





University of Houston
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Commencement Ceremonies
Thursday, May 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Fertitta Center

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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 horizontal line 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

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University of Houston History



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

The University includes 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

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

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

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

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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



THE SEAL

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



UNIVERSITY MACE

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

THE ALMA MATER

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

Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942

Academic Honors

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

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

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





Message from the Dean

Class of 2023: Congratulations on your graduation from the University of Houston!

Commencement is a time for reflection, celebration, and looking to the future. During your time as a student at UH, you demonstrated that you are resilient, both individually and as a group. Your determination, along with the support of family, friends, classmates, faculty, and staff, provided you the drive needed to complete your degree.

You have persevered, and you have succeeded. Today we celebrate that success!

I believe that challenges along your path, and there were many challenges these past few years, were opportunities for you to grow, gain wisdom, and learn to adapt. The faculty and staff of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences aimed to challenge your thinking, strengthen your knowledge, and deepen your appreciation of the world in all its complexity and diversity. We now applaud your accomplishment.

Your experiences at UH will serve you well as you transition to the next phase of your life. Your graduation is the first step, a very large step, on your path to great achievements.

As a new graduate, you have the opportunity to contribute constructively to society, utilizing the knowledge and skills you have acquired here. You have the privilege of shaping a brighter future for all of us. I look forward to the future that you will create.

The College is delighted to welcome you into the ranks of our alumni. I hope you will keep in touch with your classmates and maintain strong ties with the University of Houston. We need the energy and support of our alumni as the University of Houston becomes a top 50 public research university, and beyond. I know we can rely on you.

Please accept my best wishes for your continued success. Be well, stay safe and Go Coogs!

Dr. Daniel P. O'Connor
Dean

University of Houston
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PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moores School of Music
RECOGNITION OF PLATFORM PARTY	Todd Romero <i>Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs</i>
WELCOME REMARKS	Daniel P. O'Connor <i>Dean</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable Edward Carrizales <i>Board Member</i>
GREETINGS	Renu Khator <i>President</i>
RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS	Sally Connolly <i>Associate Dean, Student and Faculty Success</i>
PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES	Susan Scarrow <i>Associate Dean, Graduate Studies</i>
PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Scarrow
PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Romero
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	President Khator
CONCLUDING REMARKS	Dean O'Connor
ALMA MATER	Moores School of Music
RECESSIONAL	Moores School of Music

Spring 2023 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Department of Economics

Nabila Rahman Biju

Non-Durable Consumption in Recourse and Non-Recourse States

ADVISOR: Bent Sorensen, Ph.D.

Oscar De Jesus Galvez-Soriano

Effects of English Instruction and English Skills on Labor Market Outcomes in Mexico

ADVISOR: Aimee Chin, Ph.D.

Hussain Hadah

Essays on Applied Microeconomics

CO-CHAIRS: Chinhui Juhn, Ph.D. and Vikram Maheshri, Ph.D.

Annie Yu-Hsin Hsu

Essays on Changing Economic Environments and Government Behaviors in the United States

ADVISOR: Steven Craig, Ph.D.

Hoanh Le

Essays on Local Markets and Infrastructure Investment

ADVISOR: Steven Craig, Ph.D.

Jia Liu

Household Savings, Investment in Children and Pension Policies in China

ADVISOR: Kei-Mu Yi, Ph.D.

Md Abdullah Al Mashrur

Essays on Anti-Open Grazing Laws in Nigeria and School Capital Spending in the United States

ADVISOR: Aimee Chin, Ph.D.

Liu Anibal Mendoza Perez

"Essay on Dollarization in Emerging Economies."

ADVISOR: German Cubas, Ph.D.

Jose Manuel Mota Aquino

Essays on the Economic Causes and Consequences of International Migration

CO-CHAIRS: Kei-Mu Yi, Ph.D. and German Cubas, Ph.D.

Department of English

Creative Writing and Literature

Rohan Chhetri

Underlok: A Descent (A Poetics of the Contact Zone)

ADVISOR: Roberto Tejada, Ph.D.

Emelie M. Griffin

California Pompeii

ADVISOR: Martha Serpas, Ph.D.

Madeleine Maillet

The Pervert Society

ADVISOR: Antonya Nelson, MFA

Colby Ornell

Fields

ADVISOR: Peter Turchi, MFA

Nicholas Rattner

Come on home through fire

ADVISOR: Kevin Prufer, MFA

Brittney D. Ray-Crowell

Cord Swell

ADVISOR: Francine J. Harris, MFA

giovanni singleton

The Pink Oracle

ADVISOR: Roberto Tejada, Ph.D.

Ernie Wang

This Quiet Town

ADVISOR: Peter Turchi, MFA

English

Salwa Albargi

The Postcolonial Bildungsroman: Ideology and Utopia

ADVISOR: Hosam Aboul-Ela, PhD

Cecilia Bonnor

The House That Jim Crow Built: A Microhistory of Student Writing at the University of Houston, from the Nineteen-Fifties to the Nineteen-Sixties

CO-CHAIRS: Paul Butler, Ph.D. and James T. Zebroski, Ph.D.

