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Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

It is my joy to congratulate you on reaching this remarkable milestone. Receiving your college degree is an incredible achievement, and today we all celebrate you.

This accomplishment not only reflects your intellect and knowledge, but also signifies your grit, drive and ingenuity. The character you’ve developed and invaluable life skills you’ve gained will propel you throughout your career and lifetime. Be confident knowing you are now equipped to reach your full potential.

As you leave this University and embark on a new path, thank your professors, advisors, family and friends who supported you throughout this journey. Moreover, stay connected to your University as a volunteer or student mentor. I know you’ll continue to grow and have much to share.

You’ve earned your degree from a Tier One institution, world-renowned for its academic excellence, cutting-edge research and dynamic athleticism. Today, you join the ranks of thousands of alumni who have achieved incredible success — and I know you will too.

Once again, congratulations, Coogs. The world awaits you!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Renu Khator'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Renu Khator

President, University of Houston





Message from the Provost

Dear Fall Graduates,

Congratulations on reaching this extraordinary milestone! Today, we celebrate not only your academic achievement but also the dedication, resilience, and determination that brought you here.

Earning a degree from the University of Houston is a significant accomplishment. Whether you are the first in your family to graduate or continuing a proud tradition, this moment reflects years of hard work and perseverance. It is also a moment of pride for our institution, as your success has always been at the heart of our mission.

As you move forward—whether into a professional career, graduate studies, or new opportunities—remember the many individuals who supported you along the way. Stay connected with classmates, faculty, and staff who guided and encouraged you. Express gratitude to family and friends whose unwavering support made this day possible.

Above all, take time to honor yourself. Balancing academic responsibilities with work, family, and other commitments required strength and determination. Today, you stand ready to embrace the rewards of your efforts and the distinction of being a University of Houston graduate.

Though you may leave our campus, you will always remain part of the Cougar family. Carry forward the proud tradition of UH alumni and represent our university with integrity and excellence in all that you do.

Once again, congratulations on this remarkable achievement. We look forward to seeing the great things you will accomplish.

Sincerely,

Diane Z. Chase

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

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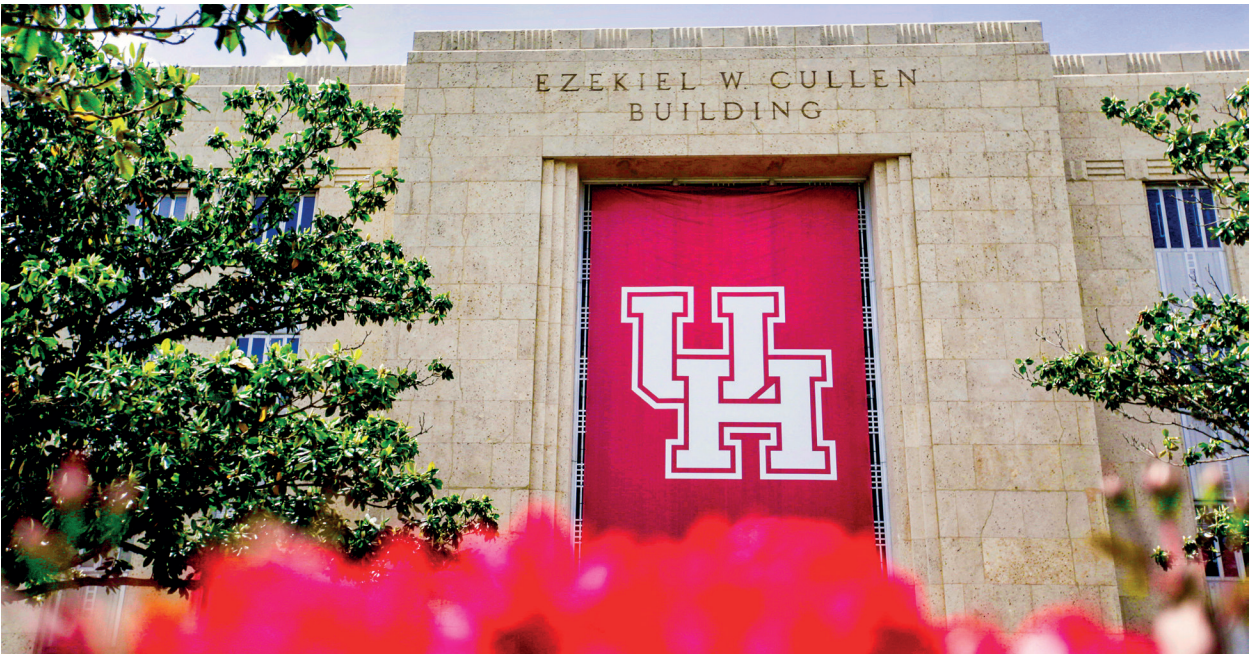
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University of Houston History



