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Guest Speaker

SHARMAGNE TAYLOR, CMP, ('86)
President and CEO, On-Site Partners, Inc.

Sharmagne Taylor, CMP, a native of Orange, Texas is president and CEO of On-Site Partners, Inc. Established in 1998, On-Site Partners, Inc., is a full-service meeting consulting firm providing technology solutions for attendees and housing and event-logistics management for large meetings and events hosted by professional and trade associations, corporations and community organizations. Prior to starting her own firm, Sharmagne worked for 15 years in hotel operations, sales and convention services, primarily with Hyatt and Hilton hotels.

She is a 1986 graduate of Hilton College, where she is currently a member of the Dean's Advisory Board and a lecturing member of Eric's Club, a group of its distinguished alumni. In 2003, Taylor completed the Community Minority Business Advancement Program offered by The University of Texas McCombs School of Business.

On-Site Partners was the 2012 recipient of the Houston Minority Supplier Development Council's prestigious E-10 Award, the 2012 U.S. Small Business Administration's Director's Award, the 2008 recipient of the Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce Pinnacle Award in Hospitality and the 2008 Houston Minority Supplier Development Council Minority Supplier of the Year Award.

Sharmagne's passion is creating opportunities for the next generation of hospitality students and breaking down barriers to success for fledgling entrepreneurs—particularly small firms owned by minorities, women and disabled veterans. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mu Kappa Omega Chapter, a life member of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, Inc., and a volunteer with the Houston Area Urban League Guild, Bread of Life, Inc. and Sam Houston Area Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Sharmagne and her husband, Charles, have been married over 30 years and have two adult children—Evan, a media technology and public relations professional, and Barry, a college senior studying mechanical engineering.

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Letter from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Today marks a major milestone in your lives—the day you officially transition from students to alumni. You’ve accomplished so much in your time at the Conrad N. Hilton College, and now you’ll build upon those experiences as you launch your careers.

Several factors have contributed to your success at the University of Houston: the support of your families and friends; encouragement from faculty and staff; and—most importantly—your own determination to learn, grow and accomplish your goals.

You’re now part of a global network of more than 7,500 Hilton College graduates, and the friendships you’ve 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. This is one of the finest hospitality programs in the world, but we need your support to continue to build upon that legacy.

The Fall Class of 2016 is among the best the College has ever produced and I know you’ll continue to serve as outstanding ambassadors for our program in all of your professional endeavors. On behalf of the entire Hilton College family, I offer my sincere congratulations to all of you.

Best wishes ... and Go Coogs!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Reynolds". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a prominent loop at the end.

Dennis Reynolds
*Dean of the College &
Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair*



Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management

If you're interested in a career in hospitality, the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management at the University of Houston is the place for you. Our graduates shine in all sectors of this booming global industry—lodging, restaurants, food & beverage management, casinos and gaming, events, spa management, sales, marketing and more.

A small college at a major university in the nation's fourth-largest city, Hilton College offers students a real sense of community. Whether they're pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management, a Master of Science in Hospitality Management or a Ph.D. in Hospitality Administration, our students benefit from world-class facilities—including our upscale teaching hotel, the Hilton University of Houston; our new, state-of-the-art wine-tasting lab; our student-run restaurant, Barron's; and Cougar Grounds, our student-managed coffee shop—and from the skilled instruction of our experienced, award-winning faculty.

Consistently ranked among the top hospitality programs in the world, Hilton College emphasizes experiential learning in addition to more traditional, lecture-style teaching methods. This philosophy ensures our students gain practical, hands-on, real-world hospitality experience while they're pursuing their degrees, so when they graduate, they're well on their way to finding the job of their dreams.

We are known for producing quality hospitality professionals who make an immediate impact on the industry, so our students are highly sought-after by recruiters from across the globe. In fact, more than 80 percent of Hilton College students already have jobs lined up when they graduate!

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THE HONORS COLLEGE

The Honors College at the University of Houston offers students special opportunities to develop their academic abilities. Below are the Honors College honors designations.

University Honors with Honors in Major

Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) and complete a senior honors thesis.

University Honors

Students who complete the Honors College curriculum and elect not to complete a senior honors thesis.

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 undergraduates 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

Jasmine Mendoza

Collegiate Honors

Samantha Rice

Humberto Sanchez

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Letter from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Graduation marks a milestone in your educational career. On behalf of our faculty and staff, I want to congratulate you on this significant achievement. As Dean of the College of Education, I am proud of your academic success and look forward to seeing your impact on our communities – through teaching, leadership, health promotion, counseling and research.

