



**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON**  
*Spring 2025 Commencement*

**COLLEGE OF  
NATURAL SCIENCES  
AND MATHEMATICS**

*Friday, May 9, 2025*  
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**University of Houston**  
**College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

**Commencement Ceremony**  
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### Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations on achieving this remarkable achievement. Today's graduation marks the start of a bright new beginning. Your longtime dream becomes a reality, and I join your family and friends in celebrating this milestone with you.

As you reflect on this moment, take pride in knowing it was your hard work, intellect, perseverance and belief in yourself that got you here. Equally important was the unwavering support of those around you. These values and connections have shaped who you are today and will propel you forward in your professional journey.

As you move ahead, remember the power of paying it forward. Be a mentor to someone else who dreams of achieving what you have. Moreover, remember to express gratitude to your professors, advisors, family and friends who supported you along the way.

The Tier One education you've received at UH has provided you with the tools to thrive. This is the home of nationally top-ranked academic programs, world-renowned faculty, an NCAA Final Four basketball team, cutting-edge research and industry leaders. I have no doubt that you will join the ranks of the many successful alumni who have come before you.

Congratulations, Coogs! The world is yours.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Renu Khator'.

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

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

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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

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

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

**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*

**Doctoral Degree**      *Hood: Apricot  
Tassel: Red*

**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**

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Peacock Blue*

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

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS**

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: White*

## 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**

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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.

<b>3.90 TO 4.0</b>	Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)
<b>3.70 TO 3.89</b>	Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)
<b>3.50 TO 3.69</b>	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 2025

Rifa Ali <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Tiffany Thao Nguyen <i>Bachelor of Science in Health</i> COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Imran Ammar Araim <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Amna Siddiqui <i>Bachelor of Arts in English</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Marcos Delgadillo Lope <i>Bachelor of Arts in Political Science</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Manvi Singh <i>Bachelor of Arts in Psychology</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Maria Alejandra Duarte Salcedo <i>Bachelor of Science in Economics</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Camila Sosa Chassaigne <i>Bachelor of Arts in Psychology</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Athina Wilhelmina Economon <i>Bachelor of Science in Economics</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Vanessa Camthy Truong <i>Bachelor of Science in Digital Media</i> CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Luiz Black Fernandez <i>Bachelor of Science in Biology</i> COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS	Ashley J. Vasquez <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance</i> <i>Bachelor of Business Administration</i> <i>in Supply Chain Management</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Guadalupe A. Gaspar <i>Bachelor of Science in Retailing and Consumer Science</i> CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING	Hannah Wani <i>Bachelor of Science in Biology</i> COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
Sally Huang <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Charis J. Wu <i>Bachelor of Arts in History</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts in Sociology</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Sara Moreno <i>Bachelor of Arts in Spanish</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Muhammad Zain <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship</i> <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Management</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS <i>Bachelor of Science in Psychology</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Ngoc-Trang Adrienne Hoai Nguyen <i>Bachelor of Science in Biology</i> COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS	



## Honorary Degree

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### **NATHAN FOWLER, M.D.**

Dr. Nathan Fowler, a distinguished alumnus, is considered one of the world's foremost experts in drug development for blood cancers. As chief medical officer for BostonGene, Fowler provides strategic direction to the biomedical software company, empowering it to advance precision medicine therapies for cancer patients. The award-winning company uses AI-powered solutions to provide clinicians with actionable insights, support personalized therapy decisions, expedite drug development and improve patient outcomes.

Prior to joining BostonGene, Fowler was a professor of medicine and director of the clinical investigational and translational research program in the Lymphoma and Myeloma department at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. At MD Anderson, Fowler focused on developing groundbreaking new therapies for cancer patients, which led to FDA approval of several novel therapeutic agents in lymphoma. In addition, he led the development of one of the first combination immunotherapy regimens for untreated lymphomas and is the primary investigator for the ongoing international phase III study with the combination.

A profound researcher, Fowler has published over 175 articles in peer-reviewed journals, numerous textbooks on innovative approaches to cancer therapy and is a sought-after speaker for high-profile conferences. He graduated cum laude from the University of Houston with a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in Spanish in 1996, earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 2001, where he also completed his residency, and received fellowship training in hematology/oncology at both Georgetown University Hospital and MD Anderson.

