

*Go Coogs!*

Stuart Long  
Interim Dean  
and Associate Dean, Undergraduate Research

# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## THE HONORS COLLEGE

### The Honors College Honors

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

#### **University Honors and University Honors with Honors in Major**

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

#### **Collegiate Honors and Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major**

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

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

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

#### **Honors in Major**

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

## University Honors with Honors in Major

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### GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Karina Lani Bhattacharya  
Alberto Tzul  
Bethany Grace Yeh  
Christopher Zhu

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Allison Gah Yan Lee

Cassidy J. Lee  
Audrey Gale Hall  
Jack Thomas O'Connell  
Andreina Eugenia Ruiz  
Aniqua Salwa  
Morgan Elizabeth Thomas

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Arya Loloee

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Krishna Sarvani Desabhotla

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Thomas Max Broekhuis  
Evgenii Litvinov  
Arya Loloee

## University Honors

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### GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Anne-Elisabeth Inez Baker  
Drake Robert Blessman Flood  
Trish Thanh Huynh  
Maricela Tinajero Resendiz  
Sarah Trinh

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

John Adkison  
Austen Allnut  
Marc Andalecio  
Britney Allison Gene Balderas  
Lorjkristia Bermoy  
Maggust Bui  
Lucile Mae Buller  
Leanne Liyon Chon  
John Marcelino Concepcion  
Nikole Breanne Davis  
Sakethram Desabhotla  
Leaundrea Fields  
Caleb Godard  
Eva Olivia Flores Granger  
Samuel Thomas Guadarrama  
Michael Alexander Hofinger

Jonathon Christian Huerta  
Reggie Laurence Huerta  
Jon-William Ighedosa  
Salman Iqbal  
Jonathan Keyes  
Tristan Louis Joseph Lagoutte  
Mustafa Lambay  
Gabrielle Ida Le  
Zainab Hasnain Lotia  
Ekaterina Lyubomirova  
Tessa Nicole Mack  
Maya Lisa Macpherson  
Jack Morgan  
Luis Moya  
John Raphael Mraz  
Shamiah Naff  
Joy Nans  
Minh Nguyen  
Thanh Viet Nguyen  
Trish Trang Nguyen  
Alec Pascual  
Dhruv Patel  
Sarah Randall  
Keerti Rao  
Sydney Nicole Riley  
Brianna Nicole Robertson  
Ashley Nichole Saldivar  
Lia Apacki Sato

Caleb Schmidt  
Cana Scott  
Bilal Shahid  
Adithya Shankar  
Sumaya Saleem Siddiqui  
Brandon Smith  
Moyleang Taing  
Britney Kim Tang  
David Andrei Tatchin  
Mikyla Thorn-Smith  
Ethan Tran  
Aaron Tucker  
Isbah Usmani  
Daniyal Uzair  
Truitt Brandon Williams  
Andrew Wilson  
Adriene Mikayla Zermeno  
Michelle Zhang

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Carola J. Aisenberg  
Zaeema Ali  
Anna Lynn Baker  
Abigail Luna Ballance  
Ciara Brown  
Bryanna Bryant  
Lauren Carrere

Fabiana Chaparro  
Ashley T. Chen  
Devin A. Crooker  
Amirarsalan Darbin  
Natalie Dean  
Ariel Corinne Durham  
Amber Faruqi  
Rebekah Ann Filomeno  
Lauren Alexandria Garcia  
Olivia C. Garcia  
Maya Annika Garza  
Caleb Godard  
Angela Gorman  
Daniela M. Herrera Almaguer  
Richard Ike  
Natalie Janssen  
Elise Gabrielle Johnston  
Eric Joy Kanjirathingal  
Fatematus-Zohra Kantawala  
Salvi Kumar  
Benita Lalani  
Ileagh Macivers  
Sara Catherine Mao  
Alyssa Renee Martinez  
Katherine Lindsey McNair  
Alyssa L. Mcneil  
Jack D. Morillo  
Duc Gia Bach Nguyen  
Kevin Dat Nguyen  
Simon Nichols  
Anushka Oak  
Keilly Corinne Oreilly  
Jasmine Parish Moreno  
Sebastian Poggi  
Sofia Poznansky  
Jordan Nicole Reed  
Gabriela Rodriguez  
Sydney Joann Roy  
Ethan Rubin  
Kayla Sophia Sandoval  
Nimra Z. Shahzad  
Paige L. Smith  
Kareem Malek Soussan  
Vivian Tran  
Sandra Tzul  
Ashley Villanueva