As an alumni and donor, I want to encourage you to participate with the College of Education Alumni Association and to stay connected to the College. There are multiple ways to give back, including specific designations to College of Education scholarships and programs. Learn more at www.coe.uh.edu.

Thank you for choosing the College of Education and for your desire to change the world. Our best wishes are with you as you continue your career aspirations. You are the pride.

Go Coogs!

Bob

Robert H. McPherson, Ph.D.

Dean & Professor, Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair



College of Education

The University of Houston's College of Education prepares graduates to change the world - through teaching, leadership, health promotion, counseling and research. Currently, over 2,600 students are pursuing more than 30 undergraduate and graduate academic programs, both on campus and online.

Our programs exceed national standards for excellence, including accreditation by the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the American Psychological Association (APA). Our graduate program is ranked in the top 110 and our online programs are ranked #1 in the nation by the US News and World Report. The National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) Teacher Prep Review ranked two of our teacher prep programs in the top 5 nationwide.

Our Tier One faculty are world-renowned scholars with real-world experience in our communities. In addition to innovative, federally funded research projects, we have more American Education Research Association (AERA) fellows than any other Texas university.

Our alumni have deep ties in the community and continue to make an impact felt well beyond graduation. Not only have alumni been named local, state, and national teachers of the year, many of our graduates rise to leadership roles across the world.

Fall 2016

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction

Paul Erick Berryman

Security Awareness Delivery
Methods to College Staff Measuring
Impact on Secure Behaviors

ADVISOR: Dr. Sara McNeil

Rashmi Chhetri

Role of Peer Moderated Case Studies
on Engagement in Asynchronous
Online Discussions

ADVISOR: Dr. Sara McNeil

Whitney Diane Grese

When the Job of Teaching Gets in the Way
of the Work of Teaching: Lessons from a
Video Club of Mathematics Teachers

ADVISOR: Dr. Jennifer Chauvot

Kimberly Ann Hicks

Mathematics and Science Teachers' Transfer of
Online Learning to Face-To-Face Classrooms

ADVISOR: Dr. Jennifer Chauvot

Gregory Alan Dao Jonason

Data mining a PeopleSoft Database to Assist in
Developing Student Retention Interventions

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Amy McClurd

International Baccalaureate Educators'
Attitudes and Perceptions Toward Online and
Face-to-Face IB Professional Development

ADVISOR: Dr. Bernard Robin

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Planning for Technology Integration

ADVISOR: Dr. Melissa Pierson

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Administrative Work Climate and
its Relationship to Global Classroom
Learning Environment

ADVISOR: Dr. Nicole Andrews

Josephine Jeanet Salinas

Achievement and Self-Efficacy of
Twice-Exceptional (2e) Students
Using Mobile Applications

ADVISOR: Dr. Sara McNeil

Sarah Melissa Straub

Five First Year Teacher Perspectives
on the Effects of Culturally
Responsive Pedagogical Training

ADVISOR: Dr. Cameron White

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Examining Instructional Strategies for
Teaching Interpersonal Communication

ADVISOR: Dr. Sara McNeil

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Engineering Employers' Perceptions
of a Student's Electronic Portfolio

ADVISOR: Dr. Melissa Pierson

Susannah Westlake

Defining the Successful Adult ELL
in an Academic Context

ADVISOR: Dr. Cameron White

**Educational Leadership
and Policy Studies**

Janeen R. S. Antonelli

Understanding the Self-Regulated
Learning Characteristics of First-
Generation College Students

ADVISOR: Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

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Yolanda M. Calhoun

A Case Study of an Early College High School: Students', Teachers', and Administrators' Perceptions of the Benefits and Challenges Experienced While Attending an Early College High School, Factors Influencing Program Completion, and Strategies that Increase Successful Completion
ADVISOR: Dr. Virginia Rangel

Joseph Carter

Lost Children Project: How Urban High School Students that are Over-aged and Under-credentialed or High School Dropouts Describe their Need Deficits
ADVISOR: Dr. Angus MacNeil

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Examining the Relationship Between First Year Teacher Perceptions, New Teacher Induction and Teacher Retention in the 21st Century
ADVISOR: Dr. Virginia Rangel

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An Examination of the Hiring Practices in a Fast Growing Suburban School District
ADVISOR: Dr. Virginia Rangel

