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Message from the President

May 12, 2022

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.

Over your college journey, you've grown in knowledge and skill, character and stature. Reaching this cherished milestone is a testament to your resilience and tenacity. Having done so in a pandemic shows your strength and resolve. 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, 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 future, Go Coogs!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renu Khator". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Myrick Short". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paula Myrick Short
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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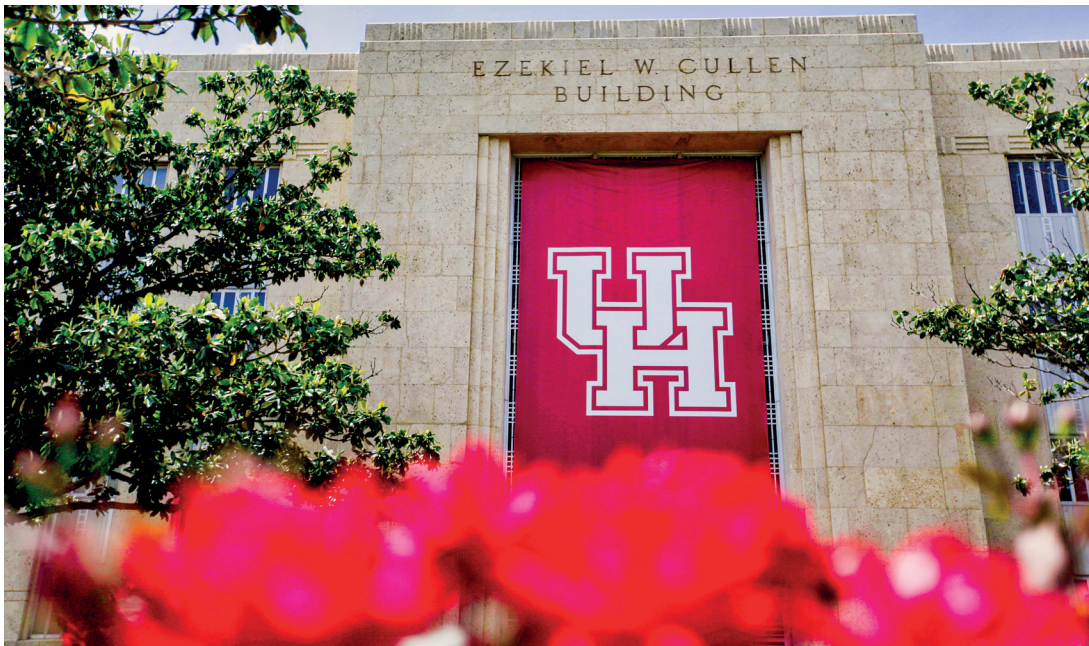
Michael Twa
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University of Houston History



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

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

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

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UH LAW CENTER

Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Purple Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Purple Tassel: Red</i>

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Doctor of Medicine Degree	<i>Hood: Kelly Green Tassel: Red</i>
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COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

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

COLLEGE OF NURSING

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

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Gold Tassel: Black</i>
Doctor of Philosophy Degree	<i>Hood: Royal Blue Tassel: Red</i>
Doctor of Optometry Degree	<i>Hood: Seafoam Green Tassel: Red</i>

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Bachelor's Degree	<i>Tassel: Olive</i>
Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Olive Tassel: Black</i>
Doctor of Philosophy Degree	<i>Hood: Royal Blue Tassel: Red</i>
Doctor of Pharmacy Degree	<i>Hood: Olive Tassel: Red</i>

GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Master's Degree	<i>Hood: Citron Tassel: Black</i>
Doctoral Degree	<i>Hood: Citron Tassel: Red</i>

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

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

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Master's Degree:	<i>Hood: Peacock Blue Tassel: Peacock Blue</i>
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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

