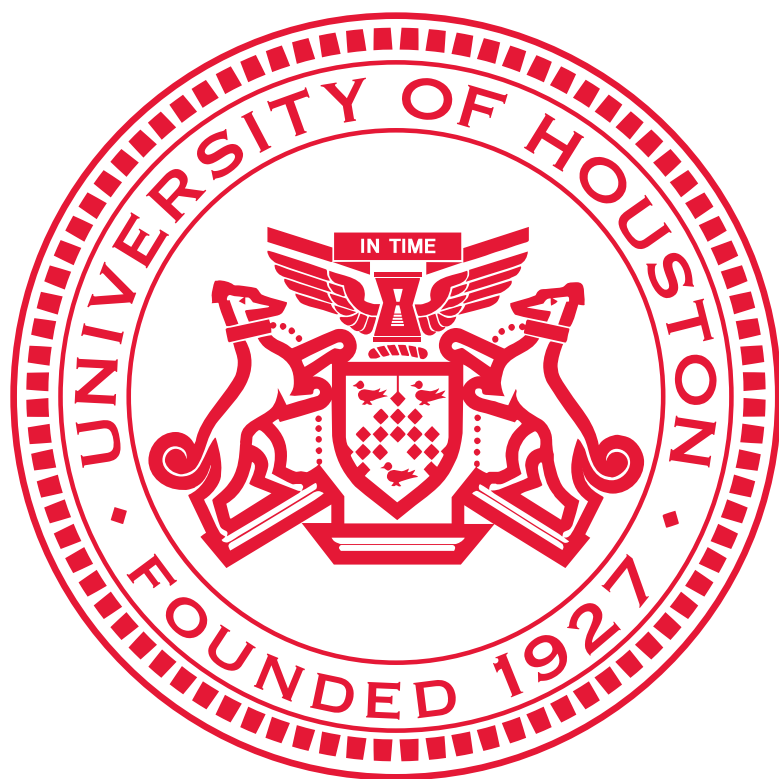




# University of Houston Fall 2022 Commencement

**Conrad N. Hilton College of  
Global Hospitality Leadership**

Friday, December 16, 2022 • Cullen Performance Hall





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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'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

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*



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## University of Houston System

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*COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY*

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*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

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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>

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## 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.







Conrad N. Hilton College of  
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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

### Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Today marks a major milestone in your lives—the day you officially transition from students to alumni. You have accomplished so much in your time at the Conrad N. Hilton College, and now you will 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 are now part of a global network of close to 9,300 Hilton College graduates, and the friendships you have 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.

The Fall Class of 2022 is among the best the College has ever produced, and I know you will 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!*

Dennis Reynolds  
*Dean*  
*Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair*

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<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	College Banner Bearer Platform Party Faculty
<b>PRESENTATION OF COLORS</b>	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Moore School of Music
<b>WELCOME AND OPENING ADDRESS</b>	Dennis Reynolds <i>Dean, Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair</i>
<b>GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS</b>	The Honorable Doug H. Brooks <i>Member</i>
<b>COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS</b>	Jason McCann <i>Chief Executive Office and Co-Founder, Vari®</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF MASTERS DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Ki-Joon Back <i>Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies Eric Hilton Distinguished Chair</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC HONORS AND DEGREE CANDIDATES</b>	Mary Dawson <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Donald H. Hubbs Professorship</i>
<b>CONFERRAL OF DEGREES PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI AWARD FOR SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE</b>	Dean Reynolds
<b>PRESENTATION OF GLOBAL MASTERS AWARDS</b>	Achim Schmitt <i>Dean of Graduate School École Hôtelière de Lausanne</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF DEAN'S AWARDS AND CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Dean Reynolds
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	



**Commencement Speaker**

**JASON McCANN**

**Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Vari®**

JASON McCANN's mission is to create workspaces that elevate people. In 2013, he co-founded Vari, creator of the popular VariDesk sit-stand desks.

Under his leadership, Vari has grown at an incredible pace. *SMU Cox* named it Dallas' fastest growing business and *EY* named Jason the Entrepreneur of the Year.

Today, the workspace innovation company provides office furniture for high-growth businesses, with products in 98% of the Fortune 500. VariSpace, the company's commercial real estate venture, offers enterprises space-as-a-service with flexible lease terms.

Jason has been published by *Forbes*, *Entrepreneur*, and *Inc.* and was named CEO of the Year by *D CEO Magazine* in 2021. He has spoken about workspace innovation at Australia's Parliament and at events like *Inc. Founders House at SXSW*, *Dreamforce*, and *Startup Grind*.

Jason and his family live near Dallas. He earned his B.S. and MBA from the University of Houston.