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 a multidisciplinary Honors College, collectively teaching 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 over 285 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 46,000 students annually.

The Cougars consistently compete at the highest levels, earning conference championships, bowl game invitations and NCAA Final Four appearances. In 2023, UH joined the Big 12 Conference — a hard-fought mission to join a Power Four conference.

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. This unprecedented success has been followed by a string of similar achievements, being awarded a Phi Beta Kappa honor society chapter, the opening of Houston’s first medical school in nearly 50 years, more than tripling the number of National Academy members on the faculty and dramatically improving the graduation rates.

The University consistently earns accolades for its students’ achievements, such as the top 50 of Forbes’ list of America’s Top Colleges and Princeton Review’s “50 Best Value Public Colleges.” It also ranks 36th in the nation on U.S. News & World Report’s 2025 social mobility index ranking and among the top 100 universities in the world for utility patents. Moreover, President Renu Khator is boldly leading UH to become a U.S. News & World Report top 50 public university.

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	Tassel: Violet
Master's Degree	Hood: Violet Tassel: Black

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor's Degree	Tassel: Dark Blue
Master's Degree	Hood: Drab Tassel: Black
Doctoral Degree	Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor's Degree	Tassel: Orange
Master's Degree	Hood: Orange Tassel: Black
Doctoral Degree	Hood: Dark Blue Tassel: Red

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

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

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Bachelor’s Degree	Tassel: White
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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.

SUMMER 2025

Kyle Ryan Pucheta
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FALL 2025

Jayla N. Bowman <i>Bachelor of Arts in Psychology</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Khoa T. Nguyen <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Erik Garza <i>Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communication</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Namita Patel <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Gina Noel Grenyo <i>Bachelor of Science in Global Hospitality Leadership</i> CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP	Kamryn N. Sterling <i>Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting</i> KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS
Matthew Thanh Ho <i>Bachelor of Science in Biology</i> COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS	Erin Zaragosa Stilley <i>Bachelor of Science in Digital Media</i> CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Nimisha Vinod Khiantani <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Alex Dat-Huy Tran <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Chantel Thuy Trang Le <i>Bachelor of Science in Health</i> COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	Kasia Giavan Tran <i>Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning</i> COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Ivan R. Mariscal <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Kelsey M. Wong <i>Bachelor of Science in Computer Science</i> COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
Avery Ellen Mokry <i>Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Development</i> CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING	



Honorary Degree

TILMAN J. FERTITTA

A revered entrepreneur, philanthropist and civic leader, Tilman J. Fertitta is U.S. Ambassador to Italy and San Marino and former chairman of the University of Houston System Board of Regents. Born in Galveston, Texas, Fertitta lived in Houston for most of his life, where he grew a small restaurant company into a multi-industry, billion-dollar enterprise. He is the sole owner of Fertitta Entertainment, which owns restaurant giant Landry’s, the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casinos, and the NBA’s Houston Rockets, among other ventures.

A savvy businessman, Fertitta is a self-made billionaire who has shared his knowledge with other entrepreneurs through his New York Times best-selling book, “Shut up and Listen!” and CNBC’s “Billion Dollar Buyer” TV series. He has received numerous honors, including Ernst & Young’s Entrepreneur of the Year Award, induction into the Texas Business Hall of Fame as the second youngest inductee, Amusement Today’s Person of the Year and Casino Journal’s Executive of the Year, among others.

Fertitta is committed to giving back to his community, having served on several nonprofit boards and committees, including the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the Greater Houston Partnership, the Texas Heart Institute, and as chairman of the Houston Children’s Charity and the Houston Police Foundation.