Mallory Kathryn Walters  
Maxime J. Wilson  
Naporn Wongmuangkan  
Michelle Zhang

**KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN  
COLLEGE OF THE ARTS**

Jennifer Elizabeth Barker

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Vanessa Flores  
Eleni Evangelia Kouzounis  
Grace Liu  
Amy Patel  
Keri Isabel Semilla

**CULLEN COLLEGE  
OF ENGINEERING**

Ahlam Motee Abunima  
Samuel Babbidge  
Zain Rehan Bhatti  
Adam Joseph Carrell  
Sabrina Carrillo Sandoval  
Kainat Chaudhary  
Cassandra Faith Coker  
Colin Steven Copeland  
Neal Cruz  
Kathryn Grace Deiningner  
Shravani Deo  
Hy Khanh Doan  
Zackary Edward Dobert  
Katelyn M. Dykas  
Stephanie M. Fose  
Sarah Hakam  
Madison Hamby  
Evan Jahmal Headroe  
Sarah Hijazi  
Attiya Sayyada Hussaini  
Amena Jangda  
Andrea E. Lastra  
Christy T. Le  
Jodie T. Lu  
Andrew Thomas McDaniel  
Leslie Marie Mendiola  
David W. Mitchell

Gerrit Nelson  
Michael Omotayo Ojo  
Jaime Israel Pena  
Martin Reyes  
Anthony Semaan Saba  
Evangelos Stathatos  
Lujayna Amr Taha  
Amy Thien My-An Tang  
Alexander M. Tilston  
Michael Christopher Urh  
Marissa Margarita Warren  
Jet Miao Lin Yao  
Benjamin Jess Yusuf

**CONRAD N. HILTON  
COLLEGE OF GLOBAL  
HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP**

Eliane Baaklini  
Jignil Shah

**COLLEGE OF NATURAL  
SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS**

Zain Javed Akbar  
Toqa Abbas Al Alawi  
Gabriela Lizeth Alfaro  
Abhishek Dhanraj Amin  
Zahir Malik Amin  
Zainab Asif  
Alyssa Assaf  
Sarah Attia  
Kaci Baker  
Claire Balgairies  
Zain Rehan Bhatti  
Luay Boulahouache  
Neriyah Z. Butler  
Ricardo Andres Del Rio  
Manasa Mahalaxmi Dendukuri  
Dominique Liann Dore  
Smiti Gandhi  
Kimberly Garza  
Nikita Yashodhan Gidh  
Janhavi Vinayak Govande  
Kiana Alexis Herod  
Noor A. Husainat

Faith Dang-Khoa Huynh  
Anuttham Kandhadai  
Zakir Ali Khan  
Amenda Khoei  
Robert Austin Koort  
Robert Kopluku  
Salvi Kumar  
Marcus Kunu  
Benita Lalani  
Chaitanya Lavu  
Phu T. Le  
Oulu Li  
Alex Macias  
Piya Malhan  
Andrew Isaac Martinez  
Jericho Rafael Morcilla  
Nolan Nash  
Ngoc Ho Lam Nguyen

Trishann T. Nguyen  
Vijay Nitturi  
Travis Michael Null  
Kaylie O'Connell  
Anushka Oak  
Syeda Safia Owais  
Praneet Sai Paidisetty  
Sarah Mary Philip  
Richard Poe  
Pedro Rene Pompa  
Jordan Nicole Reed  
Arya Rezaei  
Christopher Salek  
Shoaib Sarfraz  
Taegen Senawong  
Rida Shahid  
Neal Sharma  
Marina Shenouda

Nabeela Fatima Siddeeqe  
Vashti Singh  
Subhiksha Srinivasan  
Het B. Thakkar  
Chris M. Thang  
Gianno B. Tirado  
Chloe Tovar  
Angie Trinh  
Loc Thanh Vo  
David Wang  
Leonard Kuan-Pei Wang  
Ashton Claire Westbrook  
Nadia Ariana Zamany  
Wilfred Moe Khaing Zaw

## COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Elysha Ava Lauryn Garcia

## Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

### GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Hugo Patrick Margain  
Jad Moghnieh

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Hannah Sydney Esopenko

## Collegiate Honors

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Benjamin Bliss  
Jessica Alexandra Castillo Patino  
Taylan Reese Eisemann  
Jaime Karee Freeman  
Jordan Hart  
Lauren Hernandez  
Anne Elizabeth Holan  
Jacob Lane Huling  
Trinity Michelle Johnson  
Melanie A. Leal  
Diego Alejandro Lopez  
Jala Monique Mason  
Julio Alejandro Mata