Most impressive is Fowler's rich history of service and community engagement. As a student at UH, he volunteered to teach officers Spanish at the Houston Police Department. His fluency in Spanish — supported by his undergraduate minor — has become a vital asset in his medical practice, allowing him to communicate directly with Spanish-speaking patients, enabling more personal, effective care. Prior to his work in medicine, he served in the U.S. Army as a nuclear, biological and chemical defense specialist. Moreover, Fowler is the founder and president of the Halo House Foundation, a Houston-based nonprofit organization providing affordable housing to blood cancer patients receiving medical treatment. His nonprofit — which charges patients only \$20 per night for fully furnished apartments — has provided over 9,000 days of housing to hundreds of families.

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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.



Photo by Louise Kugelberg

## Honorary Degree

### JULIAN SCHNABEL

A prolific and groundbreaking artist, Julian Schnabel is a world-renowned painter whose multidisciplinary work spans sculpture, architecture, furniture and film. Widely regarded as one of the most influential American artists of the last 40 years, Schnabel rose to prominence as a leading figure in the neo-Expressionist movement in the 1980s. He later became a celebrated filmmaker and continues to excel in both fields today.

An accomplished alumnus of the University of Houston, Schnabel earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1973. He later became the first UH graduate to be honored with a solo exhibition at the University's Blaffer Art Museum.

His first major exhibition was a group of paintings at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Houston, in 1976. By the late 1970s, he was exhibiting at some of New York's most prestigious galleries, including Mary Boone and the legendary Leo Castelli Gallery. The strength of Schnabel's work lay in his use of preexisting materials not traditionally used in art making, varied painting surfaces and inventive modes of construction — breaking artistic norms of the time. His unorthodox approach helped revive painting in the United States and beyond during a period largely characterized by conceptual art and minimalism.

In the 1990s, Schnabel expanded into filmmaking, directing and writing "Basquiat" — a critically acclaimed film about the famed artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and New York's 1980s art scene. To date, he has directed six major films, including the acclaimed "Before Night Falls", which earned Javier Bardem an Academy Award nomination for his breakout role. His 2007 film "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" was nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Director, and earned Schnabel the Best Director Award at the Cannes Film Festival.

Schnabel's paintings are housed in some of the most prestigious museums in the world, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art; the Museum of Modern Art, New York; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; the Reina Sofia in Madrid; the Tate Modern in London; and the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris. A true visionary, Schnabel transformed the language of painting and paved the way for new generations of artists.

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## President's Medallion

### CONRAD N. HILTON FOUNDATION

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, established in 1944 by hotel magnate and philanthropist Conrad N. Hilton, has long championed initiatives that alleviate human suffering and foster global goodwill. Hilton's profound belief in the transformative power of hospitality led to a significant milestone in 1969 when he donated \$1.5 million to the University of Houston to establish the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management — the first hospitality school in Texas. This foundational gift laid the groundwork for

what has evolved into the Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership, a premier institution in hospitality education.

Over the decades, the Hilton Foundation's unwavering support has been instrumental in the college's growth and success. The foundation has contributed substantially to the college by funding critical infrastructure, innovative programs, scholarships and strategic initiatives. Notably, in 2021, amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation bestowed a \$10 million unrestricted endowment to aid the college in navigating the crisis and continuing its mission of cultivating future hospitality leaders.

The endowment has provided critical operational and student support, including student scholarships, research funding, professional development training, library materials, equipment acquisition, staff and clerical support, and other key areas that enrich and enhance the college.

The foundation's commitment extends beyond financial contributions. It also provides strategic guidance to grow the world's only hospitality program where students work and take classes in an internationally branded, full-service Hilton hotel, which is also operated by the college. In addition, the Hilton company has hired thousands of Hilton College graduates who work in Hilton hotels around the world. Their enduring support has helped students — many of whom are the first in their family to attend college — become leaders in the hospitality industry.

Today, the Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership is revered globally as one of the best in hospitality education and research thanks to the enduring support of the Hilton Foundation. Since its founding, the foundation has awarded more than \$3.6 billion in grants, bringing hope, healing and transformative change to thousands worldwide. A profoundly benevolent organization, each year the Hilton Foundation awards a multimillion-dollar prize to a nonprofit leading effort to alleviate human suffering — the world's largest annual humanitarian award.