A champion of higher education, he served on the UH System Board of Regents for over 15 years, and as its chairman from 2014 until 2025. His strategic leadership and relentless advocacy elevated the University of Houston to top-tier status in research, academic rankings and athletics, earning it prestigious recognition in Forbes’ America’s Top Colleges rankings, the Princeton Review’s “50 Best Value Public Colleges” and membership in the Big 12 Conference.

A prolific philanthropist, in 2016, he donated \$20 million to renovate the University of Houston’s basketball arena — the largest individual donation ever made to UH Athletics at that time. In 2022, he donated \$50 million to UH’s College of Medicine, which aims to improve health outcomes in the city and state’s underserved communities — a mission Fertitta deeply values. In recognition of this incredible generosity, the basketball arena and the College of Medicine both bear the Fertitta name.

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.



President’s Medallion

CYNTHIA AND GEORGE MITCHELL FOUNDATION

The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation seeks innovative, sustainable solutions at the nexus of environmental protection, economic vibrancy, and human well-being. Since its incorporation in 1978, the late George P. Mitchell and Cynthia Woods Mitchell, and the foundation have distributed or pledged an estimated \$800 million in grants to myriad causes, programs and institutions.

Since 1994, CGMF has given more than \$21 million to the University of Houston, with most of the funding generously supporting the arts. The foundation’s interest in the arts is rooted in the sensibilities of Cynthia Woods Mitchell, who came to Houston in 1939 to study literature, art, and psychology at UH. Cynthia believed in the arts’ capacity to lift spirits, enhance intellect, broaden perspectives, and open avenues in people’s lives.

In honor of Cynthia, in 2003, George pledged \$20 million to support UH’s arts programs. Working closely with UH leadership, the Mitchell family proposed a programmatic alliance among the School of Arts, Moores School of Music, the School of Theatre & Dance, the Creative Writing Program and Blaffer Art Museum. The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts was born and is now thriving within UH’s Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts.

Today, the center fosters bold collaboration across disciplines, inspires innovation, and fuels creative partnerships on campus and across Houston’s creative landscape. Each year, funding supports various initiatives such as grants for faculty research and creative activity, student scholarships, a visiting artists program and residencies for post-graduate fellows.

Since 2019, CGMF has also provided over \$200,000 in support to the Immanuel and Helen Olshan Texas Music Festival at UH, which brings together musicians from around the world to learn, collaborate, and perform classical music.

Equally committed to advancing the sciences, in June 2025, CGMF made a \$1.1 million gift to UH’s Cullen College of Engineering for life-changing research on Usher Syndrome — a genetic disorder that can lead to deafness and blindness in children. The transformative gift will help accelerate treatments to improve vision and hearing for thousands.

The President’s Medallion is awarded at the sole discretion of the President to individuals and organizations that have distinguished themselves by their support of the University of Houston and the community.



President’s Medallion

MEMORIAL HERMANN HEALTH SYSTEM

Memorial Hermann Health System is one of the largest nonprofit health systems in Southeast Texas, delivering value-driven care through 17 hospitals and numerous specialty programs and services across Greater Houston. The award-winning system is home to one of the country’s busiest level 1 trauma hospitals and TIRR Memorial Hermann — one of the top three rehabilitation hospitals in the nation.

As Houston’s only community-owned health system, Memorial Hermann provides care that extends beyond its hospital walls. Each year, it contributes more than \$474 million through school-based health centers and various community health programs. In recognition of its leadership in community engagement, Memorial Hermann was awarded the American Hospital Association’s Foster G. McGaw Prize for Excellence in Community Service in 2023.

For nearly three decades, Memorial Hermann has been a steadfast partner of the University of Houston, and the official health care provider for UH Athletics. Its philanthropic support and alliance have played a vital role in advancing the University’s mission. In 1998 and again in 2006, Memorial Hermann’s contributions aided the expansion of UH’s Sugar Land campus, strengthening the region’s educational offerings. In 2019, it established a scholarship for Human Resource Development majors at the Cullen College of Engineering, helping remove financial barriers to obtaining a degree.