SPRING 2022

Hanan AbdelGilil
Bachelor of Science in Biology
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Polina Maksimovna Bandrovskaya
Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Alex R. Botelho
Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Alexander Xavier Eddings
*Bachelor of Business Administration
in Supply Chain Management*
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Zoe Elliot Hearnberger
*Bachelor of Business Administration
in Supply Chain Management*
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Roger M. Hoang
Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management
CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF
GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Tammy Thanhtam Lam
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Ana Crystelle Angela Manda
*Bachelor of Business Administration
in Management Information Systems*
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Alexandria D. Martinez
Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management
CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF
GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

Rachel Thao-Mi Pham
*Bachelor of Business Administration
in Management Information Systems*
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Sebastian Poggi
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Kristen N. Rollins
Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

David Andrei Tatchin
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Morgan E. Thomas
Bachelor of Arts in History
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Alina Mai Thao To
Bachelor of Science in Biochemical and Biophysical Sciences
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Jorge L. Vaca
Bachelor of Science in Economics
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Honorary Degree



KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN

A lover of arts and the humanities, Kathrine G. McGovern is an exemplar of a life well-lived in service to others. The John P. McGovern Foundation, which she and her late husband Dr. John P. McGovern established, is a legendary philanthropic institution in Houston. Through its magnanimous support, the foundation has transformed the city's arts, health care, park and higher education systems for the benefit of all Houstonians.

From 1957 to 1961, McGovern studied art and design at the University of Houston under noted professor and Texas artist Don Snell. Although she made the difficult decision to leave the University to marry Dr. McGovern before completing her degree, her passion for the arts never ceased. In the

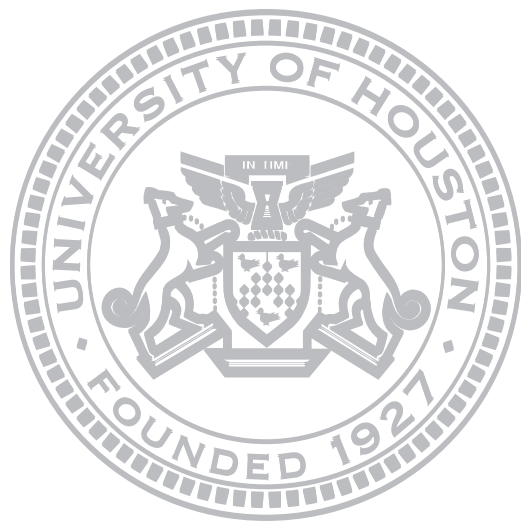
1960s, she continued her studies at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston under renowned Texas painter Dorothy Hood and became an accomplished painter in her own right.

She believes "the arts play a very vital role in our society as artists convey their interpretations of beauty, performance and concept to the viewer, often opening minds to new appreciations of the world around us." Motivated by her lifelong love for the arts and UH, in January 2017, she gave a historic \$20 million gift to create a permanent endowment for the University's newly established College of the Arts. In recognition of the transformational gift, UH renamed the college the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts and McGovern made history by becoming the first alumna and first woman at UH to have a college bear her name. The gift was one of two leading, eight-figure gifts in the \$1.24 billion "Here, We Go" campaign and is one of the three largest gifts to the visual and performing arts in the history of the University.

She has served as president of The John P. McGovern Foundation since her husband's passing in 2007 and is always looking to the future with a focused interest in improving the quality of life throughout Houston. In addition to UH, McGovern has given generous support to The University of Texas Health Science Center; The Houston Zoo; The Ronald McDonald House; the Houston Parks Board; The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; and individuals and families in need throughout the Houston and Galveston region, among others.

The Doctor of Humane Letters degrees, honoris causa, given for exemplary service to the University of Houston or society at large, is the highest honor UH can bestow.







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GRADUATE COLLEGE of SOCIAL WORK

Message from the Dean

Dear Social Work Graduates:

Congratulations on your graduation today from the faculty and staff at the Graduate College of Social Work.

This celebration marks the end of your time of hard work and the beginning of a career in one of the most honorable professions in the world. We would be remiss if we failed to acknowledge not only your accomplishments, but also the support of your family, significant others, and classmates who have helped along the way. And of course, I hope the encouragement and counsel of our incredible faculty and staff have also contributed to your success.

