





**University of Houston**  
**Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design**

**Commencement Ceremony**  
Friday, May 12, 2023, 3:00 p.m.  
College of Architecture Building

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### **Message from the President**

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations, class of 2023! Today you graduate with a first-class education from one of the nation's leading universities. We are so proud of you for reaching this important milestone.

Over the years, you've made new memories and friends, and grown in character and wisdom. And now it's time to take what you've learned and go chart a new course in the world. I know in my heart that you will do well and make a positive impact on our society.

The support of your family and friends, and the encouragement of your UH faculty, advisers and staff have also played a significant part in your success. Thank them for their contribution, as we thank you for choosing our university.

UH is the home of world-renowned researchers and professors, award-winning sports and academic programs. The knowledge and experience you've gained here have prepared you to rise to the top in your field. Many graduates who have come before you have earned national recognition and highly esteemed awards and honors for their work. And now you're joining this great class of alumni. Congratulations! I know you will make us proud.

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

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Renu Khator'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Renu Khator  
*President, University of Houston*





### Message from the Provost

Dear Spring Graduates,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

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

Diane Z. Chase

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

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*Distinguished Professor of Science*

*COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS*

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## University of Houston History

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

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

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

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

## Commencement Traditions

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>

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### UH LAW CENTER

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Purple*  
                                 *Tassel: Black*

**Doctoral Degree**      *Hood: Purple*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Citron*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Citron*  
                                 *Tassel: Black*

**Doctoral Degree**      *Hood: Dark Blue*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

### TILMAN J. FERTITTA FAMILY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

**Doctor of Medicine Degree**  
                                 *Hood: Kelly Green*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Golden Yellow*

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

**Doctoral Degree**      *Hood: Dark Blue*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

### ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER COLLEGE OF NURSING

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Apricot*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Apricot*  
                                 *Tassel: Black*

### COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Gold*  
                                 *Tassel: Black*

**Doctor of Philosophy Degree**  
                                 *Hood: Royal Blue*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

**Doctor of Optometry Degree**  
                                 *Hood: Seafoam Green*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Olive*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Olive*  
                                 *Tassel: Black*

**Doctor of Philosophy Degree**  
                                 *Hood: Royal Blue*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

**Doctor of Pharmacy Degree**  
                                 *Hood: Olive*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

### GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Citron*  
                                 *Tassel: Black*

**Doctoral Degree**      *Hood: Citron*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

### HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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

## 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*

## **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.

### SPRING 2023

Maryam Alghafir

*Bachelor of Business Administration in Management*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Alyssa R. Gomez

*Bachelor of Science in Psychology*  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Catelyn C. Huynh

*Bachelor of Science in Global Hospitality Leadership*  
CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Natalie Madeline Kubosh

*Bachelor of Science in Global Hospitality Leadership*  
CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Elaine Thuy Duyen Le

*Bachelor of Science in Global Hospitality Leadership*  
CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Lauren Taylor Lyles

*Bachelor of Arts in Human Development and Family Sciences*  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

*Bachelor of Science in Psychology*

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ankit A. Maurya

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

Ajmain Bashar Mustafa

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

Saad Nadeem

*Bachelor of Science in Health*  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

*Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science*

*Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition and Foods*  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Brenda T. Nguyen

*Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning*  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dan T. Nguyen

*Bachelor of Science in Psychology*  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Marangelly D. Rangel

*Bachelor of Science in Health*  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Emily B. Reyna

*Bachelor of Science in Psychology*  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Neha Sunkara

*Bachelor of Science in Biology*  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS  
*Bachelor of Science in Economics*  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ryan Trejo

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







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### Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

In the weeks leading up to graduation, there was a sense of excitement among many of you, a sense that this part of your education is over, and an acknowledgement that the next leg of your journey was about to begin. Some of you expressed disappointment that you would not be here to witness the changes that our year-long strategic planning would yield. We invite you to join us for every milestone we have yet to achieve. My hope is that you will always want to come back — to check on us, to witness the growth of our programs, and to celebrate our successes.