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## Hewlett Packard Enterprise

### President's Medallion

#### HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE

Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) is a Fortune 100, global edge-to-cloud company advancing the way people live and work.

Headquartered in the Greater Houston region, HPE helps organizations connect, protect, analyze and act on data and applications, to turn insights into meaningful outcomes to thrive in today's complex world.

Named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by Ethisphere, HPE is dedicated to offering IT solutions that help their customers and partners achieve their social impact commitments. In 2018, HPE made a transformative \$10 million gift to the University of Houston's Data Science Institute as part of a game-changing collaboration to increase innovation. The gift also funded a scholarship endowment and high-performing computing equipment to enhance data science research activities across all UH colleges. In addition, funding supports education programs for K-12 students, as well as UH students, faculty and staff.

In honor of their gift and extensive contributions, the institute was renamed the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Data Science Institute, which has become a central hub for data science education and interdisciplinary research at UH. The institute has expanded educational opportunities by offering micro-credentials and certificate programs in data analytics, artificial intelligence, high-performance computing and related fields, that are critical in today's industries. Students benefit from hands-on experiences, industry workshops and mentorship from HPE professionals who serve as lecturers and collaborators on real-world projects. This integration of academic and industry expertise ensures that graduates are well-prepared to meet the demands of a data-driven workforce.

Furthermore, the institute actively engages with the broader community by developing programs for middle and high school students, aiming to strengthen the STEM pipeline through project-based learning initiatives. These efforts help build a diverse and skilled workforce equipped to tackle future technological challenges.

Moreover, the partnership has enhanced UH's capacity to deploy data science tools to address major societal challenges in the health care, energy and smart materials sectors, among others. The enhanced computational power has enabled researchers to conduct advanced analyses and simulations that have transformed disaster response, advanced breast cancer detection and improved the diagnosis of lupus-related kidney disease.

By fostering education, research and community engagement, the partnership has positioned UH as a leader in data science and innovation, benefiting the University, Greater Houston, Texas and beyond.

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College of Natural Sciences  
and Mathematics  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

### Message from the Dean

Dear College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Graduates,  
Congratulations! Today, we celebrate a significant milestone in your educational career.

A few years ago, you came to the University of Houston with a personal goal. Now, you have attained it. Your degree is more than a testament to your hard work; it is the foundation upon which you will build as you continue to learn throughout your lifetime.

As graduates of NSM, you have proven that you are driven by inquiry, exploration, and innovation. You will be the force behind discoveries that will revolutionize our lives and impact our state, nation, and the entire world.

As you leave UH and NSM, you hold the knowledge your professors shared with you, the wisdom you gained as you matured, and the benefit of personal experiences, professional connections, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

The faculty and staff of NSM are proud of your achievements. You have my best wishes for much success and happiness. Go Coogs!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D E Wells".

Dan E. Wells

*Dean and Distinguished Professor of Science*

**University of Houston**

**College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

**Commencement Ceremony**

Friday, May 9, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Fertitta Center

