



#### Letter from the Dean

Dear graduates,

Today, you join the ranks of nearly 60,000 alumni of the C. T. Bauer College of Business. As you celebrate your graduation, know that your degree has great value.

In fulfilling the requirements of your program, you have demonstrated not only your academic capability, but also the personal discipline and commitment necessary to complete such an educational endeavor. I personally congratulate you on this achievement.

Bauer College is more than a degree-granting institution. Yes, to begin with, it is a college of business. On a bigger dimension, I firmly believe this is a place where we change lives and make a difference.

We do this by helping you learn, gain confidence, develop support networks, and create opportunity for themselves and for others — yes, for you and for others around you. I am very blessed to have the opportunity see you learn, grow, succeed and help others grow in the process. This is why Bauer College is described as a place "Where Awesome Happens" — you make it so. Seeing this happen firsthand is the best part of my job.

This convocation marks the beginning of a lifelong relationship with the Bauer College of Business. The Bauer faculty and staff are proud to join your family and friends in honoring your accomplishment.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Bauer College, please accept our best wishes for your future success.

Sincerely and with warm regards,

Lastra Ramchard

Latha Ramchand

Dean and Professor, Finance

C. T. Bauer College of Business

## **University of Houston**

C. T. Bauer College of Business

## Convocation Program

Thursday, December 15, 2016, 6 p.m. Hofheinz Pavilion

PROCESSIONAL Associate Convocation Marshal Steve Koch

Assistant Dean, Graduate and Professional Programs
Associate Convocation Marshal Michael Newman

Clinical Professor, Accountancy and Taxation

College Banner Bearers
Candidates for Graduation

Faculty

Platform Party

Bauer College Dean, Latha Ramchand

GREETINGS Thomas George, Ph.D.

Senior Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS UH Army and Air Force

NATIONAL ANTHEM Concert Women's Chorus
WELCOME AND Latha Ramchand, Ph.D.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS Dean, C. T. Bauer College of Business

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER Latha Ramchand, Ph.D.

Dean, C. T. Bauer College of Business

GUEST SPEAKER Steve Stagner

Executive Chairman, Mattress Firm

PRESENTATION OF Richard Scamell, Ph.D.

ACADEMIC HONORS Associate Dean, Student Affairs

presentation of graduates Dalia Pineda

Director, Graduate Admissions and Recruitment

Saira Nadeem Program Manager,

Stephen Stagner Sales Excellence Institute

CONCLUDING REMARKS Thomas George, Ph.D.

Senior Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs

ALMA MATER Concert Women's Chorus

RECESSIONAL

The audience may remain seated during the Processional and Recessional. Only graduates are allowed on the floor of Hofheinz Pavilion; however, family may take photographs and videos from their seats.

### THE LEGACY OF CHARLES T. "TED" BAUER



The business school at the University of Houston was transformed more than 16 years ago when one man made a commitment to bolstering the city of Houston's workforce through education.

In 2000, Charles T. "Ted" Bauer gave \$40 million to name the C. T. Bauer College of Business, igniting momentum and growth that has not slowed.

Born on March 3, 1919, in Boston, Bauer was an educational philanthropist and co-founder of Houston-based AIM Management Group.

He served as AIM's chairman until 2001 and built the mutual fund management group into the seventh-largest company of its kind globally.

He served as a U.S. Navy pilot during World War II.

After graduating from Harvard University in 1942, he earned his MBA from New York University in 1954. He was awarded a doctor of humane letters degree from the University of Houston, where he committed to support the College of Business Administration in 2000 with a \$40 million gift.

Bauer died on June 28, 2004. The college named in his honor on the UH campus celebrates his legacy annually with Bauer Pride Day. The top students each year are also recognized with Ted Bauer Leadership Awards.

Thank you, Mr. Bauer, for your commitment to student success and enabling Bauer graduates to build a better future.

**GUEST SPEAKER** 



**Steve Stagner** *Executive Chairman Mattress Firm* 

Steve Stagner is the Executive Chairman of Mattress Firm operating over 3,600 company and franchised stores across the United States. With combined annual sales of over \$3.5 billion nationally, Mattress Firm is among the largest bedding retailers in the US. In conjunction with the recent \$3.8 billion merger with Steinhoff International Holdings, Mattress Firm is now positioned on a global market.

