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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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## University of Houston System

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## University of Houston

### Commencement Ceremony

## 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*

## University of Houston

### Commencement Ceremony

## 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.









# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

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## COLLEGE of OPTOMETRY

### Message from the Dean

Dear Graduate,

First and foremost, congratulations on this exciting achievement! This is the defining moment of your transition from student to practitioner. We are pleased and proud to celebrate as you now join the community of practicing Doctors of Optometry and leaders in optometry and vision science.

For those of you receiving the Doctor of Optometry degree, you have made a lifelong commitment as healthcare professionals. That commitment now begins a new phase of independence where you will use your talents to shape the world and leave your mark. As a professional, your decisions, your actions, and your character will define not only your reputation, but will also shape the public's trust in the profession and the institutions that you represent. Be mindful of that obligation and aspire to be true to the core values of your college—learning, integrity, reason, and humanity.

For those of you receiving a Master of Science or Doctor of Philosophy degree, congratulations on your achievements. Your training reflects your persistence and dedication to a noble purpose—the pursuit of knowledge and scientific discovery. Your degrees also reflect innumerable investments by others to inspire your curiosity, to nurture new talents, and to advocate for you along your journey. Be generous in your recognition and gratitude towards others and seek opportunities to give back through teaching and encouragement to those around you. The need for knowledge and scientific integrity has never been greater. We look to you as future leaders in discovery who will bring new knowledge and advances to health and vision care.

Those of us who have reached this point before you share a mix of emotions: excitement, hope, admiration, expectations, and more. Our views are seasoned by time and experience. We have passed along our insights and knowledge as best we can. Take this next step with confidence, knowing that you are well prepared to embark on your journey.

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. Again, congratulations on your academic success.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Twa, O.D., Ph.D., F.A.A.O.  
*Dean and Professor*  
*Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Optometry*

**University of Houston**  
**College of Optometry**

Commencement Ceremony  
Saturday, May 14, 2022, 2 p.m.  
Cullen Performance Hall

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Classical Arrangement
<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	“Pomp and Circumstance” <i>By Sir Edward Elgar</i>
<b>HONORARY MACE BEARER</b>	Han Cheng <i>Clinical Professor</i>
<b>HONORARY BANNER BEARER</b>	Marcus G. Piccolo <i>Associate Dean for Professional Advancement</i> <i>Associate Dean for Clinical Education</i> <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>Executive Director, Surgical Services</i>
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS</b>	Michael D. Twa <i>Dean and Professor</i> <i>Humana Endowed Dean’s Chair in Optometry</i>
<b>GREETINGS</b>	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
<b>RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES</b>	
<b>Summa Cum Laude</b>	Kimberly Lambrechts <i>Associate Dean for Professional Studies and Clinical Professor</i>
<b>Magna Cum Laude</b>	
<b>GOLD KEY INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS</b>	Ralph Herring <i>Assistant Dean for Professional Studies and Clinical Professor</i>
<b>BETA SIGMA KAPPA BSK SILVER MEDAL AWARD</b>	Moriah Chandler <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>
<b>CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS</b>	Assistant Dean Herring
<b>SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS</b>	
<b>Outstanding Grand Rounds Presentation Award</b>	Joe Wheat <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i>
<b>Cora and J. Davis Armistead Faculty Teaching Award revealed</b>	Dean Twa
<b>Distinguished Alumnus Award</b>	Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2022 <i>presented to Lanny Shulman</i> Dean Twa

