



# University of Houston Fall 2022 Commencement

**College of Education**

Friday, December 16, 2022 • Fertitta Center





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### Message from the President

December 16, 2022

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations! Today you've reached a tremendous milestone that sets the stage for a bright, new beginning. Today, you become a college graduate.

This accomplishment represents your years of hard work and sacrifice and a steadfast commitment to achieve. I know that same drive and endurance will serve you well as you make your mark on the world. Moreover, I know your education will make a positive impact on our society as you contribute the knowledge and skills you gained here.

You've received a first-class education at the University of Houston, and I know you will reach your full potential. The support of your family and friends, and encouragement of your UH faculty, advisers and staff have also played a significant part in your success. Thank them for their contribution, as we thank you for choosing our university.

UH is the home of award-winning sports, nationally top-ranked academic programs, world-renowned faculty, ground-breaking research and so much more. It has transformed you into the best prepared, educated and equipped individuals of your generation because you were committed to doing the work. Now, go forward as proud graduates and take the world by storm.

With my best wishes for a bright and rewarding future, Go Coogs!

Warmest regards,

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

Renu Khator  
*President, University of Houston*





### Message from the Provost

Dear Graduates,

Mission accomplished! You are graduating from the University of Houston and ready to apply the knowledge gained at our institution to bold new endeavors.

As someone who has spent a few decades in academia, I know it wasn't easy. Balancing classes, work and personal obligations tested you at times. Still, you persevered to reach this moment.

You didn't do it alone, however. Take a moment to acknowledge those who supported you on the road to today's commencement.

Also, stay in touch with your alma mater. Today's ceremonies should not serve as a "farewell" to the University. Instead, look upon these commencement exercises as an informal invitation to someday return to UH and share your stories with future generations of graduates.

After all, you are forever a member of the Cougar family! Following today's ceremonies, you will be official members of our growing alumni base. No matter where your journeys lead, you will remain an integral part of our University.

As you prepare to cross the stage today, please know that all of us are proud of you. Your very presence at today's ceremonies is an indication of the tenacity and talent that helped earn your degrees and will take you far in your respective careers.

On behalf of the faculty, college deans and the many staff members committed to your success, congratulations! We are honored that you selected the University of Houston for your academic pursuits and proud that you are representing our institution as graduates!

Onward,

Robert H. McPherson  
*Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*



## University of Houston

Commencement Ceremony

## University of Houston System

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CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Optometry  
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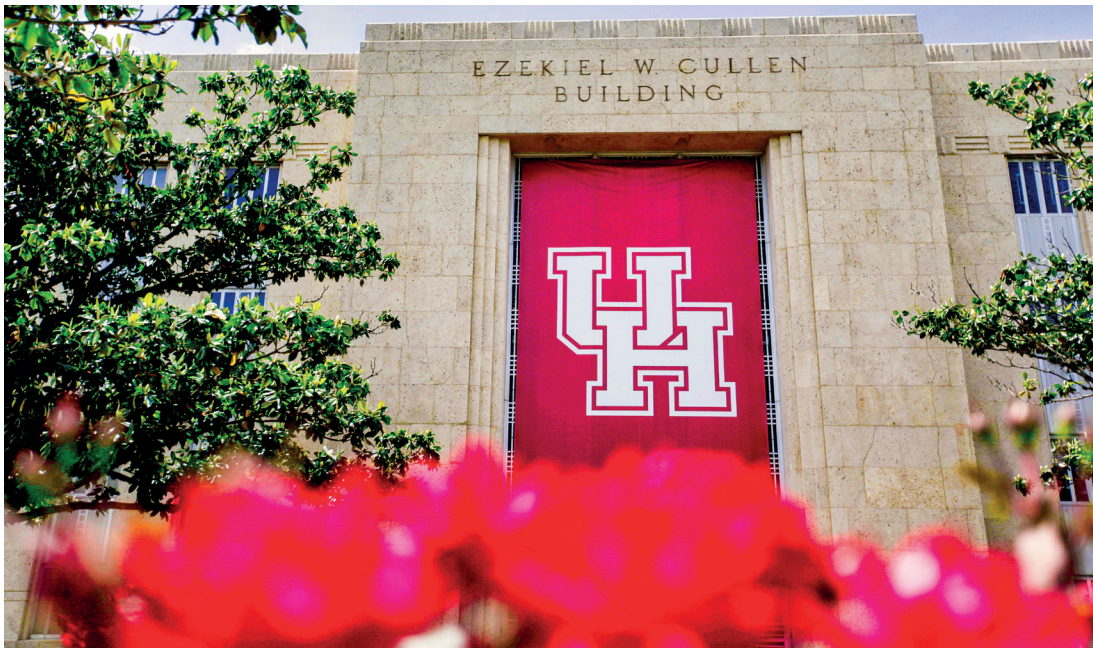
Dan E. Wells  
Distinguished Professor of Science  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