In 2023, UH Athletics and Memorial Hermann launched a new chapter with the health system’s transformative pledge for the University’s planned state-of-the-art Football Operations Center. The pledge also included scholarships for student-athletes. In honor of its support, the center was named the Memorial Hermann Football Operations Center, which opened in fall 2025. The 160,000-square-foot facility features a cutting-edge sports performance center, an academic support services suite, a dynamic locker room facility, student-athlete flex space and more. Elevating the fan experience, it also provides additional premium seating options to TDECU Stadium with 14 suites, a 450-seat club section with access to an 11,000 square-foot club and a 300-seat roof terrace.

A dedicated community leader, Memorial Hermann’s generosity has elevated Houston Football in the Big 12 Conference and made students’ higher education dreams a reality.

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Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on this milestone in your academic journey! On behalf of the faculty and staff in the College of Education, we applaud your dedication to dreaming big, working hard and earning your degree. We are proud of your success and hope you reflect fondly on the knowledge you've gained and the memories you've made. Welcome to the Forever Coog family!

As a member of the Class of 2025, you hold a special place in history. From our annual fall kickoff events through Commencement today, you have demonstrated remarkable resilience to reach your goals.

Now, you are ready to take the next step on your professional path. Walk with confidence, but don't be afraid to ask for help. Embrace empathy, empower others and never stop learning. I hope you will continue to fulfill the College's mission to enhance education, health and well-being for all people and communities.

I look forward to seeing your impact in the world, through teaching, leadership, health promotion, counseling, research and more. I'm confident you will transform lives in Houston — and beyond.

The Coog network is strong, and you join more than 35,000 alumni from the College of Education. As a fellow alumna, I encourage you to stay involved and give back. Please consider being an active member of our COE Alumni Association (it's free to join) and help future students succeed by supporting scholarships, volunteering your time, and sharing your wisdom.

Thank you for choosing the College of Education. We are forever proud of you! And please keep connected at uh.edu/education/alumni. Go Coogs!

Sincerely,

Cathy Horn, Ph.D.

Dean and Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair



Undergraduate Student Success
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Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

It is with immense pride that the Undergraduate Student Success team celebrates your graduation from the University of Houston today. You are part of a remarkable group of students earning the Integrated Studies degree, and we are honored to share this occasion with you and your families.

In completing your degree, you have worked hard, seized opportunities, overcome challenges and taken ownership of your educational journey. You also gained valuable knowledge and skills that have prepared you for your next step whether that is entering the workforce or beginning graduate studies.

Support systems are an important component of success, so please acknowledge those who guided you along the way including your family and friends as well as your UH faculty, staff, and peers. Stay connected to your UH community—we would love to hear all about your success and look forward to seeing you at alumni events.

As you walk across the stage today, do so as a proud Cougar knowing that you have achieved a significant milestone. Soak in the applause and carry with you a sense of accomplishment that serves as momentum for your future endeavors.

Congratulations and best wishes!

Sincerely,

Teri Elkins Longacre
Senior Vice Provost and Dean

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PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music Honorary Grand Marshal and Associate Marshal Faculty Candidates for Graduation Platform Party
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moores School of Music
CALL TO ORDER	Chakema Carmack <i>Associate Professor, College of Education</i> <i>Honorary Grand Marshal</i>
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY	Mimi M. Lee <i>Associate Dean, College of Education</i>
GREETINGS	The Honorable Adrian Caraves <i>UH System Board of Regents Member</i> Renu Khator <i>President</i>
PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT’S MEDALLION	The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation <i>Presented by Andrew Davis</i> <i>Dean, Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts</i>
CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS	Teri Elkins Longacre <i>Senior Vice Provost and Dean,</i> <i>Undergraduate Student Success</i>
PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES	Cathy Horn <i>Dean, College of Education</i>
DOCTORAL CANDIDATES	Dean Horn
MASTER’S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Lee
BACHELOR’S CANDIDATES	Melissa Pierson <i>Assistant Vice Provost and Associate Dean,</i> <i>Undergraduate Student Success</i> Associate Dean Lee
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	President Khator
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Horn
ALMA MATER	Moores School of Music
RECESSIONAL	Moores School of Music