Stagner opened his first franchise location in Atlanta, Georgia in 1996 with \$1,300 in the bank. After eight years, he and his business partner had built their independent franchise to greater than 50 stores and \$62 million in annual sales. In January 2005, he merged his franchise organization into the Mattress Firm corporate entity and accepted the role of Chief Operating Officer. He became the President and Chief Executive Officer in 2010, and is now Mattress Firm's Executive Chairman.

Prior to starting his franchise, Stagner worked in sales for Sealy and Simmons, representing the two of the nation's largest manufacturers of bedding products. He also served as a sales trainer for Brian Tracy after graduating from college, where he conducted sales training for over 1,000 companies and totaling over 10,000 sales professionals from East to West coast.

Growing up in Texas, Stagner graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Marketing. Stagner's pride and joy are his two children Austin and Isabella.

**GRADUATES** 

# Summer 2016

#### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

#### Yashar Atefi

Leveraging Customer-Sales Force Interactions to Create Future Value for the Firm FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Michael Ahearne

#### Klavdia Ballard

Directors' Professional Devaluation from Firm Bankruptcy: An Integrated Model of the Effects of Stigma, Devaluated Competence, and Gained Experience FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Dusya Vera

#### Rambod Dargahikermani

Idea Contests: How to Design a More Effective Contest

FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. James Hess

#### Zev Fried

Does Auditor Choice Affect Financial Debt Covenants?

FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Kaye Newberry

#### Beu Lee

The Effects of Mandatory Audit Firm Rotation and Mandatory Audit Firm Retention on Opinion Shopping FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. George Gamble

#### Robert McKee

Hunger, Satiety, and Decision-making: A review, Replication, and Extension FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Leanne Atwater

#### Codou Samba

Collective Intuition in Strategic Decision Making: A Research Program, Development and Validation of New Measures, and an Exploratory Study FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Dusya Vera

#### Orrin Swift

Effects of Board Composition on Pricing of Charity Care Among Nonprofit Hospitals FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Saleha Khumawala

# MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Yenlik Abiyeva Prateek Agarwal Akriti Anand <sup>5</sup> Roupen Berberian Michael Paul Berry <sup>5</sup> Anthony T. Bui

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Christopher Scott Fields

Gabrielle Finger Jenny R. Fink <sup>5</sup> Jacob W. Frederick Geetika Gakhar <sup>5</sup>

Sonia Lissette Gonzalez <sup>5</sup>

Gaurav Goyal 5

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Kuresh Hathiyari <sup>5</sup>
Juan Carlos Hernandez <sup>5</sup>

Kalyan Jinnuri Kevin Kazda

Michael Lee Klepfer <sup>5</sup>

Randall Scott Korver-Glenn <sup>5</sup> Alexander Wai-Yip Lau <sup>5</sup>

Michael Lepine 5

Wade Qui Ma

Wesley Christopher Malik

Gene McMurray <sup>5</sup> Reagan Clifford Meyer <sup>5</sup> Kaushik Narendran

Salem Nseir 5

Martin Walter Paoli 5

Rupert Kumar Patel Vainatha Polasani <sup>5</sup>

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Zhen Qi 5 Jawad Ur Rasheed Alex George Rayner Haitao Ren 5 Jose Eduardo Robledo Aburto Randy Seawright 5 Siddharth Soundara Rajan 5 Kathryn Z. Straw Rahil Tai Cameron Mark Tolman 5 Trang Nguyen Thuy Tran 5 Adriana J. Valdez Arjun Balaji Vasan Madhu S. Vashist Brandon D. Wallace Curtis Michael Yokubaitis 5

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

Robert Travis Aguirre Maria V. Brito Martin Hsiao Hsien Chen Michael Scott Chimenti 5 Jelena Poliakova Courage Kelvin Foung 5 Kimberly Gaytan Nuzhat Zeeshan Haider 5 Catherine Ann Herrera Bethany Leigh Herrin Michael Hogan Chuhan Huang 5 Shephali Ingold Urooi Javed Susanna Kise Amanda Joy Lange 5 Nicholas Wai Ho Lee Ivy Liadi 5

Khoi Bao Ly 5

Ling Ma Kai Dakota Mason Rabiya Minhas Ramanathan Muthiah Trang Thi Thanh Nguyen 5 Christopher Wade Nouis Elizabeth Ugonne Okugo Yelyzaveta Pavlyshyna 5 **Bailey Pham** Raquel E. Ramos Natalie S. Stevenson 5 Diana Yalinne Tavera Hidalgo Liliana Vasquez 5 Jia Yin 5 Alexander John Zawisza Lulu Zhang 5 Anna Zubkova 5

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

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# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT

James Michael Crandall 5

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Natali Amherdt <sup>2</sup> Ryan Michael Armstrong Saad Abdul Aziz Trista Danielle Barker Reshu Bhandari Ulak Weston L. Brandes Meem Chowdhury Grecia Cobos

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Anastasia Ivanovna Lukash

Diego A. Luna <sup>2</sup> Erick Luna Konner J. Mackey

Rebecca Janine Rose Massie Antonio Giovanni Miliziano

Jennifer Millar Mazhar Millwala Issid Andre Mireles Rabia Haider Momin Katie Rebecca Montang Rovelyne Francisca Montcho

Brian J. Montgomery

Eddie Moralez

Briseida Cerda Moreno

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Christina Nguyen <sup>3</sup>
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Jordan C. Stading <sup>3</sup> Kejhaun Jerell Thompson Amanda K. Truong <sup>2</sup> Alejandra Villasenor Heather Marie White Caleb Benjamin Willis <sup>1</sup>

# Fall 2016

## **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

Anandi Bannerjee

Essays on Liquidity Risk and Asset Pricing FACULTY ADVISOR: Dr. Thomas George

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Ophelia Korkor Adjabeng

Chisom Agada

Richard Kayode Alhassan

Marc Brubaker 5

Heath Quinten Burnett

Zachary Thomas Buschlen

Nia Catchings

Scott Patrick Coffey 5

Giancarlo W Defranco 5

Stewart Austin Estopinal

Taylor Elizabeth Everett

Beth Evtcheson

Patrick Robert Felice

Sergio Flores

Todd Andrew Ginavan 5

Katie Grow

Ginger Lynn Harris 5

Oluwafunmilola Soyebo Harris 5

Charles Henry Haston

Juan Carlos Hernandez 5

James C. Hu 5

Amjad Amin Ibrahim 5

Reni John Jacob 5

Kyle Hancock Lamotta 5

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Katherine Michael Rabiya Minhas

Jacob Thomas Neskora 5 Elizabeth Ugonne Okugo Neel Mahendra Patel Sagar Hemant Patel 5 Amanda Diane Peres 5

Isaac Perez

Anh Pham Chris Reckner Zivang Ren

Joshua Michael Rolnick 5 Thomas Michael Stenack 5

Zhixin Sun Rosmin Sunny

Jonathan Kim Bang Tran Melissa Vasquez 5

Anh Ngoc Tram Vu Yefei Wang 5

Yufei Wang

Jared Alderman Warnock 5

Ruiwen Zhang 5 Chunhao Zheng 5

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

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Keisha Rachelle Wade 5

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MARKETING

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Franly Perez <sup>3</sup> Simone Renee Perry Ngan Ngoc Kim Pham <sup>3</sup> Thuy Tran Dan Pham

Trung Quang Pham <sup>3</sup> Tung Ba Pham Binh Thanh Phan <sup>7</sup> Shannon G. Phan

Manon Pierre-Jerome Shamez Karim Pirani

Kyle David Poage<sup>3</sup> Reine Elodie Nendjou Poaka<sup>3</sup> Areli P. Ponce 2

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THE HONORS COLLEGE

# 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 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 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

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#### THE HONORS COLLEGE

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### **BAUER COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



## Letter from the President

Dear Member of the Class of 2016, Fellow Cougar, and NEW University Alumnus:

On behalf of the University of Houston and the Bauer College Alumni Association (BCAA), it is with much enthusiasm that I congratulate you on your joyous achievement! Graduating from college is a major life accomplishment, and you should be very proud.

You are now a part of a 235,000 University of Houston Alumni network with nearly 60,000 of which graduated from Bauer.

There are many ways you can add value to the world. Adding value will only become clear over time as you act upon activities and participate in events that align with your personal values, goals and pursuits.

Your journey is a lifelong class and doesn't end with graduation. The BCAA gives you opportunities to stay mentally active and momentum to keep moving forward.

The BCAA is composed of 11 committees, including Community Service, Marketing, MBA/EMBA, Networking Breakfast, Sponsorships, and Tailgating. The committees coordinate events and activities that assist you in remaining involved with Bauer College by helping you engage, connect and network with other alumni, students, businesses and the community.

To learn more about getting involved, upcoming events and other great resources about the BCAA, visit www.bauer.uh.edu/alumni/ or www.houstonalumni.com

Congratulations and Go COOGS!

Cordially,

Patrick Gonzales (MBA '06)

President, Bauer College Alumni Association

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# 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

