



College of Nursing

Commencement and Pinning Ceremony Friday, December 17, 2021, 2 p.m. Cullen Performance Hall

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Message from the President

December 17, 2021

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations! The moment you've long dreamed of today becomes a reality. Today, you become a college graduate. The long hours, late nights and countless sacrifices have all been worth it. Your hard work has prepared you for a rewarding and successful career.

You are a class of graduates that didn't allow a global pandemic to stop you from achieving your goals. Staying the course during these trying times is a testament to your resilience and tenacity. I have no doubt these same attributes will serve you well as you make your mark in the world. You leave here today educated, equipped and prepared to succeed.

The support of your parents, families and friends, and the encouragement of your UH faculty, advisers and staff have also played a significant part in your success. Remember to thank them for their contribution.

You've received a first-class education here at UH. This is the home of "genius grant" winners, nationally top-ranked academic programs, world-renowned faculty, an NCAA Final Four basketball team, Carnegie-designated Tier One research and so much more. Now, go forward as proud graduates and take the world by storm. I know in my heart that you are now ready and able to be the leaders that our society needs. You are the future we have been waiting for.

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

Warmest regards,

Renu khator

Renu Khator President

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Message from the Provost

Congratulations, Cougars!

I would like to personally congratulate each of you on this momentous achievement. You have worked hard to be here today, and that effort shows.

Your family, friends, mentors and peers have supported you and helped you to arrive at this great time in your life. So, I thank them, as I am sure you also do, for all they have contributed.

I would like to remind each of you to be proud of your time at the University of Houston. You graduate today as future intellectual leaders, researchers, entrepreneurs, healers and artists. Do not forget that you are bound together by your alma mater, and that bond is a strong one. Many of your predecessors have gone on to achieve great success in their professional lives. I wish the same for you.

Whether you are receiving your bachelor's, master's, professional or doctoral degree, you have achieved a major milestone in your life. We are proud of you, and we are proud you are now Tier One University of Houston alumni.

On behalf of all the University faculty and college deans, I congratulate you on your achievements. You are our best and brightest, and we are honored to have been a part of your lives.

Warm regards,

Paula Myrick Short

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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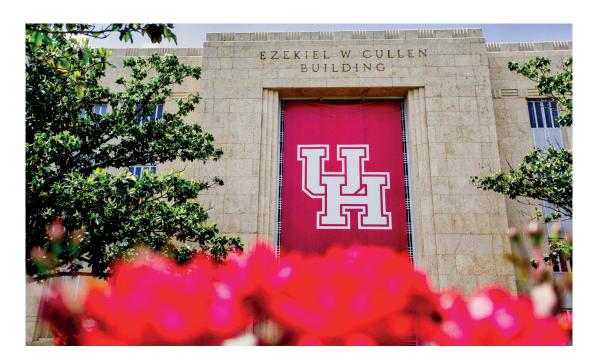
Dan E. Wells

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 47,000 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 Tassel: Violet
Master's Degree 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

Degree Hood: Bink

Doctoral DegreeHood: 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

Master's Degree

Hood: Light Blue
Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree

Hood (Ed.D.): Light Blue
Hood (Ph.D.): Dark Blue

Hood (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 HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

Bachelor's Degree Tassel: Navy
Master's Degree Hood: Navy, Red and White
Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree *Hood:* Dark Blue *Tassel:* Red

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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 DegreeTassel: CitronMaster's DegreeHood: Citron

Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree Hood: Dark Blue

Tassel: Red

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

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



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 14th 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 2021

Ryan Chang
Bachelor of Science in Biology
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Rabia Gadrab

Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Julia Nguyen

Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management C.T. Bauer College of Business

Kelly Nguyen

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

Kimberly Nguyen

Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management C.T. Bauer College of Business

Jacob Olsen

Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management C.T. Bauer College of Business

Precious Amber Vargas
Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management
C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Istvan Wang

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Shehzad Yousaf
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics



COLLEGE of NURSING



Message from the Dean

Dear Nursing Graduates,

You are exemplary nursing graduates from the University of Houston! You earned the BSN or MSN degree and are pinned with UH Nursing pin. Thank you for being a student at the University of Houston and thank you for choosing to be a nurse!

Your education at the College of Nursing equipped you to embark upon your career as a nurse leader and nurse clinician. During your time at the University of Houston as a nursing student, you and your classmates collectively spent thousands of hours on Zoom, in clinical, classroom, simulation labs, or volunteering, thus adding to the strength and vibrancy of our community and our profession.

I am especially proud of each of you for persevering through the most incredible year of any of us have ever known. In 2020-2021 we walked with you through the COVID-19 pandemic, social, political and racial unrest. Our courses, clinicals and lives were impacted and disrupted. We worked harder than we have ever worked using our nursing knowledge and science to save lives, protect our community, care for our families and teach our own children. Yet, you graduated on-time and are now more ready than any of our graduates to work in an environment where nurses are incredibly needed, trusted and respected.

