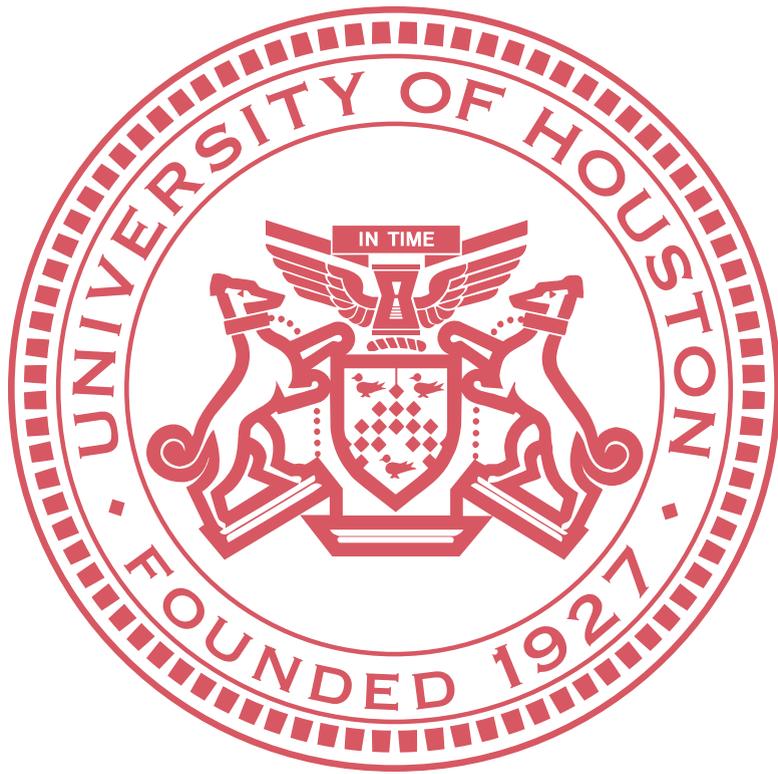




UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Spring 2025 Commencement

**COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Thursday, May 8, 2025
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University of Houston
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

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Message from the President

Dear University of Houston Graduates,

Congratulations on achieving this remarkable achievement. Today's graduation marks the start of a bright new beginning. Your longtime dream becomes a reality, and I join your family and friends in celebrating this milestone with you.

As you reflect on this moment, take pride in knowing it was your hard work, intellect, perseverance and belief in yourself that got you here. Equally important was the unwavering support of those around you. These values and connections have shaped who you are today and will propel you forward in your professional journey.

As you move ahead, remember the power of paying it forward. Be a mentor to someone else who dreams of achieving what you have. Moreover, remember to express gratitude to your professors, advisors, family and friends who supported you along the way.

The Tier One education you've received at UH has provided you with the tools to thrive. This is the home of nationally top-ranked academic programs, world-renowned faculty, an NCAA Final Four basketball team, cutting-edge research and industry leaders. I have no doubt that you will join the ranks of the many successful alumni who have come before you.

Congratulations, Coogs! The world is yours.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Renu Khator'.

Renu Khator

President, University of Houston





Message from the Provost

Dear Spring Graduates,

You've traveled a long road to reach this moment, but here you are! Congratulations on earning a degree from the University of Houston.

Whether you're the first in your family to graduate from college or perhaps a second-generation Cougar, today's ceremony marks a significant moment in your lives. It's also special for the University of Houston as your success

has been our priority since you first stepped foot on campus.

Now, you embark on new journeys. Some of you may be entering the workforce. Others may be headed to graduate school. No matter your destination, please remember those who helped you get to this point.

Stay in touch with peers, professors and staff members and remind them that their guidance supported your academic journeys. Also, thank your spouses, siblings, parents, grandparents and others in attendance today for their daily inspiration.

Of course, be sure to truly recognize the one person responsible for today's celebration—you! You balanced classes, work, family and other obligations. It wasn't easy, but you did it. Now, you are poised to reap the rewards of a degree from UH.

Although you are leaving this wonderful campus, you will remain a member of our University family. You now carry the proud tradition of past UH graduates and will represent our institution in your professional endeavors. Be proud of your time here, and let others know that you are now and forever a Cougar.

Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diane Z. Chase', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Diane Z. Chase

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Houston

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Commencement Ceremony

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Commencement Ceremony

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 14 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 285 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. 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:</i> Violet
Master's Degree	<i>Hood:</i> Violet <i>Tassel:</i> Black

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

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

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF GLOBAL HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

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

UH LAW CENTER

Master’s Degree *Hood: Purple
Tassel: Black*

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Purple
Tassel: Red*

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Bachelor’s Degree *Tassel: Citron*

Master’s Degree *Hood: Citron
Tassel: Black*

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Dark Blue
Tassel: Red*

**TILMAN J. FERTITTA FAMILY
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

Doctor of Medicine Degree
*Hood: Kelly Green
Tassel: Red*

**COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES
AND MATHEMATICS**

Bachelor’s Degree *Tassel: Golden Yellow*

Master’s Degree *Hood: Golden Yellow
Tassel: Black*

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Dark Blue
Tassel: Red*

**ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER
COLLEGE OF NURSING**

Bachelor’s Degree *Tassel: Apricot*

Master’s Degree *Hood: Apricot
Tassel: Black*

Doctoral Degree *Hood: Apricot
Tassel: Red*

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*

HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Bachelor’s Degree *Tassel: Peacock Blue*

Master’s Degree *Hood: Peacock Blue
Tassel: Black*

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS

Bachelor’s Degree *Tassel: White*

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

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.

SPRING 2025

Rifa Ali <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Tiffany Thao Nguyen <i>Bachelor of Science in Health</i> COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Imran Ammar Araim <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Amna Siddiqui <i>Bachelor of Arts in English</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Marcos Delgadillo Lope <i>Bachelor of Arts in Political Science</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Manvi Singh <i>Bachelor of Arts in Psychology</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Maria Alejandra Duarte Salcedo <i>Bachelor of Science in Economics</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Camila Sosa Chassaigne <i>Bachelor of Arts in Psychology</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Athina Wilhelmina Economon <i>Bachelor of Science in Economics</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Vanessa Camthy Truong <i>Bachelor of Science in Digital Media</i> CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Luiz Black Fernandez <i>Bachelor of Science in Biology</i> COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS	Ashley J. Vasquez <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance</i> <i>Bachelor of Business Administration</i> <i>in Supply Chain Management</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Guadalupe A. Gaspar <i>Bachelor of Science in Retailing and Consumer Science</i> CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING	Hannah Wani <i>Bachelor of Science in Biology</i> COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
Sally Huang <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	Charis J. Wu <i>Bachelor of Arts in History</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts in Sociology</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Sara Moreno <i>Bachelor of Arts in Spanish</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Muhammad Zain <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship</i> <i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Management</i> C.T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS <i>Bachelor of Science in Psychology</i> COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Ngoc-Trang Adrienne Hoai Nguyen <i>Bachelor of Science in Biology</i> COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS	



Honorary Degree

NATHAN FOWLER, M.D.

Dr. Nathan Fowler, a distinguished alumnus, is considered one of the world's foremost experts in drug development for blood cancers. As chief medical officer for BostonGene, Fowler provides strategic direction to the biomedical software company, empowering it to advance precision medicine therapies for cancer patients. The award-winning company uses AI-powered solutions to provide clinicians with actionable insights, support personalized therapy decisions, expedite drug development and improve patient outcomes.

Prior to joining BostonGene, Fowler was a professor of medicine and director of the clinical investigational and translational research program in the Lymphoma and Myeloma department at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. At MD Anderson, Fowler focused on developing groundbreaking new therapies for cancer patients, which led to FDA approval of several novel therapeutic agents in lymphoma. In addition, he led the development of one of the first combination immunotherapy regimens for untreated lymphomas and is the primary investigator for the ongoing international phase III study with the combination.

A profound researcher, Fowler has published over 175 articles in peer-reviewed journals, numerous textbooks on innovative approaches to cancer therapy and is a sought-after speaker for high-profile conferences. He graduated cum laude from the University of Houston with a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in Spanish in 1996, earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 2001, where he also completed his residency, and received fellowship training in hematology/oncology at both Georgetown University Hospital and MD Anderson.

Most impressive is Fowler's rich history of service and community engagement. As a student at UH, he volunteered to teach officers Spanish at the Houston Police Department. His fluency in Spanish — supported by his undergraduate minor — has become a vital asset in his medical practice, allowing him to communicate directly with Spanish-speaking patients, enabling more personal, effective care. Prior to his work in medicine, he served in the U.S. Army as a nuclear, biological and chemical defense specialist. Moreover, Fowler is the founder and president of the Halo House Foundation, a Houston-based nonprofit organization providing affordable housing to blood cancer patients receiving medical treatment. His nonprofit — which charges patients only \$20 per night for fully furnished apartments — has provided over 9,000 days of housing to hundreds of families.