## University of Houston

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## 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 15 academic colleges, one school and the multidisciplinary Honors College that teach a wide array of subjects – from math, arts and engineering to law, pharmacy and business. What started as a campus with a single building has grown into a world-class university, offering more than 270 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 46,000 students annually.

UH is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university, and its public service and community activities, such as cultural offerings, clinical services, policy studies and small business initiatives, serve a diverse metropolitan population. Likewise, the resources of the Gulf Coast Region complement and enrich the University's academic programs, providing students with professional expertise, practical experience and career opportunities.

In keeping with the University's commitment to excellence, UH raised the benchmark of academic achievement when Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society, awarded UH the approval to start a chapter in 2015. This designation welcomed UH to an elite group of the nation's most esteemed colleges and universities.

## Commencement Traditions

Academic costumes of today have a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townspeople wore long flowing robes and gowns. The materials and colors were governed by royal decree. Gradually, distinctive gowns were developed for the various professions, trades and guilds. Scholars wore robes and hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, skullcaps were worn on the head, and the hoods became a cape that could be pulled over the head during unpleasant weather.

As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adapted by their faculties for bachelor's (apprentices of the arts), master's (teachers) and doctoral (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies). When caps and hats came into fashion in the 15th century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back.

The academic hat was first worn as a symbol of the master's degree and existed in various forms. The mortarboard style comes to us from Oxford University. When academic costumes came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe, they still are; however, in our country, usage has been standardized by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.

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

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

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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

### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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

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

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

# University of Houston

## Commencement Ceremony

### 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*

### COLLEGE OF NURSING

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Apricot*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Apricot*  
                                 *Tassel: Black*

### COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Gold*  
                                 *Tassel: Black*

**Doctor of Philosophy Degree**  
                                 *Hood: Royal Blue*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

**Doctor of Optometry Degree**  
                                 *Hood: Seafoam Green*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Olive*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Olive*  
                                 *Tassel: Black*

**Doctor of Philosophy Degree**  
                                 *Hood: Royal Blue*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

**Doctor of Pharmacy Degree**  
                                 *Hood: Olive*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

### GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Citron*  
                                 *Tassel: Black*

**Doctoral Degree**      *Hood: Citron*  
                                 *Tassel: Red*

### COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

**Bachelor's Degree**      *Tassel: Maroon*

**Master's Degree**      *Hood: Maroon*  
                                 *Tassel: Black*

### HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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

## Ceremonial Symbols

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### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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*

## University of Houston

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## 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.

**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

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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.

### FALL 2022

Diana Allemakovna Bucumi  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Sarah Bunjaku  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Midhat Zehra Jafry  
*Bachelor of Science in Biology*  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS  
*Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies*  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Charles M. Loh  
*Bachelor of Business Administration*  
*in Management Information Systems*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Elizabeth A. Lopez-Aguilar  
*Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communication*  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Reagan L. Mccawley  
*Bachelor of Science in Psychology*  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Natalia X. Perez Navarro  
*Bachelor of Arts in History*  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Nhi K. Nguyen  
*Bachelor of Business Administration*  
*in Management Information Systems*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Rebecca M. Ramos  
*Bachelor of Business Administration*  
*in Management Information Systems*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Kimberly Shen  
*Bachelor of Science in Global Hospitality Leadership*  
CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Yvana Suarez  
*Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance*  
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



## The President's Medallion

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# CULLEN

## FOUNDATION

A true pillar of the community, The Cullen Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life of all people in Houston through sustained investments in high-performing education, health care, public service and cultural arts. Since its inception in 1947, the Foundation has distributed over \$500 million in grants supporting

numerous Houston institutions, including the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, YES Prep Public Schools, Memorial Park Conservancy, New Hope Housing and The Houston Food Bank, among others. In its 75 years of existence, The Cullen Foundation has given more than \$82 million to the University of Houston System.

