





University of Houston
Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership

Commencement Ceremony
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Cullen Performance Hall

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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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Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Optometry

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Dan E. Wells

Distinguished Professor of Science

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

University of Houston

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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





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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership, I offer congratulations to all the 2023 graduates present today. You have accomplished so much in your time at the Conrad N. Hilton College, and now you will build upon those experiences as you launch your careers. Several factors have contributed to your success: the support of your families and friends; encouragement from faculty and staff; and—of greatest importance—your own determination to learn, grow, and accomplish your goals.

You are now part of a global network of close to 10,000 Hilton College graduates, and the friendships you made as students will serve as the foundation for great professional relationships in the coming years. Wherever your journey takes you, I encourage you to stay connected to your College.

The Class of 2023 is among the best the College has ever produced, and I know you will continue to serve as outstanding ambassadors for our program in your professional endeavors. You also got to experience what no other class has witnessed—the renovation to our Hilton Hotel along with the construction of a new tower, the formation of our new Cougar Grounds, and the creation of our Eric’s Club Center for Student Success, which combines our suite of student services. These are indeed exciting times.

On behalf of the entire Hilton College family, I offer my sincere congratulations to all of you. Best wishes—and *Go Coogs!*

Dennis Reynolds
Dean
Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair

University of Houston

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



Commencement Speaker

CHRISTINE DUFFY

President, Carnival Cruise Line

CHRISTINE DUFFY is president of Carnival Cruise Line, the world's most popular cruise line and the flagship brand of Miami-based global cruise industry leader Carnival Corp., the world's largest leisure travel company.

As president, she leads a company with a fleet of 25 ships, sailing nearly six million guests annually and employing more than 40,000 people who hail from 120 nations around the globe. Christine has served the company in this role since 2015 after a successful tenure as president and CEO of the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), which represents the \$120 billion global cruise industry.

Under Christine's leadership, Carnival has introduced the first liquefied natural gas (LNG) cruise ship to North America, celebrated its 50th birthday (in 2022), was the first major U.S. cruise line to have its entire fleet back to guest operations after the industry pause related to the pandemic, and most recently achieved the milestone of being the first cruise line to serve over 100 million guests. At the end of 2023 Carnival will be bringing another of its new LNG ships – Carnival Jubilee – to be homeported in Galveston, where Carnival is the #1 operator.

Prior to Cruise Lines International Association, Christine spent 10 years at Maritz Travel Company, the world's largest corporate meeting, events and incentive travel company where she served six years as president and CEO.

Spring 2023 – Candidates for Graduation

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN HOSPITALITY
ADMINISTRATION**

Sung In Kim
Maryam Charmchian Langroudi
Anni Ding
Huy Gip
Hyekyung Park
Yun Yang

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN HOSPITALITY
MANAGEMENT**

Brody J. Bolado
James Kevin Bonner
Catherine Grace Campbell
Ricardo Capuano Tripp
Wenxuan Du
Vanessa Garcia
Yixin Gong
Simon Jumong Hahn
Melica Jahedmotlagh
Courtnee A. Lambright
Zhihong Lin
Onyx Linton
Abbie K. Markowitz
Alexandria D. Martinez
Orlando Martinez
Hoang Tu Ngoc Ngo
Tom Nguyen
Oluwatoyin Ene Oyewumi
Susana Rodriguez Castillo
Brenda Rodriguez Torres
Fernando Alberto Sarmiento Lasses
Inna Sergeeva
Runke Song
Lovina Uwerikowe
Yuxin Yang
Jasmine Andrea Yap
Herbert LaRon Eldridge Mouton

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
GLOBAL HOSPITALITY
BUSINESS**

Sarah Victoria Avila

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY
BUSINESS**

Luca Albisetti
Christian Nana Yaw Asante
Manuel Alberto Broseta Castelos
Perle Angélique Marie-Gérard Chaulet
Nina Dräger
Dung Hanh Do
Andrea Galli
Juliette Anna Maria Girardin
Hongfei Guan
Mahima Manish Hingoraney
Yulia Kolotilina
Zachary Stephane Mamie
Obiora Awele Ndili
Aikaterini Rafaela Papadima
Hoor Asrar Rauf
Balachandra Talluri
Andrea Karoline Hjorth Tandberg
Louis Jacques Michel Vannoye

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Rogelio Armenta, Jr.
Maria Celeste Bazaldua
Mikela S. Berger¹
Kshitij Bhattacharya³
Anahita K. Bilimoria
Anthony I. Blanco
Ayiona K. Calhoun³
Cole Tyler Carter³
Christopher A. Cavazos
Yanjun Chen¹

Victoria Chung³
Lauryn Olivia Curtis²
Ella Anh Dang²
Jessica Marie Davila-Alvarez²
Nikolas Tate Davis³
Max Louis Albert Fishkind³
Madison R. Fleming
Jacob C. Forbes³
Delmy M. Fuentes
Elijah M. Gallegos
Tianyun Gao
Mirna Garcia
Arianna Isabel Garcia
Shamshir Kaur Gill
Alexandra Gonzalez
Allison Nicole Green¹
Christian John Gudas
Lantz Chan Han
Bailey Hinson Hayes²
Keia B. Hilton
Eric Keith Howard, Jr.³
Shaowei Huang
Xin Huang³
Eduardo Huerta
Danee Hui
Rayce Donovan Humphries
Andrew R. Hutson
Catelyn C. Huynh¹
Ana Rosa Iskandar
Ingrid Islas¹
Shelby N. Johnson
Marcus A. Kallstrom
Alish Z. Karedia³
Mariya Yevgenivna Kharitonova²
Elise Faye Kloster²
Zaira E Koontz
Natalie Madeline Kubosh¹
An Thuy Hong Le
Elaine Thuy Duyen Le¹
Trang Thanh Le
Hoon Lee
Zixin Lin³

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

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Sam Loveday
Tanner W. Lucas ¹
Thuy Vy T. Luong ²
Harrison David Medack ³
Ximena Medina Villarreal ²
Britney Moreno ³
Matthew Allen Morin
Maya R. Moujaes ¹
Alyssa Michelle Moyle ²
Sarah Muñoz
Chloe Marie Myers ³
Trung Huu Quoc Nguyen ¹

Mary Thuy Nguyen ²
Yvonne Iember Okpere ²
Camila I. Paiz ²
Abbigail Payne
Marie Elizabeth Pellinen
Stephen H. Pham ²
Sabiha Tabassum Prema
Burt Lee Raborn ²
Reymundo M. Reyes ¹
Kelsey Mariam Samuel
Angelica Joanna Sanchez ¹
Alicia Guadalupe Sanchez Silva
Emmalyn Kate Sinclair ²

Gabriel Francisco Soto ²
Nita Sphabmixay
Chuyi Tan ³
Calie Rayann Thornton
Natalie Viveka Turcios ²
Isabella Vy Vallejo
Ziyuan Wang
Marco Gasperi Wiles
Alex Douglas Yang
Mindy Zheng ¹
Reena Y. Zou ³

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





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

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

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

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
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