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.



Photo by Louise Kugelberg

Honorary Degree

JULIAN SCHNABEL

A prolific and groundbreaking artist, Julian Schnabel is a world-renowned painter whose multidisciplinary work spans sculpture, architecture, furniture and film. Widely regarded as one of the most influential American artists of the last 40 years, Schnabel rose to prominence as a leading figure in the neo-Expressionist movement in the 1980s. He later became a celebrated filmmaker and continues to excel in both fields today.

An accomplished alumnus of the University of Houston, Schnabel earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1973. He later became the first UH graduate to be honored with a solo exhibition at the University's Blaffer Art Museum.

His first major exhibition was a group of paintings at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Houston, in 1976. By the late 1970s, he was exhibiting at some of New York's most prestigious galleries, including Mary Boone and the legendary Leo Castelli Gallery. The strength of Schnabel's work lay in his use of preexisting materials not traditionally used in art making, varied painting surfaces and inventive modes of construction — breaking artistic norms of the time. His unorthodox approach helped revive painting in the United States and beyond during a period largely characterized by conceptual art and minimalism.

In the 1990s, Schnabel expanded into filmmaking, directing and writing “Basquiat” — a critically acclaimed film about the famed artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and New York's 1980s art scene. To date, he has directed six major films, including the acclaimed “Before Night Falls”, which earned Javier Bardem an Academy Award nomination for his breakout role. His 2007 film “The Diving Bell and the Butterfly” was nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Director, and earned Schnabel the Best Director Award at the Cannes Film Festival.

Schnabel's paintings are housed in some of the most prestigious museums in the world, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art; the Museum of Modern Art, New York; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; the Reina Sofia in Madrid; the Tate Modern in London; and the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris. A true visionary, Schnabel transformed the language of painting and paved the way for new generations of artists.

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CONRAD N.



FOUNDATION

President's Medallion

CONRAD N. HILTON FOUNDATION

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, established in 1944 by hotel magnate and philanthropist Conrad N. Hilton, has long championed initiatives that alleviate human suffering and foster global goodwill. Hilton's profound belief in the transformative power of hospitality led to a significant milestone in 1969 when he donated \$1.5 million to the University of Houston to establish the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management — the first hospitality school in Texas. This foundational gift laid the groundwork for

what has evolved into the Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership, a premier institution in hospitality education.

Over the decades, the Hilton Foundation's unwavering support has been instrumental in the college's growth and success. The foundation has contributed substantially to the college by funding critical infrastructure, innovative programs, scholarships and strategic initiatives. Notably, in 2021, amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation bestowed a \$10 million unrestricted endowment to aid the college in navigating the crisis and continuing its mission of cultivating future hospitality leaders.

The endowment has provided critical operational and student support, including student scholarships, research funding, professional development training, library materials, equipment acquisition, staff and clerical support, and other key areas that enrich and enhance the college.

The foundation's commitment extends beyond financial contributions. It also provides strategic guidance to grow the world's only hospitality program where students work and take classes in an internationally branded, full-service Hilton hotel, which is also operated by the college. In addition, the Hilton company has hired thousands of Hilton College graduates who work in Hilton hotels around the world. Their enduring support has helped students — many of whom are the first in their family to attend college — become leaders in the hospitality industry.

Today, the Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership is revered globally as one of the best in hospitality education and research thanks to the enduring support of the Hilton Foundation. Since its founding, the foundation has awarded more than \$3.6 billion in grants, bringing hope, healing and transformative change to thousands worldwide. A profoundly benevolent organization, each year the Hilton Foundation awards a multimillion-dollar prize to a nonprofit leading effort to alleviate human suffering — the world's largest annual humanitarian award.

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Hewlett Packard Enterprise

President's Medallion

HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE

Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) is a Fortune 100, global edge-to-cloud company advancing the way people live and work.

Headquartered in the Greater Houston region, HPE helps organizations connect, protect, analyze and act on data and applications, to turn insights into meaningful outcomes to thrive in today's complex world.

Named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by Ethisphere, HPE is dedicated to offering IT solutions that help their customers and partners achieve their social impact commitments. In 2018, HPE made a transformative \$10 million gift to the University of Houston's Data Science Institute as part of a game-changing collaboration to increase innovation. The gift also funded a scholarship endowment and high-performing computing equipment to enhance data science research activities across all UH colleges. In addition, funding supports education programs for K-12 students, as well as UH students, faculty and staff.