You have made it through one of the most rigorous programs in the country. You have spent countless hours researching, rendering, building models, writing papers, and struggling through the design process, only to get up the next day to do it again. And so, every ending becomes a new beginning. This is the life of design that we have chosen. And isn't it a wonderful life?

When you leave our studios and classrooms to embark on your careers, your professional contributions will not only have an impact locally, but globally. You are the thinkers, doers, and creators of the future. You will be the designers, architects, problem-solvers, and inventors of tomorrow. I am confident that if you apply the knowledge that you have acquired here, the world will offer you possibilities you have not yet imagined. As you make your way across the stage to accept your diploma, you will be taking the first steps in your personal odyssey. We 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 2023! Your Hines College community and I look forward to hearing about your experiences and your accomplishments. Please do come back and share your adventures with those about to follow you. We would delight in hearing about your journey.

My very best wishes to you all,

Patricia Belton Oliver, FAIA  
*ACSA Distinguished Professor*  
*Vice-Chancellor, College of Distinguished Professors*

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<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Pomp and Circumstance
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</b>	Patricia Belton Oliver <i>Dean</i>
<b>RECOGNITION OF TOP GRADUATES</b>	Dean Oliver  Dietmar Froehlich <i>Associate Dean</i>
<b>STUDENT ADDRESSES</b>	Suochun Fang  Pornpun Kim Saotonglang
<b>PRESENTATION OF DESIGN AWARDS</b>	Gail Peter Borden <i>Director of Graduate Studies</i>  Rafael Beneytez-Durán <i>Director of Undergraduate Architecture Program</i>  Mark Kimbrough <i>Co-Director of Industrial Design Program</i>  Sheryl Tucker de Vazquez <i>Interim Director of Interior Architecture Program</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS</b>	Trang A. Phan <i>Associate Dean</i>
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES</b>	Dean Oliver
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean Oliver
<b>UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	Moores School of Music

**FALL 2022 – Graduates**

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**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN ARCHITECTURE**

Sarah Vogel

**BACHELOR OF  
ARCHITECTURE**

Jose Rivera  
Martin Rodriguez

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN**

Aishwarya K. George

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
INDUSTRIAL DESIGN**

David So Edquilang <sup>2</sup>  
Lien Phuong Hong Le

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE**

Tyler M. Jones  
Caitlyn Victoria Talton-Prater

**Spring 2023 – Candidates for Graduation**

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**MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE**

Jade Marie Allen  
Gustavo Adolfo Arango  
Sidrah Baig  
Amel Amina Bensalah  
Priscilla Gabriela Clavel  
Kristen R. Culhane  
Ana Cecilia Davila  
Seidy Diaz De Leon  
Isabela Esparza Martinez  
Evan Marshall Gallarneau  
Marissa Caelene Galbraith  
Matthew M. Garvin  
Samuel Moritz Kuhn  
Hannah N. Leber  
Luis A. Luna  
Raffaella Montelli <sup>4</sup>  
Brent A. Montero  
Tarek Walid Moubayed  
Rohini Rajani Nair  
Asia Z. Nolan  
Sophie Ortiz  
Maribel Paredes  
Leslie Quintanilla  
Cynthia Elena Sac  
Antonette G. Serafin  
Umaymah Sigbathulla  
Reece Dalton Stephens  
Peyton Elizabeth Steurer

Emily Sutcliffe  
Clay Michael Taylor  
Gerardo Rocha Valdez  
Sean Allison Ziegler

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN ARCHITECTURE**

Taghreed Ayman Shalaby

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN**

Eskinder Abebe  
Suochun Fang <sup>4</sup>  
Erika Lopez  
Olivia Ruth Wilczek

**BACHELOR OF  
ARCHITECTURE**

Gabriela J. Acosta  
Jenna G. Agatep <sup>3</sup>  
Natalie D. Armstrong  
Triciajane Nonato Asuncion <sup>1,5</sup>  
Andrea Jose Barradas  
Jessica Barrera  
Juan Antonio Barron  
Zachary Thomas Basham  
Tiwanioluwa Oluwafeyijimi  
Bayo-Adeyemo

