

# University of Houston Fall 2022 Commencement

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

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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,

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. McPharson

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

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Renu Khator

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### University of Houston Deans

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Michael Twa Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Optometry College of Optometry

Dan E. Wells Distinguished Professor of Science College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

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### **University of Houston History**



The University of Houston was established as the Houston Junior College in 1927. As the college grew, it prospered and officially became the four-year University of Houston in 1934. Two years later, the college attained land for a permanent campus, and in 1939 it constructed its first building, the Roy G. Cullen Building. The University became a state institution in 1963.

The University includes 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

Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree

Tassel: Violet Hood: Violet Tassel: Black

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

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

### **C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

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

### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

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

d: Light Blue sel: Black od (Ed.D.): Light Blue od (Ph.D.): Dark Blue Tassel: Red

### **CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

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

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

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

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### **UH LAW CENTER**

Master's Degree Doctoral Degree Hood: Purple Tassel: Black 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
Master's Degree

Doctoral Degree

Tassel: Golden Yellow Hood: Golden Yellow Tassel: Black Hood: Dark Blue

Tassel: Red

Tassel: Apricot

### **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 Hood: Olive Master's Degree 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** Master's Degree

Tassel: Maroon Hood: Maroon Tassel: Black

### **HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Master's Degree:

Hood: Peacock Blue Tassel: Peacock Blue

### **Ceremonial Symbols**



### THE SEAL

Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston and UH System seals both bear the Official Seal of Arms of General Sam Houston, as handed down to him from his noble ancestors. It includes the escutcheon in the center of the seal — consisting of checkered chevrons denoting nobility — and three martlets, gentle lowland birds that symbolize peace and deliverance. A winged hourglass is placed above the shield. Surmounting this is the motto "In Tempore," meaning "In Time." The greyhounds indicate speed of giving aid. The UH seal was first adopted in 1938 as the present campus was established. Although the look of the seal has evolved over the years, the first version was etched into the floor of the Roy G. Cullen Building.



### **UNIVERSITY MACE**

The University Mace, which is carried in academic processions, is a staff symbolizing the University's authority and unity. The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 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

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### **Academic Honors**

Academic honors are based on the requirements of the catalog year students entered the University. The final designation for honors is determined by the Provost's Office upon final completion of all degree requirements.

Undergraduates who have graduated with the stated academic honors have achieved the following grade point averages earned in the last 54 hours completed at the University of Houston.

3.90 TO 4.0 Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)3.70 TO 3.89 Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)3.50 TO 3.69 Cum Laude (with Honors)

This roster does not include the names of degree holders who chose to withhold information under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.

### Summa Cum Laude – 4.0 GPA Graduates

The following graduates are recognized for achieving Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average while also completing their degree within four years of starting their first semester in college at the University of Houston.

### **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

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### The President's Medallion

**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 highperforming 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.

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.







### Message from the Dean

Class of 2022: Congratulations on your graduation from the University of Houston!

Commencement is a time for reflection, celebration, and looking to the future. During your time as a student at UH, you demonstrated that you are resilient, both individually and as a group. Your determination, along with the support of family, friends, classmates, faculty, and staff, provided

you the drive needed to complete your degree.

You have persevered, and you have succeeded. Today we celebrate that success!

I believe that challenges along your path, and there were many challenges these past few years, were opportunities for you to grow, gain wisdom, and learn to adapt. The faculty and staff of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences aimed to challenge your thinking, strengthen your knowledge, and deepen your appreciation of the world in all its complexity and diversity. We now applaud your accomplishment.

Your experiences at UH will serve you well as you transition to the next phase of your life. Your graduation is the first step, a very large step, on your path to great achievements.

As a new graduate, you have the opportunity to contribute constructively to society, utilizing the knowledge and skills you have acquired here. You have the privilege of shaping a brighter future for all of us. I look forward to the future that you will create.

The College is delighted to welcome you into the ranks of our alumni. I hope you will keep in touch with your classmates and maintain strong ties with the University of Houston. We need the energy and support of our alumni as the University of Houston becomes a top 50 public research university, and beyond. I know we can rely on you.

Please accept my best wishes for your continued success. Be well, stay safe and Go Coogs!