In honor of their gift and extensive contributions, the institute was renamed the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Data Science Institute, which has become a central hub for data science education and interdisciplinary research at UH. The institute has expanded educational opportunities by offering micro-credentials and certificate programs in data analytics, artificial intelligence, high-performance computing and related fields, that are critical in today's industries. Students benefit from hands-on experiences, industry workshops and mentorship from HPE professionals who serve as lecturers and collaborators on real-world projects. This integration of academic and industry expertise ensures that graduates are well-prepared to meet the demands of a data-driven workforce.

Furthermore, the institute actively engages with the broader community by developing programs for middle and high school students, aiming to strengthen the STEM pipeline through project-based learning initiatives. These efforts help build a diverse and skilled workforce equipped to tackle future technological challenges.

Moreover, the partnership has enhanced UH's capacity to deploy data science tools to address major societal challenges in the health care, energy and smart materials sectors, among others. The enhanced computational power has enabled researchers to conduct advanced analyses and simulations that have transformed disaster response, advanced breast cancer detection and improved the diagnosis of lupus-related kidney disease.

By fostering education, research and community engagement, the partnership has positioned UH as a leader in data science and innovation, benefiting the University, Greater Houston, Texas and beyond.

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College of Liberal Arts
and Social Sciences

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Message from the Dean

Dear Class of 2025:

Today marks a significant milestone – a day to celebrate your hard-earned achievements, reflect on the journey that brought you to this point, and look forward with optimism to the future that awaits. As graduates of the University of Houston, you stand on the brink of new beginnings, armed with the knowledge and skills you've developed during your time at the

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS).

Your class stands out in its unity and determination. In a world that can often seem fragmented, your resolve and pioneering spirit serve as powerful examples of what can be achieved with dedication and hard work.

As you transition from students to alumni, remember that you are stepping out into a world that needs your perspective and leadership. The education you've received, grounded in a deep understanding of and respect for humanity, has equipped you with knowledge and a profound sense of personal and social responsibility to apply your talents for the greater good. Your journey at the University of Houston has prepared you to confront the world's complexities with the critical thinking skills, ethical perspectives and courage necessary to make positive change. I know that you will meet the challenges of our times with the same determination and commitment that have brought you to this moment.

The path ahead may lead you to further academic endeavors, professional pursuits or community service, but wherever you go, the lessons learned and the resilience forged here will illuminate your way.

As you join the ranks of our distinguished alumni today, remember that the University of Houston continues to thrive with the support and engagement of our alumni community. Your achievements will contribute to our collective mission of reaching new heights of excellence in education and research.

On behalf of all CLASS faculty and staff, I extend to you our heartfelt congratulations. Seize the future with an open heart, an open mind and the assurance that you are equipped to make a profound impact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel P. O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Daniel P. O'Connor, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

University of Houston

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Commencement Ceremony I

Thursday, May 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Fertitta Center

PROCESSIONAL	Moore School of Music
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	Houston Battalion ROTC Color Guard
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moore School of Music
RECOGNITION OF PLATFORM PARTY	Todd Romero <i>Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs</i>
WELCOME REMARKS	Daniel P. O'Connor <i>Dean</i>
GREETINGS	Diane Z. Chase <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost</i>
RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS	Sally Connolly <i>Associate Dean, Student and Faculty Success</i>
PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES	Susan Scarrow <i>Associate Dean, Graduate Studies</i>
PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Scarrow
PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES	Associate Dean Romero
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	Provost Chase
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean O'Connor
ALMA MATER	Moore School of Music
RECESSIONAL	Moore School of Music

Spring 2025 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Department of Economics

William Robert Bennett

On the State-Dependence of Forecaster
Inattention and Progressive Taxation

ADVISOR: Bent E. Sørensen, Ph.D.

Angelo Fernando Gonzaga dos Santos

The Geography of Environmental
Burdens and Conservation Incentives:
Evidence from Air Pollution and Forest
Policy

ADVISOR: Chinhui Juhn, Ph.D.

Jordan Holbrook

Essays on the Labor Economics of
Elite College Athletics

CO-ADVISORS: Chinhui Juhn, Ph.D.
Yona Rubinstein, Ph.D.