Bruno Belo Teles Xavier <sup>2,5</sup>  
Heather Marie Brewster  
Christopher Briones  
Apollo L. Brown  
Adrienne Kelly Brown <sup>1</sup>  
Lauren Campbell <sup>2</sup>  
Andres Canamar  
Adrian Marcelo Cardenas <sup>2</sup>  
Edgar Castillo <sup>2</sup>  
Carla Yvette Castro-Rios <sup>3</sup>  
Rachel Xiaojun Chan  
Lucio Alexander Chavez  
Alan M. Chen <sup>3</sup>  
Harbin H. Cheung <sup>3</sup>  
Vivian Nguyen Dao  
Diego A. Deleon  
Pooja Desai <sup>3</sup>  
Gabriella Diez Figueroa  
Ashton Brooke Ezell <sup>3</sup>  
Jose Manuel Ferrer <sup>3</sup>  
Danielle Refugia Fronda  
Jonathan Brooks Furrh <sup>2</sup>  
Rodrigo Alberto Gallardo <sup>3,5</sup>  
Hector Garcia  
Sara Catalina Garcia  
Mary Carmen Garcia Aguilera <sup>3</sup>  
Shaila T. George <sup>2</sup>  
Arturo Gonzalez  
Arturo Lisandro Guerrero

<sup>1</sup> Summa Cum Laude – <sup>2</sup> Magna Cum Laude – <sup>3</sup> Cum Laude

<sup>4</sup> Top-ranked graduate-highest cumulative grade point average in major – <sup>5</sup> Thesis Program participant

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Lance Alexander Hensley  
Luis Alexandro Hinojosa<sup>3</sup>  
Jaden Ho<sup>3</sup>  
Michael D. Ibay<sup>3</sup>  
Ashel M. Jaimon<sup>2</sup>  
Jonathan Y. Kappil  
Fatima Khan  
Suha Khimani  
Phuoc Phillip Ngoc Le<sup>3</sup>  
Luis Fernando Lemus  
Jolene B. Limquaco  
Xinwei Lu<sup>3</sup>  
Lý Hoàng Trang<sup>2</sup>  
Luis Martinez Gallardo<sup>3,5</sup>  
Marina E. McCree<sup>3</sup>  
Andrew J. Medina<sup>3,5</sup>  
Emely Daniela Medrano Gomez  
Emily Morgan Mendenhall  
Pierce Mercer  
Jessica I. Merhav  
Lauren N. Meyer  
Krisha Modi<sup>2</sup>  
Lars H. Moeller  
Martin Moreno  
Davone Demarkell Morgan  
Sarah Grace Neiman<sup>2</sup>  
Christopher Dinh Nguyen<sup>3</sup>  
Minh Dong Nguyen<sup>3</sup>  
Maria Fernanda Noguera<sup>3</sup>  
Claudia Abigail Orellana  
Jazline J. Orobio  
Michelle Ashley Ovanessians<sup>2,5</sup>  
Aymara I. Pecina  
Allan Vidal Perez<sup>3,5</sup>  
Francisco Gustavo Perez Corichi  
Ana Gabriela Perez Orozco<sup>3</sup>  
Trang Thu Phan