MASTER'S DEGREES

Jack J. Valenti School of Communication

Emmanuella Morounfolu Aina

Christian Hernandez

Keja Johnson

Aymen Salman Khalaf Khalaf

Andrei Patrick Merkoulou

Lilet Elim Michael

Alexandra Sofia Phan

James A. Robertson

America Sierra

Lisa Michelle Tinley

Cynthia Isabel Zelaya Ordonez

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Emily Abramczyk

Neha R. Alex

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Jordan Lee Leskovjan
Timo Swaner

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Geraldine Enriquez Guarin
Felipe Rocha Campos

Department of English

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Ana P. Sanchez

**MASTER OF FINE ARTS
IN CREATIVE WRITING**

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Tayyba Kanwal
Hannah Elizabeth Kelly
Olufeyikewa I. Popoola
Lisa Wartenberg Velez

**Department of Health
and Human Performance**

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TRAINING**

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Deserey Marie Cabrales
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Tanda Lamb
Rachel Marie Lavery
Shawn Le
Amy Emil Mikahiel
Abiodun Ogbebor
Ayana Mia Reyes
Kennedy Seriale
Alex C. Tso

Alejandro Zeni

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN HUMAN NUTRITION**

Sarah Michelle O' Sullivan
Mariana Velly Miguel

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN SPORT AND FITNESS
ADMINISTRATION**

Ricardo Guerra
Ashlyn P. Hesselstine
Kenny Huynh
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Kaitlin Ann Sterner

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**Jack J. Valenti School
of Communication**

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Economics of Social Networks in Labor
Markets and Education
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Department of English

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The Future Rocks: Viewing Geologic
Time Through the Lens of Victorian
Fantastic Literature
ADVISOR: Lynn Voskuil, Ph.D.

Department of Health and Human Performance

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN KINESIOLOGY

Aliye Beyza Cepni
A Randomized Controlled Trial of the
Impact of School-Based Sport Research
Program on Children's Physical Activity,
Executive Function, and Academic
Achievement
ADVISOR: Tracey A. Ledoux, Ph.D.

Shernice Avionne Thomas
Quantifying the Physiological and
Biomechanical Determinants of Exercise
Tolerance During Body-Weight-
Supported Running Using a Critical
Power Framework
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The Mercedes: Gender and Oil in Venezuela

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Traumas de la posdictadura: autoficción por los hijos de los desaparecidos

ADVISOR: María Elena Soliño, Ph.D.

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Guía de Campo al Bosque Nacional Sam Houston

ADVISOR: Guillermo De Los Reyes, Ph.D.

Raquel Martinez

La Profundidad del Conocimiento Léxico de Estudiantes de Español como Lengua de Herencia

ADVISOR: Marta Fairclough, Ph.D.

Sendy Monarrez Rhone

Foreign Accent Perception in Heritage Speakers of Spanish

ADVISOR: Elizabeth Goodin-Mayeda, Ph.D.

Haley F. Patterson

El lenguaje inclusivo: Tendencias sociolingüísticas y ramificaciones cognitivas

ADVISOR: Dr. Manuel Gutierrez

José Peña Loyola

Resta imaginar el silencio de los elementos: Aproximaciones a una escritura de las montañas

ADVISOR: Cristina Rivera Garza, Ph.D.

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Las implicaturas dentro de anuncios publicitarios dirigidos a hispanos en los EE. UU.

ADVISOR: Manuel Gutierrez, Ph.D.

Department of History

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The Anticolonial International: Black Internationalism and the Palestinian Revolution, 1965-73

ADVISOR: Abed Takriti, Ph.D.

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Unwilling Doughboys: The U.S. Army's Foreign-born Conscripts in World War I

ADVISOR: James Schafer, Ph.D.

Darah Vann Orr

A Roman Rape Culture: Sexual Violence in Augustan Era Rome

ADVISOR: Kristina Neumann, Ph.D.

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Inhabiting Pará: Landscapes of Resistance, 1750-1850

ADVISOR: Philip A. Howard, Ph.D.

Department of Political Science

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Exploring Backlash After Quota: Elites Use Moral Panic as Soft Repression against Women Politicians

ADVISOR: Ryan Kennedy, Ph.D.

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Constitutional Socio-Economic Rights and Inequalities in Africa

ADVISOR: Lydia Tiede, Ph.D.

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The Green Generation? Millennials and the Future of Environmental Policy. Evidence From the U.S. House of Representatives

ADVISOR: Brandon Rottinghaus, Ph.D.

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Internationalization of Internal Disputes: A Domestic Strategy

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Political Socialization by Celebrity: Exploring the Influence of Celebrity Activism on Youth Political Attitudes and Behavior

ADVISOR: Elizabeth Simas, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology

Clinical Psychology

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The Feasibility and Acceptability of the Mediation Intervention for Sensitizing Caregivers for Mothers with Borderline Personality Disorder

ADVISOR: Carla Sharp, Ph.D.

Donald Andrew Godfrey

A Multilevel Examination of Cardiac Vagal Control and Aggressive Behavior during Interpersonal Conflict Among Partner Violent Couples: The Role of Empathy and Emotion Regulation

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Kara F. Manning

Fatigue and Smoking Relapse

ADVISOR: Michael J. Zvolensky, Ph.D.

Anastasia Matchanova

Think Before You Share: The Role of Age and Attention/Working Memory in Proliferation of COVID-19 Misinformation on Social Media

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Angela Lynn Richardson

The Longitudinal Impact of Gratitude and Hope on PTSD and Well-Being in U.S. Armed Forced Veterans

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Development of a Personalized Feedback Intervention Targeting Pain-Related Anxiety for Hazardous Drinkers with Chronic Pain

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Eric Dwayne Sumlin

The Picture of Personality Pathology, Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors, and Non-suicidal Self-injury: A Latent Class Approach

ADVISOR: Carla Sharp, Ph.D.

Developmental, Cognitive, Behavioral Neuroscience

Keely McGrew

Evaluating The Effect of a Macaque-Specific Probiotic on Prevention of Diarrhea, Chronic Stress Response and Social Interactions in a Colony of Macaca fascicularis

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Exploring the Limits of the Emotional Attentional Blink

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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
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Lockett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

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