College of Education

Summer 2025 – Graduates

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction

Courtney Miller Andrews
Teacher Efficacy: The Impact on
Literacy Achievement
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Carolyn Durante
Foundational Reading Skills:
Implementation in Secondary
Classrooms
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Deepa Bangalore Gotur
Integrated Curriculum in Critical
Care Clerkship for Medical Students
and its Impact on Their Professional
Growth.
ADVISOR: Dr. Sara G. McNeil

Nancy Marie Jasso
Teacher Perceives Efficacy When
Using Multiliteracy Pedagogies
and Multimodal Texts in a Middle
School English Language Arts (ELA)
Classroom
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Juanita Marie Montoya-Silva
Understanding Teacher Perceptions of
Equity-Based Grading Practices
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Marlena L. Padgett
Exploring English Education in
Taiwan: Perceptions and Insights of
Foreign English Teachers
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Christine Polt
Influence of Self-Efficacy on
Grammar Instruction Methods and
Modalities
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Hope Danielle Swearingen
Celebrating Diversity in Urban Areas:
Embracing Current Events at the
Intersection of Social Consciousness
and Restorative Practices
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Kathleen Rose West
Kindergarten Teachers’ Perceptions
of Literacy Instructional Practices for
Students with Dyslexia
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Curriculum and Instruction

Laura Shelton
A Proposed Critical Comparative
Case Study Exploring the Professional
Attributes Policy at an Urban
University in the Southwestern United
States
ADVISOR: Dr. Jeannette D. Alarcón

Psychological, Health,
and Learning Sciences

Jelisa Denae Boykin
A Three-Part Study to Evaluate
Preservice and In-Service Teacher’s
Self-Efficacy and Disciplinary
Decision-Making
ADVISOR: Dr. Brad Smith

Nayoung Choi
Teacher Perception of Asian American
Students as Model Minority in STEM:
Does a Multicultural Perspective
Help?
ADVISOR: Dr. Milena Keller-Margulis

Susan E. Flynn
Nonbinary in a Binary World: The
Impact of Identity Concealment and
Blending on Nonbinary People’s
Mental Health
ADVISOR: Dr. Nathan Grant Smith

Anna L. Laakman
A Three-Part Study to Enhance
Understanding of Social Behavior
and Identity Preferences of Autistic
Adolescents
ADVISOR: Dr. Milena Keller-Margulis

Danielle H. Llaneza
Understanding Psychosocial Support
for Adult Cancer Patients and
Survivors through a Self-Report
Research Design
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Journa Njoh
Navigating Gendered Racial
Microaggressions: Exploring the
Mediating and Moderating Pathways
to Workplace Well-Being for Black
Women
ADVISOR: Dr. Blake Allan

Caroline A. Silva
A Three-Part Study to Enhance
Understanding of the Intersection of
Culture and Instrument Inter-Rater
Discrepancies Between Parents and
Teachers
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Ashley Ann Taylor
Borderline Personality Disorder and
Interpersonal Theory of Suicide:
Examining the Mediating Influence
of Resilience and Social Support and
Potential Moderators among Women
Veterans
ADVISOR: Dr. Blake Allan

Helen Sanchez Ullrich
Exploring the Relationships between
Acculturation, Somatization, and
Problematic Alcohol Use: A Mediation
Analysis of South Asian Americans
ADVISOR: Dr. Marcel de Dios

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Speech-Language Pathologists
in Texas Schools: Exploring
Collaboration and Workforce Patterns
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Gloria Avila
Navigating the Framework:
Evaluating Program Placement for
Secondary English Learners in Texas
Schools
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Kyla Chriss
Teachers' Perceptions of How
Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy
Impacts Black Students' Literacy
Growth and Achievement
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Amanda De Leon
Examining Language Beliefs and
Translanguaging Practices Among
Secondary Monolingual Teachers
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Elisa A. Garcia
Mitigating Educational Inequities for
English Learners
ADVISOR: Dr. Kristi L. Santi

Shelley Gordon
Parent Engagement in Special
Education: The Critical Role
of Educating and Empowering
Families from Culturally Diverse
and Economically Disadvantaged
Backgrounds
ADVISOR: Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