The Foundation was established by Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen and, today, Cullen family members carry on their legacy of philanthropy through active roles as directors of the Foundation. The Cullen family and The Cullen Foundation have been generous and longtime supporters of the University of Houston, with Hugh Roy Cullen's support dating back to the University of Houston's first decade. A devoted champion of the University, during his lifetime he gave millions to various UH projects, served as chairman of the then University of Houston Board of Regents and had the College of Engineering named after him in honor of his unyielding philanthropy.

In 2013, the Foundation pledged \$10 million to UH's historic "Here, We Go" campaign, funding two new endowed chairs, support of the dean's chair in the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts, the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Data Science Institute and multiple buildings. In 2020, \$600,000 was given to the Roy Cullen Building Renovation Fund. To address learning loss during the pandemic, in 2021, the Cougar Tutors Instructional Recovery Partnership received \$500,000 from The Foundation. The generous gift enabled instructional recovery for students at six Houston-area charter schools.

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







College of Education  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

### 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 2022, you hold a special place in history. You have persisted through an incredibly challenging time amid the COVID-19 pandemic and have stayed the course to meet your goal. From First Lecture in the fall through Commencement today, you have demonstrated remarkable resilience.

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 end inequities in education and health.

I look forward to seeing your impact in the community, 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 alum, I encourage you to stay involved. There are multiple ways to give back, including supporting scholarships to help future students succeed. Many of you are the first in your families to graduate from college, and you have the power to inspire the next generation.

Thank you for choosing the College of Education. You are the pride.

I invite you to keep connected at [uh.edu/education](https://uh.edu/education). Go Coogs!

Sincerely,

Cathy Horn, Ph.D.  
*Interim Dean and Moores Professor*

**University of Houston**  
**College of Education**

**Commencement Ceremony**

Friday, December 16, 2022, 7 p.m.

Fertitta Center

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	Moores School of Music Honorary Grand Marshal and Associate Marshal Faculty Candidates for Graduation Platform Party
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS</b>	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Keith Butcher <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i> <i>Honorary Grand Marshal</i>
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY</b>	Mimi M. Lee <i>Associate Dean for Faculty and Staff Equity, Belonging, and Success</i>
<b>GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS</b>	The Honorable Edward Carrizales <i>Member</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Cathy Horn <i>Interim Dean and Moores Professor</i>
<b>DOCTORAL CANDIDATES</b>	Interim Dean Horn
<b>MASTER’S CANDIDATES</b>	Tiffany J. Davis <i>Associate Dean for Student Equity, Belonging, and Success</i>
<b>BACHELOR’S CANDIDATES</b>	Associate Dean Davis
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Interim Dean Horn
<b>ALMA MATER</b>	Moores School of Music
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	Moores School of Music

## Summer 2022 – Graduates

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### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

#### Curriculum and Instruction

Katherine Ruth McGaha

Designed Based Research: A Framework for Teaching an Undergraduate Word Study and Phonics Course

ADVISOR: Dr. Laveria Hutchison

#### Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Paloma Yaneris Moreno

Influence of Leadership in Maintaining Equity Across Dual Language Programming

ADVISOR: Dr. Ruth López

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### Curriculum and Instruction

Tarfah Algasmol

Immigrant Saudi Parents' Perceptions of Preschool Play Curriculum and Social Development of the Child

ADVISOR: Dr. Margaret Hale

Francisco Usero Gonzalez

A Mixed-Method Study Exploring Latinx Families' Beliefs about School Involvement, The Use of Social Media, and Actual Involvement

ADVISOR: Dr. Miao Li

#### Psychological, Health and Learning Sciences

Yasmine Al Abdul Raheem

Understanding the Interactive Effects of School Connectedness, Meaningful Participation, and Students' Competence Beliefs on Academic Achievement

ADVISOR: Dr. Allison Master

Alexandra Michelle Barth

Reoffending Among Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth with Autism: the Role of Crime Type, Detention, and Aggression in a Primarily White Sample of Offenders

ADVISOR: Dr. Marcel de Dios

Krystal K. Christopher

Cognitive Mediators of Quality of Life in Pediatric Medulloblastoma Survivors: A Comparison of Survivors with and without Postoperative Cerebellar Mutism Syndrome