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Evaluating Student Outcomes for the Early Alert System Used for At-Risk Nursing Student Remediation
ADVISOR: Dr. Bernard Robin

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An Examination of Elementary School Outcomes between the Dual Language Program and the Transitional Bilingual Program
ADVISOR: Dr. Angus MacNeil

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The Importance of Transition - A Descriptive Study of Eligibility Assessment Requirements at the Postsecondary Level for Tier One and Community Colleges in Texas: A Bridge Over Troubled Waters
ADVISOR: Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

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Facilitating Prosocial Skills in Early Childhood Classrooms
ADVISOR: Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

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Self- Regulation Skills of Middle Schools Students Attending a Mobile Learning School
ADVISOR: Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

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Success in Science: The Effects of Recitations on University STEM Courses
ADVISOR: Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

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Novice Teachers' Self-Efficacy in Literacy Instruction
ADVISOR: Dr. Virginia Rangel

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Strengthening Postsecondary Readiness by Cultivating Growth Mindsets
ADVISOR: Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Curriculum and Instruction

Bobby Abrol

A Narrative Inquiry into the Interweaving Narratives of Personal and Professional Self of Two Beginning Teachers in India
ADVISOR: Dr. Cheryl Craig

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Their Exits and Their Entrances: Stories of Coming and Going from Former Teacher Educators in the Field
ADVISOR: Dr. Cheryl Craig

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A Narrative Inquiry into ESL Teachers' Experiences of Professional Development
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Joshua David Udy
Synchronous Online Collaborations:
Discussing and Solving Problems
Using Virtual Tools
ADVISOR: Dr. Jennifer Chauvot

**Psychological, Health
and Learning Sciences**
(Formerly known as Educational Psychology)

Whitney Gealy
Student Satisfaction with Training
in Clinical, Counseling, And School
Psychology PhD Programs: Factors
Predicting Student Outcomes
ADVISOR: Dr. Bradley Smith

Alana Newell
The Impact of Teachers' perceived Self-
efficacy and Instructional Practices
on Classroom Effectiveness
ADVISOR: Dr. Weihua Fan

Isabel Sagnite Rodriguez
Influential Factors Why Latino Students
Attain a Bachelor's Degree
ADVISOR: Dr. Catherine Horn

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Teaching Efficacy and Mathematical
Knowledge for Teaching amongst
Secondary Mathematics Teachers
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MASTER OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction

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The Development of a Scale Measuring
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Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

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Effectiveness of an undergraduate Core
Curricula Physical Activity and Obesity
Course on Students' Health Behaviors
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Courtney Nicole Busby
An Examination of Career Academies
and the Implications for the African
American male Dropout Crisis
ADVISOR: Dr. Anthony Rolle

Tiffany Angelsea James
Discovering the Hidden Gems: A Study of the
Underrepresentation of Black and Latino/a
Students in Gifted and Talented Education
ADVISOR: Dr. Anthony Rolle

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Curriculum and Instruction

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Perceptions of Faculty and Instructional
Designers on Multicultural Learners'
Needs in massive Open Online Courses
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Psychological, Health and Learning Sciences (Formerly known as Educational Psychology)

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The Relationship of Parental Knowledge
of Development and Developmental
Outcomes of Children Born Preterm
ADVISOR: Dr. Milena Keller-Margulis

Jenny Ann Bannister
An Examination of Moral Injury, Moral
Emotions, and Adult Attachment in the
Prediction of PTSD for Male Veterans
ADVISOR: Dr. Frederick Lopez

Natashia Comeaux Diggs
Parent and Teacher Perceptions of Severity
and Impairment Based on Childhood
Mental Health Disorder Labels
ADVISOR: Dr. Sarah Mire

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Dear Graduate:

I would like to personally congratulate you on your graduation from the University of Houston College of Technology. With the conclusion of today's proceedings you will have attained a major personal goal. I have no doubt that whatever new goals you set for yourself will also be met with enthusiasm and self-assurance.

The College of Technology considers itself fortunate to have been associated with students such as yourself and we hope that you will continue to be part of our team through our Alumni Association. Not only do we need you as an alumnus for continued quality growth and development, but through this association you can use the College as a source of strength, encouragement, and growth.

Please remember that we will always be your College and it is our pleasure to be here to serve you and our community in any way we can.

Congratulations again and may your achievements in life be many and fulfilling.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Eldin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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