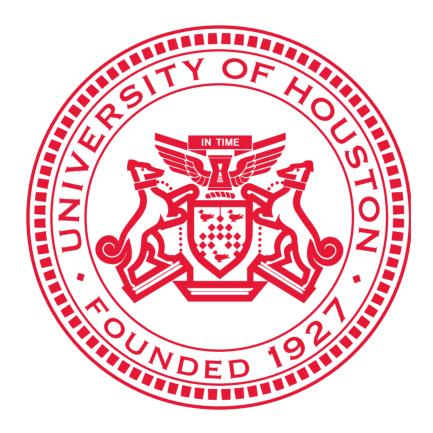


University of Houston Spring 2022 Commencement

Hobby School of Public Affairs

Thursday, May 12, 2022 • Cullen Performance Hall





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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,

Renu khator

Renu Khator President





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 hyrich Short

Paula Myrick Short Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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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 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.): Light Blue Hood (Ph.D.): Dark Blue Tassel: Red

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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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

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Doctor of Medicine Degree Hood: Kelly Green Tassel: Red

Hood: Purple

Tassel: Black

Hood: Purple

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

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Tassel: 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

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.

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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

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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

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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 Hearnsberger 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

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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.

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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.







HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Message from the Dean

Well...you made it! Congratulations!

Today, we all — family, friends, faculty, administrators, and staff — celebrate your accomplishment.

Your hard work paid off. As I will tell past, current (you!), and future graduates, it is my firm belief the "Hobby way" of training provides you with a firm foundation and an advantage to compete with anybody in

the marketplace.

And yet ... you were faced with an important challenge while acquiring these sets of skills. The pandemic led to many changes in instruction — even basic interaction! This challenge that you faced is something you should also remember: when faced with adversity — ADAPT! And do your level best to make the new situation manageable.

Looking to the future, and I may have mentioned this to some of you before, there are three additional things that will help you in your *successful* journey.

First, and consider this rule number one: see things as they are...and not in ways that make you feel complacent or comfortable. This is the path to constant self-improvement.

Second, don't make messes for others to clean up. This is the road to personal responsibility.

And finally, always bring your "A" game. A "C" game means you are not living up to your potential. If someone else is doing better — learn from them — and then go back to rule number one and make changes and adapt.

This three step process of self-improvement never ends. Never. It will serve you well. Trust me.

And now it is time to celebrate. You are now members of the Hobby School Alumni. The faculty and staff pledge to work with you in all endeavors — great and small.

Jim Granato Dean

Hobby School of Public Affairs

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PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	UH Army ROTC
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moores School of Music
CALL TO ORDER OPENING REMARKS	Jim Granato Dean
GREETINGS FROM THE HSPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Will Janowski
STUDENT ADDRESS	Ana Silbas
AWARD PRESENTATION	Sunny Wong Director of Graduate Studies
	<i>Garnet Coleman Award for Student Excellence:</i> Matthew Moseley
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	Sunny Wong
CANDIDATE NAMES READ BY	Dean Granato
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Dean Granato
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Granato
ALMA MATER	Moores School of Music
RECESSIONAL	Moores School of Music

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Fall 2021 – Graduates

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

Victoria Jupp Paola Pina

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION Iodi Bash

Spring 2022 – Candidates for Graduation

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

Jemima Ajibade Fiyin Bamgboye Corynne Golden Whitney Holt Alison LiVecchi William Marsh Ashton Millet Matthew Moseley Trevor Nolley Ashana Outler Catherine Ramirez Kate Ranachan Aylin Rodriguez Ana Silbas Hannah Stewart Jazmyn Tilford-Rutherford Bridget Wallenberger

MASTER OF APPLIED ECONOMICS/MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

Mariam Abdelmalak

Summer 2022 – Candidates for Graduation

MASTER OF APPLIED ECONOMICS/MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

Brenden Murray

Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society Graduates

Pi Alpha Alpha is the global honor society for public affairs and administration. The minimum requirements for graduate students to be inducted are to achieve and maintain a 3.7 or above GPA, and the completion of more than 50% of coursework in a public policy/public administration degree.

Whitney Holt Alison LiVecchi Ashton Millet Matthew Moseley Kate Ranachan Ana Silbas

Garnet Coleman Award For Student Excellence

The Garnet Coleman Award for Student Excellence has been created in honor of Texas State Representative Garnet Coleman's support for the Hobby School's programs and students. This award is presented to outstanding graduating students in the Master of Public Policy program.

Matthew Moseley





Message from the UH Alumni Foundation Board President

Congratulations 2022 Graduates!

Let me be the first to welcome you to the UH Alumni Association (UHAA). You are joining a global network of over 300,000 Cougars. With your participation, we can only grow stronger. As you embark on this next chapter, know that UHAA is here to help you stay connected with your beloved alma mater. From volunteering, joining a group, coming to events, to becoming a Life Member, the opportunities to engage are endless. To get started, click on the QR code below and make a gift in honor of the Class of 2022 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!

Derne DaSilva

Drue DaSilva ('93, M.S. '99) President University of Houston Alumni Association Foundation Board



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