ADVISOR: Dr. Ezemenari Obasi

Amy Izuno-Garcia

General Education Teacher Use of Evidence-Based Practices for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder

ADVISOR: Dr. Milena Keller-Margulis

Temara J. Holt

When the Jezebel Speaks: Disclosing Trauma Narratives among Black Women on a Podcast Forum

ADVISOR: Dr. Consuelo Arbona

Killian Rainey Hughes

Factors Identified by Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder That Influence Treatment Selection

ADVISOR: Dr. Bradley Smith

Caroline Bena Kuno

Examining the Relationship Between Children's Weight Status and The Different Patterns of Educational, Emotional, and Behavioral Problem Outcomes: A Latent Class Analysis

ADVISOR: Dr. Han Joe Kim

Allison Catherine Meinert

A Study of the Psychometric Properties of the Pediatric Symptom Checklist-17 Used in Primary Care for Children with Developmental Delays and Disorders

ADVISOR: Dr. Sarah Mire

Kadija Karae Joera Moon

The Bidirectionality of PTSD and Sleep Disturbances among Firefighters with Military Veteran Status

ADVISOR: Dr. Consuelo Arbona

Ashley N. Ramclam

Raising A Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Examining the Influence of Parental Stress, Racial Discrimination, and Law Enforcement Interactions on Racial Socialization Practices among Black Families

ADVISOR: Dr. Jorge Gonzalez

Georgette Richardson

Promoting Healthy Development in Early Childhood At-Risk Populations: A Three-Part Study to Understand Maternal Role Beliefs and Health Behaviors Affecting Their Child's Early Developmental Outcomes

ADVISOR: Dr. Milena Keller-Margulis

Dieu M. Truong

Autism in Vietnam: A Three-Part Study to Enhance Understanding of Vietnamese Parents' Perceptions and Etiological Beliefs about Their Children's Autism Spectrum Disorder

ADVISOR: Dr. Sarah Mire

Sarah Churchill Turner

Development of the Coping Ahead Resilience Intervention for Latina First-Generation College Students

ADVISOR: Dr. Han Joe Kim

Sandra Yan

DHEA Reactivity to Acute Stress: Examining the Effect of Coping Styles

ADVISOR: Dr. Ezemenari Obasi

Katherine Lynn Zopatti

Multi-tier Systems of Support and Early Literacy

ADVISOR: Dr. Milena Keller-Margulis

### MASTER OF EDUCATION

#### Curriculum and Instruction

Lara M. Colton

Brendan Patrick Devine

Jalessa R. Jacob

Michelle Ledesma

Allison Karen Martinez

Aura Ines Montanez Pinzon

Sarah Salinas-Weld

Victoria Leigh Sanders

Ayesha Siddiqui

Emily Nicole Slaughter

Abigail Smoke

Kathrina Moritza St Flavin

Maria Fahim Uddin

Jakob A. Walker

Commencement Ceremony

**Educational Leadership  
and Policy Studies**

Helen Marie Anguiano  
Lauren Applebaum  
Edith Arenas  
Whitney Bruns  
Annika Lynn Cartwright  
Cinthia Conde  
Michelle L. Davis  
Marshal James Dupas, Jr.  
Emily Rose Garcia  
Marissa M. Jones  
Shalisha Kemp  
Jamie Louise Kendall  
Shenita Lenay Long  
Norma N. Martinez  
Lisa Marie Pearce  
Faith Michelle Pullum  
Johnathan D. Richards  
Miguel Rodriguez  
Holly Paige Rogers  
Mirella Elizabet Sales  
Erica Michelle Spiegel  
Sydney Jordan Stuhrenberg  
Julie Marie Vanhaverbeke

**Psychological, Health  
and Learning Sciences**

Georgina Sakyi

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**Psychological, Health  
and Learning Sciences**

Priscila Banda  
Alanis Belen Calderon Polanco <sup>2</sup>

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**Curriculum and Instruction**

Ashley Romero  
Christopher Santoso  
Diana Sosa

**Psychological, Health  
and Learning Sciences**

David O. Adewoye  
Demarcus Anthony Ayers  
Macyn Danyelle Balette  
Aunteryeo Barnes  
Makenzie Marie Bloedorn <sup>1</sup>  
Zoe B. Chmielewski  
Chelsea C. Egbuji