Hassel Alessandra Puente  
Jacob Ty Ramos  
Javier Ramos  
Kieran Inteus Renfrow<sup>3,5</sup>  
Sara Consuelo Romero<sup>2,5</sup>  
Kailey L. Russell<sup>3</sup>  
Yasmeen Saab<sup>3,5</sup>  
Heriberto Saenz  
Umme Salama Shabbir Jamali<sup>3</sup>  
Pornpun Kim Saotonglang<sup>1,4,5</sup>  
Zehra Z. Shenwari<sup>3</sup>  
Shayna R. Smith<sup>2</sup>  
Ba Reu Son<sup>1</sup>  
Bernardo Emanuel Soria  
Maddie Stenberg  
Jamie Quan Ai Tang-See<sup>3</sup>  
Jesus Tapia<sup>3</sup>  
Constance F. Teng<sup>1</sup>  
Nolan C. Tidwell  
Luis Isai Torres  
Alan Tran  
Thu A. Trinh<sup>2</sup>  
Karolis Vaiciulis<sup>3</sup>  
Arturo Valencia<sup>3</sup>  
Albert Valenzuela  
Omar E. Vasquez<sup>3</sup>  
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Stephanie Yanez  
Kassidi Deneah Yosko

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Ebubechukwu Uzochukwu  
Joshua Oguchi  
Kristen Robles Sagun

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

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Amy Elizabeth Bean  
Akanksha S. Bhatia<sup>2</sup>  
Haleigh P. Esene<sup>1</sup>  
Aidan S. Fincher<sup>1</sup>  
Ethan T. Hunter<sup>3</sup>  
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Marina E. Latto<sup>3</sup>  
Estelle X. Lee<sup>3</sup>  
Tehya Leigh  
Josh S. Lu<sup>2</sup>  
Michael Alexander Nguyen  
Michael A. Palau  
Andreina Isabel Pereira Nuñez<sup>2</sup>  
Sofia Talarico Ribeiro  
Diego Yael Romero Garcia  
Pedro Sandoval Garcia  
Emily Claire Sonnier  
Luis Ignacio Valdes<sup>2</sup>  
Ivan James Thomas Warren<sup>3</sup>  
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Nancy Mosqueda<sup>2</sup>  
Regyna Palacios Dorant<sup>2</sup>  
Christian Tyler Pugh  
Alayna Kristine Roberts

1 Summa Cum Laude – 2 Magna Cum Laude – 3 Cum Laude

4 Top-ranked graduate-highest cumulative grade point average in major – 5 Thesis Program participant







### Message from the Dean

*Congratulations, Class of 2023!*

We are excited to gather and celebrate you and your successful journey through the University of Houston and the Honors College.

By persevering through a world pandemic, each of you has made history – 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 1970's. 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.

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

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 expanded opportunities for co-curricular engagement and research.

As you begin your careers or continue your studies through graduate or professional programs, we know you are 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 that will come behind you.

*Go Coogs!*

Stuart Long  
*Interim Dean  
and Associate Dean, Undergraduate Research*



## 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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### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Joseph David Royer

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Caitlyn M. Foret  
Tatiana Haddad  
Alfonso Morgan Reyes  
Alexandra Rafaela Samperio  
Esraa Wasel

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Erin Colleen Satterwhite

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Arturo De La Barcena  
Kevin Fleming  
Shanze Imran  
Veera Venkata Ramprajwal Vempatti  
Iva Jane Wagner

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Daniel Lim  
Maxximus Ganesh Ramsaroop  
Ritu Ranganath Sampige

## University Honors

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

Akanksha S. Bhatia  
Pooja K. Desai  
Jessica I. Merhav

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Turab Abbas  
Aisha Adebisi  
Kiana Akhlaghi  
Allysa Nadine Aquino  
Jared-Daniel Garcia Blanco  
Jordan Cavarrubio  
Abhaya Chopra  
Hannah Collins  
Carissa Denise Daniels  
Kathy Marisol De Leon  
Ishaan Desai  
Ashley Dhaliwal  
Jose Diez  
Taylor Marie Diggs  
Britney Phuong Dzu  
Lee Ecat  
Michaela Camille Edwards