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<b>STUDENT ADDRESS</b>	Tiara Thomas
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b>	Associate Dean Piccolo
<b>PRESENTATION AND HOODING OF THE CANDIDATES</b>	Dean Twa
<b>PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS DEGREE</b>	Laura Frishman <i>Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research and John and Rebecca Moores Professor</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS</b>	Associate Dean Frishman
<b>PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE</b>	Amber Gaume Giannoni <i>Chair of the Faculty and Clinical Professor</i>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE</b>	Associate Dean Lambreghts
<b>HOODING OF CANDIDATES</b>	Anita Ticak <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i>  Jennifer Tasca <i>Adjunct Faculty</i>
<b>FACULTY ASSISTING IN HOODING</b>	Lucy Kehinde-Darnell <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>  Jason Marsack <i>Associate Professor</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS</b>	Dean Twa  Professor Giannoni
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	President Khator
<b>ADMINISTRATION OF THE OPTOMETRIC OATH</b>	Danica Marrelli <i>Assistant Dean for Clinical Education and Clinical Professor</i>
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean Twa
<b>PLATFORM PARTY RECESSIONAL</b>	“War March of the Priests” <i>By Felix Mendelssohn</i>

## The Optometric Oath

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With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

- I **affirm** that the health of my patient will be my first consideration.
- 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 the diverse populations who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.
- I **will** work to expand access to quality care and improve health equity for all communities.
- 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 doctors of optometry 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 a doctor of optometry.
- I **hereby** commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

## Spring 2022 – Candidates for Graduation

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Graduates' names are followed by their thesis/dissertation title.

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS

Lauren J. Johnson Lattery  
Lakeville, MN

BS, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**THESIS:** Patient and Parent Perceptions of Myopia Modalities

Rachel N. Wang  
Spring, TX

B.S., University of Texas at Austin

**THESIS:** Anterior Segment Changes in Prediabetes

Allison Casey Jussel Zagst

Austin, TX

B.S., Texas A&M University

B.A., Texas A&M University

M.S., Texas A&M University

**THESIS:** The Relationship between Structure and Function Parameters in Diabetic and Prediabetes

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS

Samuel Adade

Kumasi, Ghana

Doctor of Optometry, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Ghana

**DISSERTATION:** Neural Control of Vertical Vergence and Extraocular Muscle Compartmentalization

Linjiang Lou

Ottawa, ON, Canada

B.Sc., McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada

**DISSERTATION:** Influence of Light Exposure on the Retina and Choroid and on Circadian Rhythms

Sudan Puri

Kathmandu, Nepal

B. Optom., Tribhuvan University, Nepal

O.D., Southwestern University, The Philippines

**DISSERTATION:** Role of Extracellular Matrix Component Hyaluronan in Corneal Homeostasis and Pathology

Santoshi Ramachandran

Allen, Texas

B.S. in Neuroscience - University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas

M.S. in Applied Cognition and Neuroscience - University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas

**DISSERTATION:** Investigating Spatial Patterns of Fixation Preference in Non-Human Primates with Strabismus

Sujata Rijal

Jhapa, Nepal

B. Optom., Institute of Medicine, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

**DISSERTATION:** Optical and Visual Performance in Typically-sighted and Highly Aberrated Eyes

Erin Sayoko Tomiyama

Rancho Santa Margarita, CA

B.S., UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

O.D., Marshall B. Ketchum University, Fullerton, CA

M.S., University of Houston, Houston, Texas

**DISSERTATION:** Comparison of Toric Orthokeratology and Soft Toric Multifocal Contact Lenses in Managing the Astigmatic Myope

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Austin Barr, O.D.

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**RESIDENCY:** Ocular Disease at the Cedar Springs Eye Clinic

Rosaline Cruz, O.D.

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**RESIDENCY:** Pediatrics at the University Eye Institute

James Dowgin, O.D.

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Safinaz Gamini, O.D.

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**RESIDENCY:** Ocular Disease at the Community Eye Clinic Fort Worth

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**RESIDENCY:** Michael E. Debakey VA Medical Center, Residency in Primary Care/Ocular Disease

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**RESIDENCY:** Brain Injury Vision Rehabilitation at the University Eye Institute

Jeffrey Kong, O.D.

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

**RESIDENCY:** Cornea and Contact Lens at the University Eye Institute

Phoebe Luong, O.D.