Cameron Vaughn Mitchell  
Catherine Lai Xuan Nguyen  
Harrison P. Norris  
Christina Elizabeth Okhuysen  
Juliana Kiara Quintana  
Pari Rohani  
Raphaella Y. Tchani  
Elaine Tran  
Paul Basil Hubbell Vaughan  
T'arie Vincent

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Stephanie Lanza-Arce  
Sophia Mobbs

Daniel Alejandro Moreira

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Cyrina Bryant  
Eric Pham Doan  
Jasmine Evelyn Gonzalez

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bryan X. Choo  
Kurtis Deschamps  
Addison Fischer Gregory  
Benjamin Z. Ilboudo  
Brian M. Presson

**CONRAD N. HILTON  
COLLEGE OF GLOBAL  
HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP**

Lily Bateman  
Daniel Lee

**COLLEGE OF NATURAL  
SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS**

Michael Kelechi Allison  
Viridiana Esperanza Barrera  
Taadesha Gabriele-Samone Denson  
Nicholas Nguyen Khang Doan  
Moneeza Hameed  
Jeanette Montemayor Hortaleza  
Aurora Barbara Maceo Fernandez  
Ayman Rashid

William Abe Ross  
Gundeep Singh  
Yaseen A. Syed  
Golmehr Taskini  
Lovyanne Manrique Vergel De Dios  
Syed Sajid Zaidi

**COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Daniel Obosaruemen Aigboduwa  
Emmanuel Cofield  
T'arie Vincent

**Membership in The Honors College with Honors in Major**

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**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Devion Reed

**Membership in The Honors College**

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Joshua Campos  
John Andrew Duenas  
Jodie Renee Finch  
Gerardo A. Godinez  
Laura M. Lovel  
Dorothee Andreas Mayag  
Nathanael H. Tan  
Kaitlyn Ngoc Thuy Tran

**KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN  
COLLEGE OF THE ARTS**

Scott Matthew Rogers

**CULLEN COLLEGE  
OF ENGINEERING**

Austin J. Lee  
Jose Luis Perez  
Patrick Kennedy Williams

**COLLEGE OF NATURAL  
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MATHEMATICS**

Andrew-Son The Le  
Vanessa Andrea Marciano

Christian Walter Rimbau  
Bradley K. Ung  
Hima Shaji Vadakekara

**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

Kydamae Delos Santos De Luna

**COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Dustin James Walters

**Honors in Major**

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**GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE  
OF ARCHITECTURE  
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Miranda Vanessa Gonzalez Miramon  
Sharon Ann Lott  
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Caleb T. Matheson

Fuko Nara  
Raquel Quintana  
Alejandro Reyes  
David Alexander Rincon  
Ana A. Sevilla  
Savannah Tidwell

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Amena Naufel Alhassan  
Dubois H. Barnes  
Reece Allen Buck  
Carla Gabriela Bullock  
Tara Maria Georgeson

Katherine Huff  
Jo-Anne Pham  
Joshua Michael Philippus  
Beatriz A. Rivera

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OF ENGINEERING**

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**COLLEGE OF NATURAL  
SCIENCES AND  
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Giovanna Valentina De Vita Sifontes  
Jose E. Esparza Pinelo  
Beatriz A. Rivera  
Alexandra Rae Briggs Ulinski





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## Message from the UH Alumni Foundation Board President

Congratulations 2022 Graduates!

Let me be the first to welcome you to the UH Alumni Association (UHAA). You are joining a global network of over 300,000 Cougars. With your participation, we can only grow stronger. As you embark on this next chapter, know that UHAA is here to help you stay connected with your beloved alma mater. From volunteering, joining a group, coming to events, to becoming a Life Member, the opportunities to engage are endless. To get started, click on the QR code below and make a gift in honor of the Class of 2022 so you

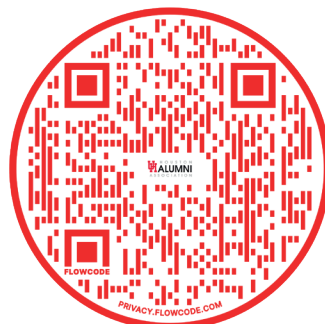
can enjoy all the activities that soon await you. In the meantime, enjoy this moment and continue to soar. True we'll ever be and Go Coogs!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Drue DaSilva".

Drue DaSilva ('93, M.S. '99)

*President*

*University of Houston Alumni Association Foundation Board*



**Have You Completed  
Your Graduation Checklist?**



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