Atika Fatima  
Giselle Galletti  
Amrutha Sreya Gorthi  
Patricia Estefania Hernandez  
Gerald Charles Howard  
Poornima Harikrishnan Iyer  
Joaquin Emmanuel Jamerlan  
Salma Kadrie  
Tara Nur Kamal  
Jacob Myoung-Koo Kang  
Dhruv Kini  
Zayd Latheef  
Lauren Elizabeth Lattin  
Ariana Lee  
November Lee  
Phinesa Anne Malroy  
Caitlin Mantei  
Aniq Maredia  
Miguel Martinez  
Mark Douglas Mcmillan  
Drew Thomas Middleton  
Katherine Miranda Brizuela  
Alexander Mosqueda  
Vincent Thanh Nguyen  
Ayah Obeid  
Jessica Obispo  
Vivek Patel

Angeline Pham  
Anna Minh Pham  
Brianna Marie Pham  
Francheska Quintanilla  
Hala Faisal Rawas  
Manasi Reddy  
Nicholas Thomas Renfro  
Claudia Rodriguez  
Oscar Rovira  
Aysha Saif  
Dewan Muhammed Ariyan-Bin Sayeed  
Zachary Schroeder  
Sabah Shaikh  
Abby Shelenhamer  
Amritha Siby  
Ashley Siloran  
Gauravjit Singh  
Isabella Stack  
Ahmed Syed  
Yahya Muhammad Tayyan  
Victoria Mittenness Teoh  
Bridget Alexis Tindal  
Van Tructuong Tran  
Britney Turcios  
Ana Beatriz Vallejo Herrera  
Angela Lubay Villaruel

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Brenda Natalie Benitez  
Arye Sanjay Bhide  
Saman Butt  
Aaron Chang  
Kaleb M. Clark  
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Nandita Milind Deo  
Maya K. Dompier  
Tiffany Tram Duong  
Rayana Fadhli  
Genesis A. Garay  
Adrian Gonzalez  
Jenna Kathryn Goodrich  
Simone Lynn Green  
Alexandra Hayek  
David Paul Hilton  
Stella Angeliki Iliakis  
Ayesha Javed  
Deaunte Deshuwn Johnson  
Ella Gormah Johnson  
Bryce R. Jones  
Cedra Muna Kadrie  
Xavier Kaleemullah  
Anthony S. Kehl  
Tanvi Shrihari Kelkar  
Rahima Khan  
Zenah Khatib  
Joseph Kim  
Taylor A. Laredo  
Veronica J. Ledezma Monsivais  
Grace Lytle  
Monica Ebende Madiba  
Alexis Petcharin Manuel  
Abigail Rosamond Martin  
Yuriana Martinez  
Alice Martirosian  
Abigail Miranda  
Maya Ruba Moujaes  
Erin M. Myers  
Farah Nazar  
Ethan Cole Palay  
Jennifer Sofia Perez  
Olivia Caroline Pirtle  
Christine Jeanelle Pulido

Jyothika Rajagopalan  
Ivanna Raudales  
Mackenzie Rivers  
Aysha Saif  
Kathryn Sen Gupta  
Amritha Siby  
Farooq Siddiqui  
Sarah Siddiqui  
Eos J. Sison  
Neha Sunkara  
Sophia Rosalynd Philomena Sutter  
Anna Ruth Taylor  
Vivian Tran  
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Mackenzie Hart  
Meagan Rachelle Smallwood  
Claudette Maria Vega Anchondo

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Carlos Gerardo Fuentes  
Maheen Hassan  
Margaret M. Kamholz  
Alexis Petcharin Manuel  
Jordan Ezekiel Pemberton  
Jamie N. Rose

**CULLEN COLLEGE  
OF ENGINEERING**

Anaga Ajoy  
Chandika Teja Akula  
Smithson Arrey-Tabot Arrey  
Tony A. Bandak  
Carlos Benitez  
Cody S. Betzner  
Emma Dunaway Bond  
Penny Lane Bond-Reading  
Sean Michael Bruzdoski  
Nicole Burke  
Josiah Thomas Cherian