**Fall 2022 – Candidates for Graduation**

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**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN HOSPITALITY  
MANAGEMENT**

Neziah Bowers  
Jack Patrick Burke  
Rebecca M. Douglass  
Sarah Renee Flores-Lewis  
Megan L. Flowers  
Boyd Foster  
Iliana Gallegos-Rivera  
Grace Mae Garcia  
Anthony Li Hong  
Sonica Ashok Katakdhond  
Minh Trong Le  
Ngoc Thi Kim Nguyen  
Chloe R. Penton  
Isabella M. Raschke  
Megan Roper  
Mackenzie N. Snuggs  
Hannah Elizabeth Todd  
Sachinsingh Rakeshsingh Tomar  
Huy Duc Vu

**EXECUTIVE MASTER  
OF HOSPITALITY  
MANAGEMENT**

Leigh Newton Alvarez  
Jerald J. Bass  
Nadia Casaperalta  
Joey Elizondo  
Robin Lynn Jackson  
Brandon Alexander Soverall  
Katharine Tiffany  
Cristina Kelly Vazquez

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY  
BUSINESS**

Nicolas R. Roca-Guiulfo

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE  
IN GLOBAL HOSPITALITY  
BUSINESS**

Timur Akhsanov  
Jay Jayesh Bhakta  
Amanda Maria Charreton  
Chunyu Chen  
Tommaso Guidi  
Giovanni Guidi  
Shicheng Guo  
Maayân Harispe  
Xing Nan He  
Katarina Holecova  
Jiahui Huang  
YenLin Kuo  
Alexander Lebedev  
Élise Lemercier  
Wenxin Li  
Xin Li  
Luca Malandrino  
Sai Krishna Goud Mekala  
Matthieu Claude Michel  
Édouard Provino  
Shivam Sharma  
Hubie Robert Sangster  
Ricardo Tellez  
Anne de Rooij  
Yingni Wang  
Junyi Yang

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Perla Glen Albiter<sup>1</sup>  
Alysa Taylor Aldredge  
Emma Elyse Allbee  
Jonathan Alvarado<sup>3</sup>  
Zachary Andrzejewski<sup>2</sup>  
Yamil Asaf Garduno  
Leslie Basave<sup>2</sup>  
Kaithlynn Mabulay Bruno<sup>3</sup>  
Victoria Lynn Buck  
Alana Marie Bush<sup>2</sup>

Fernando Gabriel Callejas Quevedo  
Crystal Charrie<sup>2</sup>  
Bailin Chen<sup>1</sup>  
Alexandra Noelle Clayton  
Argelia D. Contreras  
Anthony Baldemar Cortez, Jr.<sup>2</sup>  
Bernice Joann Creamer  
Shirjil Asif Davwa<sup>2</sup>  
Austin M. Demoney  
Duc Tri Duong<sup>3</sup>  
Krissy Feng<sup>1</sup>  
Madison R. Fleming  
Danielle J. Foster  
Jasmine A. Fraire  
Joshua A. Friedman  
Raven Gallien  
Tiffany I. Garbanzos<sup>2</sup>  
Hiram Moises Garcia  
Jordyn E. Garcia<sup>1</sup>  
Justin A. Garcia  
Sophia N. Garcia  
Kyle Matthew Garza<sup>3</sup>  
Ethan Laurence Giles  
Thomas Wayman Grant<sup>3</sup>  
Alyssa Nicole Grooms<sup>1</sup>  
Omar Guerrero<sup>1</sup>  
Nour N. Hammoudeh  
Nikki Hashemi<sup>2</sup>  
Yong He<sup>3</sup>  
Jinglong Heng<sup>3</sup>  
Rebecca D. Holman  
Ashley Bright Hu<sup>1</sup>  
Ting Hin Hui<sup>1</sup>  
Treasure Jackson  
Joseph B. Jacobsen  
Fartashia Jannat<sup>2</sup>  
Yi Kao<sup>1</sup>  
Pichhapoanra Kheang<sup>1</sup>  
Isaiah Edgar King  
Alexis Nicole Kokines  
Thomas Bernhart Kozuch<sup>2</sup>  
Vincent Lin<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Summa Cum Laude - <sup>2</sup> Magna Cum Laude - <sup>3</sup> Cum Laude

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Yuxuan Liu <sup>3</sup>  
Joann Ming Cho Loomis  
Veronica Araceli Martinez Serrano <sup>1</sup>  
Taylor Christine McHenry  
Laura Camila Medina Galindo  
Damian P. Melchor  
Edith Moctezuma Alvarado <sup>1</sup>  
Ian M. Moffett  
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Jared Anthony Veasey  
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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**

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

## University Honors with Honors in Major

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### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Anna Mayzenberg  
Ethan Paquet

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ashley Dianne Acuna  
Marco Antonio Garcia  
Hana Osama Mohamad