I look forward to seeing the impact your careers and professional contributions will have on the future of health care and nursing. You will have many experiences and opportunities in your career, and I look forward to hearing about them all as you practice nursing in the city of Houston, our state, the nation and around the world.

As lifelong learners, I invite you to stay connected with your College of Nursing. We welcome and invite you to become "life members" of the UH Nursing Alumni Association.

You will always have a special honor of being a UH Nurse. You will be reminded of this distinct honor each time you wear your nursing pin, engage with the College of Nursing or the University of Houston.

Congratulations Cougar Nurses!

Sincerely,

Kathryn M. Tart, EdD ('99), MSN, RN

Founding Dean and Professor

KathrynTart

Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Nursing

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> "Four Seasons" by Vivaldi **PROCESSIONAL**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Kathryn M. Tart, EdD ('99), MSN, RN

Founding Dean and Professor

Humana Endowed Dean's Chair in Nursing

Fullbright Scholar

SPEAKER Judge Lina Hidalgo

DESCRIPTION OF PIN Dean Tart

Dean Tart **HOODING OF GRADUATE CANDIDATES**

PINNING OF GRADUATE CANDIDATES Kathleen Reeve, DrPH, ANP-BC, FNP-C

Associate Dean/Graduate Director/Clinical Professor

PINNING OF BACHELOR CANDIDATES Patricia Schrader, PhD, MSN, RN, CMSRN

Clinical Assistant Professor/BSN Director

PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR

AND MASTER CANDIDATES

Dr. Schrader

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES Dean Tart

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE Danielle Quintana, MSN, RN, CNOR-E

Clinical Assistant Professor AND LIGHTING CEREMONY

Interim Second Degree BSN Track Manager

FAREWELL FROM THE FACULTY Dr. Schrader

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ALMA MATER Moores School of Music

> "Radetzky Waltz" by Strauss **RECESSIONAL**

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Commencement Speaker
JUDGE LINA HIDALGO

JUDGE LINA HIDALGO is the head of Harris County's governing body. She is the first woman to be elected County Judge and only the second to be elected to the Commissioners Court.

Harris County is the third largest county in our nation. Its population of more than 4.5 million rivals that of the entire state of Colorado. The Harris County Judge and four County Commissioners oversee a \$4.3 billion budget that helps fund key county services and institutions.

The County Judge is the presiding officer on the Commissioners Court. As the main governing body of Harris County, the Commissioners Court plays a critical role that is part administrative,

part legislative, and part judicial. Its many responsibilities include adopting a budget; setting tax rates; calling for bond elections; building and maintaining county infrastructure such as roads and bridges; and overseeing county courthouses, jails, libraries, parks, and the Harris County Flood Control District.

By state law, the County Judge is also the county's director of emergency management, leading the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HCOHSEM). In addition to her formal duties, Judge Hidalgo plays an important advocacy role for the County.

Judge Hidalgo believes that our region will remain competitive only through proactive and creative leadership on issues like flood control, transportation, criminal justice reform, and education. She is committed to ensuring that Harris County government is transparent, accessible, and accountable to every resident. She wants Harris County to be a place where everyone can attain the American Dream.

Judge Hidalgo's leadership has been recognized through numerous awards and national honors. She received the prestigious John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award for her swift response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and was recognized with the Jack Brooks Foundation Leadership Award for her work to protect voting rights and access to the ballot box. Judge Hidalgo has also been named to the TIME Magazine 100 Next list as well as Forbes 30 Under 30.

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MSN Graduates

Jennifer Alvarado Sarah Shelton Campbell ⁴ Mary Hay-Yan Cheung Regina Hall Tamunonengiyeofori Kuluma Lauren Elizabeth LeBas ⁴ Melissa A. Powell Isabel Rincon ⁴ Theresa Anne Walters ⁴

Second Degree BSN Graduates

Clarissa Michelle Alvarado ^{3, 4}
Autumn E. Arnold ^{3, 4}
Audrey C. Atkinson ^{3, 4}
Antonette Uwoghiren Atori
Oluwatosin M. Ayilara
Olivia Elaine Baker
Sally Bayasheva
Jasmine E. Boston
Kaylee Lynn Boudreaux
Callie Megan Burke ³
Clement Jian-Wei Chee ³
Kathryn Grace Cherington ^{3, 4}
Ifeoma Chike-Egboh ^{3, 4}
Elizabeth Minae Chung ³
Michala Anne Coffman ^{3, 4}

Loveth Emmanuel ³
Andrenise DeAun Faust
Kristen Denise Flores ^{2,4}
Brianna A. Galvan ^{1,4}
Alejandra Nicole Garcia ^{1,4}
Angel Ivan Garza

Adryl Lamique Delicana, Jr.