O.D., Marshall B. Ketchum University's Southern California College of Optometry

**RESIDENCY:** The Vision Center of West Phoenix, Residency in Primary Care/Ocular Disease

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## Honors and Awards

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*Doctoral Students who demonstrated leadership skills by holding office in one or more state-level Optometric Student Organization.*

Josephine R. Ausdemore, *STOA Secretary/Treasurer-elect 2019-2020, STOA Treasurer 2020-2021*  
Jessica Brooke Hines-Beard, *STOA President-elect 2019-2020, STOA President 2020-2021*  
Tiara Thomas, *OSA President-elect 2019-2020, OSA President 2020-2021*  
Cory E. Toufar, *AOSA Trustee-elect 2019-2020, AOSA Trustee 2020-2021*

*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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## **2022 GOLD KEY INTERNATIONAL OPTOMETRIC HONOR SOCIETY**

*Gold Key International Optometric Honor Society recognizes graduating students who have demonstrated outstanding professional and ethical attitudes through leadership and service to their class, college, and profession. Membership is limited to no more than 10 percent of the graduating class. The University of Houston College of Optometry chapter of Gold Key was created in 1974.*

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*Beta Sigma Kappa recognizes students who stimulate scientific attainment, academic excellence, and the ethical practice of optometry. Membership is awarded based on scholastic excellence and is calculated per semester. The asterisk denotes membership since Fall 2019.*

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Shelby Ann Tomek \*  
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Diana Ngan Uong  
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Karina Vargas Torrecilla  
Emily J. Wang  
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## Clinical Excellence Specialty Awards

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### **CORNEA AND CONTACT LENS**

Cory E. Toufar

### **DRY EYE CENTER**

Josephine R. Ausdemore

### **GOOD-LITE PEDIATRIC OPTOMETRY**

Emma Stahr

### **LOW VISION**

Charles R. Dale

### **MEDICAL EYE SERVICE**

Rachel N. Wang

## Fourth-Year Professional Awards

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### **COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS IN VISION DEVELOPMENT EXCELLENCE IN VISION THERAPY AWARD**

Matthew Thien Truong

### **THE EBLING AWARD IN MEDICAL CONTACT LENS PATIENT CARE**

Tiffany Thanh Huynh

### **ESCHENBACH LOW VISION AWARD**

Sarah Elizabeth Supak Fisher

### **EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Amy Mistry

### **EXCELLENCE IN OPTICS AWARD**

Emma Stahr

### **WILLIAM FEINBLOOM LOW VISION AWARD**

Matthew Thien Truong

### **GP LENS INSTITUTE CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Hovhannes Hovhannisyan

### **JOHNSON & JOHNSON AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN CONTACT LENS PATIENT CARE**

Lawrence Nguyen

### **METRO OPTICS EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Tiffany Loo Portillo

### **OCULAR INSTRUMENTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

Anthony G. Hoang

### **OPTELEC LOW VISION AWARD**

Shelby Ann Tomek

### **OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD**

Carl Gene Hinote

### **PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Charles R. Dale

### **VSP/AAOF PRACTICE EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Mary Thuy Tien Dang

Polly Hoa Luong

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## 2022 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

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### LANNY SHULMAN, O.D.'81, PH.D.'98

Dr. Lanny Shulman received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Houston in 1972 and his Doctor of Optometry degree from the University of Houston College of Optometry in 1981. Following ten years of private practice in Houston, Dr. Shulman returned to the University of Houston College of Optometry and received his Ph.D. in Physiological Optics and Vision Science in 1998. After serving as an Adjunct Professor and a Visiting Associate Professor, he joined the faculty as an Associate Professor in 2004.

During his time as a faculty member, Dr. Shulman taught many diverse courses including ocular anatomy laboratory, contact lenses, physiology and molecular biology, and clinical practicum 1, 2, and 3. He served as Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions from

2005 to 2013. After his administrative position, in addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr. Shulman continued to maintain a clinical presence in the University Eye Institute's Family Practice Service and Cornea and Contact Lens Service.