## University Honors

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### C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Mahin Ahsan  
Sheheryar Ali  
Jack Alexander Barsotti  
Abigail Bryant  
Colin Campbell  
Blake Bryan Deckard  
Derick Adrian Del Rio  
Cody Wayne Doyle  
Zarius Kersi Engineer  
Victoria Escobar  
Josh Flynn  
Clarissa Juliet Garcia  
Vividha Gupta  
Megan Tien Harris  
Aaron Edward Hart  
Trent Cade Holub  
Jeline Jabbour  
Aamirah Jamal  
Amy Quynh Lai  
Lindee Le  
Sana Nguyen  
Emily Nham  
Amritha Poozhikunnath Manojkumar  
Fernanda Olvera  
Jiten Oza  
Rebecca Ramos  
Mahmood Rameen Rastegari  
Alexandra Marie Romero  
Emma Francisca Saenz  
Chandler Adam Scott  
Christianna Simon  
Ana Paola Torres Lopez

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Chinonso Nnenna Agodu  
Elnora Awatt  
Syeda Maryam Beyabani  
Kaleb M. Clark  
Blake Bryan Deckard  
Isabella Frazier  
Cira-Marie Frias  
Jhoana Marie Icaay Fulgencio  
Claire E. Fuller  
Connor Adrian Garcia  
Maya Annika Garza  
Summer Rose Gebrail  
Jaelys Gonzales  
Michelle Marie Guerra  
Josue Guerrero  
Daniela M Herrera Almaguer  
Amina Aslam Khan  
Kush Kinariwala  
Marley Knittle  
Amina Malik  
Suzanne Marie Mastren  
Villa Gasper Matovu  
Reagan Mccawley  
Sondos Moursy  
Duc Gia Bach Nguyen  
Tag Fouad Osama  
Sydney Michelle Perkins  
Anna Marie Rowbatham  
Amna Zehra Saleem  
Hassan A. Syed  
Minahil Zaki

### KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Mia L. Garcia

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Gabriela Christine McAndrew

### CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Shiv Chopra  
Yusef Haikal  
John Mcnamara  
Marcos Elian Ibarra Montoya  
Joseph C. Palacios  
Jocelyn Ramos  
Dorthy Alynna D. Tapic  
Tyler D. Todd

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

Megan Aimee Schultz

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Shaikh Fatima Afaq  
Isaac Thomas Benedict  
Sammy A. Bourji  
Gabrielle Juliano Co  
Emilie Kate Cooper  
Shereen Yasser Enan

Mia Franchville  
Jacob Daniel Higdon  
Amber Marie Hoskins  
Jenny Claire Johnson  
Richa Kiran  
Jesse Andres Martinez  
Christian Montemayor  
Nha Nguyen

Chukwuedo Kendrix Okeibunor  
Gabrielle Olinger  
Matthew Philip  
Kaela Nicole De Leon Solis  
Sammy Taybi  
John Tran  
Michelle Tran  
Daniel Wadhawan

Nadia Ariana Zamany  
Vanessa Zambrano

### **COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Saamiya Syed  
Angela Lumei Young

## **Collegiate Honors**

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### **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Camille R. Blanchard  
Gabriela Katherine Davila  
Victoria Elizabeth Davila  
Marena Elizabeth Emerson  
Alex Ferrer  
Walter Figueroa  
Jeremiah Kilbane  
Imani Elaine Lewis  
Helen Louise Long  
Amelia A. Mcdill  
Jane Ijeoma Onuoha  
Enrique Salinas  
Kennedy Temple  
Nicole Thude  
Jaclyn Vaughn

### **KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS**

Paulina A. Khotskaia  
Phillip Velarde

### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Mariam Haider

### **CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

Daniel Dorali  
Mark Escudero  
Mekiah D. Hickman  
Tom Jacob Joseph  
Gantabya Kadel  
Alexandru Ioan Neagu  
Robert Peter Sipowicz  
Dobri Nikolaev Stalev

### **COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS**

Shahad Algharrawi  
Syeda Zuha Beyabani  
Jonathan Dullen  
Jing Ming Lim  
Angela Beatriz Marroquin  
Rania Moin  
Syed Mushfiqur Rahman  
Karla Fernanda Reynoso Sujo  
Zachary Robinson  
Robert James Schnur  
Slater James Smith  
Hannah Wolken

### **COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Jade Thanh Nguyen

## **Membership in The Honors College**

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### **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Michael Isaac Gutierrez  
Jose P. Samperio

### **COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS**

Syed Abidi

Rose Alhajri  
Sana Gulzar Ali  
Nicholas Hoang  
Veronica Pearl Obrien  
Emily Song

## **Honors in Major**

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### **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Joshua Cornelius



**Message from the UH Alumni Foundation Board President**

Congratulations 2022 Graduates!

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, using your UH Go app to login as an alumnus, joining a group, coming to events, to becoming a Life Member, the opportunities to engage are endless.

To start your journey as an alumnus, please click the QR code below so you can enjoy all the activities that soon await you. In the meantime, enjoy this moment and continue to soar.

True we'll ever be and Go Coogs!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wayne Lockett'. The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wayne Lockett ('74)  
*UH Alumni Association Foundation Board President*



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