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Moore School of Music
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Tsz Kan Ho	Timothy Lu <sup>2</sup>	Enoch Odunayo Olajimi
Mai H. Hoang <sup>2</sup>	Karl D. Ly <sup>3</sup>	Frank Anthony Olivares <sup>1</sup>
Jonathan Hsueh	Elliot C. Madsen	Rasheed Omar
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Yu-Mei Hung <sup>3</sup>	Sahil Manisa	David Florentin Palacios
Alifyah Hussain <sup>3</sup>	Abinanda Manoj	Ayush Rashmikant Patel <sup>1</sup>
Anas Hussein	Sahir Sultanali Mareedia <sup>3</sup>	Yash Sandip Patel <sup>2</sup>
Widyan Mohammed Hussien	Xavier A. Mares	Savar Prabhulinga Patil
Khang Huynh <sup>3</sup>	Randy Efrain Martinez	Jasmin Nicole Peña
Hamza K. Idris	Valerio Martinez <sup>3</sup>	Andrew Q. Pham
Muhammed O. Iftikhar	Helen E. McKay	Anh Pham
Hamza K. Imam	Aaron Reyes Medina	Phu Thinh Pham <sup>2</sup>
Mariam Fatima Imran	Amar Mehjazi <sup>3</sup>	Uyen Vi Phan <sup>3</sup>
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Hashirul Quadir  
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Colton Joe Richie  
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Joshua Emmanuel Sagun  
Mustafa Emre Sahin <sup>2</sup>  
Ece Sanal  
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Carlos Sandoval  
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Fallou Galass Sarr  
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Akshnoor Singh  
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Nathan R. Turen  
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Rishi Vadaga  
Lendy Varela  
George Saji Varghese  
Maria Varghese  
Alejandro Vega  
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Pierreje Manlapaz Villavicencio <sup>3</sup>  
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Nader Arasteh  
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Filmon Tedros Issak  
Mikhail V. Ivanov <sup>3</sup>  
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### Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation from the Honors College at the University of Houston! Your talents and motivation have culminated in the impressive achievements we recognize today. You have been on an extraordinary journey! Think back to your first Honors course and how far you have come. Honors courses have challenged you to think deeply about the nature of being human, as individuals and in societies. You've been encouraged to take what you learn beyond the classroom into research and community engagement.

Our unique community of faculty, staff, and students in the Honors College have been members of your team cheering you on. We are all now celebrating you as you begin your career or continue your studies in graduate or professional programs. We take pride in your achievements. As you leave on this new journey, the Honors College will always be a part of you.

Stay connected to the College and use your success to inspire future generations. Eventually I hope you will support the many programs and scholarships that you enjoyed during your time here.

We know that you are well-prepared to lead in your chosen field and to contribute solutions to the grand challenges we face in this ever-changing world. As you find your place in a new community, remember to be bold in action and to stand strong in the face of adversity. We believe in you!

Best,

Heidi Appel  
*Dean of the Honors College*  
*Professor of Biology & Biochemistry*



## 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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Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) and complete a Senior Honors Thesis graduate with University Honors with Honors in Major, the highest distinction that an undergraduate can earn at the University of Houston. The thesis title follows each graduate's name.

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

Stephanie Cornejo  
ARCHITECTURE  
Eco-Tourism: Redesigning Cancun's  
Hospitality Industry  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Donna Kacmar

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Sage Mitchell  
THEATRE  
"Everything Rises": Creative  
Playwriting and Queer Theatre  
History  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Elizabeth Coen

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Ramya Valipe  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
From Passive Consumption to  
Aiding and Abetting Terrorism:  
An Examination of AI-driven  
Recommendation Algorithms in  
Relation to the Intent-Consequence  
Goal  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Michelle Belco

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Thomas Hannan  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
Monitoring Lithium-ion Battery  
State of Charge State of Health via  
Piezoceramic-Induced Low Frequency  
Stress Waves  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Gangbing Song

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Skyler B. Houser-Feinstein  
PSYCHOLOGY  
Psilocybin for Mild Blast-Induced  
Traumatic Brain Injury in US Service  
Members  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** J. Leigh Leasure

Kiran Khan  
POLITICAL SCIENCE/COMPUTER SCIENCE  
The Growing Acceptance of  
Trumpism within the Republican  
Party  
Thesis **ADVISOR:**  
Brandon Rottinghaus

Tuyen Le  
POLITICAL SCIENCE/  
WORLD CULTURES & LITERATURE  
Kawaii as Politics  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Sarasij Majumder

Jenny Truong  
ENGLISH  
Ptolomea  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Martha Serpas

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Kiran Khan  
COMPUTER SCIENCE/POLITICAL SCIENCE  
The Growing Acceptance of  
Trumpism within the Republican  
Party  
Thesis **ADVISOR:**  
Brandon Rottinghaus

Danny Le  
HONORS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES  
Magnesium on the Structural  
Behavior of the  $\alpha$ L-I Domain  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Mehmet Sen

Yugbhai Patel  
PHYSICS  
Prospects for Gluon Imaging at the  
EIC Using ePIC  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Rene Bellwied

Dimanthi Perera  
HONORS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES  
Simulating Mitotic Exit: Training the  
Minimal Chromatin Model on Human  
Mitotic Chromosomes  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Greg Morrison

Elaine Vo  
BIOLOGY  
The Role of Inflammation in the  
Pathogenesis of Meibomian Gland  
Dysfunction  
Thesis **ADVISOR:**  
Vivien Coulson-Thomas

## Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

Students who complete a Senior Honors Thesis and fulfill the requirements for the honors program in the college of their major with distinction, including 21 hours of honors courses, or by completing an Honors College minor graduate with Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major. The thesis title follows each graduate's name.