Baylee Duhon 3,4

Jasmine Elisa George ^{3,4}
Edith Gloria Novas
Gabrielle Yesenia Gomez ⁴
Melanie Anne Guico ³
Lupe Havemann
Ki'Asha Renee Harris
Bailey Elizabeth Hlavinka ³
Eden Marie Homrighaus
Anne Jordan ^{3,4}

Anny Ngoc Khong ^{3, 4} Madison Paige Lynch ³ Junny P. Ma

Joyce V. Madatharavila Kristen Taylor Maroul ^{3,4} Jorge Alfredo Martinez ⁴ Rachel Elizabeth Mathew ^{3,4} Brianna B. McDermott

Luis Moreno Kim Hoang Nguyen Linda Hoang Nguyen ³ Danny Nguyen Misha Nguyen ^{2,4} Hannah G. Niemann Natalie Ann O'Quinn 2,4

Chinonyerem Jessica Onwukwe 3,4

Chelsea Osei ^{2,4}
Nolin Hope Packer ⁴
Diana Catalina Pelaez ^{3,4}
Catie Pennington ³
Casey Lee Ramey ^{3,4}
Cristin J. Rodriguez ^{2,4}
Courtney Elizabeth Royston
Grace Elizabeth Schnefke ³

Brianna Scott Faviola Sosa ³ Michelle X. Tat ^{1,4} Sarath Aniyan Thayil ³ Don Vu Tran ³

Araly Magdalena Vallery 3,4

Thu-Tam Thi Vo ³

Alice Nyambura Waithaka 3,4

Jennifer Walker ³ Rebecca E. Ward ^{2,4} Kelsey Nicole Webb ³ Katrina Mae Yap ³

RN to BSN Graduates

Ryan Andrew Bailey

Pamela Omonohi Ugorji 4

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BSN Clinical Affiliations

Fort Bend Health and Human Service Department Harris County Psychiatric Center Texas Medical Center Harris Health System Ben Taub Texas Medical Center HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress HCA Houston Healthcare The Woman's Hospital of Texas HCA Houston Healthcare Pearland Houston Independent School District Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital Houston Methodist Hospital Texas Medical Center Houston Methodist West Hospital Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital Humana/Papa Inc. Humana at Home Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital Memorial Hermann Memorial City Hospital Memorial Hermann PaRC Hospital Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center and Children's Memorial Hermann Texana Early Childhood Development Center Texas Children's Hospital Texas Medical Center Texas Childrens Hospital-Pavilion for Women Tomball Independent School District University of Houston-Student Health Center

MSN Clinical and Practical Affiliations

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Scholarship Donors

Andrew Delaney Endowed Scholarships
Bajwa Endowed Scholarship
College of Nursing Dean's Fund
G & M Hamman Foundation
The George Foundation
Judge K.P. George Nursing Scholarship
Gulf Coast Medical Foundation
Marjorie Akers Hilty Gurasich Endowed Scholarship
The Hamill Foundation
Fred & Mabel R. Parks Foundation
R.E. Bob & Vivian L. Smith Foundation
Vivian L. Smith Foundation
Nancy L. McKenna Endowed Scholarship

Evidence-Based Practice Capstone Paper

Jennifer Alvarado, MSN, RN **Purposeful Hourly Rounding to Improve Patient Satisfaction**

Sarah Shelton Campbell, MSN, RN

Improving Nurse Engagement and Retention Through Strategic Nurse Leader Communication

Mary Hay-Yan Cheung, MSN, RN

Peer Mentoring Program to Reduce Stress in Undergraduate Traditional Nursing Students in the First Year

Tamunonengiyeofori Kuluma, MSN, RN

Implementing Combined 8 hour and 12 hour Shifts to Improve Nurse Retention

Regina Hall, MSN, RN

Implementing Central Line Maintenance Team to Decrease Blood Stream Infection in ICU Patients

Lauren Elizabeth Lebas, MSN, RN

Implementing ESR Protocol to Prevent Maternal Hypotension During Labor

Melissa A. Powell, MSN, RN

Bedside Shift Report to Improve Patient Satisfaction in Adult Inpatient Unit

Isabel Rincon, MSN, RN

Promoting MRSA Contact Precautions to Decrease MRSA Infection in NICU

Theresa Anne Walters, MSN, RN

Nurse Mentoring Program to Promote Nurse Retention

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Florence Nightingale Pledge

"I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to faithfully practice my profession of nursing. I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards and practices of my profession.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling. I will assist other healthcare providers and will devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen and take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of the community.

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely. I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill wherever they may be and whenever they are in need.

I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of humankind."

- Author Unknown