Your motivation and perseverance to complete this degree have prepared you to be of service to those who are in need. I hope that you also will use your knowledge and skills to address the social, racial, economic, and political injustices that exist in our society and around the world. Now more than ever, social workers are needed to confront these injustices and to create a society where justice is no longer an aspiration, but a reality.

I, along with the faculty and staff of the Graduate College of Social Work, wish you every success in the coming years and we look forward to your continued involvement with our College and with our Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association. We honor you today on your achievement and hope that your future is enriched through a successful and significant social work career.

Sincerely,

Alan J. Dettlaff, Ph.D., M.S.W.

Dean

Maconda Brown O'Connor Endowed Dean's Chair

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PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music Candidates for Graduation Platform Party
CALL TO ORDER	Sarah Narendorf <i>Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moores School of Music
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	Alan Dettlaff <i>Dean</i> <i>Maconda Brown O' Connor Endowed Dean's Chair</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS	The Honorable Jack B. Moore <i>Member</i>
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Micol Rosen <i>Academic Advisor III</i> Shelley Gonzales <i>Assistant Director of Field Education and Clinical Assistant Professor</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Suzanne Pritzker <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i>
SPEAKER	The Honorable Garnet Coleman <i>Texas House of Representatives</i>
PRESENTATION OF PH.D. CANDIDATES	Susan Robbins <i>Associate Dean for Doctoral Education</i>
HOODING OF PH.D. CANDIDATES	Dissertation Advisors
PRESENTATION OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Pritzker
CANDIDATE NAMES READ BY	Aabha Brown <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i> Quenette Walton <i>Assistant Professor</i>
HOODING OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES	Monit Cheung <i>Professor</i> <i>Mary R. Lewis Endowed Professor in Children and Youth</i> Steven Parks <i>Lecturing Faculty</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Dean Dettlaff
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Dettlaff
RECESSIONAL	Moores School of Music Platform Party Graduates



Commencement Speaker

THE HONORABLE GARNET COLEMAN

Texas House of Representatives

Garnet F. Coleman served as State Representative for District 147 in the Texas House from 1991-2022. Throughout his service, Representative Coleman has earned a reputation as a leader in the areas of health care, economic development, criminal justice, and education. He was the Senior ranking member of the Public Health Committee as well as the Chairman of the County Affairs Committee.

Representative Coleman has been deeply committed to expanding access to health care for all Texans including serving as a member of President Obama's State Legislators for Health Reform, a working group of 32 state legislators dedicated to health reform in their communities.

His most significant legislative accomplishments include joint authoring legislation that simplified access to children's Medicaid for more than 600,000 children in Texas who were not enrolled because of bureaucratic barriers. He helped secure an increase of \$161.5 million for at-risk child care services and joint-authored legislation that created the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in Texas, which makes low-cost health insurance available to more than 400,000 children from working families. Rep. Coleman also passed the Sandra Bland Act which included de-escalation training for officers, improving the process to make a complaint or compliment of an officer, jail diversion, jail safety, improved data collection, and improvements to mental healthcare.

On two occasions, Representative Coleman was named to the Texas Monthly Ten Best Legislators List and in 2005 he received the Eli Lilly Reintegration Award for his efforts to increase services and decrease the stigma associated with mental illness. He has also been awarded the American Psychiatric Association Jacob R. Javits Public Service Award.

Representative Coleman was Chair of the Legislative Study Group, a non-partisan house caucus dedicated to the development of sound public policy, from 2003-2022. In addition, he has the honor of being a past chairman and current member of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus.

Representative Coleman has also been instrumental in passing legislation fostering urban redevelopment. He authored and passed legislation that created the Greater Southeast Management District, the Downtown Management District, and the Fourth Ward and East Montrose Improvement Districts. He passed legislation creating Houston's convention center hotel and expanding the convention center itself. Rep. Coleman also joint-authored legislation during the 2017 legislative session which helped increase affordable housing units in communities of color.