Sameer Malik

Essays on Vertical Specialization and
International Trade

CO-ADVISORS: Kei-Mu Yi, Ph.D. and
Bent E. Sørensen, Ph.D.

Yabo Gwladys Vidogbena

Impact of Temperature on Child
Cognitive Functioning and Learning

ADVISOR: Aimee Chin, Ph.D.

Yujie Zhang

Essays on Natural Disasters and Human
Capital

CO-ADVISORS: Elaine M Liu, Ph.D. and
Fan Wang, Ph.D.

Department of English

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CREATIVE WRITING

Creative Writing & Literature

Nick Almeida

The Concussion Artist

ADVISOR: Professor Antonya Nelson

Ryan Bollenbach

if there are too many

ADVISOR: Roberto Tejada, Ph.D.

Blaine Prescott Ely

Keep Me Close By

ADVISOR: Professor Robert Boswell

Stephanie Pushaw

The Disasterologist

ADVISOR: Professor Antonya Nelson

Adele Elise Williams

Sacrosanct: A Low Poetics of Gender,
Class, and Salvation

ADVISOR: Martha Serpas, Ph.D.

Department of Health and Human Performance

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN KINESIOLOGY

Justin Crane

The Impact of Cardiorespiratory
Fitness on Cytotoxic T Cell Function
and Metabolism

ADVISOR: Emily LaVoy, Ph.D.

Morgan Paige Ferrara-Washington

The Development and Validation
of the Student-Athlete Resource
Inventory

CO-ADVISORS: David Walsh, Ph.D. and
Craig Johnston, Ph.D.

Junghoon Lee

Effect of Exercise Intervention on
Vascular Dysfunction in Different
Pathologies

ADVISOR: Yoonjung Park, Ph.D.

Luka Fitzgerald Ojemaye

The Hidden Opponent: Developing &
Validating the Black Female Athlete
Anxiety Scale (BFAAS)

CO-ADVISORS: Joyce Ogunrinde, Ph.D.
and Billy Hawkins Ph.D.

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Commencement Ceremony I

**Department of Comparative
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**MASTER OF ARTS
IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

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Department of Economics

**MASTER OF ARTS
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Department of English

**MASTER OF FINE ARTS
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**MASTER OF ARTS IN
SPORT AND FITNESS
ADMINISTRATION**

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**MASTER OF ATHLETIC
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN HUMAN NUTRITION**

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The Effects of Acute Aerobic Exercise
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The Impact of Exercise Intensity
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the Metabolism and Function of
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Spring 2025 – Candidates for Graduation

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Department of Hispanic Studies

Ángela Contreras de Wise

¿Un tintico? Usos y funciones de los diminutivos en Colombia

ADVISOR: Manuel Gutiérrez, Ph.D.

Javier Ramírez Franco

Fuera Máscaras: Drag Queens, Nationalist Machismo, and Trauma in LGBTQ+ Cultural Productions of Greater México, 1980-2024

ADVISOR: Guillermo De Los Reyes Heredia, Ph.D.

Elías David Navarro Campos

Archivo, Territorio Y Poéticas Fronterizas En El Noreste Mexicano

ADVISOR: Cristina Rivera Garza, Ph.D.

Department of History

Samantha Shine Trabucco

Returning to Roots: The History of Adobe and Earthen Structures in San Antonio, Texas

ADVISOR: Raúl A. Ramos, Ph.D.

Seth Robert Whitty

Fearocracy: Race, Slavery, and Conspiracies in Nineteenth Century Tennessee

ADVISOR: Matthew Clavin, Ph.D.

Department of Political Science

Robert D. Alvarez

Ideology as a Predictor of News Coverage: The Causes and Consequences of Differential Media Coverage

ADVISOR: Jason P. Casellas, Ph.D.

Eugenia Artabe

Executives' Attacks on Courts in Latin America: Definition, Reasons, and Impact on Public Confidence in the Judiciary

ADVISOR: Lydia B.Tiede, Ph.D.

Samantha Chapa

Immigrant Inclusion: Reframing Local Politics in Immigration Debates

CO-ADVISORS: Lydia Tiede, Ph.D. and Ling Zhu, Ph.D.

Shana Hardin

From Barriers to Breakthroughs: Women's Candidacy, Legislative Success, and Policy Impact in State Governments

CO-ADVISORS: Ling Zhu, Ph.D. and Jeronimo Cortina, Ph.D.

Hyeongmyeong Kim

Particularism under Candidate-Centered Elections

ADVISOR: Susan Scarrow, Ph.D.