During his time as a graduate student and a faculty member, he has held a number of committee appointments. As a graduate student, he served on the graduate curriculum committee and served as a clinical examiner for the National Board of Examiners in Optometry. Dr. Shulman has also served on the Academic Committee, Scholarship and Financial Aid Committee, Cougar Pride Annual Giving Committee, and ASCO's Student Affairs Committee. Additionally, Dr. Shulman was the Director of UHCO's Texas Optometry Careers Opportunities Program (TEXOCOP).

## Golden Reunion Class of 1972

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*The University of Houston College of Optometry's faculty, staff, and students salute the Class of 1972 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of their Commencement.*

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Penelope Kegel-Flom, Ph.D.  
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Jerald Strickland, O.D., Ph.D.

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## Optometry at the University of Houston

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### DOCTORS OF OPTOMETRY ARE:

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

### 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR EXTERNSHIP SITES INCLUDE:

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Jacqueline Brending, O.D. Clear Lake Eye Center, Webster, Texas	John Coble, O.D. Eyecare of Greenville, Greenville, Texas	Amy Elsila, O.D. Hellerstein-Brenner Vision Center, Greenwood Village, Colorado
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## UHCO Milestones

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### 1950s

In 1952, UHCO officially opens. Charles R. Stewart, O.D., Ph.D., is named first dean of the college.

The Foundation for Education and Research in Vision is established to increase and promote awareness of vision and its care.

UHCO graduates the first class with 11 O.D.s entering the optometric profession in 1955.

Mildred Carlisle, O.D., is UHCO's first female graduate.

### 1960s

Faculty member Chester H. Pheiffer, O.D., Ph.D., assumes duties as dean of the college.

The Texas Commission on Higher Education confirms the offering of optometry at UH, making the college eligible for state support.

Charles M. Stephens, O.D., becomes UHCO's 100th graduate.

### 1970s

The graduate program is established in physiological optics (vision science) with the M.S. degree in 1970 and the Ph.D. in 1972. The first M.S. graduate is Norman E. Leach, O.D., a current UHCO faculty member.

James K. Donovan, O.D., becomes the 500th graduate.

The J. Davis Armistead Building is completed with both state and federal assistance. The state-of-the-art \$9.6 million building remains UHCO's home.

UHCO establishes a formal partnership with the Good Neighbor Healthcare Center and on-site optometric services begin.

William R. Baldwin, O.D., Ph.D., becomes UHCO's dean.

The UHCO Reading Room becomes an official UH recognized library.

The Nelson Reber, O.D., Eye Open Golf Tournament is established to raise funds for student scholarships and emergency loans. Dr. Reber died in 2011.

### 1980s

Dan Patterson, O.D., becomes UHCO's 1,000th graduate.

UH Downtown formally names the vision clinic the Herbert H. Moore Vision Care Clinic, in honor of the popular UHCO professor.

The Texas Optometry Career Opportunities Program (TEXO-

COP) is created with grant funds contributed from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service Administration.

### 1990s

Karen M. Conway, O.D., becomes the 2,000th graduate.

The Weston A. Pettey Library is dedicated to honor Dr. Pettey's tireless efforts on behalf of UHCO and the profession. The Reading Room is named to honor Dr. Irvin M. Borish for his achievements in the profession.

The college building is formally named the J. Davis Armistead Building in recognition of Dr. Armistead's enduring efforts benefitting the college, university, and the profession. Dr. Armistead is known for being the optometrist to singer Buddy Holly and having a hand in selecting the famous black frames.

Jerald W. Strickland, O.D., Ph.D., is named UHCO's dean in September 1991.

### 2000s

Seren D. Ngin, O.D., becomes UHCO's 3,000th graduate in May 2001.

UHCO caps off the 50th Anniversary celebration with a gala celebrating Visions of the Past, Present, and Future.

Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D., becomes dean of the college in August 2003.

UHCO and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society form an official affiliation to establish the MS Eye Care Center. The clinic is dedicated to the early diagnosis and treatment of MS, to the delivery of comprehensive eye care to patients with MS, and to groundbreaking research.

UHCO debuts its Mobile Eye Institute, designed specifically to provide eye care to the greater-Houston area. MEI is equipped with the latest in ophthalmic technology and brings comprehensive on-site vision services to patients in need of optometric care.

### 2010s

UHCO hosts a Groundbreaking Celebration on the site that will become the UH Health and Biomedical Sciences Center featuring the UHCO Vision Institute in November 2010.

The Topping Out Ceremony and pillar signing event for the Molly and Doug Barnes Vision Institute within the new Health and Biomedical Sciences Building marks the occasion when construction on the new building reaches its highest point in September 2011.

## Milestones

Bridget Ducote, O.D., becomes the 4,000th UHCO graduate during the May 2012 ceremony.

The UH Health and Biomedical Sciences Building featuring the Molly and Doug Barnes Vision Institute officially opens in November 2012, and the formal dedication ceremony celebrates this milestone in February 2013.

Pierrette Dayhaw-Barker, Ph.D., '76, UHCO's first Ph.D. recipient, receives the Distinguished Alumna Award at the May 2013 commencement ceremony.

Vissett Sun, O.D., '95 is recognized as the 2013 Volunteer of the Year.

In August 2013, Brady Betten from the Class of 2014 receives the Norman E. Wallis Award honoring the student earning the highest score among students from all 23 schools of optometry on Part I of the National Board Examinations.

In November 2013, Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D., is appointed to serve as the Interim Chief Health Officer for the university, and Roger L. Boltz, O.D., Ph.D., is appointed to serve as UHCO's Interim Dean.

In February 2014, William R. Baldwin, O.D., Ph.D., UHCO Dean from 1979-1990, passes away. The UH Flag flies at half-staff the day of his funeral as a tribute to his memory.

In May 2014, Dennis M. Levi, O.D., Ph.D., '77 is recognized as UHCO's Distinguished Alumnus.

J. Davis Armistead, O.D., passes away in June 2014. He was the first O.D. to serve on the UH Board of Regents and completed two terms, the longest of any optometrist. He served as an advocate for the college, university, and profession until his death.

The Simulation Lab is established in August 2014 giving optometry students an opportunity to learn diagnostic techniques on a state-of-the-art, first-in-the-nation set of networked computers that mimic the experience of examining a real patient's eyes.

The sophisticated program is preloaded with 200 pathology cases designed to teach pattern recognition to students.

nJOY Vision Center opens in the Molly and Doug Barnes Vision Institute in February 2015. This partnership provides the opportunity to integrate new clinical services into the curriculum, including refractive surgery, laser refractive procedures, and advanced treatment options for conditions like keratoconus.

In May 2015, Jenny Terrell, O.D., '03 and Jennifer Deakins, O.D., '10 receive the Volunteer of the Year Award.

William J. Townsend, O.D., '77, is honored as UHCO's Distin-

guished Alumnus during graduation ceremonies in May 2015.

In June 2015, Bill Benedict is posthumously inducted into UHCO's Hall of Visionaries for his innovation, dedication, and personal and financial commitment to the optometric profession.

Charles R. Stewart, O.D., Ph.D., UHCO's founding dean, passes away in June 2015.

Brien Holden, Ph.D., D.Sc., founder of the Brien Holden Vision Institute and friend and benefactor of UHCO, passes away in July 2015. Prior to his death, he established the Brien Holden Vision Institute Classrooms and Learning Commons in the Health and Biomedical Science Building on UHCO's second floor. He was awarded an Honorary Degree from the University of Houston in May 2012.