Jennifer L. Gover
Pre-contact Pedagogical Practices and
Improving American Indian Post-
secondary Degree Attainment Rates
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Shawn P. McCann
Creating Equity in the Workplace for
Individuals Who Are Neurodivergent
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Mark J. McMahon
School Board Governance Effect on
Student Achievement in High-Poverty
School Districts
ADVISOR: Dr. Bradley Davis

Brenda Mendoza
The Ongoing Challenge of High
Teacher Attrition Rates Prevalent in
Urban Schools
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Christopher Anthony Newton
The Print and Digital Reading Lives of
Literacy Teachers
ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Jasmine Eyim-Ejim Nnate
Equity in Education: Transforming
Urban Middle Schools for Black
Students' Success
ADVISOR: Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

Dustin Edwin Peddy Pereira
It's about Time: Disrupting
Disproportionate Application of
Exclusionary Discipline Practices
ADVISOR: Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

Robert Charles Smith, Jr.
Steps to Making Sexual Health a
Priority: Assessing Aspects of Sexual
Health Amongst Black and Latinx
Non-University, Higher Education
Students in Houston, Texas (Harris
County)
ADVISOR: Dr. Sara G. McNeil

Josefina Treviño
Exploring the Leadership Role of
Urban High School Counselors in
Advocating for Undocumented Latinx
Students' Pursuit of Post-Secondary
Options
ADVISOR: Dr. April Peters-Hawkins

Georgia Vasilakis
The Underrepresentation of Female
Administrators in Region 5 of Texas:
A Regional Analysis of Principal
Certification Holders' Career
Pathways
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Beyond the Strategic Plan:
Rural Superintendents Creating
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Curriculum and Instruction
Zhenjie Hou
The Power of Translanguaging in
Science Teaching and Learning
ADVISOR: Dr. Jie Zhang

Amani Itani
Exploring the Impact of Integrating
Artificial Intelligence Tools on
Students' Perceptions of Digital
Storytelling at a K–12 STEM
Summer Camp
ADVISOR: Dr. Bulent Dogan

**Educational Leadership
and Policy Studies**
Karim Ouadi
An Examination of Dual Credit
at Texas's Community Colleges:
Participation, Outcomes, and the Role
of Faculty in Student Success
ADVISOR: Dr. Yali Zou

Hope S. Pacheco
Exploring the Leadership Experiences
of Latina Undergraduate STEM
Students in a Peer Mentoring Program
at a Research-1, Hispanic-Serving
Institution
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Kellynn A. Wilson
Exploring the Perceptions of Black
Women and their Workplace Affinity
with White Women Colleagues at
Predominantly White Land-Grant
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Message from the Dean

Dear Fall 2025 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. Think back to your first semester 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. They've asked you to think beyond your major to gain insights from different perspectives. You've been encouraged to take what you learn beyond the classroom into research and community engagement.

The faculty, staff, and fellow students of the Honors College have been members of your team. They are now cheering you on as you begin your career or continue your studies in graduate or professional programs. We take pride in your achievements, and take comfort knowing that, though you are leaving on this new journey, the Honors College will always be a part of your life. Stay connected with the College and use your success to inspire future generations and 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, be bold in ethical action and 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

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.

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Students who complete a senior honors thesis but are not members of the Honors College.

University Honors with Honors in Major

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL
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SCIENCES

Reece Simmons

COLLEGE OF NATURAL
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MATHEMATICS

Shaiza Pasha

Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL
ARTS AND SOCIAL
SCIENCES

Alyssa Marie Stewart

Honors in Major

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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ARTS AND SOCIAL
SCIENCES

Gerald Cedillo

COLLEGE OF NATURAL
SCIENCES AND
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University Honors

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Membership in The Honors College

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Message from the UH Alumni Foundation Board President

Let me be the first to welcome you to the UH Alumni Association. You are joining a global network of over 305,000 Cougars. With your participation, we can only grow stronger. As you embark on this next chapter, know that your Alumni Association is here to help you stay connected with your beloved alma mater. From volunteering at an event, joining an Association or Network, signing on to UH Link, to becoming a

Life Member, the opportunities to engage are endless.

Please scan the QR code below to enjoy all the activities that soon await you. In the meantime, savor this moment and continue to soar.

True we'll ever be and Go Coogs!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sandy G. Lee'.

Sandy Lee ('84)
UH Alumni Association Foundation Board President

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