Lucas J. Lothamer

The Two-Dimensional Nature of Political Cynicism: Formation and Effects of Cynical Views

CO-ADVISORS: Elizabeth Simas Ph.D. and Allison Archer, Ph.D.

Naomi N. Nubin-Sellers

Faces of Citizenship: Race, Welfare Generosity, and Citizen-Engagement in the Era of Partisan Polarization

ADVISOR: Ling Zhu, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Anthony Ballachie Cifre

A Latent Profile Analysis and Longitudinal Examination of Sleep among Children with a History of Maltreatment

ADVISOR: Candice A. Alfano, Ph.D.

Abigail Farrell

How Mind Wandering Relates to Reading in a Second Language

ADVISOR: Paul T. Cirino, Ph.D.

Sophie Kerr

The Mediation Intervention for Sensitizing Caregivers: Feasibility and Acceptability for Formerly Incarcerated Mothers

ADVISOR: Carla Sharp, Ph.D.

Samuel John Leonard

Associations of Insecure Adult Attachment Style, Trauma-Related Social Cognition, and Emotion Regulation Difficulties with PTSD Symptom Severity among First Responders Who Served During Hurricane Harvey

ADVISOR: Anka A. Vujanovic, Ph.D.

Tanya Smit

Ecological Momentary Assessment of Chronic Pain and Hazardous Drinking Among Black Adults Through a Minority Stress Lens: The Role of Daily Microaggressions

ADVISOR: Michael J. Zvolensky, Ph.D.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY INTEGRATIVE PROGRAM IN DEVELOPMENTAL, COGNITIVE, AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE

Livia Christine Merrill

Examining Prenatal and Early Childhood Influences of Maternal Stress and Mental Health on Young Children's Brain Maturation and Neurocognition Related to Executive Functioning

ADVISOR: Johanna Bick, Ph.D.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN INDUSTRIAL/ ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

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State-level Policies Mitigate the Impact of Precarious Work on Ill-being

ADVISOR: L.A. Witt, Ph.D.

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Predicting Vaccine Decisions during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Two-Wave Longitudinal Study of Personality Traits and the Mediating Effects of COVID-19 Attitudes and Beliefs

ADVISOR: Rodica I. Damian, Ph.D.

Anjelica M. Martinez

Using Self-Determination Theory to Understand Mental Health Risks Among Latina Americans

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

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Role of Pain and Cognition in
Functional Outcomes Among
Individuals with Psychogenic
Non-Epileptic Seizures (PNES) and
Chronic Pain

ADVISOR: Michael Williams, Ph.D.

Jessica LeeAnn Garcia

From Margins to Bars: Understanding
the Determinants of Sexual and
Gender Minority Youth Involvement
in the Juvenile Justice System

ADVISOR: Elena L. Grigorenko, Ph.D.

Jessica Guadalupe Hernandez Ortiz

Dimensions of Adversity and
Psychopathology in Immigrant
Latino Youth: Examining the Role of
Interpretation Biases

ADVISOR: Andres G. Viana, Ph.D.

Jinu Kim

Impact of Social Jetlag versus
Recovery Sleep on Adolescents'
Positive Emotion in Social and
Nonsocial Contexts

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Andrea Pilar Ochoa Lopez

The Role of Cognition and
Sociodemographics on Health
Brokering Performance Among
Hispanic/Latin American Adults

ADVISOR: Luis D. Medina, Ph.D.

Natalie Claire Ridgely

Should I Stay or Should I Go?
The Role of Cognitive Ability and
Meteorological Communication
in Enhancing Weather-Protective
Behaviors among Older Adults

ADVISOR: Steven Paul Woods, Psy.D.

Jesse Hilliard Walker

Do Discrimination & Adversity Drive
the Inflammatory Basis of Suicidal
Ideation in Black & Latinx Young
Adults?

ADVISOR: Amanda Venta, Ph.D.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN DEVELOPMENTAL, COGNITIVE, AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE

My Viet Ha Nguyen

Cognitive Processing with Emotion
Interference in Bilinguals and
Monolinguals

ADVISOR: Arturo E. Hernandez, Ph.D.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Perla Rae Henderson

The Psychology of Resistance:
Exploring the Path from Perceived
Racism to Activism

ADVISOR: Adam K. Fetterman, Ph.D.