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Dr. Daniel P. O'Connor Dean

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PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moores School of Music
<b>RECOGNITION OF PLATFORM PARTY</b>	Todd Romero Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies
WELCOME REMARKS	Daniel P. O'Connor Dean
GREETINGS FROM UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable Jack B. Moore Vice Chairman
RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS	Carla Sharp Associate Dean, Faculty and Research
PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES	Susan Scarrow Associate Dean, Graduate Studies
PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Scarrow
PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Romero
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Dean O'Connor
CONCLUDING REMARKS	Dean O'Connor
ALMA MATER	Moores School of Music
RECESSIONAL	Moores School of Music

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### Fall 2022 – Candidates for Graduation

### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

### **Department of English**

Brian McWilliams Transfer From A Student's Perspective: A Qualitative Study of Teaching For Transfer In First-Year Writing ADVISOR: Nathan Shepley, Ph.D.

### Department of Health and Human Performance

### Kinesiology

Hidetaka Hibino Association Between Heart Failure and Hand Sensorimotor Function ADVISOR: Stacey Gorniak, Ph.D.

Christopher Alexander Malaya Effects of Simulated Gravitational Loading and Unloading on Kinematic and Electromyographic Variables During Walking ADVISOR: Charles S. Layne, Ph.D.

### **Department of Hispanic Studies**

#### Spanish

Isis Renee Campos Activas: Central American Women's Representation, Writing, and Cultural Production in the United States **CO-CHAIRS:** Nicolás Kanellos, Ph.D. and Gabriela Baeza Ventura, Ph.D.

Estela Hernandez Variación léxica en el español de los Estados Unidos: representación digital ADVISOR: Manuel Gutiérrez, Ph.D.

Sylvia Rossana Perez Vigil De Mostaccero La distopía socio política y la deshumanización en la literatura y el cine en Perú ADVISOR: Guillermo De Los Reyes, Ph.D

### **Department of History**

Ezell Lamont Wilson Inhabiting Para: Afro-Brazilians and the Remaking and Reimagining of Place in Amazonia ADVISOR: Philip Howard, Ph.D.

### **Department of Political Science**

Burak Giray UN Peacekeeping Operations: Conflicting Interests and Effectiveness ADVISOR: J. Tyson Chatagnier, Ph.D.

Samad Karimov Onset and Outcomes of Biased Mediation in International Conflicts ADVISOR: J. Tyson Chatagnier, Ph.D.

### Department of Psychology

### Social Psychology

Joanne Angosta Integration of Social Influence Interventions to Reduce Risky Drinking among College Students. ADVISOR: Clayton Neighbors, Ph.D.

Meisam Vahedi Symbolic Social Bonds May Reduce the Negative Effects of Self-Control Depletion on Risky Sexual Behavior ADVISOR: Jaye L. Derrick, Ph.D.

### **MASTER'S DEGREES**

### **Department of Economics**

### MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED ECONOMICS

Mariia Vasylivna Atamaniuk Valerii Oleksandrovych Kulalaiev Oleksandra Nahorna Olha Pokhvalenna Bradley Dylan Selsberg Roman Tsyolkovskyi

## MASTER OF ARTS

Hanna Bolhova Oleksandr Gorbach Mykyta Horovoi Oleg Ivanytskyi Danylo Krasovytskyi Volodymyr Lazorenko Marian Melnyk Kun Nhan Nhuien Inna Omelchenko Igor Piddubnyi Olha Rakova Anna Shcherbiak Yevhenii Terentiev Yelyzaveta Tikhonovska Oleksandr Tsaran Ivan Maksimovich Volovyk Myron Yanitskyi

### **Department of English**

Erin Patricia Cadenhead Serena Ruby Foster Christian E. Lindquist Monique R. Suarez

**Department of History** Paula Davis Hoffman

### Department of Health and Human Performance

### MASTER OF ARTS IN SPORT AND FITNESS ADMINISTRATION

McKynzie Fort Michael Terell Mitchell II Cole J. Rabedeaux Tyler W. Rohrman Dani Willis

### Master of Science in Human Nutrition

Emily Jane Clement Deina Ahmad Hamdan Brittany Nicole Paul Kenny H. Pham Brooke Gerstenhaber Reichek Brooke Mackenzie Van Teyens

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### Jack J. Valenti School of Communication

### MASTER OF ARTS IN MASS COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Kirstyn Lynn Speich Caitlyn Fran Wolf

### MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDIES

Sarah Noelle Cantu

### Department of Modern and Classical Languages

Khaili Lynn Sam-Sin

### **Department of Political Science**

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### **Department of Psychology**

Caitlin Grace Kennedy Michelle Nicole Martinez Natalie Ridgely Francisco Javier Torres III

### MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Daniel Chang LaDawn Fletcher

### **Department of Sociology**

Fernando Pineda Cabrera Timothy J. Zhou

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### Jack J. Valenti School of Communication

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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.

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Wayne Luckett ('74) UH Alumni Association Foundation Board President



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