Representative Coleman remains active in the Houston community. He serves on the advisory board of the Houston Children's Museum and the Ensemble Theater. In 1991, Rep. Coleman founded S.M.A.R.T. Kids, a youth development program that provides much-needed tutoring for inner-city students. Raised in Houston, Rep. Coleman attended Howard University in Washington, D.C., and graduated from the University of St. Thomas cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in 1990. He also completed the prestigious Harvard University Senior Executive Program for State and Local Government. Rep. Coleman and his wife, Angeliq, reside in Houston's University Oaks neighborhood. They have two children, Austin and Evan.

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Summer 2021 – Graduate

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Sandra Kalu

The Process of Academic Success
Among Black Women: A Retrospective
Constructivist Grounded Theory Study
Chair: Sarah Narendorf, Ph.D.

Fall 2021 – Graduates

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Nicholas Hardy

Financial Stability, Depressive
Symptomatology, and Relationship
Satisfaction: Findings from a Healthy
Marriage and Relationship Education
Program
Chair: Sheara Jennings, Ph.D.

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Nina Michelle Ash
Norah Basyouni
Rachel Nichole Brokaw
Latoi Nykee Carr
Jody Gardner
Gerardo R. Guzman, Jr.
André Marcel Harris
Kierra LaShae Miles

Leah Morgan Ney
Cora Parker
Kimberly Ivon Orellana
Nancy Peyrani
Bendy Ciel Rios Lazo
Micaela Rodriguez
Helen Spencer
Madison Janette Steele
Lauren C. Turner
Michele Joy Wezeman

Spring 2022 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Yu-Ju (Julia) Huang

Factors Predicting Depression Among
Cancer Survivors in Integrative Care:
a Mixed-Method Design
Chair: Patrick Leung, Ph.D.

Bec Sokha Keo

Contextualizing the Mental Health
of Transgender, Genderqueer and
Non-binary Communities Through
Intersectionality and Gender Minority
Stress and Resilience Frameworks
Chair: Sarah Narendorf, Ph.D.

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Ivanna Danae Aldaco
Chelsy Aledia
Isela Alfaro
Christina Joy Allen
Zoe Alterman
Stephanie Ancira
Haley E. Anderson

Mia Banda
Roselia Banuelos
Agnes Beda
Elizabeth Belinski
Julianna Berlanga
Amanda Bermudez
Valentina Bibko
Jennifer Brodersen
Diamond Brown
Ashley Bryan
Zeanna Buchanan
Zachary Budd
Sophia Campos
Jennifer Castro
Cody Chua
MaryBeth Cole
Emma Coleman
Lori DiSorbo
Ivanna Duong
Joy Fairchild
Miranda Finken

Brandi Foston
Kizzyann Francis
Francisco Fuentes
Christopher R. Garrett
Gissele Garrido
Constance Gilbert
Dawn Graustein
Emerald T. Green
Evan F. Harper
Briel Sarai Harvey
Kelly Hatcher
Kennedy Mikayla Henderson
Hannah Hildinger
Coralanne Hocking
Julie Powell Hogg
Patricia Homesley
Leah Hunt
Varughese T. Jacob
Alexandra Loren Kramer Jacobs
Guadalupe Jaramillo
Gracen Lynn Jinks

Jessica Aminette Jones
Eric Keil
Cassidy Kenyon
Jacqueline Isabel King
Reilly Kuenstler
Michaela Kuhlow
Adriana Danielle Langlais
Charlene Grace Longstaff
Kimberly Nicole Loza
Jaelene M. Luna
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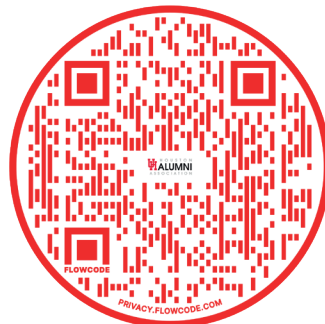
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Drue DaSilva".

Drue DaSilva ('93, M.S. '99)

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