Christina Garcia <sup>2</sup>  
Sneha Chinna George  
Tatiana Alexandria Gomez  
Luis Alexander Gonzalez  
Taylor M. Graves <sup>2</sup>  
Cristopher Hernandez  
Long Hoang  
Komal Hussain <sup>3</sup>  
Jaelavonniah Marle' Mayfield Johnson  
Mareenah Nawal Mustafa  
Sarah M. Nganga <sup>3</sup>  
Monica T. Nguyen <sup>2</sup>  
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**Curriculum and Instruction**

Nomita Bajwa  
School-Community Partnerships and the  
Whole School, Whole Community, Whole  
Child Model: Lessons Learned from  
Current Practice  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robert Hausmann  
Calandra Deatry LaTrice  
Calton-Abdullah  
Autoethnographic Exploration: A Native  
Mon-Native in the World of Learners  
with Hidden Visual Impairments  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Mimi Lee

Melanie Michelle Lazarus

Examining the Intersection of Strategic  
Thinking and Continuous Process  
Improvement in Medical Education  
Strategic Planning: A Content Analysis  
Case Study of the United States Air Force  
School of Aerospace Medicine  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sara McNeil

Dalia Quintanilla

Explaining the Use of Instructional  
Strategies to Teach English Learners with  
Dyslexia  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Laveria Hutchison

Shinil K. Shah

Knowledge of High-Reliability Principles  
in Medical Students, Residents,  
Fellows, and Physician Educators in  
Undergraduate and Graduate Medical  
Education  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sara McNeil

Joshua B. Utay

An Ethnographic Study of Orthotist-  
Prosthetist Culture: Clinical Practice and  
Learning  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Robert Hausmann

Litao Wang

Flip to Engage: Medical School Faculty  
Perspectives on Implementing Active  
Learning  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sara McNeil

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**Educational Leadership  
and Policy Studies**

Ashley Victoria Augustave

Foreclosure of Learning about Race:  
A Critical Race Theory Analysis of Texas's  
K-5 Social Studies Standards

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Bradley Davis

Janet Bonner

Examining College Readiness Initiatives  
and Persistence of African American  
Students in Postsecondary Education

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

Khechara Elisheba Bradford

Implementation of a High-Quality,  
Grade-Level Curriculum for Students  
with a Specific Learning Disability

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kristi L. Santi

Robbin S. Clay

The Lived Experiences and Impact of  
Mentorship for African American Women  
Superintendents and Those Aspiring  
Towards the Superintendentcy:  
A Narrative Study

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Bradley Davis

Denise Coello

A Multi-Case Study of Fifth-and-Sixth  
Grade Intermediate School Teachers'  
Perceptions of the Identification and  
Referral Process of Hispanic/Latina  
English Learners to the Gifted and  
Talented Program in a Large Suburban  
District in a Texas Public School

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Detra Johnson

Christopher Gerard Cuellar

Expectation Versus Reality: An Inquiry  
into the Novice, Secondary Performing  
Arts Teacher Experience and their  
Interactions with School Leaders

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Duncan Klusmann

Beth Darbe

The Overidentification of Autism in  
Asian American Student Populations

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

Porsha Camille Dudley

Examining Novice School Leaders'  
Approaches to the Usage of Exclusionary  
Discipline for Black Males

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Elizabeth Ann Guzman

A Comparative Case Study of the  
Implementation of Texas's Ban on Prek-2  
Suspensions

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Virginia Snodgrass Rangel

Lafonda Cherie Hill

What's Next? A Study of the Effectiveness  
of a College, Career, and Military  
Readiness Program on Economically  
Disadvantaged Students

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jacqueline Hawkins

Joana Idakwo-Agha

The Alternative to Traditional College  
Degree Programs: Implications for a  
Sustainable Workforce in the Federal  
Republic of Nigeria

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The Pinnacle of College Readiness  
Initiatives: An Examination of the  
Impact Early College High Schools have  
on Students from Underrepresented  
Populations in Texas

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Disproportionate Disciplinary Removals  
of Black Students with Disabilities from  
their Learning Environment and its  
Influence on Reading Performance