Mikayla Eryn Deehring  
Blake Stephen Demler  
Michela V. Durette  
Jonathan D. Eisenbrandt  
Ryeen Farangi  
Mariana Garcia Acosta  
Patrick D. Garza  
Lediya Haider  
Danny A. Hamed  
Nikki M. Hammond  
Zachary Trent Iglesia  
Abigail Brianna Janvier  
Kailee B. Keiser  
Amy Erna Koelbel  
Anthara R. Krishnan  
Jacob Lightfoot  
Jiyuan Luo  
Dalen Trigg Masur  
Bryan Lewis McElvy  
Mohammed Kazim Mirza  
Annabelle N. O'Day  
Ali A. Oufi  
Akhil Piyush Patel  
Kevin Philip  
Donovan Pik  
Syed S. Rahman  
Collin James Rhodes  
Elizabeth R Richardson  
Jacob N. Rimlinger  
Caleb W. Rogers  
Tala Shannak  
Aliasghar Irfan Shariff  
Anique Ur Rehman Siddiqui  
Patricio Silva  
Kathryn Simmons  
Hailey P. Stafford  
Conlan Taylor  
Kevin Hoang Tran  
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Alexa Faith Truong  
Megan K. Truong  
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Matthew M. Van Houten  
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HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP**

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Maya Ruba Moujaes

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MATHEMATICS**

Aleeah Afzal  
Mariam Al Shaikhly  
Geremi Louise Bermudez Alvarez  
Hufsa Arain  
Laraib Arain  
Eithan Austria  
Janelle Lynette Bauske  
Santiago Bukowitz  
Melanie Bustos  
Natalie Bustos  
Frederick Clague  
Erika Cruz  
Eduardo Dagnino  
Jada Rena Dye  
Jack Elgie  
Emma Nicole Garcia  
Juan Paulo Gonzales  
Joaquin C. Gonzalez  
Laeticia Guenoun  
Daniella Guerrero  
Linda Akram Habazi

Lainey Hannemann  
Kristen Harris  
Benjamin Haverty  
Andrea Hernandez Gonzalez  
Gerald Charles Howard  
Tasneem Islam  
Gayathry James  
Srijith Kambala  
Ilam Kareediya  
Fatimah Khan  
Zuha Khan  
Zeyad Koussayer  
Oluwaseun Lagbenro  
Kenneth Khanh Lam  
Kathryn Jane Landers  
Harrison Le  
Veronica J. Ledezma Monsivais  
Krystal Gail Lester  
Jennifer Sophia Lin  
Guadalupe Lombera  
Sara Loubani  
Maria Lozano  
Anuraag Raghav Madabushi  
Clara Martin  
Mark Mathews  
Lynnsie Nicole McBride  
Noor Dhamin Najris Al Dhamin  
Melika Nassizadeh  
Nha Nguyen  
Ryan Nguyen  
Victor Van Nguyen

Radha Nune  
Ahsan Omer  
Eric Ou  
Kala Thanh Pham  
Heeba Rahman  
Steven Ramirez  
Sallianne Roher  
Leah Rose Rowan  
Zukhruf Saeed  
Jyothsana Sajan  
Liana Salehian  
Angel Santhosh  
Leslie Gabriela Sapon  
Hammaad Mohammad Sayyed  
Sarah Siddiqui  
Mallika Singh  
Caroline Ann Sizemore  
Noor Souman  
Adelaide Stevens  
Neha Sunkara  
Hafsa Athar Syed  
Nga Phi Thai  
Carissa Brooke Timpf  
Olivia Uyen Tran  
Phuong Vu Tran  
Phuongthy Tran  
Ekta Upadhyay  
Nesreen Sara Zahra  
Peijun Zhao  
Kayla Denise Zinsmeyer

**Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major**

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**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
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Lauren Taylor Lyles