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Message from the Dean

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation from the Honors College at the University of Houston! Your talents and motivation have culminated in the impressive achievements we recognize today. You have been on an extraordinary journey! Think back to your first Honors course and how far you have come. Honors courses have challenged you to think deeply about the nature of being human, as individuals and in societies. You've been encouraged to take what you learn beyond the classroom into research and community engagement.

Our unique community of faculty, staff, and students in the Honors College have been members of your team cheering you on. We are all now celebrating you as you begin your career or continue your studies in graduate or professional programs. We take pride in your achievements. As you leave on this new journey, the Honors College will always be a part of you.

Stay connected to the College and use your success to inspire future generations. Eventually I hope you will support the many programs and scholarships that you enjoyed during your time here.

We know that you are well-prepared to lead in your chosen field and to contribute solutions to the grand challenges we face in this ever-changing world. As you find your place in a new community, remember to be bold in action and to stand strong in the face of adversity. We believe in you!

Best,

Heidi Appel
Dean of the Honors College
Professor of Biology & Biochemistry



The Honors College

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The Honors College Honors

The Honors College at the University of Houston offers students special opportunities to develop their academic abilities. Below are the Honors College designations.

University Honors and University Honors with Honors in Major

Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) graduate with University Honors. If students also complete a senior honors thesis, they graduate with University Honors with Honors in Major.

Collegiate Honors and Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

Students who fulfill the requirements for the honors program in the college of their major, including 21 hours of honors courses; who complete an Honors College minor, or who complete 21 hours of approved honors courses. If students also complete a senior honors thesis, they graduate with Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major.

Membership in The Honors College and Membership in The Honors College with Honors in Major

Students who affiliate with the Honors College during their undergraduate years and complete fewer than 21 hours of honors courses. If students also complete a senior honors thesis and fulfill the requirements of their major with distinction, they graduate with Membership in The Honors College with Honors in Major.

Honors in Major

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

University Honors with Honors in Major

Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) and complete a Senior Honors Thesis graduate with University Honors with Honors in Major, the highest distinction that an undergraduate can earn at the University of Houston. The thesis title follows each graduate's name.

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Stephanie Cornejo
ARCHITECTURE
Eco-Tourism: Redesigning Cancun's
Hospitality Industry
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Donna Kacmar

KATHRINE G. MCGOVERN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Sage Mitchell
THEATRE
"Everything Rises": Creative
Playwriting and Queer Theatre
History
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Elizabeth Coen

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Ramya Valipe
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS
From Passive Consumption to
Aiding and Abetting Terrorism:
An Examination of AI-driven
Recommendation Algorithms in
Relation to the Intent-Consequence
Goal
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Michelle Belco

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Thomas Hannan
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Monitoring Lithium-ion Battery
State of Charge State of Health via
Piezoceramic-Induced Low Frequency
Stress Waves
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Gangbing Song

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Skyler B. Houser-Feinstein
PSYCHOLOGY
Psilocybin for Mild Blast-Induced
Traumatic Brain Injury in US Service
Members
Thesis **ADVISOR:** J. Leigh Leasure

Kiran Khan
POLITICAL SCIENCE/COMPUTER SCIENCE
The Growing Acceptance of
Trumpism within the Republican
Party
Thesis **ADVISOR:**
Brandon Rottinghaus

Tuyen Le
POLITICAL SCIENCE/
WORLD CULTURES & LITERATURE
Kawaii as Politics
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Sarasij Majumder

Jenny Truong
ENGLISH
Ptolomea
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Martha Serpas

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Kiran Khan
COMPUTER SCIENCE/POLITICAL SCIENCE
The Growing Acceptance of
Trumpism within the Republican
Party
Thesis **ADVISOR:**
Brandon Rottinghaus

Danny Le
HONORS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
Magnesium on the Structural
Behavior of the α L-I Domain
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Mehmet Sen

Yugbhai Patel
PHYSICS
Prospects for Gluon Imaging at the
EIC Using ePIC
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Rene Bellwied

Dimanthi Perera
HONORS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
Simulating Mitotic Exit: Training the
Minimal Chromatin Model on Human
Mitotic Chromosomes
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Greg Morrison

Elaine Vo
BIOLOGY
The Role of Inflammation in the
Pathogenesis of Meibomian Gland
Dysfunction
Thesis **ADVISOR:**
Vivien Coulson-Thomas

Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

Students who complete a Senior Honors Thesis and fulfill the requirements for the honors program in the college of their major with distinction, including 21 hours of honors courses, or by completing an Honors College minor graduate with Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major. The thesis title follows each graduate's name.