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Whitney Andrea Manuel

Examining Behavioral Interventions and  
Strategies that Support Students with  
Disabilities and their Effectiveness for  
Future Student Success

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Re-Examining Teacher Turnover in the  
Era of COVID-19

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Campus Improvement Plan Quality for  
6th-8th Grade: Texas Middle Schools  
Rated Overall -F in 2019

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Struggling Adolescent Readers: Profiles  
and Growth for the Middle Grades

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Disability Outcomes in a Public  
Charter School System: The Search for  
Consistency and Equity

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Plans of Engagement: An Analysis of  
Family and Community Engagement Plan  
Responses within Texas Charter School  
Applications of Potential Campuses  
Targeting African American and Latino  
Communities

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Examining Content-specific Educator  
and Campus Administrator Reports  
of Integrating Social and Emotional  
(SEL) Competencies within the English  
Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) Texas  
Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)  
for Grades 6-8

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Equitable Learning Environments  
for High School Students of Color:  
Perceptions of School-Based Educators  
on using Transformative Social-  
Emotional Learning

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A Well-Paved Path: Intentional  
Post-Secondary Transition

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**Curriculum and Instruction**

Zainab Said Hamed Al-Shidhani

Inclusive Instructional Design in the  
Learning Experiences of Omani Pre-  
service Teachers: Student Perspective

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sara McNeil

Phuong Thi Mai Nguyen

Evaluation of the Alternative Textbook  
Incentive Program

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Tracy R. Samuel  
Understanding Perceptions of  
Community College Faculty Regarding  
Effective Teaching in Online Corequisite  
College Algebra  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Jennifer Chauvot

Keela J. Uzzell  
On the Front Lines: Discovering  
Kindergarten Teacher's Perspectives on  
Play and Increased Academics in Modern  
Title I Kindergarten Classrooms  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Miao Li

**EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP  
AND POLICY STUDIES**

Earl Bryan Bennett  
Advancing Diversity, Equity, and  
Inclusion in University Athletic  
Departments  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Lyle McKinney

Trang Anh Thuc Phan  
Hidden in Plain Sight: Situating the  
Identities and Experiences of Asian  
American Pacific Islander Students at  
an Asian American Native American  
Pacific Islander Serving Institution  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Yali Zou

Candice Wilson-Stykes  
How Students Experience Failing a  
Course: A Descriptive Phenomenology  
**ADVISOR:** Dr. Vincent Carales

**Psychological, Health  
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Is Math for People Like Me? Latent  
Profile Analysis of Gender Stereotypes  
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### Message from the Dean

*Congratulations, Class of 2022!*

Today, we gather to celebrate you and your successful journey through the University of Houston and the Honors College.

Know that each of you has made history -- by persevering through a world pandemic, never losing sight of the goal! But the pandemic did not deter you despite unprecedented difficulties.

I've been affiliated with the Honors College for more than 45 years of my 48-year career as a faculty member at the University of Houston. My association began before it was even a college as you know it today – it began as the Honors Program in the 1950s. Since those initial beginnings, I have seen unprecedented growth, both in numbers of students and programs, and in overall quality. I believe that the Honors College provides exceptional opportunities to our students and has become increasingly important to the University.

With the guidance of outstanding faculty and staff, you have thrived and grown as you navigated your way through the Honors College's exceptional academic experiences, unparalleled opportunities in research, and real-world service to the community.

Independent of the path you have taken, you are not in the same place you were when you began this journey, and neither is the College. During your time in Honors, you have been a part of its dynamic growth and development with the addition of new minors, a record-breaking number of awardees of scholarships and major awards, and new opportunities for both research and co-curricular engagement.

As you begin your careers or continue your studies through graduate or professional programs, we know that you'll be well prepared to lead in your chosen field and continue contributing solutions to the grand challenges of tomorrow.

Although you're graduating, the Honors College will always be a part of your life. Stay connected with the College as an alum and I hope you will support the College's programs and scholarships for future generations.

*Go Coogs!*

Stuart Long  
*Interim Dean  
and Associate Dean, Undergraduate Research*



## 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**

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## University Honors with Honors in Major

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Sheheryar Ali  
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Abigail Bryant  
Colin Campbell  
Blake Bryan Deckard  
Derick Adrian Del Rio  
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Zarius Kersi Engineer  
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Josh Flynn  
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