**COLLEGE OF NATURAL  
SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS**

Damon Renel Spencer

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## Collegiate Honors

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Ana Gabriela Perez Orozco

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Michael Liam Ryan

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Somtochi S. Anyalebechi  
Marlen E. Avila Moreno  
Alaina Nichole Bartholomew  
Rachel Genevieve Byrd  
Jacquelyn Clendening  
Surwondolyn Wilkerson Dixon  
Caeley Maya Dodson  
Lena Eghneim  
Walter Figueroa  
Shreya Gade  
Jean-Paul R. Gazzaneo Duarte  
Ishleen Kaur Gulati  
Sarabeth Hanz  
Hariza Hussain  
Davin Kade Kalena  
Samantha Marie Lara

Keegan Bryce Lessard  
Leslly Magana  
Dominique Pearl McClain  
Connor Spencer Norris  
Marissa D. Ortiz  
Catherine Lee Perez  
Enrique Salinas  
Jasmine Ann Smith  
Sydney Stogel  
Emily June Strathouse  
Kenneth Valencia

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Jamie Lee Koenig  
Sorin Jeremiah Pena

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Madeleine Hsieh  
Kyungmi Kim

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Noah T. Ashworth  
Fayez H. Elkaissi  
Brian Muhammad Irianto  
Daniel M. Johns  
Arundhati Krishna  
Luke I. Lehman  
Alexander Matthew Muffler  
Erah Noor

Jerome Tanamor Raceles  
Kyle Ramsey  
Lillian Mae Roelofs  
Nivriti Sabhnani  
Chloe Shivers

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Lina Emad Abdelgabar  
Hajar Ahmed  
Joseph Christopher Babu  
Christopher Scott Cerino  
Justin Wei Ong Chan  
Ruby Dang  
Peter Hoang Dinh  
Rafael Augustus Estrada  
Mohammad Asad Farooqui  
Daniel Fernandez  
Axit Itsai Garcia  
Carter Elliott Herweck  
Derek Michael Huber  
Hafsa Latif  
Rael Merry Memnon  
Claudia Padilla  
Annalika S. Parambil  
Muhammad Asad Rehan  
Thanh Tran  
Matthew David Woodring  
Nabiha Zaman

## Membership in The Honors College

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Kristen Robles Sagun

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Claire N. Coffey  
Chase Allan Fulmer  
Sarah M. Imran

Chase D. Martin  
Allyson Mussell  
Jose P. Samperio  
Haley Suchyta  
Sonia A. Villarreal

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Wafa Mazhari

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Jared Schuette  
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MATHEMATICS**

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Brennan Mercker

Omar Meziou  
Luke Nguyen  
Thanh Nguyen  
An Minh Pham  
Anil Shanker  
Luat Ethan Tran

**ANDY AND BARBARA  
GESSNER COLLEGE  
OF NURSING**

Emery White

**Honors in Major**

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

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Bruno Belo Teles Xavier  
Gina Marie Biscardi  
Rodrigo Alberto Gallardo  
Luis Martinez Gallardo  
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Regyna Palacios Dorant  
Allan Vidal Perez  
Kieran Inteus Renfrow  
Sara Consuelo Romero  
Yasmeen Saab  
Pornpun Kim Saotonglang  
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Carlos Campos  
Aaron Edson  
Nicolas Musemeche  
Rosalind Williamson

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

Christina N. Quinn

**COLLEGE OF NATURAL  
SCIENCES AND  
MATHEMATICS**

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Tae Young Lim  
Joshua Micaiah Wade





**Message from the UH Alumni Foundation Board President**

Congratulations 2023 Graduates!

Let me be the first to welcome you to the UH Alumni Association. You are joining a global network of over 305,000 Cougars. With your participation, we can only grow stronger. As you embark on this next chapter, know that your Alumni Association is here to help you stay connected with your beloved alma mater. From volunteering, using your UH Go app to login as an alumnus, joining a group, coming to events, to becoming a Life Member, the opportunities to engage are endless.

To start your journey as an alumnus, please scan the QR code below 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!

Wayne Lockett ('74)  
*UH Alumni Association Foundation Board President*

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