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Tisha Haukongo
BIOTECHNOLOGY
Synthetic Microbiomes for Plant
Stress Tolerance
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Abdul Latif Khan

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Kalena Holeman
ENGLISH
Reading the Descent Otherwise: Notes
Toward a Black Feminist Analysis of
Dante and the Journey in Twentieth-
Century Literature of the Black
Diaspora
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Haylee Harrell

Nicholas Stees
POLITICAL SCIENCE/PHILOSOPHY
The Philosophy of Pain and the
Framework of Communicative Justice
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Tamler Sommers

Membership in the Honors College with Honors in Major

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Diego Contraras Rios
ARCHITECTURE
Missing Middle(s)
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Shawn M. Lutz

Honors in Major

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Angela Altamirano Sanchez
ARCHITECTURE
Nature's Forgotten Blueprint:
Reclaiming Gaia's Natural Resources;
earth
Thesis **ADVISOR:**
Rafael Beneytez-Durán

Ileana Carbajal
ARCHITECTURE
Enhancing Human Brain Health
Through Design
Thesis **ADVISOR:**
José Roldán Caballero

Kai Wen Chua
ARCHITECTURE
X-Minute City: Infrastructure
Citizenship Through Public
Transportation
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Susan Rogers

Lene Fourie
INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE
UBUNTU - "I am because we are"
Thesis **ADVISOR:**
Marta Rodriguez Fernandez

Brandon Garcia
ARCHITECTURE
Suburban Renaissance: Reimagining
the American Dream Through Play
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Jason Logan

Litzy Garcia
ARCHITECTURE
Adaptable Architecture: The Fourth
Space
Thesis **ADVISOR:**
Rafael Beneytez-Durán

Jeffery Moisant
ARCHITECTURE
Echoes of Industry
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Daniel Jacobs

Cyrus Sadegi
ARCHITECTURE
Submerged: Ft. Project Nemo/
Narrative-Based Design
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Dietmar Froehlich

Ian Simon
ARCHITECTURE
Beyond Fear: Architectural Solutions
for Nuclear Infrastructure
Thesis **ADVISOR:** José Roldán
Caballero

Jamison Wicks
ARCHITECTURE
Hubs of Growth
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Donna Kacmar

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Ngoc Khoa Nguyen
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING
Evaluating the Effect of Weight Loss
on Releasing Chronic Rhinosinusitis
Symptoms in Obese Population Using
Machine Learning
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Ying Lin

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Rawan Aljaouni
PSYCHOLOGY
Measuring Compassion Within
University of Houston College of
Medicine Students
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Bradley Smith
- Ke’La Barnes
PSYCHOLOGY
When Dominance Drives: Exploring
Moderators of Intimate Partner
Sexual Coercion
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Julia Babcock
- Lindsay Bevers
PSYCHOLOGY
The Association Between Anxiety
Sensitivity and Eating Expectancies
in Hispanic Emerging Adult College
Students
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Michael Zvolensky
- Victoria Blake
ENGLISH
Fairy Folklore and Classical
Mythology in Shakespeare’s A
Midsummer Night’s Dream
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Ann Christensen

- Alissa Boxleitner
ENGLISH
“You Can’t See Her, But You Can”:
Myriam Gaube, the Institutional
Rape Narrative, and the Politics of
Survivorship
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Haylee Harrell
- Anisah Khan
ENGLISH
The Great Indian Divide of 1947: Told
by Two Generations
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Auritro Majumder
- Lucas Leger
ENGLISH
The Monstrous Other: The
Convergence of Queer Culture and
the Horror Genre
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Paul Guajardo
- Douglass Pipkin
PSYCHOLOGY
The Role of Shame and Guilt in
Negative Outcomes of Alcohol Use
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Clayton Neighbors
- Manvi Singh
PSYCHOLOGY
Immigrant Discrimination in Hiring
Based on Country of Origin
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Isaac Sabat

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

- Jacob Leipold
BIOLOGY
Structural Impact of the N-Terminal
Flanking Peptide on VWF A1 Domain
Thesis **ADVISOR:** Mehmet Sen
- Teymour Meguid
BIOCHEMICAL & BIOPHYSICAL SCIENCES
The Conservation of Rho
Transcription Termination
Thesis **ADVISOR:** William Widger
- Jason Ruszkowski
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Stimulated Brillouin Scattering by
Satellite Transmission
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