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Tisha Haukongo  
BIOTECHNOLOGY  
Synthetic Microbiomes for Plant  
Stress Tolerance  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Abdul Latif Khan

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Kalena Holeman  
ENGLISH  
Reading the Descent Otherwise: Notes  
Toward a Black Feminist Analysis of  
Dante and the Journey in Twentieth-  
Century Literature of the Black  
Diaspora  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Haylee Harrell

Nicholas Stees  
POLITICAL SCIENCE/PHILOSOPHY  
The Philosophy of Pain and the  
Framework of Communicative Justice  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Tamler Sommers

## Membership in the Honors College with Honors in Major

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

Diego Contraras Rios  
ARCHITECTURE  
Missing Middle(s)  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Shawn M. Lutz

## Honors in Major

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

Angela Altamirano Sanchez  
ARCHITECTURE  
Nature's Forgotten Blueprint:  
Reclaiming Gaia's Natural Resources;  
earth  
Thesis **ADVISOR:**  
Rafael Beneytez-Durán

Ileana Carbajal  
ARCHITECTURE  
Enhancing Human Brain Health  
Through Design  
Thesis **ADVISOR:**  
José Roldán Caballero

Kai Wen Chua  
ARCHITECTURE  
X-Minute City: Infrastructure  
Citizenship Through Public  
Transportation  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Susan Rogers

Lene Fourie  
INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE  
UBUNTU - "I am because we are"  
Thesis **ADVISOR:**  
Marta Rodriguez Fernandez

Brandon Garcia  
ARCHITECTURE  
Suburban Renaissance: Reimagining  
the American Dream Through Play  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Jason Logan

Litzy Garcia  
ARCHITECTURE  
Adaptable Architecture: The Fourth  
Space  
Thesis **ADVISOR:**  
Rafael Beneytez-Durán

Jeffery Moisant  
ARCHITECTURE  
Echoes of Industry  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Daniel Jacobs

Cyrus Sadegi  
ARCHITECTURE  
Submerged: Ft. Project Nemo/  
Narrative-Based Design  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Dietmar Froehlich

Ian Simon  
ARCHITECTURE  
Beyond Fear: Architectural Solutions  
for Nuclear Infrastructure  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** José Roldán  
Caballero

Jamison Wicks  
ARCHITECTURE  
Hubs of Growth  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Donna Kacmar

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Ngoc Khoa Nguyen  
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING  
Evaluating the Effect of Weight Loss  
on Releasing Chronic Rhinosinusitis  
Symptoms in Obese Population Using  
Machine Learning  
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Ying Lin

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Rawan Aljaouni

PSYCHOLOGY

Measuring Compassion Within  
University of Houston College of  
Medicine Students

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Bradley Smith

Ke'La Barnes

PSYCHOLOGY

When Dominance Drives: Exploring  
Moderators of Intimate Partner  
Sexual Coercion

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Julia Babcock

Lindsay Bevers

PSYCHOLOGY

The Association Between Anxiety  
Sensitivity and Eating Expectancies  
in Hispanic Emerging Adult College  
Students

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Michael Zvolensky

Victoria Blake

ENGLISH

Fairy Folklore and Classical  
Mythology in Shakespeare's A  
Midsummer Night's Dream

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Ann Christensen

Alissa Boxleitner

ENGLISH

"You Can't See Her, But You Can":  
Myriam Gaube, the Institutional  
Rape Narrative, and the Politics of  
Survivorship