In August 2015, UHCO establishes eye and vision care services at the Hope Clinic, which is located in one of Houston's most racially diverse neighborhoods. A unique characteristic of the clinic is its capacity to provide services in 14 languages, including Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Korean, Burmese, Arabic, and Spanish.

In May 2016 William R. Elizondo, O.D., receives the UHCO Volunteer of the Year Award.

Brett G. Bence, O.D., '79, is honored as UHCO's Distinguished Alumnus during graduation ceremonies in May 2016.

In October 2016, James H. Dienst, O.D., '89, is promoted to Brigadier General and is the first optometrist to achieve general officer rank in the Air Force. He received the prestigious Air Force Optometrist of the Year Award in 2001.

Suzanne Ferimer, Librarian for UHCO's Weston A. Pettey Library, is presented with the Medical Library Association President's Award in March 2017. This is one of MLA's highest honors and recognizes those who have made outstanding contributions in the field of health sciences librarianship.

In May 2017, Michael Kalloniatis, B.Sc., M. Sc., Ph.D., '88, PG-COT, is recognized as UHCO's Distinguished Alumnus.

Hurricane Harvey made an unwelcome stop in Houston in August 2017, dumping an unprecedented 20 trillion gallons of rain on Houston, impacting over 6 million Texans and flooding 3000,000 structures in the region. More than 30,000 water rescues were performed and 46,000 evacuees sought shelter. UHCO faculty, residents, fellows, staff, and students stepped up to help those displaced and in need of eye care, working alongside the City of Houston Health Department, Harris County Health Department, Prevent Blindness Texas, local optometrists, ophthalmologists, opticians,

optometric assistants and volunteers. Together, the clinical eye care teams provided eye exams and eyeglasses to over 1,000 individuals in Houston, Dallas and Austin area shelters.

UHCO's 100th scholarship endowment is established in March 2018 to provide merit based awards for optometry students enrolled at UHCO.

Roger Boltz, O.D., '72, Ph.D., '78, is recognized as UHCO's Distinguished Alumnus in May 2018. He joined the college's faculty in 1978 as an assistant professor, retiring in May 2018 after 40 years of service. In addition to teaching and working in the cornea and contact lens clinic, he served in a variety of roles including chief financial officer, interim dean, associate dean for finance and administration, and associate dean for professional studies.

In fall 2019, UHCO becomes the first optometry school in the US to have two Anatomage Virtual 4D Anatomy Tables designated ex-

clusively for optometry students. The advanced technology allows students to visualize structures in four dimensions.

Following a national search, Michael Twa, O.D., Ph.D., is selected as UHCO's dean effective June 1, 2019, succeeding Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D., who served as dean of the college from August 2003 through May 2019.

The Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D. Professorship is established to honor his 41 years of service to UHCO as a faculty member, associate dean and dean of the college.

In March 2019, the inaugural UHCO First Lady, Mrs. Dorothy "Sue" Stewart passes away at her home in Arizona. She is the widow of UHCO's founding dean, Charles R. Stewart, O.D.M Ph.D, who passed away in 2015.

In May 2019, Moes R. Nasser, O.D., '82 is recognized as UHCO's Distinguished Alumnus.

## Academic Heraldry

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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.

## Invitation

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At the conclusion of the ceremony, the College of Optometry  
will host a reception celebrating our newest alumni.

We invite all our graduates and guests to join us for light refreshments as we honor the Class of 2022.

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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

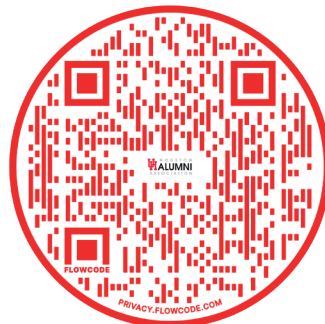
can enjoy all the activities that soon await you. In the meantime, enjoy this moment and continue to soar. True we'll ever be and Go Coogs!

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

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

*President*

*University of Houston Alumni Association Foundation Board*



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Your Graduation Checklist?**