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Haylee Harrell

Anisah Khan

ENGLISH

The Great Indian Divide of 1947: Told  
by Two Generations

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Auritro Majumder

Lucas Leger

ENGLISH

The Monstrous Other: The  
Convergence of Queer Culture and  
the Horror Genre

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Paul Guajardo

Douglass Pipkin

PSYCHOLOGY

The Role of Shame and Guilt in  
Negative Outcomes of Alcohol Use

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Clayton Neighbors

Manvi Singh

PSYCHOLOGY

Immigrant Discrimination in Hiring  
Based on Country of Origin

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Isaac Sabat

## COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Jacob Leipold

BIOLOGY

Structural Impact of the N-Terminal  
Flanking Peptide on VWF A1 Domain

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Mehmet Sen

Teymour Meguid

BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES

The Conservation of Rho  
Transcription Termination

Thesis **ADVISOR:** William Widger

Jason Ruszkowski

PHYSICS/POLITICAL SCIENCE

Stimulated Brillouin Scattering by  
Satellite Transmission

Thesis **ADVISOR:** Edgar Bering

## University Honors

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

Aly Mohammad Noorani

ARCHITECTURE

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Valeria Bautista

APPLIED MUSIC

Alaina Janae Harmon

ART

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Waleed Abushaaban

FINANCE/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Viviana Amaya

FINANCE

Sundas Araim

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Allyn Barragan

FINANCE/ACCOUNTING

Zahra K. Bhattacharya

FINANCE /COMPUTER SCIENCE

David Buenaventura

FINANCE/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Erin Callahan

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Carolina Camacho

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Marie Collazo

MANAGEMENT

Samantha Covarrubias

MARKETING

Chelsea Crow

ACCOUNTING

Yash Dhanji

FINANCE/SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Camden Elliott

MARKETING/FINANCE

Stephanie Farrell

MANAGEMENT

Layla Faysal

MARKETING

Christian Frank

MANAGEMENT

Kay Grein

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Arnav Ashish Gupta

FINANCE

Simone Heck

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Sally Huang  
ACCOUNTING

Rawand Hwayyiz  
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

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FINANCE

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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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MANAGEMENT

Caitlyn King  
ACCOUNTING

Chelsea Kohler  
ACCOUNTING

Adeline Lee  
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Maurice May  
FINANCE/MARKETING

Jesse Jean Mari Mina  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION  
SYSTEMS/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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FINANCE

Yareli Morales Sosa  
ACCOUNTING

Jonathan Nguyen  
ACCOUNTING/FINANCE

Ryan Nguyen  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Zayd Noormohamed  
MANAGEMENT

Uma Patel  
FINANCE/POLITICAL SCIENCE

Mariana Pirovolou  
FINANCE

Phoenix Pittman  
ACCOUNTING/FINANCE

Matthew Portner  
ACCOUNTING

Zahra Rizvi  
FINANCE/MARKETING

Katherine Said  
ACCOUNTING

Christopher Schroeder  
ACCOUNTING

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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Aymen Athar Syed  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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FINANCE

Jordan Underwood  
FINANCE

Jimmy Vien  
ACCOUNTING

Fatima Villazana Gomez  
FINANCE

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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS/HEALTH

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MARKETING

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## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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HEALTH

Enoabasi Mbaba  
HEALTH/PSYCHOLOGY

Sundos F. Nofal  
HEALTH

Maleni K. Ramesh  
HEALTH

Yun-Yi Wang  
HEALTH/MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

## CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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Claire Marie Dunn  
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COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

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Abdallah Ghoneim  
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Francisco Gomez Hernandez  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Erika Hoa Gruber  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Sneha Gudala  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Hasan Akram Habazi  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Mark Hanna  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Edison Thieu Huynh  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Gavin Patrick Irwin  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

Parsa E. Tari  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Nathan Touchet  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Nathan Varghese  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Colton B. Warren  
COMPUTER ENGINEERING

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HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

Emily Yeh  
HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

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ANTHROPOLOGY

Alexis Boehmer  
PSYCHOLOGY

Pranav Bommekal  
PSYCHOLOGY

Dylan Campos  
PSYCHOLOGY

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PSYCHOLOGY

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PSYCHOLOGY

Rabeeya Khan  
PSYCHOLOGY

Rex Walker Kidd  
SOCIOLOGY

Antonio Deshea Kirts  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

Karla Landa  
PSYCHOLOGY

Larissa Liu  
KINESIOLOGY – EXERCISE SCIENCE

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